



# *Fleur de Lis*

## *Clara B. Rees Iris Society*

**November 2023**  
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**Next Meeting**  
**Nov. 3, 2023**

**West Valley Library**  
**1243 San Tomas Aquino Rd**  
**San Jose, CA 95117**

**Doors open 7:00 PM**  
**Meeting 7:30 PM**

### **Dues**

**Sep 1, 2023-**  
**Aug 31, 2024**

**Adults - \$15.00**

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**CBRIS President**  
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**CBRIS**  
**www.cbris.org**

**Region 14**  
**aisregion14.org**

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

## **November Program**

We are thrilled to welcome renowned iris and daylily hybridizer, Bill Maryott, as our November guest speaker this Friday, November 3rd! To iris enthusiasts near and far, Bill needs no introduction. He's a celebrated iris hybridizer whose introductions include perennial favorites such as Candy Apple Classic, Barbara My Love, and Returning Rose. Bill started breeding bearded iris in 1973 and opened Maryott's Gardens in 1978 in San Jose. He hybridized irises for 25 years in San Jose, earning 49 Honorable Mentions and ten Awards of Merit. His last iris introduction, the aptly named and brilliant "That's All Folks" won the coveted Dykes Medal in 2013. In 2013, he received the AIS President's Recognition Award in Recognition of Outstanding Interest in and Hybridizing of the genus Iris.

Since 2000, Bill began hybridizing daylilies exclusively. He now resides in Freedom, CA where he continues his practice of botanical innovation on his quest for the perfect daylily. His daylily introductions are available through Schreiner's in Salem, Oregon.

His indelible impact on the world of iris, as well as our local community, is evident. In addition to the many treasured cultivars he introduced in his 25-year career hybridizing irises, the garden he helped develop at Three Creeks Trail in San Jose continues to draw and wow visitors every year.

Bill will present a talk entitled "25 Years of Iris Memories, 1973 - 1998", sharing highlights from his illustrious career. Don't miss this special opportunity to gain valuable knowledge, and first-hand expertise, from a renowned figure in the iris world, and delve into the creative process that propelled him to the forefront of botanical innovation.

– Trang Bui, CBRIS Vice President

## Dahout Digs

### November 2023

Fall is a great time to garden, especially where we live. Cooler temperatures, but still with the warm sun on our backs, we can step back and design our gardens for the spring.

Peruse the seed and bulb catalogs and get the last of your irises still lingering in pots in the ground. I'm talking to myself here! Take a critical look at your garden and decide which plants don't make the cut. Agonizing decisions!

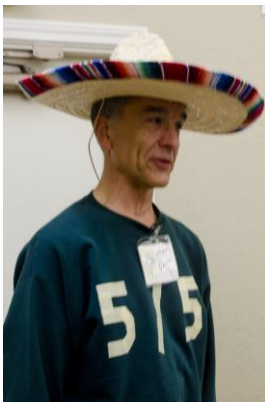
I have been eyeing my angel trumpet for several seasons now, threatening to take it out. It is too big for my small yard and highly poisonous! But then I look at the beautiful and, yes, angelic, flower and I think how can I take it out?! On the other hand, a David Austin rose would look really nice there....

No time to rest! Get out there and dig!

– Carol Dahout, CBRIS President

## November Meeting Can You Name That Iris?

Let's challenge our fellow members at the upcoming November CBRIS meeting. Come dressed as one of your favorite irises. We will keep members guessing whether you decide to be an iris from the past or a newly introduced one. It is better to choose one that is somewhat well-known. Costumes can be labor-intensive or easy. Some are guessed quickly, and some are never solved without many clues. It is always fun. You might consider dressing up as one of Bill Maryott's iris! Here are a few examples from previous years.





## CBRIS Treasurer's Report

Susan Bunker	4
Francis Chein	12
Ken Reiter	12
Gary Prevost	18
Stephanie Jennings	21

<b>Beginning balance, September 30, 2023</b>	<b>\$21,421.89</b>
Revenue: Dues	75.00
Expenses: Library rental	40.00
Stamps	49.50
<b>Ending balance, October 31, 2023</b>	<b>\$21,407.39</b>

## Iris Culture

The month of November is the time to finish readying the garden for winter. This is the best time for planting beardless iris. CBRIS usually has PCIs for door prizes this month. However, that will not be so this year. We do not have a PCI distributor now that Joe Ghio has retired from his hybridizing of these beauties. Nor, can we expect Jane Jordan to share from her garden every year. We will use the December list for the November drawing as it is difficult to find enough time during the Christmas Party.

Do get out in your garden to weed and if so inclined, sprinkle some pre-emergent (such as Preen). It will have to have a rain soaking or be watered in for it to become effective. In our area you can still plant any bearded rhizomes that you have recently acquired, or just relocated. However, plant those soon as the roots need time to develop before winter comes.

Also, update your garden map so that you know exactly what you have when bloom season begins. You cannot totally rely on markers as they sometimes go missing, or get moved. Map-map-map!



Trang Bui  
 Chris Dickinson  
 Mary Collins  
 Scott Smith & Linda Lomperis  
 Carol Dahout

We are expecting extra guests to attend this meeting because of our speaker. Other members are needed to contribute to the refreshment table.



## Minutes CBRIS Meeting, October 6, 2023

President Carol Dahout called the meeting to order at 7:40.

Carol announced October birthdays and introduced our new member.

### Program:

Jane Jordan gave a presentation on the types and cultivation of beardless irises.



### Business Meeting

Carol thanked the members who brought refreshments.

Andrea read the minutes of the previous meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Only a few members still owe dues.

Fall Regional is next weekend, October 13 and 14.

Jane announced the Christmas party on December 2 and said details would be included in a future email.

Carol reminded people who are growing door prizes and potted irises for the April sale to water them.

Jeff needs someone to replace him as Central Director for Region 14.

Mikey asked members to come to our next meeting dressed as their favorite iris.

Door Prizes were awarded.

Respectfully written and submitted, Andrea Clague, CBRIS Society

## Save the Date

**2024 Spring Regional, April 19 - 20:** Auburn, California

**2024 Louisiana & Spuria Iris Joint Mini-Convention, April 26-28:** Dallas Texas

**2024 AIS/Japanese National Convention, June 26 - 29:** Portland, Oregon

**2025 AIS National Convention, June 2 - 7:** Billings, Montana

Registration forms for some of these events may be found at the end of this newsletter





# CBRIS October Meeting



# CBRIS



# October 2023



## Holiday Party

Please note that there are changes to CBRIS' annual holiday party this year as we are moving to a luncheon instead of a dinner. Hopefully, more members will be able to attend during the day. This is always a fun event as it includes a gift exchange for those that want to participate. Usually, a garden or iris gift is most appreciated. We try to keep the amount to about \$25.00. There is a stealing game involved with the gifts so it can become quite rambunctious at times!

The private dining room at Florentine's Trattoria has been reserved for the CBRIS Holiday Party and gift exchange.

Florentine's Trattoria

14520 Big Basin Way #11

Saratoga, CA 95070

<https://www.florentinetrattoria.com/menu>

The Luncheon will be on December 2 at 11:30 A.M.

The cost is \$25 for CBRIS members and \$30 for guests.

The menu choices are

Chicken Piccata

Salmon

Mushroom Lasagna

Salad and Dessert are included. Beverages are not included.

Please reserve your place by sending your check payable to CBRIS and menu choice to

Jane Jordan

2315 Gunar Dr, San Jose, CA 95124.

Or

There is an alternate payment method available.

You may Zelle your payment to [janeirisjordan@gmail.com](mailto:janeirisjordan@gmail.com)



## Iris Rhizomes

Shared by Jeff Bennett

There is a fantastic opportunity to acquire hundreds if not thousands of a wide variety of iris rhizomes this month. Nathan Crockett of Crockett Farms (<https://www.thecrockettsfarm.com/>) has a need to dispose of most of his field of irises, and is willing to share them with any iris grower or iris society that is willing to come to Visalia to collect them. A few are already dug and just need picking up and the rest are easy digging.

Nathan needs to have them picked up in November, hopefully before Thanksgiving. Unfortunately, those not claimed may end up in a landfill 😞 😞 While the LVIS iris society gathered up large quantities of about 30 varieties, we barely touched the surface. Nathan also has some historic irises and many seedling irises available that he has not yet registered with the AIS.

And while many of his irises were hybridized by Sutton and others, he has registered the following of his own: **Intermediate Bearded:** ['Esmeralda Glow'](#),

**Tall Bearded:** ['All Hallow's Eve'](#), ['Burnt Butter Burgundy'](#), ['Burst Of Burgundy'](#), ['Buttercup Baby'](#), ['Cottage Stitched'](#), ['Crimson Sky'](#), ['Diadora's Royal Purple'](#), ['Emery's Elegance'](#), ['Fiery Sunset'](#), ['Freeway Fog'](#), ['Frisly Freya'](#), ['My Pink Lady'](#), ['Mystique Yellow'](#), ['Peachy Pizazz'](#), ['Penelope Purple'](#), ['Sequoia Sunrise'](#), ['Sun Kissed Violet'](#), ['Sunlit Sail'](#),

If you or anyone you know would be willing to drive to Visalia, please contact Nathain Crockett at [thecrockettsfarm@gmail.com](mailto:thecrockettsfarm@gmail.com). He will be happy to hear from you.

Thanks, and happy growing

Ken Ainslie

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Iris Society Member

AIS

Region 14: MDIS (Walnut Creek/Livermore) and

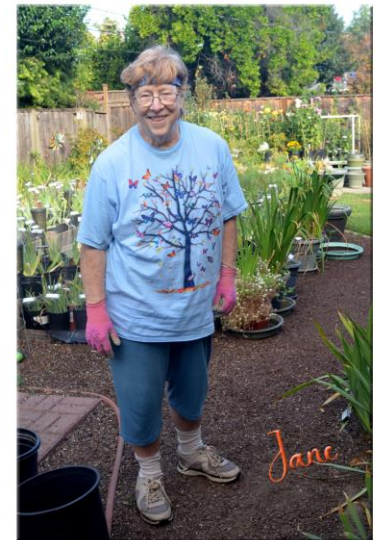
Region 15: LVIS (Lompoc and Santa Ynez Valley)





## Jane Jordan's Beardless Iris

Another good dig at Jane Jordan's. This dig was for beardless iris to be donated to the Regional.



## 'Iris by the Sea'

### October 13 & 14, 2023 Fall Regional

On Friday, there was a fabulous rebloomer show with 42 entries and 18 single blooms. There was an excellent iris judges training on 'Reblooming Bearded Iris' given by Riley Probst.

Saturday brought an early morning start with coffee and breakfast pastries. The budget and general meeting soon followed where Shirley Trio received the Larry Gaulter outstanding service award. The lunch buffet consisted of an assortment of Mexican food along with a birthday cake for Joe Ghio, Bryce Williamson, and Carolyn Hoover. Guest speaker, Joe Ghio gave a talk, titled 'In the Beginning.' He spoke about how he started down his iris-hybridizing road. Afterward, Riley auctioned irises donated by Tasco, Keppel, Mid-America, and Suttons. There was time for another informative judges training on 'Color Patterns in Bearded Iris', given by Bryce Williamson.

The conclusion of the busy day came with the closing of the silent auction and the drawing for the raffle baskets. Lynn Williams won the Clara B. Rees basket. Another wonderful Fall Regional ended. Our thanks to the Monterey Bay Iris Society for hosting this event! A few photos may be found on the next few pages.



# 'Iris by the Sea' Aptos, CA



# 14's Fall Regional 2023

## October 13 & 14



**Alakazam** Rick Tasco 2013 AB OGB; 36"; M; S. Light pink-lavender, veined darker pink-violet; F. light parchment-lavender, veined dark burgundy; B. gold-bronze-burgundy; PBF; HM, AM, Wh.M

**Bad Habits** Thomas Johnson 2023 TB; 35"; M; S. Royal purple; F. Purple-black; B. burnt orange, yellow tips; Light sweet fragrance.

**Better Than Ever** Rick Tasco 2022 AB OGB; 22"; M; S. Cream; F. Mid yellow, lg. burgundy-black signal; B. Yellow; Pronounced sweet fragrance;

**Born To Party** Thomas Johnson 2023 TB; 36"; M; S. Golden yellow; F. Deep maroon, washed maroon over lavender, gold band; B. maroon; Sweet fragrance.

**Coven** Stout 2022 SDB; 14"; M; S. Rose red; F. Near black, rosewood red, light amber veins; B. Burnt orange; Slight sweet fragrance.

**Easy Does It** Terry Aitken 2007 SDB; 12" ML; S. White; F. White, dark blue spot, yellow wash on hafts; B. Orange;

**Evening Stroll** Thomas Johnson 2023 TB; 37"; M; S. Deep blue-purple, deep plum-black band ; F. White, deep purple band of dots, deep plum outer band; B. blue-purple white and yellow; Sweet fragrance.

**Gabby Gal** Linda Miller 2023 TB SA; 32"; M; S. Coral-pink; F. Deep orchid, veined pink, pink rim; B. Tangerine, light violet ends and horns; Slight musky fragrance.

**Glamorizing** Burseen/Stout 2021 TB; 36"; ML; S. Mauve-purple, yellow edge; F. same, deeper purple shoulders and veins; B. violet, tips gold; Slight sweet fragrance.

**High Achiever** Keith Keppel 2022 TB; 40"; ML; S. Pale pink; F. Wisteria violet. B. Coral red, white end; Slight sweet fragrance.

**Lighted Path** Diana Ford 2023 TB; 34"; M; S. White blushed yellow, yellow veining; F. Dark red violet, lighter pink midline, lighter edges with dark rim; B. Cadmium orange.

**Mystical Sunshine** Rick Tasco 2021 TB; 38"; ML; S. Yellow; F. Dark burgundy w/ yellow starburst; B. Orange; Slight fragrance.

**Open Flame** Thomas Johnson 2023 TB; 36"; EM; S. Gold w/ medium red veining; F. Gold base overlaid with deep maroon, gold edge; B. Yellow; Sweet fragrance.

**Quarantine Queen** Skaggs 2021 TB; 38"; ML; S. Peach; F. Rose-violet, peach blaze; B. Bright orange; Sweet fragrance.

**Rosewood Bitters** Skaggs 2022 TB; 39"; ML; S. Pale yellow; F. Pale yellow w/ deep rose overlay; B. Dark yellow; Slight spicy fragrance.

**Sea Power** Keith Keppel 1999 TB; 38"; M; S. Campanula blue; F. Commodore blue; B. Blue white; Pronounced sweet fragrance; HC, HM, AM, WM, NA, Dyke's

**Singularity** Mike Sutton 2023 TB; 36"; EML; S. White w/ 1/2" gold rim; F. Currant red, white blaze, crimson veining, yellow midline; B. orange.

**Storm Lord** Rick Tasco 2023 TB; 35"; M; S. White, thin yellow halo; F. Dark purple w/ white starburst; B. orange-yellow.

**That's All Folks** Bill Maryott 2005 TB; 40"; M; S. Brilliant gold; F. White with gold blending to wide gold band; B. gold; HM, AM, WM, NA, Dyke's.

**War of Words** Thomas Johnson 2023 TB; 38"; EM; S. Yellow w/ edges veined in red; F. Dark chocolate w/ yellow rays from beard; B. gold; Sweet fragrance.

CBRIS DPI for Nov 2023



Alakazam AB OGB



Bad Habits



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AB OGB



Born to Party



Coven SDB



Easy Does It SDB



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That's All Folks



War of Words

**Golden Gathering**  
**April 19-20, 2024**  
**AIS Region 14 Spring Meeting**  
**Hosted by Sierra Foothills and Sacramento Iris Societies**  
**Guest Speaker Andi Rivarola, AIS President**  
**Holiday Inn, 120 Grass Valley Highway, Auburn CA**  
**530-887-8787 (Code Block: ISR)**

**Registration Form:**

Registrant 1 First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_

Registrant 2 First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

email to receive confirmation \_\_\_\_\_

Local Iris Society \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee if paid by March 25, 2024—\$115      number of person/s \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

if paid after March 25 —\$125      number of person/s \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**No Credit cards accepted. Please make check payable to Sierra Foothills Iris Society.**

**Registration fee includes Lunch in the garden and Saturday evening banquet buffet.**

**Lunch choices: Ham \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey \_\_\_\_\_ Veggie \_\_\_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_\_\_**

**Buffet Dinner features a BBQ Theme, including Chicken, Beef and Pasta Primavera.**

**Registrations received after April 5, 2024 will be accepted at the discretion of the Registrar.**

**Total Amount (Please enter this amount on the check)      TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Will you be bringing iris for the show? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No**

**Please send this registration with a check to Phyllis Wilburn, Registrar**

**P.O. Box 9, Rescue, CA 95672**

**530-334-3521 or email: abirder@aol.com**

Hotel information: The Holiday Inn in Auburn will be the location of all events except the garden visits and lunch in the garden. The special room rate for April 19 and 20 is \$189.99 per night for a King or Two Queen beds. Hotel reservations must be made by March 8, 2024 to receive the group rate. The special rate is available also on Thurs, April 18 and Sun. April 21. Breakfast is not included, but a full buffet breakfast is available for \$8.99 for hotel guests only if purchased at the hotel desk the day before. The breakfast is \$11.99 if purchased the same day. Hours for breakfast are 7:00 am – 10:00 am Sat and Sun. Visiting the gardens will be via car-pooling.



# The Iris Society of Dallas

## SLI-Spuria Convention



**APRIL 26 - 28, 2024**

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott - 351 Market Center Drive Terrell, Texas

Hotel room reservations: (972) 551-3200 ask for Iris Society of Dallas rate of \$115 per night

Registration deadline is March 25, 2024. Registrations will be acknowledged by email only.  
You will receive a packet with additional information, name tags, and tickets at check-in.

**PLEASE PRINT - Fill out one form per person attending.**

Name to appear on name badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you plan on attending the Judges Training?** (you do not need to be or be interested in becoming a judge). YES  NO

Registration includes Friday lunch/dinner and Saturday lunch/dinner	PRICE		TOTAL
Adult Registration	\$229	=	
Youth Registration (younger than 19 on 3/25/2024)	\$129	=	
<b>LATE CHARGE if postmarked/mailed after 03/25/2024</b>	<b>\$10</b>	=	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b> (Registration + Late Charge, if applicable)			

**FRIDAY Lunch:**  Sandwiches  Vegetarian

**FRIDAY Dinner:**  Taco Bar  Vegetarian

**SATURDAY Lunch:**  Baked Potato & Salad

**SATURDAY Dinner:**  Lasagna  Vegetarian

**SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:**  Gluten Free  Lactose Intolerant  Diabetic

Other - please describe here: \_\_\_\_\_

**MOBILITY CONSIDERATIONS:**  Wheelchair/scooter/cart  Cane/walker

Payment:  CHECK - Make Payable to "Iris Society of Dallas" Check # \_\_\_\_\_

CREDIT CARD  VISA  MASTER CARD  AMERICAN EXPRESS

For Credit Card payment, please supply this required information:

Card holder's name as it appears on the card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry date \_\_\_\_\_ Billing zip code \_\_\_\_\_ CVV# \_\_\_\_\_

**No Refunds after March 25, 2024**

Refunds for cancellations requested on or after March 25, 2024 will be made at the discretion of the host society.

Send Reservation and Payment to: Dell Perry, 800 Purcell Dr. Plano, TX 75025  
(972-816-3418) or seandelirises@yahoo.com





**NEW HORIZONS - 2024**  
**AIS National/Society for Japanese Iris Convention**  
 Sponsored by the Greater Portland Iris Society  
 Portland, Oregon - June 26-29, 2024

**CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS: Holiday Inn Portland - Columbia Riverfront, 909 North Hayden Dr. 97217.** Reservations may be made by telephone 844-209-0741. Mention "AIS National Convention".  
 Room rates: Standard Room (2 Queens) \$149.00; Premium Room (2 Queens or 1 King) \$159.00 plus tax.  
 (Room rates offered 3 days before and after convention dates.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Youth \_\_\_\_\_

Name tags will be made as printed above. If this is your FIRST AIS Convention (check) Yes  No

*Each registrant should fill out a separate registration form.*

<b>Full Registration:</b>	<b>By April 16, 2024</b>	<b>By May 16, 2024</b>	
Includes Welcome Banquet,	\$350.00	\$400.00	Amount _____
Awards Banquet and Garden	Meal choice: Welcome Banquet	Awards Banquet	
Tours	____ Brined Bone-in Pork Chop	____ Hickory Roasted Chicken	
(Optional tour not included)	____ Grilled Salmon	____ Crab Stuff Salmon	
<b>Youth 18 &amp; under: Postmarked</b>	<b>By April 16, 2024</b>	<b>By May 16, 2024</b>	
(Includes same as full registration)	\$200.00	\$250.00	Amount _____

**Ala Cart Items: (for anyone not doing full registration)**

<b>Garden Tours Only</b>	\$120.00	\$170.00	Amount _____
Includes convention booklet, convention bag, 2 days bus tours & 2 days lunches, Friday & Saturday. (Optional Tour not included.)			

**Banquet Only**

Welcome Banquet (by April 16th)	\$65.00	(by May 16th) \$80.00	Amount _____
Awards Banquet (by April 16th)	\$70.00	(by May 16th) \$85.00	Amount _____
(No convention bag & booklet) (Optional tour not included)			

**Optional Tour: Japanese Garden, Portland, OR, on Wednesday, June 26, 2024.**

Limit to 28 people per trip and is on a first come first serve basis. Cost \$45.00 Amount \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Group 1: Depart 9:00 a.m. Return 12:30 p.m. (Please mark desired time slot)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Group 2: Depart 1:30 p.m. Return 5:00 p.m.

Check Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card payment \_\_\_\_\_ GRAND TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_  
 Visa or Master Card ONLY: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Registration acknowledgment will be made via Email (when available) to save postage.**

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** Those requiring special accommodations for persons with disabilities must be received in writing by the Convention Registrar no later than May 16th. If you have special diet requirements, please note on a separate sheet.

**Geek Dinner: Cost \$50.00 Friday**

June 28, 5:30 - 7 p.m. Separate Registration form is located on the convention websites. Cost of the Geek Dinner is not included in the convention registration fee and should not be sent with the convention registration. For more info, send email to aistreasurer@irises.org or call 818-404-4216, Registrations received after May 16, 2024, will be accepted at the discretion of the registrar. Request for funds for cancellation will be made at the discretion of the convention committee.

**Make checks payable to: AIS Convention 2024 and send to:**

**DALE GRAMS - Registrar**  
**PO Box 346**  
**WASHOUGAL, WA 98671-0346**

Phone: 360-835-1016  
 Email: dalegrams@prodigy.net