



Fleur de Lis

Clara B. Rees Iris Society

April 2021
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Meeting Place

For the present:
Zoom meetings only

Next Zoom Meeting

April 2, 2021

Zoom Meeting

7:30 P.M.

Meeting ID: 835 2396 2362

Passcode: 825332

Dues

Sep 1, 2020-
Aug 31, 2021

Adults - \$15.00

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Co-Presidents

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Region 14
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www.irises.org

April Program



We are pleased to welcome Bob Van Liere as our speaker for April. He is the owner of Iris4U Iris Garden in Denver, Colorado. He grows and sells approximately 1000 newer tall bearded iris varieties and he is also a hybridizer of tall bearded iris. Bob is a devoted family man with three grown children and seven grandchildren from a 51 year marriage. He has served as a Director and as President of the Tall Bearded Iris Society.

The garden was established in 1994 and is currently 2.5 acres. Bob began hybridizing iris in 1998 and introduced his first cultivars in 2005. Each year he has had between 1,500 and 10,000 seedlings to evaluate. The selection process is quite laborious. To date Bob has introduced about 100 Tall Bearded Iris. He will share with us his experiences in growing and hybridizing iris. His slogan is: "Growing and Hybridizing Tall Bearded Iris for Beauty, Performance and your Pleasure."

Bob has generously donated 4 \$25 gift certificates for our Door Prize Drawing to Iris4U Iris Garden, <https://www.iris4u.com/> – Jane Jordan, CBRIS Co-VP

CBRIS Board and Zoom Meeting

Topic: CBRIS Board Meeting and CBRIS April Meeting
Time: Apr 2, 2021 6:45 PM Board Meeting for discussion on the Pop-Up Sale, scholarship donation, and any other matters of interest.
The regular CBRIS meeting will follow at 7:30 PM.



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83523962362?pwd=Yi9mN0tnakhuU3VEQnVFUDRUUjhaUT09>

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Minutes

CBRIS Meeting, March 5, 2021

Co-President Carol Dahout called the meeting to order at 7:34. There were 28 participants on the call.

Program

Free-lance photographer Noella Vigeant presented tips for photographing iris with an iPhone camera.

A photographer has four concerns when taking a photo of an iris: focus, framing, color, and simplifying the picture.

Focus: Detail is important in photographing flowers. The closer your camera is to the flower, the more the background softens and the sharper are the details of the close up.

Framing: Make sure that there is even spacing around the flower in your photograph and that you are not cutting off tips of the flower or leaves.

Color: Color of the flower will depend on time of the day. Noella recommended putting a white foam board behind the flower you are photographing. The white background helps the iPhone camera to get the correct color better than green background. It also helps to distinguish the features of the flower. If you don't use a white background, choose a background that will make the flower pop.

Simplification: Eliminate as much busyness in the photo as possible. You can put something behind the flower or experiment with viewpoints to simplify the photo.

Noella discussed the best time of day to photograph iris. It is best to avoid harsh light, which creates shadows and causes a loss of detail in the photograph. Soft, even diffused light created by fog or clouds shows more details of the flowers. Diffused light can be created by a pillow case on a hanger or a shower curtain. Light coming through a window is also good.

Noella recommended photo editing apps Snapseed and CameraPlus.

Old Business

Names for our virtual show were suggested and voted on. "Positive for Iris" was the name selected. Possible rules were discussed.

New Business

Region 14 Spring Regional meeting will be held on Zoom on May 8. Bruce Filardi will be the guest speaker. The garden tours are at Bluebird Haven Iris Garden. These tours must be scheduled during a three week time period. Check this newsletter for more information.

A judges garden training session is being tentatively planned at Dry Creek garden. Jeff said that Dry Creek will likely be open by early May.

There will be another garden judging training session at Riley Probst's iris garden on April 24. (Note the date has been changed to April 17.)

It was suggested that availability of Ortega Park for our July picnic be checked.

Door Prizes

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:27 pm.

Respectfully written and submitted, Andrea Clague, CBRIS Secretary

Dahout's Digs

April 2021

CBRIS will be participating at the Gardeneur's Pop Up at Stanford Mall, Palo Alto on April 24-25th. We will be able to sell our 2-gallon potted tall bearded, as well as our 1-gallon medians. Our goal will be to distribute information on the cultivation of iris, expand public awareness of all types of iris, and perhaps gain some new members! It should be a very fun event!

We will need members to volunteer to help set up on Friday, or sign up for a 2-hour shift on Saturday or Sunday. Please let me know your availability.

Here is what Gardeneur posted on their facebook page:

"We are excited to announce Gardeneur's largest plant market to take place at the premier Stanford Shopping Center in Palo Alto. In collaboration with San Francisco Succulent & Cactus Society and Clara B. Rees Iris Society, a world of plants awaits you at this one stop shopping for all your plant needs!

Mark yourself "going" or "interested" to get updates. Invite your friends and register at gardeneur.com for member only pre-sale access.

Shop the Bay Area's largest most complete selection of houseplants, aroids, hoyas, cacti, succulents, air plants, studio pottery, and more! Get inspired at the plant show featuring displays of plants worthy for a photo op and WIN an ultra-rare plant raffle.

Market hours:

Saturday 4/24

10 am-12 pm - Member Preview Sale (Open to gardeneur members)

12 pm- 5 pm - Public Sale

Sunday 4/25

10 am- 5 pm - Public Sale

* Free Admission

The event is located in a retail space next to Blue Bottle Coffee.

BYOB – "You can help by bringing your own flat boxes to take your plants home."

– Carol Dahout, CBRIS Co-President



April Birthdays

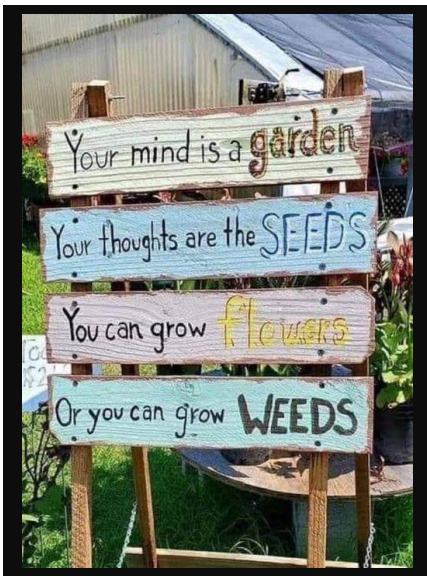


Jean Hawkins	15
Pat Hawkins	15
Linda Stremel	23



Clara B Rees Iris Society Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance, March 1, 2021	\$16,653.84
Revenue: Dues	15.00
Potted iris sales	56.00
Expenses: March program speaker	75.00
Door Prize Iris	1220.40
Ending balance, March 31, 2021	\$15,429.44



For the Love of Iris

Gamble Garden, April 14, 5-6pm, via Zoom, For the Love of Iris, with Betsy Fryberger, former curator of prints and drawings at the Cantor Museum at Stanford and an avid gardener who is especially interested in historic gardens. A fascinating look at the historic Williams garden on Homer Avenue which features many bearded iris introduced in the 1930s. In her talk, she will share photos and try to answer the question, "Did Dora Williams and Elizabeth Gamble know each other?" More information about this and other programs at gamblegarden.org/event.



'Positive for Iris' Clara B. Rees Iris Society Virtual Show 2021

Since an in-person show is not possible this year, the show will be online with photos.

THIS IS NOT AN AIS SANCTIONED SHOW.

1. The show is open to members and judges of Clara B. Rees Iris Society.
2. Entries to the show will consist of a close-up photo of the iris bloom and a photo of the stalk. There is no need to cut the stalk. The photo may be taken in the garden or the iris stalk may be cut and groomed. A background may be used.
3. Send the photos via email to cbrivshow2021@gmail.com with your name, the iris name and the category that you wish to enter, i.e. Division, Section, Group. Example: Dividing Line, I-B-1 for MTB.
4. Entries will be accepted from Saturday, April 10, to Friday, Noon, April 30, 2021.
5. Horticulture entries must have been grown by the exhibitor.
6. Seedlings are entered in the name of the hybridizer.
7. Photos must be taken in 2021.
8. The number of entries per exhibitor is limited to 5 per category.
9. The entries will be displayed on the CBRIS Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/cbris> where the public may react to the photos.

Judging – Horticulture 75% Presentation 25%

Horticulture – How well was it grown for this particular variety or species.

Judges should pay attention to damage, brown spots or leaf tips, infestations of insects, poor symmetry of growth, or other factor showing poor vigor for the specimen.

Presentation – Is the image in strong sunlight with disruptive shadows?

Is there a disruptive background detracting from the flowers?

If in a pot, is the pot clean? Are there weeds surrounding the plant?

Could spent blossoms have been removed? Generally, is the plant/flower being presented with its best face?

DIVISION I HORTICULTURE

Section A. Tall Bearded

Section B. Bearded other than Tall Group

1. Miniature Dwarf Bearded Group
2. Standard Dwarf Bearded Group
3. Intermediate Bearded Group
4. Miniature Tall Bearded Group
5. Border Bearded Group
6. Aril & Arilbred

Section C. Beardless Group

1. Japanese Group
2. Louisiana Group
3. Pacific Coast Iris Group
4. Siberian Group
5. Spuria

Section D. Historic Iris – pre 1992 Section (Date of Introduction must be included)

E. Miscellaneous

- Group 1. Species
- Group 2. Interspecies Hybrids
- Group 3. Bulbous (eligible for all AIS awards except Best Specimen of Show)
- Group 4. Any iris not covered by other Sections or
- Group 5. Novelty Iris (Space Age, Flatties, Broken Color, etc.)
- Group 6. Display iris – not named and not to be judged

DIVISION II SEEDLINGS

Section F. Tall Bearded

Section G. Bearded other than Tall

Section H. Beardless

DIVISION III YOUTH

Section I. Iris grown and entered by a youth under age 19



DIVISION IV ARTISTIC DIVISION

1. All designs must be the work of the exhibitor.
2. The 2021 'Positive for Iris' virtual show is not AIS sanctioned.
3. One or more iris bloom(s) must be used in each arrangement and must be the dominant flower(s) in the design. The iris need not have been grown by the exhibitor. Other flowers may be included, if allowed in that section.
4. Only natural (fresh, dried, painted or treated) plant material may be used. Artificial flowers and foliage are not permitted. Natural accessories (weathered wood, vines, branches, bamboo, stones, etc.) may be used in all Sections. The exception is Section D, the Youth Category, in which any accessory may be used.
5. The exhibitor may enter only one design in each section in which he or she is qualified. 5. Youth exhibitors are those under age 19 years.
6. A novice is a person who has won 3 or less blue ribbons for artistic.
7. Exhibitors must submit two photos of their arrangement, front view and side view, to cbrisvshow2021@gmail.com by April 30th.

'Positive for Iris' 2021 Virtual Show

Section A: 'I Gotta Feeling'

Let's do it!

Any type of arrangement may be made featuring the iris flower. Natural materials only

- ▶ Limited to Novice and Beginner – three or less blue ribbons
- ▶ Designer's Choice

Section B: 'Good Vibrations'

My, my, what elation!

A traditional mass arrangement showing the abundance of the iris flower. Other flowers may be used in a limited regard. Natural material only.

- ▶ Open to all

Section C: 'Here Comes the Sun'

It's all right to keep it bold and dramatic. Ikebana style incorporating the iris flowers into three main line placements of heaven, human, and earth.

Iris flowers only; natural material only.

- ▶ Open to all

Section D: 'Don't Worry, Be Happy'

It's not always that simple...but sometimes it is!

Youth only featuring the iris flower – other flowers may be used in a lesser amount. Any type of material and accessory is allowed.

- ▶ Open to youth – under 19 years of age
- ▶ Designer's Choice

Three Creeks Trail Clean-up Day

CBRIS made a lot of progress on the garden thanks to help of high school volunteers and others. Carol, Mary, Tran, and Elaine all showed up and worked hard, clearing, weeding, and giving the iris some much needed attention. We hope to go back again and separate the very large clumps and make this an annual or semi-annual event. City Council member Dev Davis stopped by to thank us for the work and we are looking forward to working with them in the future.

– Nancy Mirabella

“On Saturday, March 6th, the Volunteer Management Unit hosted the Three Creeks Trail Clean-up Day. We had 39 volunteers participate in the overall event. Volunteers consisted of those from the Silver Creek Key Club, folks from the Clara B. Rees Iris Society, Bill Rankin with Save the Trails Organization, Dick Silva and others from the surrounding community.

Thank you, Nancy/Carol, and members, from Clara B. Rees Iris Society, Bill Rankin with Save the Trails Organization, Dick Silva in working with us and for all your hard work and efforts!”

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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



TAPATIO



UNRESTRAINED PASSION

CBRIS Door Prize Iris March 2021

- △ **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.



Fleur De Lis Iris Garden and Judges Training

On Wednesday, March 24th, a few of us drove over to visit Shirley and Riley at their Fleur De Lis Iris Garden in Modesto. How we have longed to visit an iris garden again! It was a beautiful day for a drive and a visit. Shirley and Riley are very hospitable. Riley gave a one-on-one judges training while the rest of us visited with Shirley. The iris were just beginning to send a few stalks up but oh, the rebloomers were wonderful. I should have taken more photos but I wandered around the garden, visiting, and relaxing. Riley will be giving a judges training at their Fleur De Lis Iris Garden on Saturday, April 17th at 1:00 P.M. Anyone feel like a drive?



AIS Region 14 Spring 2021 Regional “Blooms and Bluebirds”

AIS Region 14 invites you to their 2021 Spring Regional, “Blooms and Bluebirds.” The guest iris are located at Bluebird Haven Iris Garden, 6940 Fairplay Road, Somerset, California, which is near Placerville in the wine country of southern El Dorado County. Bluebird Haven has four acres of permanent iris plantings (mostly historic iris with some more modern iris as well), so there will be plenty of iris to enjoy!

Due to the pandemic, we will be doing things quite a bit differently this year. Garden visits will be scheduled in small groups rather than having everyone visit the garden at once. Meetings will be held via Zoom on May 8. In addition to the general meeting, we will have hybridizer Bruce Filardi as our guest speaker, and we hope to arrange for him to give an online judges’ garden training! We are also trying to arrange for judges’ garden training at Bluebird Haven within the small groups visiting the garden. Please indicate on your registration form if you need or are willing to provide garden training.

To sign up for a garden visit time slot, please email jean-richter@berkeley.edu or call (510) 864-7962. You will have a two-hour time slot to view the regional planting, and you can enjoy the iris in the rest of the garden before and/or after your time slot. Time slots are available from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 12:00 – 2:00 p.m., and 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Bluebird Haven is open from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., and the visit days for the regional will be April 28 – May 2, May 5 – 9, and May 12 – 16 (Wednesdays – Sundays). Peak bloom is usually the second week of May, though keep in mind that the regional planting includes some median iris that may only be in bloom in the earlier time period, and of course weather may affect bloom time.

Signing up for multiple visits to the regional guest iris is possible, but please wait until April to sign up for a second visit, to make sure everyone can get a visit time. Groups for each time slot are limited to six people or fewer – that is the maximum that can safely physically distance within the regional beds.

To keep everyone safe, masks and six feet of physical distancing (from people not in your household) are required while in the garden. Anyone not following these requirements will be asked to leave. A mask will be provided to you in your registration packet, and personal hand sanitizer bottles will be available near the regional beds.

Your registration packet will be mailed to you prior to the garden visit times. It will include a mask, a pin, the regional booklet and awards ballot, a notepad and pen, and other goodies. It will also include a name badge

which must be worn to access the regional beds, which are not open to the general public (it also allows you to enter Bluebird Haven without paying an entrance fee). We have endeavored to keep costs as low as possible to make this regional accessible to all. Awards ballots can be placed in the ballot box in the garden, or submitted by mail or email.

We hope that lodging will be available during the regional, though of course this is subject to any local restrictions due to the pandemic. The nearest motels are the Best Western Placerville Inn (6850 Green Leaf Drive, Placerville), located just off State Highway 50 in Placerville, local phone number (530) 622-9100 and Best Western toll-free reservation number (800) 780-7234, and the Shenandoah Inn (17674 Village Drive, Plymouth, located just off State Highway 49 in Plymouth, (209) 245-4991. Both are about a 25 minute drive from Bluebird Haven. The Best Western's rates are more affordable. There are also nearby bed and breakfast inns (please be sure to check for availability).



Bluebird Haven Iris Garden is a Victorian show garden in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains of California. An acre of landscaped iris, daffodils, wildflowers, and a variety of shrubs and trees are surrounded by acres of row-cultivated iris. During the bloom season over 100,000 iris will be displaying their vibrant colors. Our garden features a Victorian gazebo, park benches, paths for viewing and selecting your favorite irises, and picnic tables for a leisurely lunch. We have a wide selection of outstanding iris varieties for you to choose from, featuring both antique and moderns.

– <http://www.bluebirdhavenirisgarden.com/siteV2/Welcome.html> (photo and article)



2021 AIS REGION 14 SPRING REGIONAL “BLOOMS AND BLUEBIRDS” Meetings held online on Saturday, May 8, 2021

Featured Online Judges’ Trainer: Bruce Filardi

Guest iris planting at Bluebird Haven Iris Garden, 6940 Fairplay Road, Somerset, California 95684 (near Placerville). Visits will be in pre-scheduled small groups (six or fewer). Time slots available Wednesdays – Sundays April 28 – May 16 at 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 2:00 p.m. Please email jeanrichter@berkeley.edu or call (510) 864-7962 to reserve your time slot. Masks and physical distancing will be mandatory in the garden.

Registrant 1 First Name _____ Last Name _____

Registrant 2 First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Iris club member? ____ Y ____ N If yes: Local iris society _____

Are you interested in receiving garden judges’ training? ____ Y ____ N

Are you interested in giving garden judges’ training? ____ Y ____ N

Do you have disabilities that need accommodation? ____ Y ____ N If so, please describe:

Registration fee: \$30 per person if paid by April 15, \$35 per person afterward = Total \$ _____.

Checks payable to AIS Region 14, or you may pay via PayPal to info@aisregion14.org.

Mail to: Bonnie Petheram, 1226 High St., Alameda, CA 94501 or email to bpetheram@gmail.com

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