



# *Fleur de Lis*

## *Clara B. Rees Iris Society*

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### **Annual Picnic**

**July 17, 2022**

**9:00 A. M.**

**Ortega Park**

**636 Harrow Way**

**Sunnyvale, CA 94087**

### **Dues**

**Sep 1, 2021-  
Aug 31, 2022**

**Adults - \$15.00**

**Carol Dahout**

**CBRIS President**

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**CBRIS  
www.cbris.org**

**Region 14  
www.aisregion14.org**

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

### **CBRIS Annual Picnic**

It is the time of the year that we all look forward to - the annual CBRIS Picnic! Sunday, July 17, 2022. We will be in the gazebo area. Plan on arriving about 9:00 A.M.

After the auction and raffle, we will have time for lunch. It is another year for bringing your own sack lunch. Due to Covid, we are not comfortable enough for a pot luck. CBRIS provides water and soft drinks.

Bring iris rhizomes cleaned, trimmed and labeled for either the auction or the raffle. The newer ones go into the auction while the older ones go into the raffle.

In addition, you should bring a chair, money or checkbook, and a large paper sack or two. The bags are for carrying your newly acquired rhizomes home.

You will receive your door prize irises that have been won during the past year. You must let Mary Collins know if you make arrangements for someone else to pick up your rhizomes. Otherwise, they will not be handed out. If no door prize arrangements have been made by the start of the auction at 10:00 A.M., the rhizomes will go on the auction table.

### **RHIZOMES NEEDED!**



**Gazebo at Ortega Park**

# Dahout's Digs

## July 2022

*"Iris in a country garden,  
Politely said, "I beg your pardon,  
But I'm from sunny France you see,  
And my real name is Fleur-de-Lis."*

Time to dig, divide, wash and label, and then amend your soil for new rhizomes! Please bring your rhizomes to my house or to Mary's house before the Gardeneur sale at the St. Leo Festival on July 30<sup>th</sup> or the Yamagami sale on August 6<sup>th</sup> or to the **CBRIS picnic on July 17<sup>th</sup>**.

We will need staffing to help sell, greet the public and answer their iris questions for both sales. Please let me know if you are available for a 2-hour shift. The hours for the Gardeneur and Yamagami sales are 10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. Please share the events on your social sites such as Facebook, Instagram, and Nextdoor.

Our annual potting party will be held this year at Philippa Alvis' house on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 A.M. until done. This is where we will pot up rhizomes for next year's potted iris sales. Please bring a hat, gardening gloves and energy!

Speaking of Philippa, she will be having a garage sale on July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be tools, holiday decorations and a 12' Livingston dive boat, trailer and outboard motor, gardening and cookbooks, antique folding chairs, a treadmill machine, and who knows what else! All are invited to come shop and/or help.

Our next in person meeting will be at the West Valley Library in the Community Room, on September 2, 2022. Doors will open at 7:00 P.M. and the meeting will start at 7:30 P.M. The address for the library is 1243 San Tomas Aquino Rd., San Jose 95117.

Carol Dahout. CBRIS President

### July Birthdays



- Kien Tran**            **12**
- Henry Rojas**        **15**
- Marilyn Boro**        **19**
- Jennifer Morris**    **24**
- Lisa Ayala**            **30**

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

<b>Beginning balance, June 1, 2022</b>	<b>\$ 18,376.20</b>
Revenue: Dues	15.00
Expenses: May program speaker	150.00
Region 14 dues	236.00
<b>Ending balance, June 30, 2022</b>	<b>\$ 18,005.20</b>



## CBRIS Minutes

June 11, 2022

President Carol Dahout called the meeting to order at 7:33. P.M.

We welcomed new member Linda Lomparis, who is also a member of the Monterey Bay Iris Society.

### Program:

Jeff Bennett gave us a history of the Dry Creek Garden.

The Dry Creek Garden is in Alameda, an area originally populated by the Costanoan tribe of Native Americans. It became part of Mission San Jose and then part of a 17,000-acre grant by Governor Alvarado to Jose de Jesus Vallejo in 1840. Vallejo sold 10,000 acres to Jonas Clark in the 1850's. After 1855, a train station was built nearby and the locale became a destination for social gatherings, featuring picnic grounds and later a dance floor and band.

In 1884, August May, who owned a butcher shop in San Francisco, bought 1,260 acres from Jonas Clark. These acres became known as the Dry Creek Ranch and were used by May's family as a private summer retreat. In 1900, after August May's death, a cottage was designed and built by his son-in-law, Henry Meyers, for Sofia May, August's widow. Sofia left the entire ranch to her daughter, Bertha, Henry Meyers' wife.

The Dry Creek Ranch eventually passed to Bertha's three daughters, Mildred, Edith, and Jeanette. All three daughters attended UC Berkeley in the 1920's. Mildred became an architect, Edith, a pediatrician, and Jeanette, a botanist. The three sisters lived together in Alameda, none of them having married. Jeanette and Mildred began to lay out gardens at Dry Creek Ranch in 1928. The sisters were very philanthropical and in 1951 began to sponsor an annual fundraiser at their Dry Creek property for the Alameda Welfare Council. The fundraiser featured booths selling food, crafts, vegetables, plants, and shrubs. Tables with umbrellas for shade were also set up. These fundraisers continued for 20 years, attracting hundreds of attendees annually.

Dr. Edith Meyers died in 1971. After her death, Mildred and Jeanette donated most of the Dry Creek Ranch property to the East Bay Regional Park District, keeping only the cottage and 60 acres for themselves. After their deaths, the rest of the property passed to the Park District in 1995. It opened to the public in 2007.

### Business Meeting

The club picnic will be on July 17 at 9 am at Ortega Park. Chad Schroter will be our auctioneer. **Due to the reemergence of COVID, we will not have a pot luck.** Bring your own lunch. The club will provide drinks, cups, and ice.

Mark asked for volunteers to grow door prize irises for 2023.

The club needs rhizomes for our rhizome sales at St. Leo's on July 30 and Yamagami's on August 6. Sign-up sheets to help at the rhizome sales will be at the picnic.

We are considering raising the price of rhizomes to \$5 each. A Zoom board meeting will be scheduled to discuss raising prices at our sales to help balance the rising cost of soil, etc. for our potted irises.

We need a new venue for our potting party, as Carol's driveway is filled by construction supplies.

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Club members voted to donate \$50 to AIS Region 14 in memory of Jim Laflin.

New officers for CBRIS are needed as Shirley, Riley, Alice, Carol, and Mary are terming out. Philippa is heading the nominating committee.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:33 pm.

Respectfully written and submitted,  
Andrea Clague, CBRIS Secretary



## Culture

Are you dividing or planting new iris rhizomes this year? If so, it is time to begin working in the iris beds again.

Plan on which clumps or section of your yard to dig. Dig up the entire clump, keeping each clump separated with their label. Pull apart the rhizomes and toss the old ones. For the remaining healthy rhizomes, trim the roots to a few inches and trim the fans anywhere from 6 – 10 inches. Mark the inner leaf with the name of the variety.

Wash the rhizome by dipping all newly acquired rhizomes and even your own in a bleach solution – one part bleach to nine parts water. Allow the rhizome to sit in the solution for 10 to 15 minutes. Then rinse in clear water and set them out in the shade to dry completely. The rhizomes may stay out of the ground for several weeks as long as they are kept cool and dry.

Prepare your beds before replanting. The adobe like soil in the Santa Clara Valley needs some compost added. Some gardeners add a bit of sand. I have started adding some pea gravel to try and loosen that hard, clay soil. A bit of bone meal in each hole will give the rhizome a boost.

Of course, the rhizomes must be watered when replanting. Water them deeply and at least once a week until the iris is established or until the winter rains take over. They do not like to be overwatered but must have water to get a good growth started.

Take your time for digging, dividing, and replanting. We can usually replant in our area all through September. Pick your time to redo your iris beds when the temperature is not terribly hot.

Remember to share some of those extra rhizomes with your favorite iris club, family and friends. We do want to spread our love of the iris flower.



## AIS Symposium

The **2022 edition of the TB Symposium ballot** is available. Turn your Votes in to your RVP by August 1, 2022! You may send the paper ballot to RVP Carolyn Hoover, 45812 Old Corral Road, Coarsegold, CA 93614 or just email Carolyn at [yischoover@gmail.com](mailto:yischoover@gmail.com) with 25 of the names along with their number.



The list is available here as a downloadable PDF file which you may review and print if required. (Please follow the link below for voting instructions) This is the 2022 edition of the Tall Bearded Iris Symposium of the American Iris Society.

The list of candidates was completed by combining the following lists of outstanding varieties:

- The 100 top varieties in last year's Symposium
- The tall bearded irises eligible for last year's Dykes Medal
- The tall bearded irises eligible for last year's Wister Medal
- The tall bearded irises eligible for last year's Awards of Merit
- The tall bearded irises that won the year before last year's Awards of Merit
- The tall bearded irises that won the year before last year's Honorable Mentions

Every member of The American Iris Society and non-members may participate in this balloting of the irises listed on the following pages. Each member is allowed twenty-five (25) votes. Please follow the instructions below:

1. Voting may be accomplished in a variety of ways:
  - a. You may mail your RVP a list of the iris you are voting for, either names and numbers, or just numbers.
  - b. You can download the list from the AIS web site ([www.irises.org](http://www.irises.org)), print it, mark it up, and mail it. (see the link to the ballot below) You may also do the same with the ballot included with the Spring 2022 *Irises Bulletin*.
  - c. Most RVP's have email, and those who do will accept any of the above formats that way, too.
2. No member may vote for more than twenty-five varieties. You may vote for fewer than twenty-five if you wish. Write-in votes are not allowed and will not be tabulated.
3. Your ballot must be mailed to and received by your Regional Vice President by August 1, 2022 in order to be counted. Sign your ballot and mail it first class.

Follow this link to the [AIS 2022 Symposium Ballot](#) (Adobe PDF file)

<https://www.irises.org/about-ais/awards-symposiums/>

**Vote the AIS Symposium for the best irises!  
Help show a good representation from Region 14.**



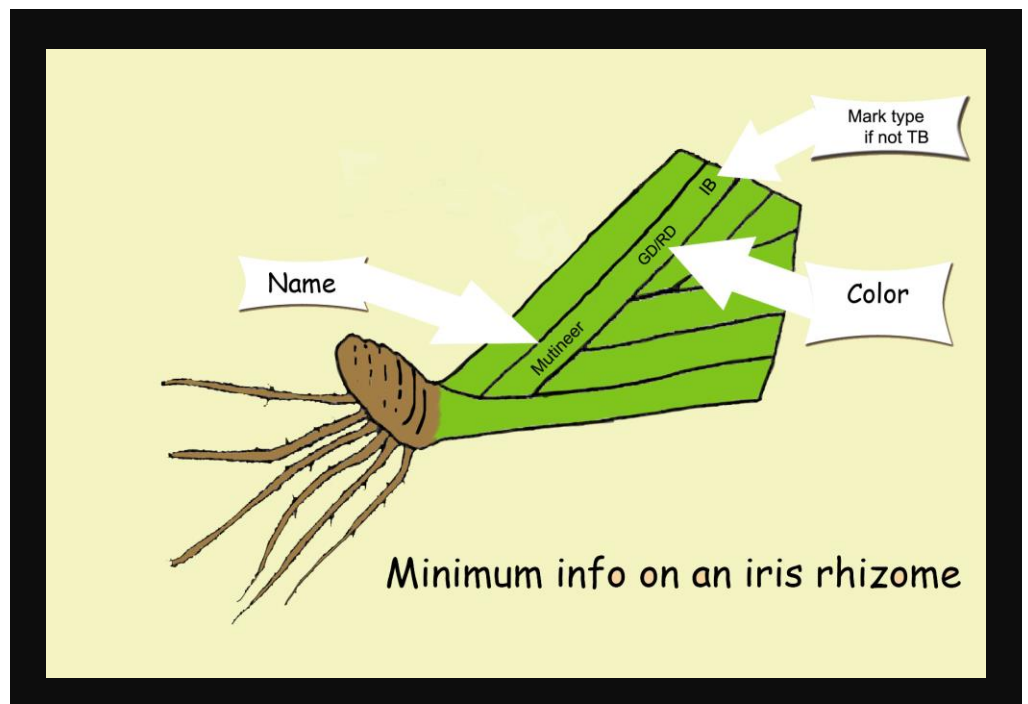
## Rhizomes Needed

Cleaned, trimmed and labeled

- July 17 Newer rhizomes for auction at CBRIS annual picnic  
Older ones for raffle at CBRIS annual picnic
- July 30 CBRIS booth at Gardeneur sale at St. Leo's
- Aug 6 CBRIS rhizome sale at Yamagami Nursery

## Standard Iris Rhizome Marking

Apricot – AP  
 Black – BK  
 Blue – BL  
 Brown – BN  
 Buff – BF  
 Cream – CR  
 Gold – GD  
 Green – GR  
 Lavender – LV  
 Maroon – MR  
 Orange – OG  
 Peach – PC  
 Pink – PK  
 Plum – PL  
 Purple – PR  
 Red – RD  
 Rose – RS  
 Rust – RT  
 Tan – TN  
 Violet – VT  
 White – WT  
 Wine – WN  
 Yellow - YL



## AIS Photo Contest

The [2022 AIS Photo Contest](#) is in full swing, but there is still time to get your photos in. Now that shows have resumed, we want to see pictures of your events, gardens and pets. You could win prizes! The **deadline for entry is August 1st at midnight, Pacific time**. The [entry form](#) (pdf) has the details .

**Please note: “Digital photo submissions to the Photo Contest must be high resolution (300 dpi or higher) and at least 4 X 6 inches in size. (Saved as a “maximum quality” jpeg, that would be a file size of approximately 1.4 MB)**

### 2022 AIS Photo Contest

The winning photo of each category will be published in the AIS January Bulletin and on the AIS web site. Prior year’s winners and honorable mentions can be viewed on the AIS web site at [www.irises.org](http://www.irises.org). The 2022 winner of each category will receive a 2022 introduction (within USA only). The winner of each category will also receive a single annual membership, or single e-membership or annual membership extension to AIS. Winners who are AIS life members will receive an e-membership or annual membership in an AIS Section of their choice. Runners-up of each category will receive a 2019 to 2020 introduction (within the USA only).

The full details on how to enter are included on the official entry form that can be downloaded using the following link: [2022 AIS Photo Contest Entry Form](#) (Adobe PDF file)

This is a PDF file that can be downloaded and filled in using Adobe Acrobat, saved, and emailed to the contest chair along with your entries or alternately it can be printed and mailed in.

Simply fill out the entry form designating in which category you are entering your digital photos (e.g. Cat3 Margaret Hart with ‘Snow Flurry’) and use the same designation for your photo file name. Then e-mail (or snail mail a CD) of your digital high-resolution photos, along with the entry form, to the AIS Photo Contest Coordinator, at the address indicated below and on the form.

You may submit up to 6 photos total for this contest. They may be all entered in one category or separate categories. **The deadline for entries is Midnight, August 1st, 2022 – California Time.**

(NOTE: Any photo submitted that was a winner in previous years will automatically be disqualified.)

There must be irises in the photo and irises in the photos should be of the Genus Iris.

Entries will be selected and judged in six (6) categories:

- 1. Irises in a landscape or garden. (Show the iris in the garden.)**
- 2. Irises in a field. (Show the field of irises)**
- 3. A person or people at iris events or tours with irises.**
- 4. Close up of an iris or irises. (Whole flower is showing.)**
- 5. Iris photos – macro (close up of bloom segments.)**
- 6. Photos of pets, wildlife or garden art with the irises.**

\*\*\* Youth photographers (under 19) can choose to enter either the Youth Category (photo must have an iris in it) or any of the adult categories, but not both. \*\*\*

“High Resolution” digital photos are required (i.e. no smaller than 1600×1000 dimensions) with maximum file size of 1.2 MB. Entries can be emailed (Maximum two photos per email) to [susandriver801@gmail.com](mailto:susandriver801@gmail.com)

If you only have prints take them to a store to have them digitized in “High Resolution” files placed on a CD (double check the photos are there) and mail said CD along with your entry form.) Include name of the variety or person in each photo on the entry form and photo file name, if known.

A panel of 3 – 5 judges will judge the photos received and their decisions will be final.

**e-mail photos & entry form to: SUBJECT – AIS Photo Contest [susandriver801@gmail.com](mailto:susandriver801@gmail.com)**

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