



Fleur de Lis

Clara B. Rees Iris Society

March 2024

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Next Meeting

Mar. 1, 2024

Willow Glen Library

1157 Minnesota Ave.

San Jose, CA 95125

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

Please join us at the Willow Glen Branch Library on Friday, March 1 at 7:30 pm.

We will be honored to have Barbara Gordon, a renowned flower judge, share her expertise in floral arranging featuring the iris flower.

Barbara was a member of the Westbay Iris Society for 30 years before Westbay disbanded and continues her membership in the American Iris Society. She has been learning more about iris from the wonderful AIS webinars these past few years. Barbara is a National Garden Club

judge, an American Rose Society judge, and an American Camellia Society judge. She often donates her time and talent to assembling

displays for these annual shows. Barbara enjoys growing all varieties of plants, using them for food and beauty. Barbara is a retired Sogetsu Ikebana teacher and a retired Kindergarten teacher. Barbara will share her knowledge so that you, too, can put together a beautiful floral display.



NOTICE

**CBRIS meeting at Willow Glen Library
NOT West Valley Library**

Calendar of Events

- April 6 CBRIS Potted Iris Sale – Saratoga's Farmers Market; West Valley College
- April 19-20 AIS Region 14 Spring Meeting – 'Golden Gathering' Auburn, California
- April 26-28 Louisiana and Spuria Joint Mini-Convention – Dallas, Texas
- April 28 CBRIS Spring Show – Joan Pisani Community Center, 19655 Allendale Ave, Saratoga, California
- June 26 – 29 AIS National Convention/Society for Japanese Iris – Portland, Oregon
- July 21 CBRIS Annual picnic – Ortega Park, Sunnyvale, California
- Aug 3 CBRIS Rhizome Sale – Yamagami Nursery Cupertino, California
- Possibly Aug 10 – Rhizome Sale Sunnyvale

Dahout Digs

March 2024

CBRIS Show “A Rainbow of Iris”

Sunday, April 28, 2024
Joan Pisani Community Center
19655 Allendale Ave.
Saratoga, CA

Our show is coming up quickly and we will need everyone to participate. I will have sign-up sheets at the March meeting. Here are the positions available. Please take a look and decide how you would like to help.

1. Saturday set up: we will be setting up at the center the night before the show from 5:00 -7:00PM. We will set up the tables and cover them and have everything ready for Sunday morning.
2. Placement (2) –These members will take the iris that the exhibitor has finished grooming and place them on the Show exhibit tables. We will need one for Horticulture and one for Artistic.
3. Judge greeter – This member will greet the judges as they arrive and corral them to the lounge area. Make sure they have coffee/tea/beverages and donuts. After judging, corral them to the gazebo for lunch and make sure they have everything they need. Lunch items will be set up in the kitchen. They can load their plates there and take them to the gazebo.
4. Clerks for horticulture and artistic. These members will accompany the judges as they are judging. They will punch the tags to indicate what award, if any, was given, and may be told to write comments on the back. They will also hang the ribbons for the award given. They may be asked to take blue ribbon entries to the head table for further consideration.
5. From Noon to 5:00 PM, we will be open to the Public. We will need two people to sit at the entry to greet the public, count how many people come in and give them any literature we may have on the table such as membership info, culture info, etc. We will also need ramblers who will ramble, answer any questions people may have and encourage them to vote for People’s Choice for hort and artistic.
6. Tear Down at 5:15 PM. We will need members to gather the tags, bases and stands, take down the tables and clean up.
7. We will need someone to pick up two dozen donuts and coffee. Set up the teapot and tea.
8. Lunch order and pickup. Last year we ordered from Togo’s and ordered enough for the judges and workers.
9. Publicity – Everyone needs to publicize this event!

If you were a lucky winner of a trophy last year, be sure to return it to Jane Jordan, polished and ready to be awarded to the next recipient. It may be you!

–Carol Dahout, President and Showchair



March Birthdays



Gina Johnson	1
Rosemary Chivers	6
Jennifer Vanden Beukel	12
Jeff Bennett	30

Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance, February 1, 2024	\$17,141.08
Expenses:	
Door Prize Iris	575.50
Library rental, January and February	80.00
Sunnyvale park rental for July picnic	150.00
Hospitality	36.30
March speaker fee	100.00
Ending balance, February 29, 2024	\$16,199.28

March Iris Culture

The irises are growing. Some of the early bloomers are already showing off their blooms. It has been difficult to time the weeding between the rains this year. It is a necessary task as the irises need good air circulation and their old leaves removed. If dead leaves do not pull off easily, cut them with scissors, avoiding an injury that could invite rot. Be vigilant with your snail patrol or baiting. If you have not applied an even-numbered fertilizer, do so now. Your irises will thank you with good-sized blooms. Scatter pre-emergent, even if you applied it in the autumn. Preen granules work well. Leaf spot may become a problem this year because of all the rains. If so, try the following that is recommended by Phyllis Wilburn. To one gallon of water, add one tablespoon of dish soap, one tablespoon of baking soda, and one tablespoon of salad oil. Shake to mix and spray, shaking occasionally to keep it mixed. Re-spray after rain.

The PCI's have begun their bloom, as well as Evansias. MDBs and SDBs and the early TBs will start your bearded iris spring awakening. Use Azalea/ Camellia food for PCI's, LA's, JI's, SIBs and other beardless Iris.

– In part, Chad Schroter from Feb 2007 CBRIS Newsletter and Phyllis Wilburn 'New Year's Resolutions', Jan 2017 Iris Lore

–photos by:
 Jane Jordan
 Carol Dahout
 Mikey Lango



'Premonition of Spring'

Garry Knipe seedling

Iris Evansia





Minutes

CBRIS Meeting, February 2, 2024

President Carol Dahout called the meeting to order at 7:43.

Carol announced February birthdays.

Treasurer's report: CBRIS' current balance is \$17,141.08.

Jeff Bennett distributed bags of Biochar, which can be used as a soil amendment.



Program:

Trang gave a presentation about hybridizer Clara B. Rees and her famous iris 'Snow Flurry'.

Business:

Show: The majority of members voted on 'Rainbow of Iris' as the name for our show in April. We will need people to work on flyer design, publicity, host the judges, greet the public at the door, and set up and tear down.

Saturday, April 6 is confirmed for our potted iris sale at the Saratoga's Farmer's Market.

Elaine has reserved the pavilion at Ortega Park for our picnic on July 21.

Jane Jordan said that door prizes for next year have been ordered, but the \$1,500 in the budget didn't buy enough. We need 20 irises more, each with two increases. Jeff said Dry Creek would donate 20.

Carol distributed CBRIS logo T-shirts.

We will need to put together a raffle basket for the Spring Regional in Auburn, April 19-20,

The AIS National/Society for Japanese Iris is in Portland, OR June 26-29, 2024.

Door Prizes were awarded.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully written and submitted,
Andrea Clague, CBRIS Society



Basket

We will be needing a basket theme idea for CBRIS donation to the Spring Regional in April. The name of the regional is 'Golden Gathering.'



FIRST CLASS

REFRESHMENTS

ONLY

March

Jane J

Lisa

Jeff

Camellia Show

The San Francisco Bay Area Camellia Show was held last week-end in Redwood City, As iris flower lovers we also enjoy other flowers. A few of the members at the show...Carl Boro, Elaine Fischer, Stephanie Changaris and her husband. I am sure there were others- just no photos of them!

– photos by Carl Boro, Carol Dahout, and Mikey Lango

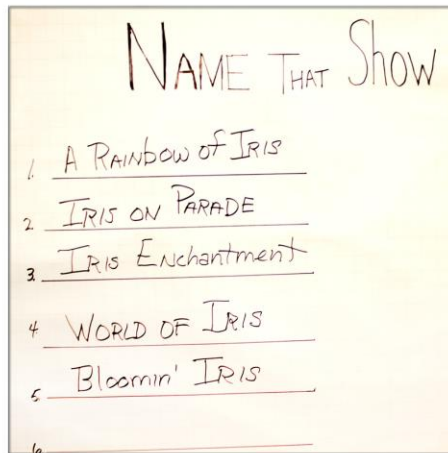


CBRIS Members



February 2024 Meeting





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The following are the section titles for entering the artistic division in the CBRIS Spring Show in April.

ARTISTIC DIVISION

Section A: *'Rainbow World'*

Any type of arrangement featuring the iris flower. Natural floral material; any type of accessory is allowed

- ▶ Designer's Choice
- ▶ Limited to Novice and Beginner – 3 or less blue ribbons
- ▶ Card of explanation of arrangement

Section B: *'Perfect Storm'*

A traditional mass arrangement showing some of the many colors of the iris flower. Other flowers may be used in a limited regard. Natural material only.

- ▶ Open to all
- ▶ Card of explanation of interpretation

Section C: *'Rainbow Connection'*

A design using two containers. The iris flower must be featured. Natural floral material. May use an accessory of any type including underlay, if desired.

- ▶ Open to all
- ▶ Card of explanation of interpretation

Section D: *'Wind of Change'*

Ikebana style –Displaying the iris flower(s) in either the traditional form or the more modern style. Natural material only.

- ▶ Open to all
- ▶ Card of explanation of interpretation

Section E: *'Pocketful of Rainbows'*

A small arrangement featuring the iris flower. Must not exceed 12"x12"12", including the vase. If desired, other flowers may be used. Natural material only - except the use of any type of underlay, if desired.

- ▶ Open to all
- ▶ Card of explanation of interpretation

Section F: *'Sunshine, Lollipops and Rainbows'*

Youth only. Make us happy with the iris flower. Any type of material and accessory is allowed.

- ▶ Open to youth – under 19 years of age
- ▶ Designer's Choice
- ▶ Card of explanation of interpretation



CBRIS Door Prize Iris March 2024



Absolute Perfection
IB



Baby Bruin SDB



Besos IB



Bold Awakening
AB/OGB



Coral Jewel



Easter Candy



Endless Chain SDB



Endora IB



Follow My Lead



Gingerbread Trim SDB



Head of the Class



Kimtastic



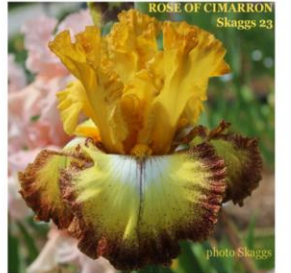
Monet Painting



Noble Lord



Psychedelic Dreams
SDB



Rose of Cimarron



Running in Circles



Shwing BB SA



Storm Clouds Rollin'



Superstitious

CBRIS Door Prize Iris Descriptions March 2024

- Absolute Perfection** Paul Black 2023 IB; 25"; EML; S. Purple/Black; F. White/Purple w/ wide black plicata bands; B. Purple; Pronounced musky fragrance
- Baby Bruin** Schreiner 2021 SDB; 8.5"; E; S. Cool blue; F. Blue w/ white border; B. orange; Pronounced fragrance.
- Besos** Stout 2022 IB; 26"; EM; S. Crimson red; F. Carmine red w/ slight pink rim; Style arms Persimmon orange; B. yellow; Pronounced sweet fragrance.
- Bold Awakening** Rick Tasco 2016 AB OGB; 33"; EML; S. Magenta-rose w/ darker veins; F. Brick red w/ darker veins; Style arms Maize/orange/brick red; B. maize w/ brown tips; HM, AM.
- Coral Jewel** Linda Miller 2023 TB; 31"; ML; S. Coral-pink; F. Coral-pink; B. Coral w/ peach tips; Slight fragrance.
- Easter Candy** Keith Keppel 2011 TB; 37"; EML; S. light yellow. F. Light lavender blue w/ darker center stripe. B. Chrome yellow w/ blue end; HM, AM.
- Endless Chain** M. Bersillion 2020 SDB; 9"; EM; S. Peach w/ yellow edge; F. Peach w/ yellow rim; B. Blue-violet.
- Endora** Thomas Johnson 2023 IB; 12"; E; S. Creamy white/plum/pink; F. White w/ wide purple/black band and center stripe; B. tangerine.
- Follow My Lead** Thomas Johnson 2023 TB; 37"; EM; S. Orange; F. Yellow orange w/ white center and deep rose edge; B. tangerine; Sweet fragrance.
- Gingerbread Trim** Paul Black 2006 SDB; 11"; EML; S. Brown-plum w/ gold edge; F. Rusty butterscotch w/ big oxblood red center spot; B. gold; Pronounced sweet fragrance; HM.
- Head of the Class** Thomas Johnson 2023 TB; 38"; ML; S. Golden yellow; F. Burgundy red w/ lavender band and lemon edge; B. orange; Light sweet fragrance.
- Kimtastic** Stout 2022 TB; 36"; ML; S. Peach/light fuchsia w/fuchsia veins; F. Plum raspberry purple w/ pale pink border; B. plum-white-orange; Slight sweet fragrance.
- Monet Painting** Linda Miller 2023 TB; 37"; EM; S. Dark apricot / medium purple; F. Apricot center, purple border, plum midline; B. tangerine; slight sweet fragrance.
- Noble Lord** Rick Tasco 2019 TB; 40"; ML; S. Red beetroot-purple; F. Veined bishops violet center, red beetroot-purple edges; B. brown-violet-purple; PBF; Slight fragrance; HM.
- Psychedelic Dreams** Skaggs 2018 SDB; 12"; ML; S. Yellow-chartreuse, wide violet edge; F. light yellow w/ chartreuse spot; B. orange-blue-violet; sweet fragrance.
- Rose of Cimarron** Skaggs 2022 TB; 38"; S. Yellow w/ cinnamon edge; F. Yellow gold w/ $\frac{3}{4}$ " stippled cinnamon edge and center line, white signal; B. gold; Slight spicy fragrance.
- Running in Circles** Johnson 2022 TB; 37"; L; S. orchid self. F. black cherry signal. B. orange. Sweet fragrance.
- Schwing** Stout 2022 BB SA; 25"; ML; S. Aureolin yellow, peach yellow center; F. Aureolin yellow; B. Pale aureolin with flounce or cream horn.
- Storm Clouds Rollin'** Skaggs 2022 IB; 22"; ML; S. Tan to creamy yellow, purple midrib F. medium purple, deep purple blaze, cream/deep purple veins. B. burnt orange; slight spicy fragrance.
- Superstitious** Thomas Johnson 2023 IB; 26"; EM; S. light yellow ground, near solid mulled wine overlay and edge; F. lime yellow ground, deep wine-red dotted edge and center line; B. yellow-orange; Slight sweet fragrance.

**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 Thursday, April 18 and Sunday 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 \$11.00 if purchased the same day. Hours for breakfast are 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Saturday and



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	
	____ Brined Bone-in Pork Chop	____ Hickory Roasted Chicken	
(Optional tour not included)	____ 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