



# *Fleur de Lis*

## *Clara B. Rees Iris Society*

**May 2024**

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**Next Meeting**

**May 3, 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**

If you have ever wanted to grow your own iris from seed, you will not want to miss Friday's meeting! Our very own Carolyn Craft will present a timely program on iris hybridizing that is sure to be fun and informative! Learn about pod and pollen parents and how to identify the parts of the flower. Carolyn will demonstrate techniques and tips for collecting pollen, making crosses, tagging and record keeping, and harvesting and planting seeds.

This is a How To event so bring in a potted iris in bloom or any cut iris bloom (exhibition quality is not necessary). Please bring a flower or two with the ovary, spathe and an inch or two of stem still attached, tweezers and if you have one, a small microscope.

Carolyn has served in numerous leadership roles for Region 14 and CBRIS, and she has been a Master Gardener for over 20 years. She resides in Los Gatos with her husband, fellow CBRIS member, Wayne. On their 1.4 acres they have tended bees, poultry and over 1,659 different types of irises. They have also grown over 100 different fruit trees, more than 100 different roses and many rare plants.

See you on Friday!

–Trang Bui, CBRIS Vice-President

**NOTICE**  
**CBRIS Meeting at Willow Glen Library**  
**NOT West Valley Library**

## Dahout Digs

### May 2024

### “A Rainbow of Iris!”

We had a very beautiful show on Sunday at the Joan Pisani Community Center in Saratoga, and we had a blast! Congratulations to all the winners and to all of you who pulled together to make our show the success that it was. It was well attended by the public who were gobsmacked by the gorgeousness of the blooms and artistic arrangements. I'm so thankful that we have such enthusiastic and helpful members! At our meeting on Friday, we will discuss what we liked and what needs improvement for next year.

Earlier in April, we had our potted iris sale at the Saratoga Farmers Market. The first two hours were chaos, but in a good way. After tax, we netted \$1,582.00. The following day, we had our garden tours organized by Linda Lomparis. Thank you, Linda! We visited four very different gardens, Jennifer and Avis Morris's, Chad Schroter's, Lisa and Steve Chen's and Elaine Fischer's. The weather gods cooperated, and we had a lovely day. Thank you for opening your gardens!

Next up, many of us attended the Spring Regional in Auburn. We were treated to an iris show that included horticulture and artistic arrangements, and the next day we visited the Horton Iris Garden and Ruth Ostroff's Garden. Attendees could receive Judges training in one garden by Kitty Loberg or Andi Rivola in the other. The topics were Tall Bearded in the garden and Bearded Irises in the garden. Later that evening, Andi Rivarola, President of AIS, gave a great presentation and a thirty-minute judges training on Spurias.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at Friday's meeting. Let's celebrate! Carol Dahout, CBRIS President



# Minutes

CBRIS Meeting, April 5, 2024

President Carol Dahout called the meeting to order at 7:39 PM

Carol announced April birthdays.

A memorial service for Philippa Alvis will be held on May 25 at her house.

Carol passed out show flyers.

There are still CBRIS t-shirts available: Ladies' Medium, blue, long-sleeves, Ladies' Medium, pink, v-neck, short sleeves.

Four more clerks needed for the show. Lynn, Lisa, Steve, and Linda volunteered. Need people to greet the public at the show.

**Program:** Preparing for the show.

Carol passed out lists of items needed for your show toolbox.

Jane demonstrated how to stage your iris. An iris stalk needs to be straight, with at least two branches. The terminal bud must be open. A branch can be separated from the stalk by putting a wedge of paper between the branch and the stalk. Bring the freshest flowers you can. Cut stalks the day before the show. If buds are showing color, they can be opened by leaving the stalk in a steamy bathroom overnight.

Five-gallon buckets with a place for each stalk are good for transporting iris to the show.

When staging the iris, avoid putting fingerprints on stem. Handle stem by the spathe if possible. Don't let a leaf rest on the edge of the holder. Ideally, a stem should be a maximum of twice the height of the holder

Jane passed out an example of a display label card and instructions on how to fill it out. The card should be clipped to the front of the exhibit.

There will be a division for single blooms at the show. The stalk should be about 2 inches tall. No buds are allowed. The club supplies the little bottle to display it in.

**Business:**

Garden tour schedule was announced.

Jeff invited us to see the arilbreds blooming at Dry Creek Garden.

Door Prizes were awarded.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully written and submitted,  
Andrea Clague, CBRIS Society





## Treasurer's Report



Mark Greene 4  
 Naomi Nakata 8  
 Carol Dahout 30

<b>Beginning balance, April 1, 2024</b>	<b>\$ 16,171.55</b>
Revenue: Pot sales, paid via Square	351.00
Sales tax collected	32.02
Cash sales	1,230.60
Sales tax	115.40
Expenses: Square fees	12.56
Show expenses	257.56
Show judges	450.00
Hospitality	107.49
Library rent	40.00
<b>Ending balance, April 30, 2024</b>	<b>\$ 17,032.96</b>

FIRST CLASS

REFRESHMENTS

ONLY

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Alice

Carol

Mikey

Linda & Scott

### Dry Creek

Dry Creek Garden in Union City is open for visits. Contact Jeff Bennett for details. It is definitely worth the short trip up there!

## May Iris Culture

Blooming time continues! It can be difficult to weed when the garden is full of blooms. Do try to remove spent bloomstalks by cutting or snapping them close to the ground. Check your labels as the irises bloom. It is so easy to look up names while in the garden. Make use of that cell phone. You will want a correctly named iris if you enter an iris show or share a rhizome with someone else. Be on the lookout for snails, earwigs and other little pests.

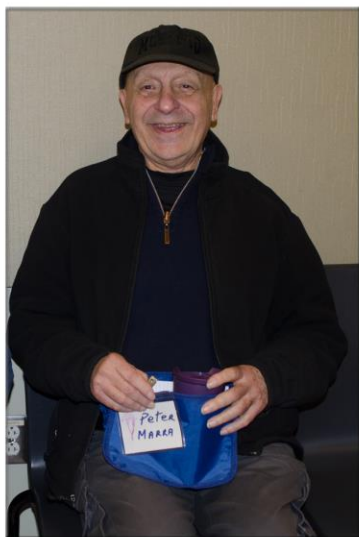
The ground is just starting to dry out. We have had a lot of rain this year, with a bit more expected this coming Saturday. We will eventually have to water the irises. Watering deeply every ten days or so will help increase the size of the new rhizomes when they are dug in July or August. If you fertilize and water the rebloomers they will put another show on for you later.

Enjoy bloom season!



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# Farmers' Market 2024



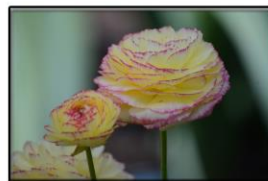
# Morris Garden







# Schroter Garden 2024



# Chen Garden





# Fischer Garden



CBRIS Door Prize Iris for January May 2024



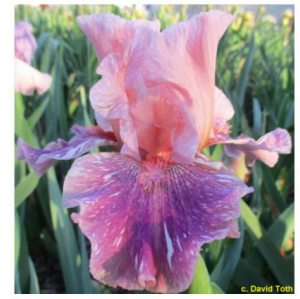
All Stitched Up



Bad to the Bone  
IB SA



Bitty Beauty MDB



Briar Berries



Desert Dynamo  
AB OGB-



Electrolie IB



Endless Chain SDB



Feared Weird TB SA



Gentle True Spirit BB



Golden Illusion AB



Il Etait Une Fols



Love Me Forever



Mythical



Pay the Piper BB



Rhizome Cowboy



Searing Beauty



Sparks to a Flame



Such a Sweetheart



This is Crazy



Words of Wisdom

## CBRIS Door Prize Iris Descriptions May 2024

**All Stitched Up** Thomas Johnson 2023 TB; 37"; EM; S. Yellow; F. Cream, medium violet stitched haft and band; B. Orange; Sweet fragrance.

**Bad to the Bone** Stout 2023 IB SA; 25"; EM; S. Light yellow; F. White w/ dark citrine yellow shoulders; B. Yellow orange, tropical indigo horns.

**Bitty Beauty** Schreiner 2020 MDB; 7.5"; E; S. White; F. Deep purple, white rim; B. yellow; Slight fragrance;

**Briar Berries** David Toth 2023 IB; 17"; E; S. Coral pink, streaked white; F. purple-pink, light pink rim, streaked white; B. tangerine- pink.

**Desert Dynamo** Paul Black 2023 AB OGB-; 32"; L; S. Pale violet white, light buff filigree; F. Blended mid-greyed rosy violet, grape signal; B. Dark chocolate; Slight sweet fragrance.

**Electrolier** Stout 2023 IB; 25"; ML; S. White, blue-violet undertones; F. White w/ indigo violet wash, fine cream rim; B. white w/ light yellow tips.

**Endless Chain** M. Bersillion 2020 SDB; 9"; EM; S. Peach, light yellow edge; F. Peach, yellow edge; B. blue-violet.

**Feared Weird** Burseen 2022 TB SA; 35"; VE; S. Grey, washed amethyst violet; F. Grey, imperial purple wash, lavender-violet washed edge; B. orange-champagne; Slight musky fragrance.

**Gentle True Spirit** Skaggs 2022 BB; 24"; ML; S. Light pink; F. Light pink; B. Light pink; Pronounced sweet fragrance.

**Golden Illusion** Rick Tasco 2022 AB; 33"; ML; S. White; F. Gold, overlaid red, diffuse black signal; B. Brown.

**Il Etait Une Fois** M. Bersillion 2021 TB; 37.5"; ML; S. Pale pink; F. White w/ pink edge; B. orange-red; Slight sweet fragrance.

**Love Me Forever** Rick Tasco 2022 TB; 38"; ML; S. Pink; F. Cream, magenta band; B. orange.

**Mythical** Joe Ghio 2021 TB; 35"; ML; S. Mid-pink. F. Mid-blue, mid-pink edge; B. light tangerine.

**Pay the Piper** Paul Black 2023 BB; 26"; ML; S. Buff pink; F. Buff pink, washed rose, darker rose edge; B. dark orange; Slight spicy fragrance.

**Rhizome Cowboy** Schreiner 2023 TB; 35"; M RE; S. White; F White w/ purple wash; B. White w/ yellow tips; Fragrant.

**Searing Beauty** Skaggs 2022 TB; 38"; M; S. Sandstone, brick red midrib and edge; F. Brick red, orange blaze; B. orange.

**Sparks to a Flame** S. Kelly 2022 TB; 32"; E; S. Yellow-gold, rusty red edge; F. Yellow-gold, rusty red throat and edge, light purple midline; B. orange; Slight fragrance.

**Such a Sweetheart** Thomas Johnson 2023 TB; 36"; M; S. Light pink, lavender plicata dots; F. Cream, deep violet hafts, faint light violet dotted edge; B. tangerine-lavender, tips orange and violet; Sweet fragrance.

**This is Crazy** Thomas Johnson 2023 TB; 36"; M; S. Lemon-yellow; F. Rust to burgundy, white rays; B. Yellow.

**Words of Wisdom** Thomas Johnson 2023 TB; 37"; ML; S. Old gold, light yellow rim; F. Deep mauve, gold band; B. orange-yellow-lavender; Sweet fragrance.

## The 2024 Regional

2024 Region 14 Spring Regional was held April 19 - 20th in the Auburn, California area. The weekend began on Friday, with a show held at the Holiday Inn. The room was filled with gorgeous iris blooms and floral arrangements. There were three panels consisting of three judges each to go through all the irises. Our very own, Carol Dahout took Best of Section with her 'Sutter's Fort Bound' using wood in the design. I lost count of all the blues that Jeff Bennett took in the horticulture section. Congrats to all who entered. After the show, the business meeting was held. RVP Carolyn Hoover headed the meeting.



Saturday brought the garden tours. There were two groups. I was on the one that first visited Ruth Ostroff's garden in Rio Linda. Two acres of garden delight including the guest iris, a Dykes garden, a historical section, the Sacramento door prize iris, as well as many of her collected irises. There were numerous irises to view as the garden was almost at peak bloom. Outstanding clumps were Diana Ford's 'Centennial Celebration' and Rick Tasco's 'Just for Ken.' Ruth was a delightful hostess and had a great garden We will be back!



Two Judges Trainings took place simultaneously. I attended the one at Ruth's garden on 'Bearded Iris in the Garden' given by Kitty Loberg. Kitty is a good instructor. The other JT was given by Andi Rivarola at Horton Iris Garden on 'Tall Bearded in the Garden.' I am certain that Andi shared his expertise well.

The group then headed over to Horton Iris Garden in Loomis. First up was lunch. A nice semi-private seating area was set up for our boxed lunches. Shade, tables and chairs were needed for a bit before we began the garden walk-through as the day was getting quite warm. Many of us have been to Mary Ann's place before. This year they are celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> year in business. The guest iris were located on top of the hill. We were a bit early for most of the bloom there. One that was blooming quite well was Doug Kanarowski's 'Buttermilk and Blue Cheese'. There were plenty of blooms to see throughout the large iris farm. Mary Ann is an AIS judge and belongs to the Sacramento and Sierra Foothills Iris Societies. She can answer any iris question that you may have. They have a website. Check it out at <https://www.hortonirisdgarden.com/>.



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We voted for the best irises seen blooming at the convention. The winners are announced at dinner on Saturday night. Bill Fink is the Trophies and Awards Chair. He and his team have their hands full tallying up the votes before the announcement at dinner.

**Knopf Cup** - Best Seedling - **U4HXHM2** by **Riley Probst**

**Out of Region** – A hybridizer outside Region 14 - **‘Sunglasses Needed’** by **Steve Kelly**

**Cotillion Cup** – Best Region 14 hybridizer current introduction – **‘Aubrianna’** by **Bill Tyson**

**Clara B. Rees** – Best past introduction by a Region 14 hybridizer – **‘Just for Ken’** by **Rick Tasco**

**Jim Gibson Cup**- Best Plicata, introduced in last 5 years **‘Poetry in Bloom’** by **Anna Cadd**

**Hager-Dubose Cup** – Bearded, not tall, within last 5 years – **‘Pin-Striped Suit’** by **Riley Probst**

We enjoyed a great buffet with a no-host cocktail time beforehand. Andi Rivarola, the AIS president, was the guest speaker. We saw many beautiful Spurias in his presentation and were able to pick up a 30-minute Judges Training on Spurias. The end of the evening brought the close of the silent auction and the calling for the winners of the raffle baskets. You will be happy to know that Carolyn Craft won a basket from Sierra Foothills and Gina Johnson’s mother won the Clara B Rees basket. – Mikey Lango

## Clara B Rees Spring Show

### ‘A Rainbow of Iris’

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Thank you to everyone who helped with CBRIS Spring Show this past weekend. It was a great success. Entries were slightly down in the artistic section but higher in the horticultural division. Not bad considering that some of our members had other commitments or were ill.

We had excellent help and entries from our newer members.

Yay! There was good attendance and a lot of interaction with the public. In next month’s newsletter, there will be more details and photos. Highlights were Wayne Crabbs from MBIS won Best of Show with tall bearded ‘Bye Bye Blues’ and Carol Dahout won Best Artistic with her two-container ‘Rainbow Connection’.





# 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 503-283-4466. 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  
\$350.00 \$400.00 Amount \_\_\_\_\_  
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  
(Includes same as full registration) \$200.00 \$250.00 Amount \_\_\_\_\_

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 16<sup>th</sup>) \$65.00 (by May 16<sup>th</sup>) \$80.00 Amount \_\_\_\_\_  
Awards Banquet (by April 16<sup>th</sup>) \$70.00 (by May 16<sup>th</sup>) \$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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 16<sup>th</sup>. 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@podigy.net](mailto:dalegrams@podigy.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