



# *Fleur de Lis*

## *Clara B. Rees Iris Society*

**May 2023**

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**Next Meeting**

**May 5, 2023**

**In person only**

**Doors open 7:15 PM**

**Meeting 7:30 PM**

**Willow Glen Library**

**1157 Minnesota Ave.**

**San Jose, CA 95125**

**Dues**

**Sep 1, 2022-  
Aug 31, 2023**

**Adults - \$15.00**

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**American Iris Society**

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## **May Program**

Please join us this Friday for a special program on succulents with Master Gardener and guest speaker, Judy Hecht. More than just desert plants, succulents can be found in every continent but Antarctica. In California, there are nearly 100 species of succulents that are native to the state, growing from the coast to the mountains. Whether you are interested in houseplants or xeriscapes, water wise gardening or pollinator plants, there is a succulent for every climate and every gardener. You do not want to miss learning more about these delightful plants (and your next addiction)!

A bit about Judy, in her own words:

"I have loved plants all my life and became interested in Succulents in the 1980s. I became a Master Gardener in Fresno in 2007 and transferred my membership to Santa Clara Master Gardeners in 2017. Today my home away from home is the tunnel house at Martial Cottle park where we cultivate many different types of succulents. We have succulent sales on the third Saturday of each month. You can find me at Martial Cottle park on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. I love studying succulents, trying to solve the mystery of their identification, learning what makes them happy, and working on getting more people addicted to these wonderful plants."



## **Spring Regional Basket**

This is the meeting to bring your basket item. The theme is Bees and Butterflies. Any garden related item will be a welcome addition. The regional is being held in the Oakhurst area May 12-14. There will be an iris show, a meeting, a guest speaker, gardens to tour, judges training, raffle baskets to win, items to bid upon, lunch, dinner, iris people to meet, and more. Hoping to see many of you there as it is always great fun.

# Dahout Digs

## May 2023

### 'SHOWERS OF FLOWERS'

We had a beautiful show on April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Campbell Community Center. I thank everyone who pitched in to help and congratulate those who entered the horticulture and artistic divisions. Well done!



In 2019, CBRIS sponsored the iris show for the AIS Convention held in San Ramon and then the pandemic hit. We cancelled our shows for 2020, 2021 and 2022. Many of our newer members had not experienced an iris show. It was wonderful to see them catch on to the excitement of entering a show, clerking with the judges, and sharing their love of the iris flower with the public.



We had 15 members enter both divisions for a total of 96 Horticulture entries and 19 Artistic arrangements. We will have the award presentations at the CBRIS June meeting, our last meeting before the summer break.

### SARATOGA FARMERS MARKET

The following week, we had a booth at the farmers market at West Valley College where we sold our 2-gallon potted iris. It was a beautiful day and we sold most of our pots for a total take of \$1,098.00. I was able to sell the few remaining pots out of my driveway to our customer email list for an additional \$245.00, bringing the total to \$1,343.



We do have pots that did not have an increase, meaning that there was only one plant in the pot. We do not sell these to the public as our fear is that the one stalk will bloom out, the plant will die and our public will be disappointed. We want happy, returning customers!

I am making these pots without an increase available to members for free, and only ask for the return of the pot so that we can reuse it. Chances are good that they will live, but it may take an extra year to bloom.

The ones I have are: Hemstitched, Devonshire Cream, Betty Ford, It's no Secret, Got the Picture, Haunted Heart, Awesome Alex, Restless Tide, Got the Look, In Person, Double Shot, Peggy Sue, Free Will and Serena Louise.

Please let me know if you would like any of these.

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(- photos by Steve Chen and Carol Dahout)



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**GARDEN TOURS**

Thank you to Nancy Mirabella for organizing the garden tours on April 23 and thanks to those who opened their gardens, Jennifer Morris, Chad Schroter and Elaine Fischer. The gardens were greatly admired by all who attended.



**ELECTIONS**

We need new officers, specifically, a new president, vice president, secretary and three new directors. We also need a member to take charge of refreshments which involves signing up members to bring treats and drinks to the monthly meetings and setting up the coffee and tea. Please consider stepping up to one of these positions. It is the best way to get to know your fellow club members and can be very fun and rewarding.

– Carol Dahout, CBRIS President

**May 8**

Do you know what is celebrated every year on May 8<sup>th</sup>? It is National Iris Day. Each year on May 8<sup>th</sup> people all over the world have the day to appreciate the beauty and diversity of this remarkable flower. Celebrate the day by enjoying them in your garden, visit your neighbor’s iris bed, or a public garden. Share some blooms and get someone else hooked on these beautiful flowers that we all love.

Did you know iris flowers have a spiritual importance in Japan? Irises ward off evil spirits. On Iris Day in Japan, people put iris leaves in their baths. It is believed to prevent illness. They also drink juice from the plant in their Sake to ensure longevity. The iris flower is a symbol for creativity, great power, and good news to come. Yes, the Greek god of rainbows! Every color except true red.

–[www.holidayinsights.com](http://www.holidayinsights.com)



## Minutes CBRIS Meeting, April 7, 2023



President Carol Dahout called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. Guests included two of Jane Kwant's sisters.

**Program:**

Carol asked for volunteers to clerk and talk to the public at our show.

Carol showed the tools she brings to a show and demonstrated how iris stalks should be placed in the display tubes. Members practiced staging their iris according to Carol's recommendations. The results were reviewed by Jeff Bennett and Jane Jordan with suggestions for improvement.

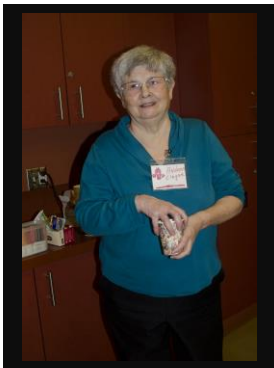


**Business Meeting**

**Plant sale** - April 22, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Saratoga Farmer's Market.

**Garden Tour** - April 23

**Basket for Spring Regional** - Theme is Birds, Bees, and Butterflies. Please bring donations to May meeting.



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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully written and submitted,  
Andrea Clague, CBRIS Society

### Member sign-up for refreshments

- Philippa Alvis
- Mary Collins
- Jane Jordan
- Drinks -Carol Dahout

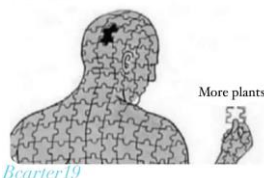


## May Birthdays



Mark Greene	4
Naomi Nakata	28
Carol Dahout	30

Sometimes all a person needs is that one missing piece



## Clara B Rees Iris Society Treasurer's Report

<b>Beginning balance, April 1, 2023</b>	<b>\$ 15,889.67</b>
Revenue: Dues	60.00
Donation	5.00
Pot sales	1084.00
Sales Tax	101.41
Expenses: Square fees	6.26
Show judges	450.00
Sunnyvale park rental for picnic	150.00
Regional basket expense (Fall)	21.93
Library room rental	40.00
Refreshments, meeting	26.11
Show expenses	472.28
<b>Ending balance, April 30, 2023</b>	<b>\$ 15,973.50</b>

## May Culture

What a great year for the iris bloom! They might be drought tolerant but they most certainly did enjoy some extra rain in our area this last winter. The bearded are blooming nicely and the beardless are just starting to send up stalks with a few getting ready to bloom.

It is a difficult time to weed the iris bed as the stalks could easily snap. Do cut or snap off the spent blooms as low as possible. Remove any diseased leaves. As the iris in your garden bloom, check to see if they are properly named. Most importantly – enjoy the blooms!

## Tall Bearded Iris Symposium

The symposium is an annual popularity poll of Tall Bearded iris conducted by the American Iris Society. All AIS members and non-members may vote for 25 irises in this symposium. The top 100 Tall Bearded iris are then ranked and the results of the symposium are published in the January issue of "Irises The Bulletin of the American Iris Society." All AIS members receive the bi-annual publication as part of their AIS membership. The full symposium results are published on the AIS website at [irises.org](https://www.irises.org). Turn your votes in to your RVP, Carolyn Hoover, by August 1, 2022! You may send the paper ballot to 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. <https://www.irises.org/about-ais/awards-symposiums/#tallsymp>





# CBRIS April 2023 Meeting





# 'Showers of Flowers'



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# Judges and Winners...



Blizzard Time



Muwekma PCI



Blank Verse IB



Tend My Heart TB



Lancer AB



Jesse's Song TB HIS



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Show Time







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– photos by Carol Dahout and Mikey Lango



### Dry Creek Garden

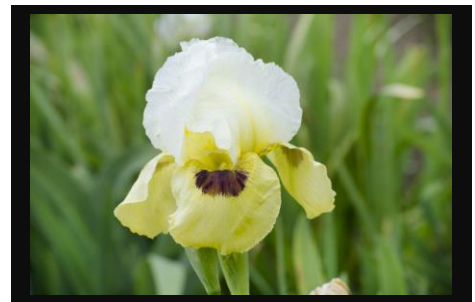
CBRIS members are invited to visit Dry Creek Garden as it is open to the public for visitors on the following dates.

May 4,5,6,7

May 11,12,13

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

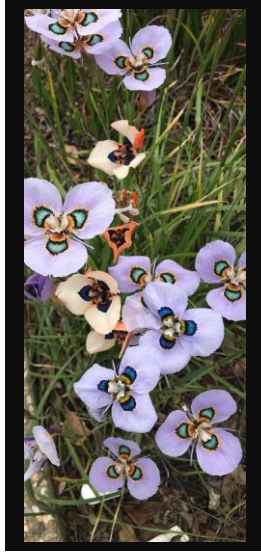
If someone needs to drive up to park by the iris, they need to arrange in advance that they are coming so Jeff can unlock the gate. There is no assistance from park district staff to man the gate. The irises are in full bloom now and about 60% weeded. Not all the irises are labeled due to lack of time. Jeff is hoping to see some familiar faces. These are some photos from a visit there last month.



—photos by Jeff Bennett and Mikey Lango



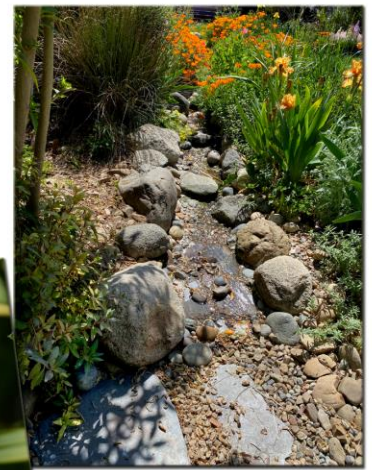
# Garry Knipe Garden



-photos by Elaine Fischer







*Chad's Garden*





*Elaine's Garden*



## CBRIS Door Prize Iris Descriptions May 2023

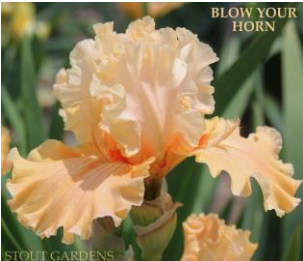
- Au Feminin** L. Tasquier 2019 IB SA; 16"; EM; S. light orange; F. light orange, dark orange; B. orange, light orange horns.
- Blow Your Horn** Burseen/Stout 2020 TB SA; 36"; EM; S. apricot; F. darker apricot, light cream edge; B. orange, apricot, light apricot horns; Pronounced spicy fragrance;
- Centennial Celebration** Diana Ford 2019 TB; 35"; E; S. white, yellow veining; F. magenta-maroon, yellow blaze fading to white, red-violet lines, multicolor band, violet wire edge; B. yellow; Slight sweet fragrance.
- Chihuahuan Desert** H. Dash 2016 TB; 37"; EM; S. white; F. white, tan-violet veining; B. orange; HM AM.
- Danger Ahead** H. Dash 2022 TB; 35; M; S. red-brown, gold rim; F. red-brown, white and yellow zone, red-brown veins, gold rim; B. orange; Slight fragrance.
- Dark Hour** Thomas Johnson 2022 TB; 36; ML; Medium purple to violet self. Beards blue.
- Don't You Dare** Johnson 2022 TB; 34"; L; S. yellow; F. yellow hafts, violet inkblot; Ruffled. B. orange; Sweet fragrance.
- Flamingo Rose** H. Dash 2022 TB; 35"; L; S. pale pink, golden-brown rim; F. burgundy, white zone, burgundy veins; B. orange; Slight fragrance.
- Heavens Humor** Burseen 2020 TB SA; 36"; ML; White self; B. vermilion, white flounces; Pronounced sweet fragrance.
- Italian Summer** H. Dash 2022 TB; 33"; M; S. pink, faint rim; F. red, peachy pink zone; B. orange; Slight fragrance.
- Later Alligator** Paul Black 2022 TB; 34"; EM; S. light blue, gray violet midribs; F. yellow, veined darker gold; B. gold.
- Mister Sparky** H. Stout 2022 SDB; 13"; ML; S. rose; F. mahogany, amber plicata; B. orange.
- New Mexico Sky** H. Dash 2022 TB; 32"; M; S. sky blue; F. powder blue; B. orange, blue; Slight fragrance.
- Picker Upper** Lynda Miller 2022 TB SA; 36"; ML; S. pink, orchid; F. cream, trimmed pink; B. orange, violet, violet-blue horn; Slight musky fragrance.
- Smashing Sensation** Thomas Johnson 2021 TB; 35"; ML; S. oyster, lemon; F. purple, violet, lavender band; B. orange; Sweet fragrance.
- Space Force** Lynda Miller 2022 TB SA; 40"; ML; S. pink; F. purple; B. tangerine, large flounces; Slight musky fragrance.
- Strike A Chord** Thomas Johnson 2021 TB; 34"; ML; S. lavender; F. deep lavender-purple; B. orange, white; Sweet fragrance.
- Tohu Bohu** L. Tasquier 2018 IB; 18"; M; S. violet-blue, violet veining on midrib; falls brown-violet, violet rim; B. violet tipped orange, mauve tipped gold-yellow, mauve tipped yellow.



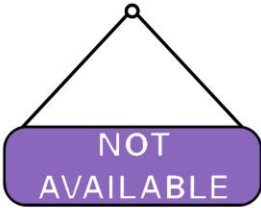
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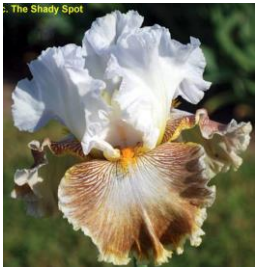
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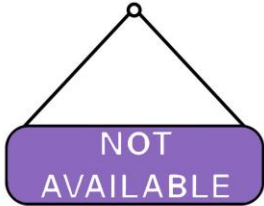
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