



Fleur de Lis

Clara B. Rees Iris Society

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Picnic

July 23, 2023

Ortega Park

636 Harrow Way

Sunnyvale, CA 94087

Setup 9:00 AM

Auction 10:00 AM

Dues

Sep 1, 2022-
Aug 31, 2023

Adults - \$15.00

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CBRIS President

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CBRIS

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Region 14

www.aisregion14.org

American Iris Society
www.irises.org

CBRIS Annual Picnic

CBRIS' annual picnic will be held on Sunday, July 23, 2023 at Ortega Park in Sunnyvale. We meet in the gazebo area. The auction of newer irises begins promptly at 10:00 A.M. There will be a raffle of older irises that members donate.



The club appreciates rhizomes that can be used in the raffle or the auction. We need them to be cleaned, trimmed and labeled. A potluck lunch will follow. Please come a bit early to help setup.

Items to bring include a chair, hat, your checkbook and a paper bag or a box for your rhizomes. Please bring a plate, napkin, and utensils as well as your potluck dish to share. Water will be provided.

You must pick up your door prize irises at the picnic or arrange to have someone pick them up for you. If someone else is going to pick up your door prizes please contact Mary Collins before July 21st at mc.rescuesgreys@gmail.com to let her know. If Mary has not heard from you by that date your door prize winnings will end up on the auction table.

As in previous years we remind you to leave your pets at home. If you have any questions about the picnic, contact Christine Dickinson at cdickins@aol.com, 408-257-3904 Home or 408-569-4300 Cell

CBRIS Picnic July 23



Dahout Digs

July 2023

Ready.....Set.....Dig!

If you are a door prize iris grower, they must be delivered to Mary by Wednesday, July 19th, so that she can ready them for our CBRIS picnic on July 23rd where the winners can pick them up. If you are unable to attend the picnic, please make arrangements with another member to pick yours up. If any dpi's are not picked up, they will be put back on the auction table and sent home with the highest bidder!

If you are digging for our first rhizome sale at St. Leo's Festival on July 29th, please commence digging on Monday, July 24th, trim and label the center leaf as described elsewhere in this newsletter. Deliver to my house or Mary's no later than July 28th. Check with Mary to see if she has a picture of your variety. If she doesn't and you have printing capabilities, please print one out.



If you are digging for the rhizome sale at Yamagami's on August 5th, please begin digging on Monday, July 31st, and deliver to me or Mary by August 4th

Need a refresher course on how to dig and divide? You're in luck! Head on over to Martial Cottle Park on Saturday, July 15th at 10 am where our Treasurer and Master Gardener, Mary Collins will be giving a demonstration on digging and dividing an existing clump on site. Martial Cottle Park, 5283 Snell Ave, San Jose. Park for free on Chynoweth Ave. Please arrive 15 minutes early to allow time to park and sign in. Bring a hat, water bottle and notebook.

Hope to see you all at the picnic!

Carol Dahout, CBRIS President



<https://www.irises.org/gardeners/care-classification/care/>

<https://theamericanirissociety.blogspot.com/2021/02/growing-irises-out-east-labeling-our.html>



Meeting Recap June 2, 2023

Carol Dahout, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The June birthdays were acknowledged. (Our Recording Secretary, Andrea Clague, was absent so I am filling in here.)

Nancy Mirabella has volunteered to take over the meeting refreshment duties. Thank you, Nancy!

Our treasury balance is \$16,678.50. Thank you, Mary.

Program:

Jane Jordan presented the awards for our Spring Show, "Showers of Flowers" held on April 22, 2023.



Trang Bui presented a program on how to dig and divide iris with a video from AIS. Carol Dahout demonstrated how to do it.



Jeff Bennett gave a report on the Region 14 Spring Regional and on the Region 13 Spring Regional.

Chris Dickinson is our chairperson for the CBRIS picnic to be held at Ortega Park in Sunnyvale on July 23rd. She passed around sign-up sheets for our pot luck. Thank you, Chris.

Our first rhizome sale will be at the St. Leo Festival on July 29th, followed by a sale at Yamagami's on August 5th.

Mark Greene asked for volunteers to grow our door prize iris.

The AIS Symposium was discussed and Trang Bui created an online vote document.

The meeting concluded with our door prize wheel.



–Carol Dahout, CBRIS President



CBRIS June 2023 Meeting



July Birthdays



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

Clara B Rees Iris Society Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance, June 1, 2023	\$ 16,678.50
Revenue: Dues	15.00
Expenses: Show trophy engraving	167.34
Show prize money	130.00
Library rent, June meeting	40.00
Region 14, AIS dues	260.00
Ending balance, June 30, 2023	\$16,096.16

July Culture

Are your irises overcrowded? Give them some room to breathe by sharing some of those rhizomes with your fellow club members. Irises need some air circulation and should be divided about every three years.

1. Using a spade or a shovel, dig the clumps. Try not to break the rhizomes.
2. Divide the rhizomes by pulling them apart by hand. Some people use a sharp knife. Toss out the old rhizomes and keep the ones with healthy roots and a minimum of three leaves.
3. Wash off the soil. Treat the rhizomes in ten percent bleach, ninety percent water bath. Dry the rhizomes.
4. Clip off the leaves to 9-12" if they are for the sales at St. Leo's or Yamagami's. If planting in your own garden, clip off to about 6-8".
5. Label rhizomes with a black sharpie.
6. Bring to picnic to add to the club auction, raffle or to just share. Repeat again for the rhizome sale at St. Leo's and Yamagami Garden Center. The club needs your donated irises!

AIS 2019 TB Symposium Vote – Vote – Vote!

It is time to vote for 25 of your favorite iris. Download the ballot from the AIS website at <https://www.irises.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/AIS-2023-SYMPOSIUM-BALLOT.pdf> or just send a list of your favorite 25 irises to Carolyn Hoover at yischoover@gmail.com. The deadline is September 1, 2023. As anyone may vote, ask your family and friends to participate.



2023 Spring Show Awards



GINA JOHNSON
8 ENTRIES
2 DESIGNS
PEOPLE'S CHOICE ARTISTIC



JENNIFER MORRIS
1 ENTRY
PEOPLE'S CHOICE HORT



JANE JORDAN
26 ENTRIES
BEST HISTORIC, BEST PCI
BEST ARILBRD, ENGLISH BOX
SILVER MEDAL



CAROL DAHOUT
13 ENTRIES
BEST BEARDED NOT TALL
ENGLISH BOX
BRONZE MEDAL



JANE KWANT
13 ENTRIES,
2 DESIGNS
BEST DESIGN



MIKEY LANGO
4 ENTRIES
BEST TB, BEST OF SHOW
3 DESIGNS



LINDA LOMPERIS
1 DESIGN



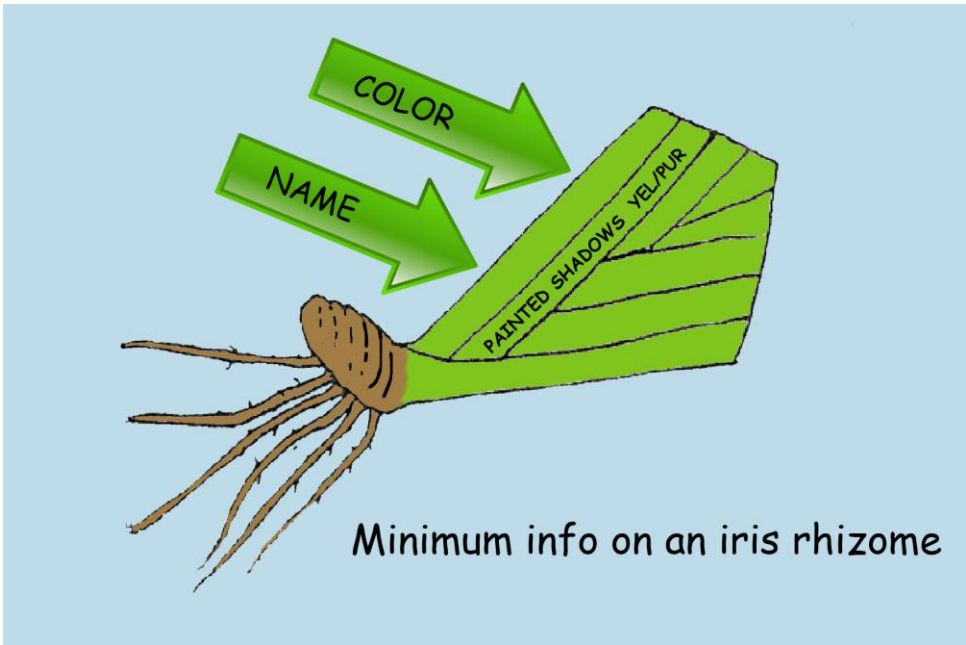
Labeling the Iris Rhizome

Wash and trim the iris and the roots. Using a black Sharpie, write on the inside leaf in the center. The inside is the part that is adjacent to the rhizome. The center leaf is best because the outside ones will shrivel, dry and fall off. Please put each variety into a paper sack with a label on it – preferably the name and a photo. If not possible, email Mary Collins to let her know which varieties are being donated.



COLOR

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



Thank you to club members for submitting photos used throughout this newsletter.
 – Carl Boro, Jeff Bennett, Jane Jordan and Mikey Lango





'Lady in Pink'



'Simple Grace'



'Sugar Dome'



'Red Repeater'



'Frosted Intrigue'



'Japanese Plum'



'Tessa Dark Eyes'



'Silverband'



'Midnight Fireworks'



'Pure Emotion'



'Red Tessa'



'Sprinkled Pink'



'Dalle Whitewater'



'Rosewater'



'Blue Spritz'



'Angel Mountain'



'Brilliant Burgundy'



'Electric Glow'



'Oriental Eyes'



'Enchanted Lake'



'Blue Blue Heaven'

Japanese Iris Grown by CBRIS Members



Siberians....



'Purring Tiger'



'Crimson Cloisonne'



'Rubies on Tap'



'Ginger Twist'

Pseudatas....



'Violet Swallows'



'Antique Brass'



'Alabama Blue Fin'



'Shimo Murasaki'

Spurias...



'Small Endeavor'



'Missouri Iron Ore'



'Megatrend'



'Bellisnado'

More Beardless Grown in CBRIS Gardens

