



Fleur de Lis

Clara B. Rees Iris Society

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Holiday Luncheon

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Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023
11:30 A.M.

Florentine's Trattoria
14510 Big Basin Way #11
Saratoga, CA 95070

This year CBRIS' annual holiday party will be a luncheon instead of a dinner. 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! Please wrap your gift and bring something that you would want to take home.

Dues

Sep 1, 2023-
Aug 31, 2024

Adults - \$15.00

The private dining room at Florentine's Trattoria has been reserved for the CBRIS Holiday Party and gift exchange. There is easy parking in the lot behind the restaurant.

Florentine's Trattoria
14510 Big Basin Way #11
Saratoga, CA 95070

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

.The menu choices have already been chosen

Chicken Piccata
Salmon
Mushroom Lasagna

Salad and Dessert are included. Beverages are not included.

You should have already reserved your place through Jane Jordan.



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Dahout Digs December 2023

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with lots of good eats enjoyed with friends, family and fur babies! I am thankful for all of you, for your friendship and comradery, for your garden wisdom and for your enthusiasm for our amazing iris society, Clara B. Rees. I am looking forward to our 2024 show which will be held on Sunday, April 28, 2024, at the Joan Pisani Community Center, 19655 Allendale Ave., Saratoga.

As this is, yet again, a new venue for our show, we will need to get the word out to the public early and often. Please start thinking of ways you can contribute to ensure the success of our show. We will be playing our ever-popular gameshow, 'Name that Show' so start thinking of catchy names.



I am looking forward to our Holiday Luncheon this Saturday, December 2nd at the Florentine's Trattoria, 14510 Big Basin Way, Saratoga, starting at 11:30 am. Don't forget to bring a wrapped gift for the Secret Santa gift exchange. A big thanks to Jane Jordan for organizing this event. If you are unable to attend, our next meeting will be on Friday, January 5th at the West Valley Library. Doors open at 7:00 P.M. and the meeting will start at 7:30 P.M.

Be sure to keep watering your iris until our rainy season kicks in. Remove dead leaves and pesky weeds. If you are lucky to have rebloomers blooming be sure to give them a light coating of fertilizer when they are finished blooming.

I wish you all a happy and safe holiday!

– Carol Dahout, CBRIS President

Vote for Your Favorite in the 2023 MDIS Virtual Iris Show

2023 was the 4th Annual Mt Diablo Iris Society Virtual Iris Show. You can still participate in the second part of it.

There is still time to cast your vote for the MDIS People's Choice. The deadline is December 15, 2023 (that is an extended deadline). Watch [this video](#) to see the choices and how to cast your vote for your three favorites.

Please email your votes to mtdiabloiris@gmail.com by December 15, 2023.

Thank you Mt Diablo Iris Society for these shows.

– The American Iris Society, News & Notes November 26, 2023





Jessica Vanden Beukel 4
 Nancy Mirabella 9
 Philippa Alvis 22
 Linda Clark 23
 Marilyn Lang 24
 Stephanie Changaris 27

Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance, November 1, 2023	\$21,407.39
Revenue: Dues	45.00
Expenses: Library room fee	40.00
Hall rental for Spring Show	2,034.00
Ending balance, November 30, 2023	\$19,378.39

AIS Youth - New Coloring Contest Deadline and Website

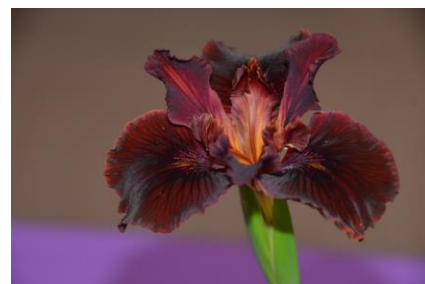


The AIS Youth Coloring Contest **deadline has been extended to January 31, 2024.**

The [Contest Image](#) (shown above) is available as a pdf. [Entry forms](#) are also available online.

– Courtesy of The American Iris Society

SPCNI Seed Exchange



The Society for Pacific Native Iris' annual seed catalog plans to open online **December 1, 2023 to January 31, 2024.** Bob Seaman, Leonine Iris owner and SPCNI web manager, is working with Louise Guerin, seed chair, to put the list together right now. There should be a good selection of seeds from across the PCI spectrum for members.

While only members can purchase seeds, you can join online with your order. Details and the list of seeds [will be available here.](#)





Minutes CBRIS Meeting, November 3, 2023

President Carol Dahout called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Carol welcomed guests and announced November birthdays.

Program:

Speaker Bill Maryott has hybridized and raised iris and daylilies in San Jose and Corralitos since 1973. He bought his house and garden on Bird Avenue from Ruth Rees, Clara B. Rees' sister in 1977. He opened Maryott's Iris Garden there. At that time, many well-known hybridizers lived within a two-hour drive from San Jose. Bill showed us pictures of the hybridizers and their gardens. Bill expanded his thriving iris business by leasing land in Gilroy, where he could grow more varieties. Bill's first introduction was 'Bengal Tiger'. His 2005 introduction 'That's All Folks' won the 2013 Dykes Medal.

Costume Contest

Members came dressed as their favorite iris and other members guessed its name. Some varieties represented were 'Snow Flurry', 'Almaden', 'Got Milk', 'Grandma's Bloomers', 'Il Était Une Fois', 'Bluebird of Happiness', 'Koto Heartstrings', 'Leave the Light On' and 'Witch's Cape'.

Business Meeting

Treasurer's Report: All dues are paid.

Fall Regional Report:

Shirley Trio received the Larry Gaulter Outstanding Service Award. Riley Probst and Bryce Williamson gave judges training sessions on rebloomers and iris color patterns. Joe Ghio gave a talk on his early work in hybridizing. His talk is available on Youtube.

Jane Jordan is now on the nominating committee for Regional Vice President. Riley will take Jeff's place as Central Director for Region 14.

The Spring Regional will be in Auburn on April 19 and 20, 2024.

Our show will be April 28, 2024.

Jeff reported that another iris society featured a presentation via Zoom by David Toth. He will investigate getting such Zoom presentations for our club.

Door Prizes were awarded.

Respectfully written and submitted,
Andrea Clague, CBRIS Society





'October Sky'



'Il Stutter'



'Grape Echo'



'Autumn Exollosion'



'Autumn Bugler'



'Autumn Breeze'



'Violet Music'



'Autumn Circus'



'Autumn Garnet'



'Zurich'

REB
BLOOMERS
IN
CBRIS
GARDENS

Photos by Rachel,
Riley & Mikey



'Fall Decor' IB



'Murphy's Law' SDB



'Blueberry Tart' SDB



'Double Your Fun' SDB



2023

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CBRIS Meeting October 2023







Life is Simple: Eat, Sleep, and Garden!

