



Fleur de Lis

Clara B. Rees Iris Society

February 2024

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Next Meeting

Feb. 2, 2024

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

Carol Dahout

CBRIS President

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CBRIS

www.cbris.org

Region 14

aisregion14.org

American Iris Society

www.irises.org

CBRIS Program

CBRISarians,

Join us this Friday for a program on the Mother of Iris, and legendary and local hybridizer, for whom our organization is named, Clara B. Rees.

Clara B Rees's impact on the iris world is impossible to overstate. Her Tall Bearded Iris, *Snow Flurry* literally and figuratively changed the horticultural landscape when it was introduced in 1939. The result of a successful cross between the white tetraploid *Purissima* with the orchid diploid *Thais*, *Snow Flurry* was a breakthrough in the iris world with its massive blooms, unprecedented pronounced ruffling, and multi-branched stalks. These characteristics made it a valuable parent for iris hybridizers. *Snow Flurry* appears in the parentage of many modern irises and is today considered to be the most important iris hybrid created.

We look forward to seeing you Friday!

Save the Date

2024 Spring Regional, 'Golden Gathering', April 19 – 20; Holiday Inn, Grass Valley, Auburn, California – Hosted by Sierra Foothills and Sacramento Iris Societies; Registration form on page 12

2024 Louisiana and Spuria Iris Joint Mini-Convention, April 26 – 28; Dallas, Texas; Registration form on page 13

2024 CBRIS Spring Show, Sunday, April 28; Joan Pisani Community Center, 19655 Allendale Ave, Saratoga, California

2024 AIS National Convention, June 26 – 29; Portland, Oregon Convention Hotel: Holiday Inn Portland - Columbia Riverfront Hosted by the Greater Portland Iris Society; Registration form on page 14

2025 AIS National Convention, June 2 – 7; Billings, Montana

More CBRIS dates on page 4

Dahout Digs

February 2024

It's February, folks, and you know what that means besides Valentine's Day? It's time to fertilize your iris and show your emerging plants some love. CBRIS recommends a balanced fertilizer such as 10-10-10. Sprinkle a little around the base, dig it in a bit, and water, or hope for rain.

At Friday's meeting, we will vote on the name/theme for our show coming up on Sunday, April 28th at the Joan Pisani Center in Saratoga.

Here are the leading contenders:

- "A Rainbow of Iris"
- "Iris on Parade"
- "Iris Enchantment"
- "World of Iris"
- "Bloomin' Iris"

The Saratoga Farmer's Market booth is approved for Saturday, April 6th! Save the date! We will sell our carefully tended pots of iris and promote our show on the 28th. Be ready to sign up for a shift and enjoy the market.

At our January meeting, I handed out surveys regarding our holiday lunch, and here are the results: You were evenly split between having it in the afternoon, evening, or either, and most preferred the weekend rather than weeknight.

The amount you are comfortable paying is \$25-\$30.

The majority would like to continue the Secret Santa gift exchange.

The majority favors a restaurant setting rather than a potluck.

Restaurants recommended were mostly none, however, there were a few scattered votes for the Florentine's Trattoria, Maggiano's, Lazy Dog, or the Blue Pheasant.

Most thought Florentine's Trattoria was good. You liked the food but felt the service was slow, the room was a little cramped and you did not like being charged for coffee and tea.

So there you have it, my friends! With this newfound knowledge, we will plan for this year's party. Any further suggestions are welcome.

See you Friday!

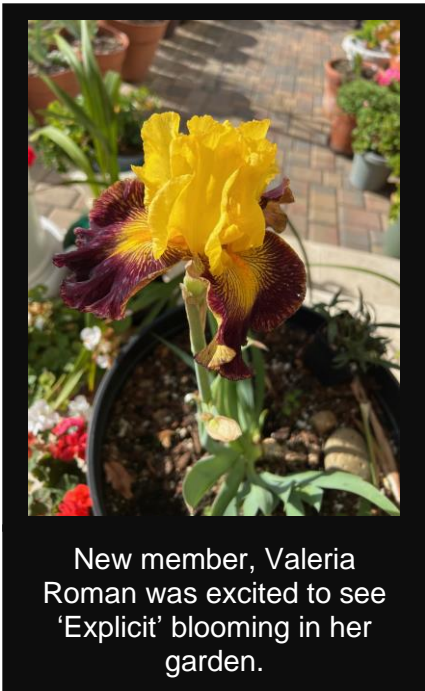
Carol Dahout, CBRIS President

FIRST CLASS

REFRESHMENTS

ONLY

Wendee Augustiro
Carolyn Craft
Mikey Lango



February Birthdays



Andrea Clague	1
Craig Tarr	2
Steve Chen	10
Jan Carey	11
Riley Probst	11
Gail Christen	20
Corliss Greene	17
Carl Boro	20
Kristy Louie	26



Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance, January 1, 2024	\$19,012.64
Expenses:	
Sales tax for 2023	471.00
Website renewal	239.88
Donations in memory of Philippa	100.00
Donation for meeting speaker	100.00
AIS affiliation fee	30.00
Door Prize Iris	930.68
Ending balance, January 31, 2024	\$17,141.08

February Iris Culture

The irises will begin to come out of their dormant stage this month. Do not let the wet weather hold you back from your iris beds. If the ground dries for a few days, try to get those weeds pulled and remove the dead, yellowed leaves. Now is the time to apply a balanced fertilizer. Just sprinkle a small handful of 10-10-10, 12-12-12, or even 16-16-16. It all works for our favorite plant! After applying, lightly rake the fertilizer into the soil. The rains will take it down to the roots. In this area, it is best to get that fertilizer on the iris plants by Valentine's Day. They need to be fertilized six to eight weeks before bloom. If you want fewer weeds to contend with during bloom season, consider applying pre-emergent.

Leaf spot may be a problem this year as we have had wet weather. You may trim leaf spot off the leaves and toss the discarded cuttings into the trash. **Do not compost!** You might be one to spray. If so, pre-spray the bearded iris with a general-purpose fungicide.

The other possible problems to start looking for are snails and slugs. Handpick so they do not become a problem in March. Keep fallen leaves and debris out of your iris beds so there are no hiding spots.



Minutes CBRIS Meeting, January 5, 2024



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

Carol announced January birthdays and passed out Christmas party survey forms.

Treasurer's report: CBRIS' current balance is \$19,012.64.

Program:

Sharon McCray, a Santa Clara County Master Gardener, gave a presentation on composting and creating a worm bin. She distributed a handout on composting.



Business:

Philippa Alvis: Members discussed how to honor Philippa Alvis. Members voted approval for CBRIS to make donations in her name of \$50 each to the AIS General Fund and to Region 14. CBRIS will consider other ways to honor her: a scholarship fund for a student in her name, a garden with a plaque, or a brick or a park bench, or naming a seedling after her (maybe from Ghio, Probst, or Sutton?)

Spring Show: Our show will be on Sunday, April 28, 2024 at the Joan Pisani Community Center, 19655 Allendale Ave, Saratoga. Names and themes were discussed. Members were asked to email Carol with ideas.

We need a chair for the next CBRIS cookbook. Possible themes could be recipes from our gardens or healthy snacks.

Dates to Reserve:

Potted Iris Sale - April 6 or May 4 at Saratoga's Farmer's Market

CBRIS Picnic - July 21

Rhizome Sales - Saratoga's Farmer's Market - TBD

Yamagami's - August 3

Pot Party - August 10: - Carol's driveway or Elaine's.

Carol will have CBRIS logo T-shirts at next meeting.



AIS Coming Events:

Spring Regional - Auburn, April 19-20, 2024

AIS National/Society for Japanese Iris - Portland, OR June 26-29, 2024

Door Prizes were awarded.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully written and submitted,
Andrea Clague, CBRIS Society





Philippa Alvis, Marilyn Kaplan, Elaine Fischer, Mikey Lango, and Carol Dahout
at the 2022 Spring Regional at Dry Creek.
Photo by Mary DeShaw; submitted by Jeff Bennett

AIS 2024 Photo Contest

The American Iris Society invites you to participate in our annual Photo Contest which begins May 1, 2024 and ends August 1, 2024, at midnight, PDT. This contest is free and open to everyone, with the exception of contest Judges and the contest coordinator who are not eligible to enter. The winning photo of each category will be published in the AIS Spring Bulletin and on the AIS web site. [Prior year's winners and honorable mentions](#) can be viewed on the AIS website. The 2024 winner of each category will receive a 2024 introduction (within the USA only). The winner of each category will also receive a single annual membership, or single emembership 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 2022 or 2023 introduction (within the USA only).

The [2024 Photo Contest Entry Form](#), including rules for entry, is on the AIS website.

Minutes, CBRIS Board Meeting, January 3, 2024

Present on Zoom:

Carol Dahout, Trang Bui, Mary Collins, Lisa and Steve Chen, Mikey Lango, Peter Marra, Chris Dickinson, Jane and Ken Reiter, Linda Lomparis, Elaine Fischer

Philippa Alvis: There will be a memorial here when Philippa's daughter comes to CA. Per our bylaws, CBRIS can donate \$50 to AIS or Reg 14 in memory. Other suggestions were: a scholarship fund for a student in Philippa's name, a garden with a plaque, or a brick or a park bench.

Holiday Party Review – What was good, what was bad? What to do for 2024? Evening is preferred by those polled. We need a bigger room. The food was good. Carol will have a handout for the general meeting. Afternoon or evening preferred? How much are members willing to pay? Potluck or restaurant? Ask for restaurant suggestions.

Spring Show – April 28, 2024 – Committee

Need a Name for the Show – Ask membership at the January meeting. The show planning committee will meet every two weeks in the library study room

Event Chairs - Chair assignments were reviewed.

Linda Lomparis – Garden Tours – Linda was updated as to how to proceed with planning garden tours and who to ask.

Lisa/Steve Chen – Meeting Registrars

Nancy Mirabella – Refreshments

Chris Dickinson – Picnic - Chris will coordinate with Elaine to secure a date with City

Mikey Lango – Newsletter

Jane Jordan, Mikey Lango, and Chris Dickinson – DPI's and Beardless

Jane Reiter – Sunshine

Peter Marra - Website

Christmas Party – tbd

Cookbook Chair – ? Possible themes – Recipes from your garden? Healthy snacks?

Pot Party – Carol's driveway or Elaine's. Second Saturday in August (8/10)

Spring potted iris sale – 4/6 or 5/4 – Saratoga Farmer's Market

Picnic – July 21st Sunday

Rhizome Sale – Saratoga Farmer's Market (tbd) and Yamagami's 8/3

Website – Peter will provide dates when he is available to meet at the library to continue working on the website.

Membership Brochure Carol will work on with Trang and at the library website meeting.

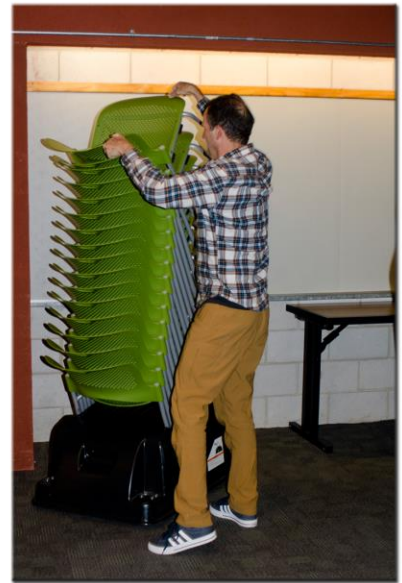
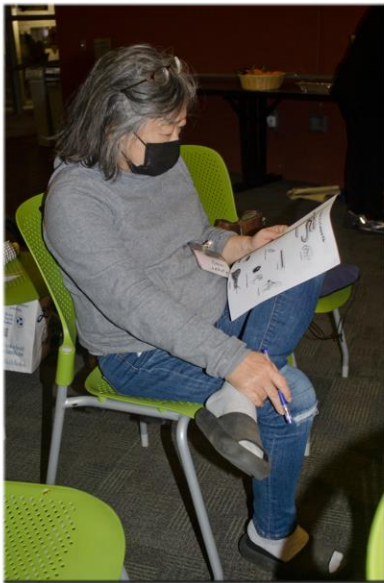
Respectfully written and submitted,
Andrea Clague, CBRIS Secretary





CBRIS Meeting - January 2024





CBRIS Members

The Clara B. Rees Iris Society was founded in 1957.





'Autumn Wine' TB



'Skyward Bound' TB



'Baby Blessed' SDB



'Early Morning Rayz' TB



'Autumn Breeze' TB



'Autumn Explosion' TB



'Tango In The Night' TB



'Edge Of The World' TB



'Warrior Prince' AB



'Grand Bargain' TB



'Skyhopper' TB



'Autumn Echo' TB



'Crimson King' IB



'Crimson Repeater' TB



'Good Sir' TB



'Concertina' IB



'Blessed Again' IB



'Lovely Fran' TB

**Irises Blooming in CBRIS
Members Gardens
January 2024**

**Thank you,
Jeff Bennett, Jane Jordan,
Mikey Lango, and Riley Probst**



CBRIS Door Prize Iris Descriptions February 2024

Astral Projection Rick Tasco 2023 SDB SA; 15"; M; S. Cream; F. Canary yellow; B. Orange, 1.5" yellow flounces.

Bam Rick Tasco 2017 MDB; 7.5"; EM RE; S. Blue-violet; F. Black-violet, slight blue-violet edge; B. golden yellow-wisteria blue; Slight sweet fragrance; HM, AM.

Blazing Orange Paul Black 2023 BB; 26"; ML; S. Apricot orange; F. Apricot orange; B. Red orange; Pronounced sweet fragrance.

Catch Phrase Thomas Johnson 2023 TB; 36"; EM; S. Icy blue white; F. White, lavender rim, scattered violet dots; B. white tipped with orange; Sweet fragrance.

Dusky Challenger Schreiner 1986 TB; 39; ML; S. Purple; F. Purple; B. Violet black; HM, AM, NA, Dyke's

Finger Lickin' Good Stout 2023 IB SA; 25"; EML; S. Atomic tangerine orange; F. Atomic tangerine orange; B. Golden Gate Bridge orange w/ horns.

Gift Horse Stout 2023 IB; 25"; ML; S. Pale lemon chiffon to cream; F. White blending to lemon chiffon toward edge, violet thumbprint on shoulders; B White, tips orange.

Gypsy Lord Keith Keppel 2006 TB; 40" ML; S. Blue white. F. Blue white, wide blue-violet wash band, wire rim; B. Paprika; HM, AM, FCC, WM, Dyke's.

Just Between Us Thomas Johnson 2023 TB; 35"; M; S. Medium pink center becoming white w/ pink veins and a pink rim; F. White, rose-pink band; B. white, orange tips; Light sweet fragrance.

Magic Swirl Thomas Johnson 2023 TB; 36"; EM; S. Deep lavender purple, pink band; F. Deep lavender, plum band; B. blue; Lightly scented.

Night Dancer L. Thomas Johnson 2023 TB; 35"; M; S. Medium rose-pink, flesh pink edge; F. Purple, purple-black haft; B. purple, burnt orange tips; Sweet fragrance.

Power of Suggestion M. Sutton 2023 TB; 35"; ML RE; S. Yellow; F. Yellow, large maroon edge; B. Yellow.

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

Ring My Bell Stout 2022 TB SA; 37"; EM; S. Light yellow; F. Lemon yellow, light yellow edge; B. Orange, long light yellow horn to lemon yellow flounces.

Shaman's Magic Rick Tasco 2014 AB; 33"; ML; S. Creamy parchment, gold veins; F. Golden yellow edges veined red, large burgundy black signal; B. yellow, golden brown tips; HM, AM, Wh. M.

Splashacata Rick Tasco 1998 TB; 35"; M; S. Pallid violet; F. White, peppering of purple dots more concentrated at edge; B. White, yellow tips, pale violet end; HM, AM, FCC, WM, Dyke's.

Super Sized Thomas Johnson 2023 TB; 36"; EM; S. White; F. Icy blue, diffused sky blue rim; B. Screaming yellow-orange; Light fragrance.

Torched Stout 2022 TB; 37"; ML; S. Golden amber; F. Carmine red, thin cantaloupe edge, small amber sunburst; B. Gold; Light fragrance.

Victoria Falls Schreiner 1977 TB; 40"; EML; S. Light to medium blue; F. Light to medium blue, white blaze; B. White; HM, AM, Dyke's.

Zero Gravity Thomas Johnson TB; 36"; M; S. Steely blue, gold, and violet blended centers; F. Steely blue; B. Steely blue; Sweet fragrance.

CBRIS Door Prize Iris for February 2024 and June 2024



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SDB SA



Bam MDB



Blazing Orange BB



Catch Phrase



Dusky Challenger



Finger Lickin' Good
IB SA



Gift Horse IB



Gypsy Lord



Just Between Us



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Night Dancer



Power of Suggestion



Quarantine Queen



Ring My Bell TB SA



Shaman's Magic AB



Splashacata



Super Sized



Torched



Victoria Falls



Zero Gravity



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	=	
LATE CHARGE if postmarked/emailed after 03/25/2024	\$10	=	
GRAND TOTAL (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 at 844-209-0741. Mention "AIS National Convention." Room rates: Standard Room (2 Queens) \$149.99; Premium Room (2 Queens or 1 King) \$159.00 plus tax. (Room rates are 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

Fall Registration: Includes Welcome Banquet, Awards Banquet, and Garden Tour

	By April 16, 2024	By May 16, 2024	Amount _____
	\$350.00	\$400.00	
Meal choice:	Welcome Banquet	Awards Banquet	
(Optional tour not included)	___ Brined Bone-in Pork Chop	___ Hickory Roasted Chicken	
	___ Grilled Salmon	___ Crab Stuff Salmon	

Youth 18 & under: Postmarked	By April 16, 2024	By May 16, 2024	Amount _____
(Includes same as full registration)	\$200.00	\$250.00	

Ala Cart Items: (For anyone not doing full registration.)

Garden Tours Only \$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 _____

Optional Tour

Japanese Garden, Portland, Oregon 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) Amount _____

_____ 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.

Make checks payable to: AIS Convention 2024 and send to: Dale Grams – registrar, P.O. Box 346, Washougal, WA 98671-0346; Phone: 360-835-1016; Email: dalegrams@prodigy.net

Geek Dinner: Cost \$50.00 Friday, June 28, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Separate registration form is located on the convention websites. Cost of Geek Dinner is not included in the convention registration and should not be sent with the convention registration