



Fleur de Lis

Clara B. Rees Iris Society

Oct 2022

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Meeting Place

Oct 14, 2022

7:30 P. M.

West Valley Library

1243 San Tomas Aquino Rd.

San Jose, CA 95117

Dues

Sep 1, 2022-
Aug 31, 2023

Adults - \$15.00

Carol Dahout

CBRIS President

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American Iris Society
www.irises.org

October Program

CBRISians, we are so excited to have Jeff Bennett back as our special guest speaker for October. Jeff will be presenting a program on the annual Siberian Convention in Seattle he attended in May. He will share his report on the highlights of the event, and take us on a virtual tour of the gardens he visited including Leonine and Cascadia Iris gardens.



Jeff is the gardener for Dry Creek Pioneer Regional Park. He designed and constructed The Dry Creek Iris beds; under his stewardship, Dry Creek maintains over 1000 named varieties from tall bearded, border bearded, species crosses, intermediate bearded, miniature tall bearded, arilbred, spuria, Louisiana, and Siberian. In 2019, Dry Creek hosted an additional 800 "guest" irises and convention attendees, as part of the American Iris Society's National Convention "The Sun Sets on Rainbows."

Jeff currently serves as the Director of the Central Area of Region 14, and was the past President of the Mt Diablo Iris Society.

—Trang Bui, CBRIS Vice-President

Dues

It is easy to overlook the deadline for membership dues. You will want to pay them before the October meeting in order to participate in the door prize drawing.



Minutes

CBRIS Meeting, September 2, 2022

President Carol Dahout called the meeting to order at 7:30.

Program:

Jane Jordan gave a presentation on the histories of the American Iris Society's special awards and the winning varieties for the years 2019 - 2022.

Business Meeting

Election of Officers: Carol Dahout, Trang Bui, Mary Collins, and Andrea Clague are terming out as President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary respectively. They each have agreed to serve for another year. Directors are: Jane Reiter, Ken Reiter, Linda Lomperis, Mark Greene, Mikey Lango and Chris Dickinson. Members voted approval of slate of officers.

Budget: Members approved budget as presented.

Donations: Members approved \$500 donation to Dry Creek. Members approved \$500 donation to Region 14 scholarship fund.

Spring Show: Spring Show will be at West Valley library on April 22. Our pot sale will be on April 29 at the farmer's market.

Fall Regional is on October 7 and 8. Mikey and Jane will put together a basket. There will be a show of rebloomers.

Dues are due before October Meeting.

Mikey and Carol placed order for beardless irises door prizes.

Holiday party will be on December 2 at the Blue Pheasant.

Next meeting will be on October 14 due to the regional meeting.

Door Prizes were awarded using Mark's Wheel of Fortune.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully written and submitted,
Andrea Clague, CBRIS Society



Dahout Digs

October 2022

Our long-time member and current Director, Ken Reiter, recently underwent surgery to have a kidney removed. From his wife, Jane, "he came through with flying colors and may be coming home today!" Great news! Please send cards and well wishes to Ken. His address is 3947 Pine Valley Way, Corona, CA 92883.

Extra Rhizome Sales!

I would like to thank Philippa Alvis and Christy Tsai for donating iris for a couple of additional rhizome sales. Customers at the St. Leo sale came up with the idea of having iris rhizomes as a party favor for their upcoming bridal shower. They purchased 40 rhizomes and were very happy with the quality of the rhizomes and the price! Another customer contacted me by email and was distressed that she missed our sales. She wanted 20 rhizomes for her parking strip and Philippa, once again, came to the rescue.

Due to the Region 14 Fall Regional in Chico on October 8-9, we will be having our in-person meeting at the library on the second Friday of the month, October 14th. We will also have it on Zoom for our members who are distant or otherwise unable to attend in person. Here is the zoom link:

Carol DAHOUT is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: CBRIS October Meeting

Time: Oct 14, 2022 07:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85028657265?pwd=UGxyUG1XbVdBQ21aYWp1aThncWdQQQT09>

Meeting ID: 850 2865 7265

Passcode: 186728

Beardless Door Prize this month!

If you have paid your dues, you will be eligible to participate in our door prize drawing. Mikey and I ordered some outstanding Japanese and Species X beardless iris from Cascadia Iris Gardens for you to choose from. Don't miss out!

Here is the description from Cascadia's website about the Species X we ordered:

This is a wonderful cross between the series of Pacific Coast iris (Californicae) and the 40-chromosome Siberian Iris. PCIs notoriously do not like to grow outside of their native range and are temperamental about getting transplanted. Sino-Siberian iris are finicky as well, only thriving in specific conditions. The specific goal of this cross is to get the unique flower characteristics of the PCIs onto a plant that will transplant well. The result is a complete success, at least in our garden. The range within which Cal-Sibs will be successful is still unknown, but I suspect it is much greater than either the PCI or Sino-Siberian.

We grow these in general garden conditions. Basically, we plant them green side up, water occasionally, and fertilize if we happen to think about it. They thrive on a bit of neglect and reward us with amazing clumps of beautiful flowers. We think Cal-Sibs are a premium plant for any perennial garden. Easy to grow with beautiful flowers, and foliage that gives structure to the garden for the entire growing season. Give them a try. We think you will not regret it. They do require acidic to neutral soil. Alkaline soil will kill them. Sounds good to me!

See you all on the 14th!

Carol Dahout, CBRIS President



CBRIS Birthdays



Linda Lomperis	10
Prabal Bhattacharya	12
Carolyn Hoover	16
Kim Kojima	17
Peter Marra	23
Joe Ghio	26
Bryce Williamson	27
Chad Schroter	28
Helen Bliven	28

Clara B Rees Iris Society Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance, September 1, 2022	\$20,894.84
Revenue: Dues	180.00
Rhizome sales	172.80
Sales tax collected	16.20
Expense: Meeting room rental	40.00
Stamps	49.80
Ending balance, September 30, 2022	\$21,174.04

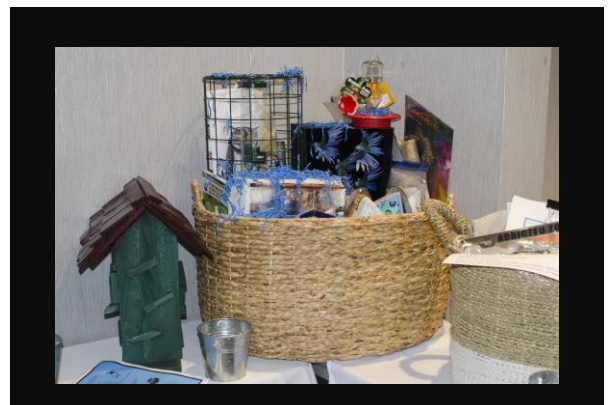
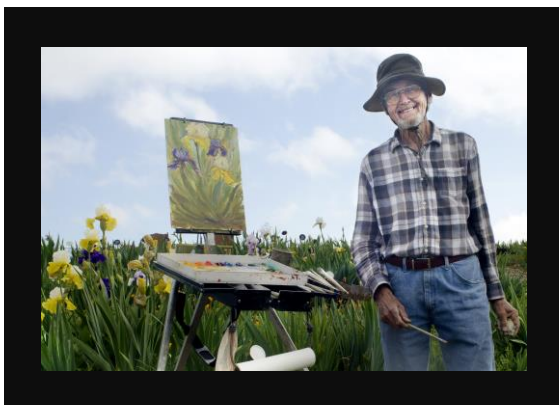
2022 AIS Photo Contest Results

Mikey won first place in Category 3-Scene at any iris event. Check here to see all the winners: <https://www.irises.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/2022-AIS-Photo-Contest-Results.pdf>



Found at Apple Hill in Placerville this week.

Fall Regional Raffle Basket





CBRIS Sept Meeting



Beardless Culture

Now is the time for planting beardless irises; except PCIs. Next month for those lovelies. The number one reminder is to keep all beardless roots wet while out of the ground for transplanting. Beardless irises do not like their roots to dry out. After planting, water well and often until the winter rains take over. Beardless irises are heavier feeders than the bearded. Give them at least two applications of a balanced fertilizer; in spring and right after blooming. No fertilizer should be given when planted in the fall. They all need a sunny location except Pacific Coasts.

The Japanese require more water than bearded. Their ideal location is at water's edge. Never let the soil dry completely in the spring and summer; they are kept a bit drier in the fall and winter. In our area, full sun with a little light shade protection in the summer afternoon is good. They are heavy feeders. Fertilize in the early spring and right after blooming. Organic compost worked into the soil is helpful for their growth. The Japanese iris should be planted down into a depression as the new growth sprouts above the older leaves and eventually will be too far above ground. They usually need dividing every three to four years.

Louisianas need full morning sun with a bit of dappled shade in the afternoon. Mulching will help protect the rhizomes from the hot summer sun and the cold in the winter. They will need to be kept quite moist during growing time and can be submerged in water - kids wading pools or ponds. If growing in pots or ground, they need a regular soaking to prevent them from going dormant. Acidic soil - broken down compost and manure are good. They are heavy feeders and can be given azalea and camellia fertilizer before blooming (sometime in February in our area). Divide every three to four years.

Siberians like the coldest part of your garden. Their flower is a bit smaller but their leaves remain attractive for a long time. Plant them one inch deep and 24 inches apart where they will receive full sun and good drainage. They want consistent light watering; more in the spring and early summer; never in standing water. Fertilize in early spring and right after blooming with a balanced fertilizer, such as 10-10-10. They need division every three to four years.

Species irises also need their roots kept damp when out of the ground. A few of them like more shade than the other beardless; i.e. *I. confusa*, *japonica*, etc. Check before planting. CBRIS will be offering Cal-Sibs (Pacific Coast/Siberian) as some of the door prizes this month. They will require minimal care, thriving on a bit of neglect. It will be fun to try these!

Spurias are treated the same in regards to always keeping their roots damp when out of the ground. They should be planted in full sun where they will not be disturbed for five to ten years. They like to be dry in the summer.

Region 14 Regional

The Regional was held in Chico this past weekend – an event to always look forward to. Yes, even the fall ones where there is not a garden to tour. Why? Because the regionals are fun, educational, and give new perspective regarding the iris world. We would like to thank Leo T. Clark and Shasta Iris Societies for hosting this regional with Carol Cullen as the chair. Also, thanks to Carolyn Hoover for representing us.

1. It is a great opportunity to learn about another area. Chico is in Butte County about 200 miles northeast of San Jose and was founded by John Bidwell in 1860.

2. There is the chance to make new friends and reconnect with the old ones. Let’s face it; with the recent Covid situation, there has not been much time to safely visit longtime friends, never mind having the opportunity to meet new ones. Our group seemed to make the restaurant and bar outings quite a memorable occasion. Although to be honest, this may have been more on account of our sister club, the MBIS people than the CBRIS ones!



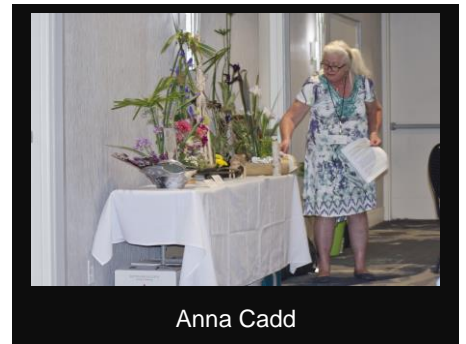
Mikey, Brenda, Jane, Elaine & Larissa

3. We get to see just who these people are that run the region! Region 14 RVP Carolyn Hoover, Secretary Patricia Eisenberg, the Directors, other board members, as well as the Committee Chairs and Guest Speaker and President of the AIS Andi Rivarola. Andi gave an excellent presentation on the different areas of the AIS and a slide show of the Florence International Iris Competition. Great photos by the way!



Andi Rivarola, AIS President

4. Time to learn about growing or judging irises. Judges training was given by Anna Cadd “Judging the Artistic Division During Iris Show.” So much more training is needed in this area. Thank you, Anna for sharing your expertise and time. Thanks to our Judges Training Chair Carol Cullen for lining up training throughout the year.



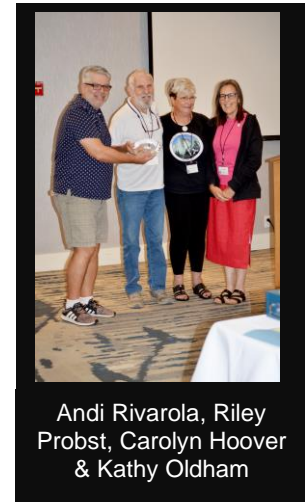
Anna Cadd



5. We can see what iris are reblooming in the region with the iris show. The fall reblooming show can be on the small side. There were barely enough bloom stalks to have a sanctioned show. There must be at least ten bloom stalks and three entrants. It is good to see which irises are blooming in early October. Congratulations to Carolyn Honnette of Coarsegold with her winning entry, 'Forever Gold'.

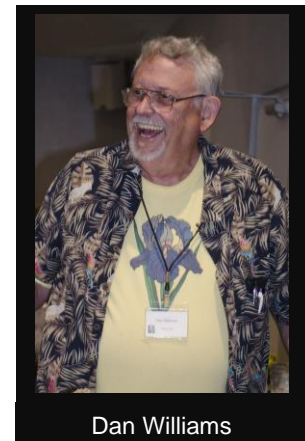


6. Awards are given out to distinguished individuals. Anna Cadd won the Star Award for the most judges training hours. Riley Probst received the Larry Gaulter Award for exceptional service to AIS Region 14 for a time of eight years or more. The list of Riley's accomplishments and contributions is comprehensive – from hybridizing, judges training, donations, to auctioneering. The list goes on. He will be featured in the next Regional Bulletin.

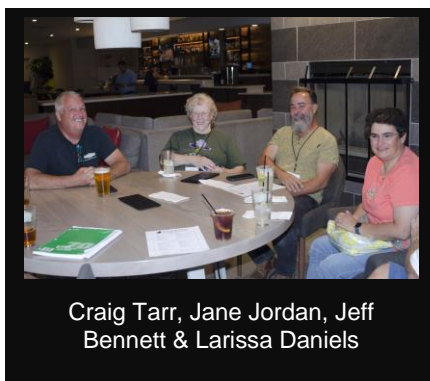


Andi Rivarola, Riley Probst, Carolyn Hoover & Kathy Oldham

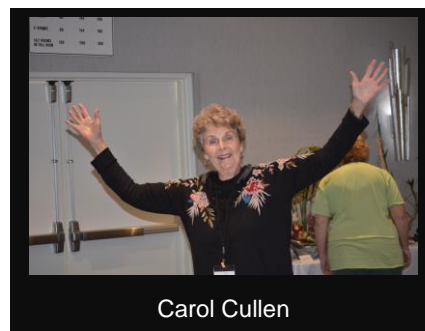
6. Support our region with funding. Yes, it costs money to run these things! There was an auction held of new irises. Thank you, Rick Tasco, for the donations! Thanks to Riley Probst for being the auctioneer. You can always find something iris related that you NEED at the Silent Auction, thanks to Marilyn Kaplin. Raffle baskets donated by the clubs are helpful for adding some funds. Dan Williams from Reno won the CBRIS basket. Thank you CBRIS members that contributed to this huge basket! We had two club member winners this time - Elaine and Mikey.



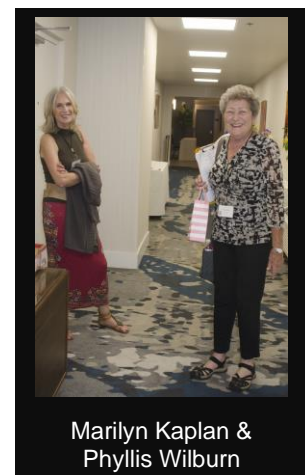
Dan Williams



Craig Tarr, Jane Jordan, Jeff Bennett & Larissa Daniels



Carol Cullen



Marilyn Kaplan & Phyllis Wilburn



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