



Fleur de Lis

Clara B. Rees Iris Society

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Meeting Place

First Baptist Church
17765 Daves Avenue
Los Gatos, CA 95030

Next Zoom Meeting

November 6, 2020

Zoom Meeting

ID # 898 4547 0602

Meeting ID: 826 3903 6080

7:30 P.M.

Dues

Sep 1, 2020-
Aug 31, 2021

Adults - \$15.00

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Co-Presidents

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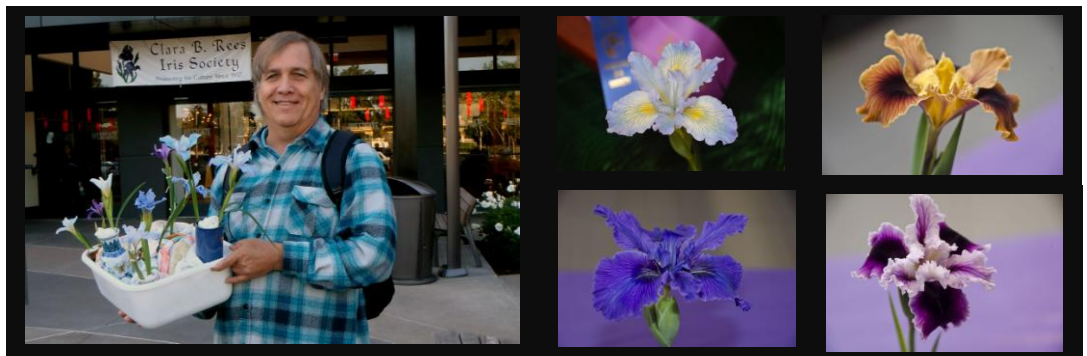
CBRIS
www.cbris.org

Region 14
www.aisregion14.org

American Iris Society
www.irises.org

November Program

CBRIS is delighted to have member Garry Knipe as our scheduled speaker at the November 6, 2020 meeting. Garry is based in Cupertino. He has been growing and hybridizing Pacific Coast irises for 21 years. He will be sharing a slide show featuring pacific coast iris, including some of his favorite named varieties. He will cover topics related to iris breeding as well as showing photos of his recently developed seedlings.



CBRIS Zoom Meeting - Nov. 6, 2020

Carol DAHOUT is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: CBRIS November Meeting

Time: Nov 6, 2020 7:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89845470602?pwd=cU9Bc29UZjNsakJPTnNOUVVMWTdoZz09>

Meeting ID: 898 4547 0602

Passcode: 112397

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kle1yL8Dh>

Dahout's Digs

November 2020

Thank you to all who have paid their dues. We appreciate and need your support during these difficult times. If you have not paid your dues, please do so or let Mary Collins, our Treasurer, know that you no longer want to be part of our amazing organization. Mary's email is mc.rescuegreys@gmail.com and the mailing address for checks is P.O. Box 610906, San Jose, CA 95161.

By now, you should be seeing your iris sending up new shoots. You should clear away any brown leaves and keep after the weeds. You can trim the old leaves to keep your garden tidy, if you like. Now is the time to get your beardless iris planted. It looks like we are going to have a dry winter, so keep watering! If you are lucky enough to have rebloomers blooming, please share them with Mikey Lango so that she can put them in the newsletter.

The Fall Regional was held via zoom on October 3rd and I wish I could find my notes. Jeff Bennett, a CBRIS member was named Central Director, taking over from Craig Tarr, also a CBRIS member. Judges' Training was given by Andi Rivarola on Spurias and it was very interesting and informative.

Hope to see you all at our next zoom meeting on November 6th! I will send out the zoom invite on Friday, in the meantime, stay safe and stay well.

–Carol Dahout, CBRIS Co-President

Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance, October 1, 2020	\$ 16,587.72
Revenue: Dues	165.00
Donation	50.00
Ending balance, October 31, 2020	\$ 16,802.72



November Birthdays



Ken Reiter	12
Gary Prevost	18



CBRIS Minutes, October 2, 2020

We met on Zoom with 18 members on the call.

Carol Dahout requested that any member who had not yet paid their dues to send them to Mary Collins as soon as possible.

Program

Jane Jordan gave a presentation on the types and culture requirements of beardless iris as it is now the time of year to dig and divide them. She covered Louisiana, Japanese, Siberian, Spuria, species, and species cross irises. Pacific coast irises will be covered next month.

Louisiana irises are native to the Gulf Coast states. They like light shade, rich, acid soil and boggy conditions. They need room, because their rhizomes grow long. Use compost and manure to prepare soil for Louisiana irises. Plant the LI rhizomes between one and two inches below the soil surface. They like feeding with azalea food.

Japanese iris bloom a month after tall bearded iris. JI's also like acid soil and can be grown in standing water as long as the rhizomes are above water. They can be grown in pots. When planting JI's, cover rhizomes with an inch of soil. Do not use bone meal to enrich the soil, as bone meal will kill acid loving plants.

Siberian irises are deciduous. They bloom in May. Bare root Siberians must be kept in water until they are planted. Plant the rhizomes two inches deep. Siberians can be fed with 10-10-10 fertilizer.

Spurias are the tallest irises and can grow as tall as five feet. They bloom a couple of weeks after tall bearded irises. Spurias are the only beardless irises that like dry conditions and neutral to alkaline soil. When planting, cover the rhizome with one inch of soil and water it until it is established.

There are several hundred varieties of species iris which all like acid damp conditions.

There are links in the October CBRIS newsletter for further information on each kind of beardless iris.

Old Business

Budget was unanimously approved.

The CBRIS account books need to be audited. Mark and Peter were asked to do the audit.

New Business

The church has informed us that we cannot use their room for meetings anymore, so we must find a new meeting place, preferably near Saratoga and 280, which is a central location for most of our members. One possibility is a room at the West Valley Library, which has an access separate from the library. It has no kitchen, but we could bring in food. It is available the first Friday of the month from 7 to 9:30 and would cost \$40 per meeting.

Please call Carol or Mark if you have any other suggestions.

Respectfully written and submitted,

Andrea Clague, CBRIS Secretary



Culture

It is Pacific Coast Iris month for CBRIS members.

Some growing tips:

Soil needs good drainage

Light: In our area it is best to have some afternoon shade

PCIs may be moved when they have white roots

Keep them in water until planted

No air pockets around the roots

Water immediately after planting and keep moist until well established

Watch Garry Knipe's presentation on the next CBRIS Zoom Meeting!



'Blue Plate Special'



'Border Dispute'



'War Zone'

Pacific Coast Iris by Joe Ghio

BIS Hybridisers Award presented to Joe Ghio 2020

Joe Ghio received the Hybridisers Award from the Executive Committee of the British Iris Society

THE HYBRIDISER'S AWARD....

".....an acknowledgement of your work in breeding PCI's, although we also have in mind the extraordinary range of hybrids you have raised and your generosity in sharing seeds with fellow enthusiasts."

Our congratulations to you, Joe!

—courtesy of Oct 2020 MBIS newsletter





*The boss
and worker*

**Digging more
beardless irises
at Jane Jordan's...
like any other work place -
the boss, the hired help,
and the coffee breaker**



*Elaine, the weeder
You know whose*



*Carol and Trang,
dividers*



'Harvest of Memories', succession of blooms -photos by John Pesek



Reblooming in Helen Bliven and Jane Jordan's gardens



'Aumtmn Tryst'



'Cameo Blush'



'Lest We Forget'



'Many Mahalos' IB



'Raspberry Frost'



'Rosalie Figge'



'Theme Master'

