



Fleur de Lis

Clara B. Rees Iris Society

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Next Meeting

June 7, 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

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Region 14

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American Iris Society

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CBRIS Program

Hi, CBRISians!

We are delighted to welcome Jean Richter as our special guest speaker for June via Zoom. Jean has been growing irises for over 20 years, and will be presenting a program on Historic Iris you will not want to miss!



Jean is an American Iris Society Master Judge, and Historic and Novelty iris enthusiast. She is the current

Membership Secretary for AIS, while also holding the position of Digital Images Coordinator. She is a former officer of the Historic Iris Preservation Society, former Regional Vice President for AIS Region 14 and the current President of Sydney B Mitchell Iris Society.

See you on Friday, June 7th!

This Zoom presentation will be for attendees only.

—Trang Bui, CBRIS Vice-President

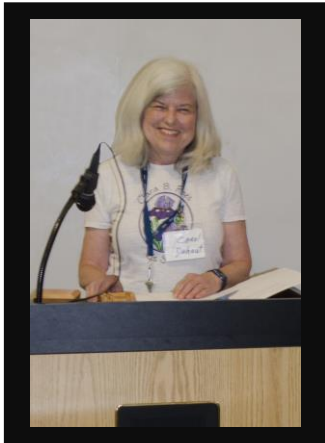
AIS National Convention in Portland

Photos will be much appreciated from members attending the AIS National Iris Convention, June 26 to June 29, 2024. It would be nice if one of you could do a write-up to be included in the next CBRIS newsletter for those of us that will miss this event. Our appreciation will be given!

NOTICE

**CBRIS June meeting will be
at the West Valley Library**

Dahout Digs June 2024 Awards Night!



It's our Oscar night for our spring show "A Rainbow of Iris"! Come and collect your accolades, ribbons and trophies. Find out which new member won Best of Show! Jane Jordan will be presenting the awards. If you didn't enter a specimen or artistic arrangement this year, come and be inspired for next year. Our show in 2025 will again be at the Joan Pisani Community Center on Sunday, April 6th. Mark your calendars!

I hope and trust everyone enjoyed a glorious iris bloom, and some still are if you are a grower of Japanese Iris. I hope to learn more about Japanese iris at the AIS National coming up in Portland, Oregon, June 26-29, 2024.

Now that our bloom is pretty much past, it is time to fertilize, preferably with fertilizer lower in nitrogen (5-10-10). Too much nitrogen encourages foliage growth which makes the iris more susceptible to pests and diseases. Sprinkle a handful around each clump and be sure to water it in. Continue to water through June and keep the weeds away. Amend your soil, if needed, but do not put mulch too close to your iris.

In July, it will be time to dig and divide. Be sure to label your dug iris with the name of the iris on the center leaf, trim the fan and trim the roots. We will be collecting rhizomes for our picnic on Sunday, July 21st and for our Yamagami Sale on August 3rd. Mary Collins will be calling for the door prize iris, for those of you who are growing them, to be delivered to her, cleaned and labeled, no later than Wednesday July 17th.

This Friday's meeting will be our last before our summer break. No meetings in July and August. We have an exciting meeting planned and I hope you can all attend.



Save the Date July 21, 2024

It's time to mark your calendar for the CBRIS Annual Rhizome Picnic and Auction/Raffle.

Where - Ortega Park in Sunnyvale. We will be located in the gazebo area. Parking is on either Harrow Way or Inverness Way. **The earlier you arrive, the better your chance is of finding a good parking spot.** Please let us know if you will need help getting from the parking lot to the gazebo, so we can have people ready to assist you.

When - Sunday, July 21, 2024. Plan to be there by 9:00 AM so that we can set up and organize the tables for the auction. The auction will start promptly at 10:00 AM, with a picnic lunch to follow. Parking, and possible warm weather, are two reasons for us to get an early start on our festivities.

Why - At this event members pick up their Door Prize rhizomes and participate in an auction for newer varieties of irises. There will also be a raffle of older irises that our members dig and donate.

What to Bring - A sign-up sheet will be passed around at our next meeting to give ideas of what to bring to our pot-luck picnic. CBRIS will supply bottled water. "Must Haves" are plates, napkins and utensils. Bring a chair and a bag for your rhizome purchases. Don't forget your **CHECKBOOK!!** Also, please bring cleaned, trimmed and marked iris rhizomes for our raffle.

You might consider bringing a list of previous CBRIS Door Prize favorites since some of these will be on the auction table. Also, if you have recent iris catalogs ('22, '22, '23) that have pictures of our Door Prize irises please bring those along to help others with choosing what they might want to bid on.

You must pick up your door prize irises at the picnic, or arrange to have someone pick them up for you! If someone else is going to pick up your door prizes you must contact Mary Collins at mc.rescuesgreys@gmail.com to let her know. **If Mary has not heard from you by July 20th your door prize winnings will end up on the auction table.**

As in previous years we remind you to leave your pets at home.

If you have any questions about the picnic, contact Christine Dickinson at cdickins@aol.com, 408-257-3904 Home or 408-569-4300 Cell

See You There!!





Treasurer's Report



Garry Knipe	2
Jane Jordan	5
Marie Kerlau	6
Jane Reiter	6
Scott Smith	12
Elaine Fischer	14
Kimberly Graham	23

Beginning balance, May 1, 2024	\$ 17,032.96
Revenue: Add back 3 judges checks	150.00
Dues	60.00
Refund of show site deposit	500.00
Expenses: Beardless iris	343.90
Show expenses	347.49
Regional basket	30.00
Library rent for meeting	40.00
Hall rental for 2025 show, including deposit	2108.00
Ending balance, May 31, 2024	\$ 14,873.57



CBRIS Hospitality Chairpersons

Steve and Lisa Chen

Refreshments

Naomi Nakata

Jane Kwant

Wendee Augustiro

If you want your name entered into a raffle at the summer picnic, please bring your own mug/cup to the monthly meetings

Another passing

More sad news. Lesley Painter passed away on May 26 after a 5-year illness. There will be no services. Lesley and John Painter owned Napa County Iris Garden before Lesley's health issues caused the garden to close.

—Jeff Bennett

There is a blog on World of Irises "California Dreaming 5—Napa County Iris Gardens", Monday, February 18, 2019 written by Bryce Williamson



Shirley Trio-Probst

We are extremely sad to hear of Shirley Trio's passing on May 16th. She was such a presence in Region 14 and all the societies in the region. There is a nice obituary in Mount Diablo's May newsletter.

A few excerpts:

Born in Merced on June 25, 1943

Married and had three children and adopted her cousin's daughter

She was a registered nurse

She became interested in irises in 1970, joined the AIS and became a lifetime member, operated her own commercial garden, became an AIS judge, eventually becoming a master judge

She met Riley Probst in 1995, married, and moved to Missouri for a few years, was involved in many iris clubs in the Missouri area and served as Convention Registrar before their moving to Modesto

Has been a member of several iris societies in Region 14; served as president, secretary, director, hospitality chairperson, and was a founding member in some of the societies

In Region 14, she has been Finance Chair, Secretary, Director, Bulletin Editor, Membership Director, and Chairwoman of the 2019 AIS Convention

Shirley (along with Riley) operated Fleur De Lis iris Garden in Modesto and has introduced an iris named Opposites.

Shirley attended 25 AIS Conventions

Shirley was always a busy woman. She loved people, was very kind and would give you the shirt off her back. She always had time to lend an ear and give a thought or two. She leaves behind her husband, Riley, four children and six grandchildren. We will miss her. Our deepest condolences to Riley and family.



Minutes CBRIS Meeting, May 3, 2024



President Carol Dahout called the meeting to order at 7:36 P.M..

Carol announced May birthdays.

Carol discussed our show. There were 14 exhibitors and 105 entries, including 11 entries in the Artistic Division. Seventy-eight members of the public attended the show. We recruited two new members, Beth Brandt and Wayne Crabbs, who is also a member of MBIS.

Carol asked CBRIS members for their comments on the show. Members thought that the venue was a good one and appreciated the ample parking. For next year's show, members requested that there be a vegetarian alternative for lunch and also fruit at breakfast and lunch.

Andrea read the minutes.

Treasurer's report: CBRIS bank balance is \$17,032.96.

Program: How to hybridize.

Carolyn Craft demonstrated the way to hybridize irises. She handed out a picture showing the parts of an iris flower and showed how to remove the anthers and apply the pollen onto the stigmatic lip of the bloom. She told us to record the date of each cross and label each cross with a number and the names of the parents, pod parent first, then pollen parent. It takes two months for the seed pod to mature and turn brown. Carolyn said to put a mesh bag over each pod to catch the seeds when the pod pops. Jeff Bennett recommended soaking the seeds in water for three days, changing the water each day, and then refrigerating them for 60 days in baggies. Seeds from each cross can be planted in the same pot. Once the seeds are planted, it takes 70 days for seeds to sprout.



Old Business:

We netted \$1,582 from our pot sale at the Saratoga Farmer's Market.

New Business

Our picnic will be on July 21.

Door prizes were awarded.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M..

Respectfully written and submitted,
Andrea Clague, CBRIS Society



AIS 2024 Tall Bearded Iris Symposium Underway

The 2024 Tall bearded Iris Symposium is now open. You should have received your ballot in the Spring 2024 issue of the Bulletin. If you are an E-Member of AIS or you need extra copies of the ballot, you may download the ballot at: <https://www.irises.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/AIS-2024-TB-SYMPOSIUM-BALLOT-1.pdf>

The symposium is open to all AIS members and non-members alike. Whether you are a judge or not, when you vote, not only does it tell us what irises are most popular, it also helps us see what irises do well in your part of the country. You should only vote for irises you grow in your garden or have seen growing elsewhere.

You may send your physical ballot to your RVP or you can vote by contacting them by email. If you vote electronically, email either the name of the iris or the number of the iris on the ballot. You can choose up to 25 irises to vote for. You have up to August 1 to complete your ballot and send it to your RVP, Carolyn Hoover at yischoover@gmail.com

Your AIS affiliate also has a vote. It can be a fun club activity. Your club can either choose to have each member choose a favorite or choose favorites by the group.

Please vote for your favorite tall bearded irises.

This and That

Please feel free to submit articles concerning iris, etc. to the newsletter.

Your editor needs some fresh ideas!



We will restart the iris wish list if there is an interest. If so, send me the variety's name. Perhaps another member has an iris you would love to see in your garden.

–Mikey Lango

We can start off the Wish List with one that Chris Dickinson would like – ‘Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy.’”





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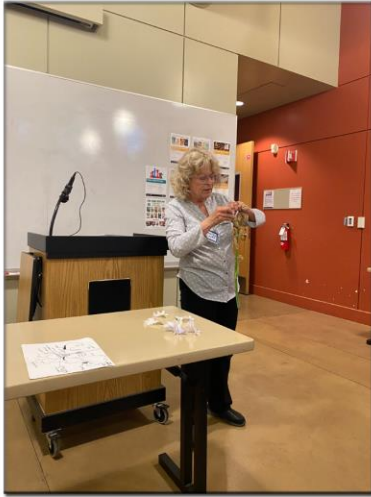
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CBRIS Spring Show 2024



Set up



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Judging



'A Rainbow of Iris'



Artistic Section



CBRIS Door Prize Iris for June 2024



Astral Projection
SDB SA



Bam MDB



Blazing Orange BB



Catch Phrase



Dusky Challenger



Finger Lickin' Good
IB SA



Gift Horse IB



Gypsy Lord



Just Between Us



Magic Swirl



Night Dancer



Power of Suggestion



Quarantine Queen



Ring My Bell TB SA



Shaman's Magic AB



Splashacata



Super Sized



Torched



Victoria Falls



Zero Gravity

CBRIS Door Prize Iris Descriptions June 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.