



# *Fleur de Lis*

## *Clara B. Rees Iris Society*

Feb 5, 2021  
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### **Meeting Place**

**For the present:**  
**Zoom meetings only**

**Next Zoom Meeting**  
**February 5 2020**  
**Zoom Meeting**  
**7:30 P.M.**

**Meeting ID: 870 8812 7253**  
**Pass code: 011666**

### **Dues**

**Sep 1, 2020-**  
**Aug 31, 2021**

**Adults - \$15.00**

**Carol Dahout & Mark Greene**  
**Co-Presidents**

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**CBRIS**  
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**www.aisregion14.org**

**American Iris Society**  
**www.irises.org**

## **February Program**

Jean Richter, Regional Vice President of AIS Region 14, will be our speaker for February. She has been growing and enjoying iris for the past 20 years. She is particularly interested in historic iris and novelty iris. This interest led her to hold several offices in the Historic Iris Preservation Society (HIPS). She is also an AIS judge, president of the Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society, and current RVP Representative to the AIS Board. Jean's presentation will be "Novelty Iris: Then and Now", including the various types of novelty iris, including broken color, multiple petals, variegated foliage, "flatties," and "space age" iris, with a particular focus on the iris of Lloyd Austin. This will include examples of both historic iris and more modern novelty iris. We are pleased to have her join us this Friday, for an event you will not want to miss!

—Jane Jordan, CBRIS Co-Vice President

## **CBRIS Board and Zoom Meeting**

The board meeting will start at 7:00 pm and is for the board members and interested members. The general meeting will start at 7:30 pm for all.

Topic: CBRIS Board and General Meeting

Time: Feb 5, 2021 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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## Minutes

### CBRIS Meeting, January 8, 2021

Co-President Carol Dahout called the meeting to order at 7:30. There were 20 members on the call.

#### Program

Patrick Spence of Cascadia Iris Gardens gave a presentation on Japanese Iris. Patrick is a hybridizer specializing in Japanese iris whose iris garden has the largest collection of Japanese Iris in the United States.

Japanese iris (*I. ensata*), native to Japan and northeast Asia, is the imperial flower of Japan. The Japanese name for this iris is hanashobu. This iris has been hybridized in Japan since the 1400's. Only warlords grew hanashobu and they each had their own hybridizers. Peasants were only permitted to grow another kind of iris, called roof iris, on their roofs.

There are three different styles of Japanese iris. The "edo" style has a flat form. Such flat iris were grown in flooded fields and were viewed from above from berms or bridges. The "higo" style has a gently arching form and was hybridized to have one perfect blossom per stalk. These irises were grown in pots and were brought indoors to be watched as the bloom opened. The "ise" style has a pendant form and was bred so that the foliage grew above the bloom. These potted iris were arranged on shelves indoors for viewing.

Japanese iris were brought to the United States in the 1930's by W. Arlie Payne. The Payne Medal is awarded by the AIS for Japanese irises.

Patrick showed pictures of Japanese iris seedlings that he has hybridized.

#### Culture:

*I. Ensata* 'Oriental Eyes' is the easiest Japanese iris to grow. Its hybridizer, A. Vogt, didn't like it, tried to get rid of it, couldn't, gave up trying, and introduced it in 1984.

Japanese irises are high maintenance garden plants. They need a minimum of one inch of watering a week. They are heavy feeders, requiring 21-0-0 fertilizer, and soil amended with compost and well-aged manure. They must be moved to new soil every 4 or 5 years because they secrete a toxin that will kill them (in nature they grow in flowing water which washes the toxin away).

Japanese iris can be transplanted anytime between spring and fall as long as you can keep them well watered. The rhizome and roots must be kept wet at all times when they are out of the ground. Patrick recommended that when you are planting Japanese iris, you should dig a hole, fill it half full of compost, build a shelf in the hole 2 inches deep, and put the rhizome on the shelf, and the roots in the hole.

#### Pests and Diseases:

Rabbits will eat foliage. Thrips and aphids also are a problem. Japanese iris are disease-free.

#### Old Business

Peter, Mark, and Mary have finished the audit of CBRIS' books.

Regional Vice President Jean Richter has announced that AIS has waived the affiliation fee for clubs this year.



**New Business**

Could we host the fall regional meeting? What are the considerations? Need a big venue - who would be speaker - if vaccines are not widespread, will it be a zoom meeting? Don't need to decide until May or June.

There is an iris garden on a City of San Jose park near Nancy Mirabella whose workers would like help from CBRIS to maintain it. We could have a work day there a couple of times a year and have an opportunity to advertise our club while the iris are blooming. Nancy will pursue this.

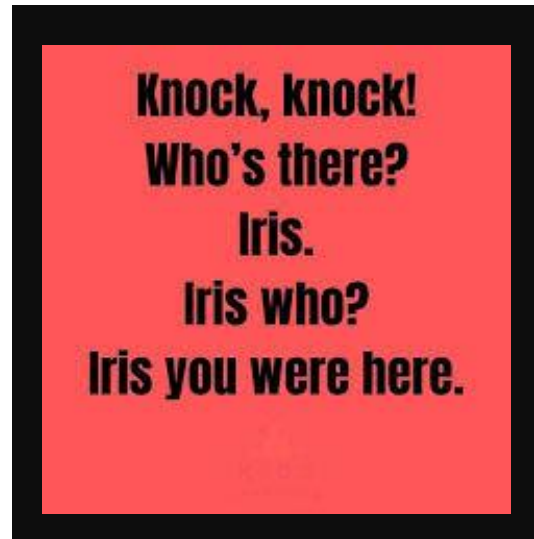
Will we sell potted iris this spring? Can sell from Carol's driveway as was done in 2020.

**Door Prizes**

Door prizes were selected using Mark's Wheel of Fortune.

Respectfully written and submitted,

Andrea Clague,  
CBRIS Secretary



**February Birthdays**



Andrea Clague	1
Craig Tarr	2
Karin Tarr	8
Steve Chen	10
Janice Carey	11
Riley Probst	11
Corliss Greene	17
Carl Boro	20



**Clara B Rees Iris Society  
Treasurer's Report**

<b>Beginning balance, January 1, 2021</b>	<b>\$16,897.72</b>
Revenue: Dues	30.00
Expenses: January speaker	50.00
Web page annual fee	203.88
<b>Ending balance, January 31, 2021</b>	<b>\$16,673.84</b>



## Dahout's Digs February 2021

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Show some love to your iris by fertilizing with a balanced fertilizer. 10-10-10 seems to work well for our area. You can order it on line thru Amazon and if you have Amazon Prime, you don't have to pay for shipping. Now is the time to weed, feed and clean up. With our recent rain, it's easy to pull the weeds. If you have any energy after that, add some Preen to prevent new weed growth. Prune your rose bushes. They like it! I have lots of the always reliable Crimson King and Victoria Falls blooming in my garden as well as iris unguicularis. I cut Crimson King before the rains and have been enjoying their sculptural effect in a vase all week.

This Friday, we will have a Board meeting at 7:00 pm to discuss if we would like to have a virtual show this year, and, if so, how we will produce it. Interested members are also invited. The general meeting will follow at 7:30 pm. See you there!

–Carol Dahout, CBRIS Co-President



### Iris January Culture

It is important to keep your iris garden clean during winter. As soon as the ground dries enough, clean those iris beds by pulling off the old or diseased leaves and weed that garden. Do it soon as those irises will start growing again. It is time to apply a balanced fertilizer, such as 10-10-10, 12-12-12, or 16-16-16. Just use a little less the higher the number.

### Arils and Arilbreds

Courtesy of San Fernando Iris Society...

**Topic:** How to Grow Aril and Arilbred Irises by Howie Dash (AR)

**Time:** Feb 4, 2021 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada) social time, program start time: 7:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81183153163>

Meeting ID: 811 8315 3163

Dial by your location

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## AIS 2021 Winter Webinar Series

There will be two webinars in February by Professor Carol Wilson of the University of California, Berkeley. Join the first two Wednesdays of February at **5:30 p.m. Pacific**. Topics are:

February 3rd - **The Philosophy and Methods of Discovering and Naming New Species:an Example From the Irises of China.**

February 10th - **Our Desire for Order: Historical Taxonomic Understanding of Iris and Current Hypotheses of Evolutionary Relationships (phylogenies).**

Register in advance for this webinar:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcscOyupzggE9Df7MHvD\\_MjbNihQopF9Ldw](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcscOyupzggE9Df7MHvD_MjbNihQopF9Ldw)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation e mail containing information about joining the webinar.

## Special Door Prize Iris

One of the door prize iris for this month has a story behind its name.

Mike Sutton introduced an iris in 2016 named for his granddaughter, Kyla Rose. By 2019, all of his stock of that iris had died.

Jane Jordan grows Kyla Rose and posted a photo of it on Facebook in April, 2019. Mike saw the photo and private messaged her asking if she would sell him some rhizomes. After considering the request, Jane sent him some rhizomes, but in return asked him to name one of his new introductions after her granddaughter, Stephanie Nicole. What a beautiful iris to honor her!

(Yes, I am a little bit jealous. What we won't do for our grandchildren!)



**'Stephanie Nicole'**  
**Mike Sutton, 2020**







**ANXIOUS**  
B. Hager 1992



**ARTISTIC SHOWOFF**  
B. Wilkerson 2010



**AUTUMN BUGLER**  
F. Jones 1986



**AUTUMN CIRCUS**  
B. Hager 1990



**AUTUMN GARNET**  
D. Spoon 2011



**AUTUMN SHOWER**  
M. Lockatell R. 2019



**AUTUMN TRYST**  
J. Weiler 1993



**AUTUMN WINE**  
V. Christopherson 2003 BB



**AZURE REPRISE**  
W. Moores 1999



**BABY BLESSED**  
L. Zurbrigg 1979 SDB



**BARN DANCE**  
M. Byers 1991



**BERRY RIPPLE**  
G. Sutton 2003



**CAMEO BLUSH**  
J. Weiler 1998



**CORN DANCE**  
D. Spoon 2008



**EARLY MORNING RAYZ**  
D. Toth 2019



**CORNHUSKER**  
T. Stanek 2005

# Fleur De Lis Garden

Blooming January 2021





**FOREVER ORANGE**  
R, Tasco 2018 SDB



**GOLD REPRIS**  
W. Moores 1988



**II STUTTER**  
D. Kanarowski 2012



**LADY ESSEX**  
L. Zurbrigg 1991



**LUNAR WHITEWASH**  
S. Innerst 2003



**MIDNIGHT CALLER**  
M. Byers 1990



**SODA FOUNTAIN SHUFFLE**  
M. Lockatell 2015



**TEA LEAVES**  
M. Byers 1987



**ZURICH**  
M. Byers 1990

**Shirley and Riley  
Members of CBRIS**



**Fleur De Lis Garden**

Located in Modesto, California.  
Fleur De Lis Iris Garden is operated by  
Riley Probst and Shirley Trio-Probst.  
Specializing in Reblooming Iris

The garden address is:  
2701 Fine Avenue, Modesto, CA 95355

## CBRIS Door Prize Iris February 2021

- △ **Adrift at Sea** P. Black 2020 TB; 34"; M-L; Light blue self; B. Gold-blue/white.
- △ **Ay Chihuahua** H. Dash 2018 TB; 38"; M; S. White, gold rim; F. Red-violet; B. Orange.
- △ **Black Label** P. Black 2020 BB; 24"; VL; S. Purple; F. Black; Burnt orange.
- △ **Chillaxin** Schreiner's 2020 TB; 39"; M; Purple self; B. Purple.
- △ **Compact** M. Sutton 2020 SDB; 13"; E; Red purple plicata; B. Bronze.
- △ **Creative Art** R. Tasco 2020 AM OGB-; 28"; ML; S. Violet; F. Gold-buff; Maroon signal; B. Orange.
- △ **Double Kick** M. Sutton 2020 TB; 32"; M-L; S. Amber yellow; F. Dark violet, two rims; B. Orange.
- △ **Eerie Encounter** P. Black 2020 AB OGB-; 26"; M; S. Pale blue; F. Ecru; Gold signal; B. Yellow.
- △ **Eye of Excellence** R. Tasco 2020 AB OGB; 36"; ML; S. Violet; F. Rose; Black signal; B. Brown.
- △ **Gentle Manner** K. Keppel 2020 TB; 38"; M; Pale creamy yellow flushed lavender; B. White-yellow.
- △ **Hot Embers** H. Dash 2020 TB; 36"; M; Rust-red self; B. Orange.
- △ **Leave me Breathless** T. Johnson 2019 TB; 37"; ML; S. White; F. White, purple center; B. Orange.
- △ **Off Topic** Schreiner's 2020 TB; 35"; M; S. Blue-gray; F. Purple; B. Orange-white.
- △ **Outside the Lines** R. Duncan 2020 TB; 38"; M; S. Amber yellow; F. Pink-orange, veined red-purple; B. Tangerine.
- △ **Poise and Charm** P. Black 2020 BB; 26"; EM; White, blue wash; B. White.
- △ **Romantic Lead** J. Ghio 2020 TB; 33"; ML; S. Mid-pink; F. Lighter pink; B. Tangerine.
- △ **Sea of Darkness** R. Tasco 2020 TB; S. Wisteria blue; F. Dark purple; B. Bronze-tangerine.
- △ **Stephanie Nicole** M. Sutton 2020 TB; 34"; E-M-L; S. White, pink midribs; F. White; B. Orange.
- △ **Tanzanian Queen** T. Johnson 2020 TB; 32"; E; S. White infused apricot; F. Deep apricot; B. Red.
- △ **Wealth** K. Keppel 2020 TB; 36"; EM; S. Quince yellow fused violet; F. Gold; B. Gold.

**Club members: Zoom to win!**





# CBRIS Door Prize Iris February 2021



ADRIFT AT SEA



AY CHIHUAHUA



BLACK LABEL BB



CHILLAXIN



COMPACT SDB



CREATIVE ART AB



DOUBLE KICK



EERIE ENCOUNTER AB



EYE OF EXCELLENCE AB



GENTLE MANNER



HOT EMBERS



LEAVE ME BREATHLESS



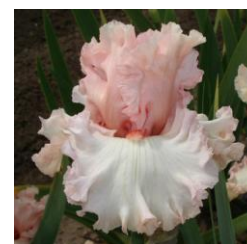
OFF TOPIC



OUTSIDE THE LINES



POISE AND CHARM BB



ROMANTIC LEAD



SEA OF DARKNESS



STEPHANIE NICOLE



TANZANIAN QUEEN



WEALTH