



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
December 4, 2020

Zoom Meeting
7:30 P.M.

Meeting ID: 899 1242 0672

Dues

Sep 1, 2020-
Aug 31, 2021

Adults - \$15.00

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**Happy Holidays to Everyone! Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukkah!
Happy Diwali! Happy Winter Solstice! Happy Kwanzaa!
And Happy New Year!**

Many hybridizers have been inspired by the Holiday Season and named their iris after holiday themes. Our co-vice presidents have collected some of these iris and will present them in clever themes in the style of "The Night Before Christmas" by our resident poet, Trang Bui. The slides will be shown twice. First to enjoy the poetry and second to enjoy the iris.



CBRIS Zoom Meeting

Time: Dec 4, 2020 07:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Minutes

CBRIS Meeting, November 6, 2020

Program

Garry Knipe gave a presentation about Pacific Coast irises, concentrating on the 'Valley Banner' pattern. The 'Valley Banner' pattern describes a PCI with white standards, dark styles and dark veining on white falls. 'Valley Banner' was a naturally-occurring cross between *Iris tenax* and *Iris chrysophalla* which was found by Ruth Hardy growing in a field in Oregon and registered in 1958. Later important PCIs displaying the 'Valley Banner' pattern and used heavily in subsequent breeding are 'Ruth Hardy' (Ward 1977) and 'Foothill Banner' (Lawyer 1990).



Garry Knipe

Ghio has done extensive work in hybridizing 'Valley Banner' type PCIs.

Garry said PCIs are easy to cross, don't take up much room, and will flower in two years.

Garry has been working on hybridizing early blooming yellow PCIs and showed us the seedlings he has produced so far.

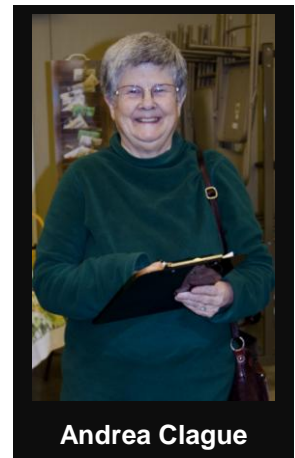
Old Business

Audit still needs to be done. Mark, Peter, and Mary will work on it.

Announcements

American Iris Society is offering webinars on iris culture that can be found on their Youtube channel.

Philippa was hospitalized for treatment of a bad infection from a cat bite.



Andrea Clague

Respectfully written and submitted,

Andrea Clague, CBRIS Secretary



Dahout's Digs

December 2020

No rain in the forecast and it looks like we might have another dry winter. Why not, it is 2020 after all! Be sure to water your iris and remove dead debris and pesky weeds. If you have rebloomers blooming, be sure to give them a light coating of fertilizer when they are done blooming.

As reported by our VP Jane Jordan, the National Convention in New Mexico has been rescheduled for April 11- April 18, 2022. The median iris convention will be in Dallas in 2023 and the Japanese iris convention will be in Portland in 2024. Events to look forward to!



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CBRIS Co-Presidents**

In the meantime, we can browse hybridizer catalogs and read up on the history of iris, such as the recent book offered by AIS, "Classic Irises and the Men and Women Who Created Them" by Clarence E. Mahan. This book describes the early history of garden iris, specifically, irises that were hybridized and introduced prior to the founding of the American Iris Society in 1920.

I wish you all a happy and safe holiday and I look forward to actually seeing you all in 2021 in our new location, wherever that may be!

Carol Dahout, CBRIS Co-President

December Birthdays

Jim Laflin	5
Nancy Mirabella	9
Jack Alvis	10
Philippa Alvis	22
Marilyn Lang	24
Karla Sanders	26
Stephanie Changaris	27



Clara B Rees Iris Society Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance, November 1, 2020	\$ 16,802.72
Revenue: Dues	75.00
Donation	5.00
Ending balance, November 30, 2020	\$ 16,882.72



Garry's Tips on Pacific Coast Iris Culture

Planting

Locally (our area) don't plant them in full sun. Put them where they'll get sun in the morning with shade in the afternoon. Or plant them under a deciduous tree.

Amendments

Add peat moss or humus to the soil as they like slightly acidic soil.

Water

They need good drainage and don't like to be watered (much if at all) during the summer; especially don't water them on hot days or during the heat of the day.

Water only when the soil is cool! In most areas, *some* summer watering is required to keep the plants alive, once established.

Transplanting

- ▶ It's best to let them grow undisturbed for a few years. Then you can dig up a chunk of a clump and just move it to another location.
- ▶ Transplant in late fall or early spring, when roots are plump, white and actively growing. The white roots are very brittle and require tender care during planting so as not to break them off.
- ▶ If there are no white roots, put your plant in water (outside), in a cool bright spot out of full sun, for however long it takes to get the white roots to grow to about ½" and then plant in the ground.
- ▶ Keep the roots moist at all times until they are planted again and then keep the ground moist for many weeks.
- ▶ Trim off dead leaves for planting.

Fertilizer

- ▶ Use any balanced slow-release fertilizer or a camellia/azalea food.

–reprinted from CBRIS Dec 2015 Newsletter

Iris Events

New dates for the following:

New Mexico Convention moved to April 11-18, 2022

Dallas Convention (Medians) will be in 2023

Portland Convention (Japanese) will be in 2024



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You are invited to join the American Iris Society A non-profit organization of iris enthusiasts.

AIS supports and encourages the growing, hybridizing, and celebration of irises – in all their beauty, and expanding diversity.

AIS does this through providing and promoting: education, exhibitions, field explorations, and gardening activities.

New AIS members receive AIS's Basic Iris Culture Booklet, an informative booklet which provides guides facts and tips for successful iris growing.

Standard AIS Membership includes a subscription to the **AIS Bulletin**, a quarterly publication, which provides fresh information on iris culture, color photographs of both old and new irises, plus a Directory of commercial iris growers located in the United States and Canada.

Electronic Membership provides early access to the online AIS Bulletin (no print copy), all the benefits of standard membership, and a growing list of other online resources.

All members receive **News & Notes**, AIS's electronic monthly Newsletter.

AIS's website [www.irises.org] is filled with resources for all iris lovers, growers and **hybridizers**, including links to the **AIS StoreFront** and the **Iris Encyclopedia**, which contains pictures and detailed information for over 70,000 irises of every ilk.

Within the AIS community there are several **Special Interest Sections and Cooperating Societies**, each with their own dues structure, meetings, and publications (more information and links available on the AIS website). Iris special interests include: Aril, Dwarf, Historic, Japanese, Louisiana, Median, Novelty, Pacific Coast Native, Reblooming, Siberian, Species, Spuria, and Tall Bearded

As a volunteer member organization, there are multiple opportunities for **member participation** in AIS at every level – local, regional, national, and global.

To those looking for an enjoyable gathering of likeminded gardeners; or, interested in exhibiting favorite beauties in a show, serving as a host garden, participating in educational events, becoming a judge, serving on a committee, or serving in office –

AIS looks forward to welcoming you!

CBRIS December Rebloomers





'Peggy Sue'



'Cameo Blush'



'Dual Function'

Rebloomers December 2020



'Skyhopper'



'Boundless'



'Double Shot'



'Harvest Of Memories'



'Low Ho Silver' IB

—photos submitted by Elaine Fisher, Jane Jordan, Mikey Lango, and John Pesek. Thank you for sharing!

CBRIS Door Prize Iris December 2020



BEYOND THE RAINBOW



BLACKBERRY TORTE



CHILLAXIN



COUNTESS



CREATIVE ART AB



EYE OF EXCELLENCE AB



FANTASMAGORICAL



FASHION EVENT



HEARTFELT DESIRE



HOLD THE LINE



LAVENDER BUTTER



LAVENDER FIZZ



MARGIN TRADER



MAUVE MISTRESS SDB



OUTSIDE THE LINES



PIN STRIPED SUIT BB



SEA OF DARKNESS



SEARING EMBERS SDB



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CBRIS Door Prize Iris December 2020

- △ **Beyond the Rainbow** J. Ghio 2020 TB; 36"; L; S. White-coral; F. Copper-Orange; B. Orange.
- △ **Blackberry Torte** M. Sutton 2020 TB; 38"; M-L; Deep Rich Currant Red Self. B. Gold.
- △ **Chillaxin** Schreiner's 2020 TB; 39"; M; Purple Self; B. Purple.
- △ **Countess** P. Black 2018 TB; 42"; EML; S. Pink-Peach; F. Rose, pink edge; B. tangerine-white.
- △ **Creative Art** R. Tasco 2020 AM OGB-; 28"; ML; S. Violet; F. Gold-Buff; Maroon Signal; B. Orange.
- △ **Eye of Excellence** R. Tasco 2020 AB OGB; 36"; ML; S. Violet; F. Rose; Black Signal; B. Brown.
- △ **Fantasmagorical** P. Black 2020 TB; 30"; E-L; S. Pink; F. Cantalope; B. Tangerine.
- △ **Fashion Event** K. Keppel 2020 TB; 38"; M; S. Violet; F. Peach-Cream; B. Coral-Tangerine.
- △ **Heartfelt Desire** H. Dash 2020 TB; 37"; L; S. Pink; F. Pale Pink, darker pink rim; B. Yellow.
- △ **Hold the Line** K. Keppel 2020 TB; 36"; M; S. Yellow; F. Yellow, prune purple margin; B. Cream; Variegata-Plicata.
- △ **Lavender Butter** M. Sutton 2020 TB; 36"; ML; S. Yellow; F. Violet, Yellow Rim; B. Lavender-Yellow.
- △ **Lavender Fizz** M. Sutton 2020 TB; 36"; M; S. Palest Lavender; F. Pale Lavender; B. Red; Laced.
- △ **Margin Trader** B. Blyth 2020 TB; 34"; L; S. White; F. White, stitched Lavender-Blue; B. Gold.
- △ **Mauve Mistress** M. Sutton 2020 SDB; 12"; E; Rose Purple, Blue spot; B. Orange- violet.
- △ **Outside the Lines** R. Duncan 2020 TB; 38"; M; S. Amber Yellow; F. Pink-Orange, veined red-purple; B. Tangerine.
- △ **Pin Striped Suit** R. Probst 2020 BB; Medium Blue Self; B. Yellow-White; Variegated Foliage.
- △ **Sea of Darkness** R. Tasco 2020 TB; S. Wisteria Blue; F. Dark Purple; B. Bronze-Tangerine.
- △ **Searing Embers** T. Johnson 2020 SDB; 12"; L; S. Yellow-Gold; F. Mahogany, gold rim; B. Orange.
- △ **Tapatio** Schreiner's 2020 TB; 30"; M; S. Marigold Orange; F. Persimmon Orange; B. Orange.
- △ **Unrestrained Passion** P. Black 2020 TB; 34"; ML; S. White-Pink; F. White-Pink; B. Burnt Orange.

