



Fleur de Lis

Clara B. Rees Iris Society

July 2024

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Annual Picnic

July 21, 2024

Ortega Park

636 Harrow Way

Sunnyvale, CA 94087

Set up 9:00 AM

Auction 10:00 AM

Dues

Sep 1, 2023-
Aug 31, 2024

Adults - \$15.00

Carol Dahout

CBRIS President

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CBRIS Annual Picnic and Auction Sunday, July 21, 2024

Will you be joining us for the CBRIS Annual Rhizome Picnic and Auction/Raffle? We really hope so since it is one of CBRIS' favorite events of the year.

Where - We will be in the gazebo area in Ortega Park, 636 Harrow Way, Sunnyvale. Parking is accessible by either Harrow Way or Inverness Way. This park is very popular, so be advised that the earlier you arrive, the better your chance is of finding a close parking spot. Please let us know if you will need help getting from the parking lot to the gazebo so we can be 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 and raffle. The auction will start promptly at 10:00 AM, with a pot-luck picnic lunch to follow. Possible warm weather is reason enough for us to get an early start on our festivities.

Why - At this event members will 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 – Please bring cleaned, trimmed and marked iris rhizomes for the raffle.

The potluck sign-up sheet was passed around during our June meeting. If you were not at the meeting, or forgot to sign-up, contact Chris Dickinson at cdickins@aol.com. Please bring your own plates, napkins and utensils. CBRIS will supply bottled water and ice. Bring a chair, and a bag for your rhizome purchases. Do not forget your **CHECKBOOK!!** Consider bringing a list of previous CBRIS Door Prize favorites, since some of these might be on the auction table.

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 before the auction begins 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, or leave a message at 408-569-4300.

See You There!!

Dahout Digs

July 2024

Can you dig it?

If you are a door prize iris grower, your rhizomes must be delivered to Mary Collins by Wednesday, July 17th, so that we can ready them for our CBRIS picnic on July 21st. The picnic is where you can pick up the iris you have won over the year by attending meetings and Spinning the Wheel! If you are unable to attend the picnic, please make arrangements with another member to pick your DPIs up. If they are not picked up, they will be put back on the auction table and sent home with the highest bidder!



If you are digging for our rhizome sale at Yamagami's Garden Center on August 3, please commence digging on Monday, July 29th, trim and label the center leaf. Deliver to my house or Mary's no later than July 31st. Check with Mary to see if she has a picture of your variety. If she doesn't, and you have printing capabilities, please print one out.

My address is 738 Oakgrove Dr., San Jose.

Mary's address is 635 Monferino Dr, San Jose.

We will have our pot(ting) party on Sunday, August 11, from 9:30 to noon, followed by a fabulous breakfast at my house. This is where we pot up our iris for next year's potted iris sale. CBRIS supplies the soil and pots and you supply the rhizomes. I will have a sign-up sheet at the picnic. Please let me know if you can overwinter some pots and how many you can take care of.

Lastly, I will be calling a board meeting for Sunday, September 1st via zoom. We have much to discuss for the upcoming year. All members are invited and encouraged to attend. I will send out an email with the time and zoom link.

Hope to see all of you at the picnic!

Carol Dahout, CBRIS President





July

Kien Tran	12
Henry Rojas	15
Jennifer Morris	24
Lisa Ayala	30

Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance June 1, 2024	\$14,873.57
Expenses: Show awards and engraving	267.27
Refreshments	57.46
Donation to AIS Foundation for Shirley	100.00
Region 14 affiliate dues	276.00
Ending balance, June 30, 2024	\$14,172.84

Culture

It is time to divide and plant your bearded iris rhizomes. In our area, it is suggested that rhizomes be planted by Labor Day. I have had success with replanting through October in my garden. The rhizomes need at least six weeks of growth before it gets too cold.

You do need to clean up your iris beds. Snap off the spent stalks if you have not already done so. Pull off the yellow leaves and keep the beds as weed-free as possible. Now it is recommended not to trim your iris fans down into v-cuts. Some of the old-timers still do though. The longer leaves nourish the iris plant while the trimmed leaves give a neater look to the garden. The irises will grow and bloom with either method.

All replanted rhizomes, whether door prize irises or any other rhizomes acquired, should be dipped in a bleach solution made of one part bleach to nine parts water. Submerge the rhizomes for 10 to 15 minutes then rinse in cold water. Dry the rhizome completely before replanting.

Remember that bearded irises need at least six hours of sun and not to be planted too deeply. After planting, water the irises at least once or twice a week until you see new growth. After that, you may cut back a bit on the water until the winter rains take over. Occasionally, during a dry winter you will need to water the iris beds.

Label the irises using a Kincaid metal tag, a plastic knife or a slat from an old miniblind. Use a weatherproof marker or printer with whatever type of tag that you use. Sharpies will not last. Sometimes a tag may go missing, and that is when a garden map comes in handy. Yes, we all have had to pull out that map a time or two!

Please consider donating some of your extra rhizomes for the CBRIS picnic. We use the newer varieties in the auction and the older ones in the raffle. Let's see what you have to share this year!





Minutes

CBRIS Meeting, June 7, 2024

President Carol Dahout called the meeting to order.

Carol announced June birthdays.

Elaine Fischer is still recovering from back surgery.

Treasurer's report: CBRIS bank balance is \$14,873.57.

Program: Jean Richter gave a presentation on historic iris via Zoom.

A handout containing information on Kinkaid plant markers, and the Brother printer and labels was passed out.

Jane Jordan presented the 2024 CBRIS Iris Show trophies:

Trophy	Inscription
Best of Show	2024 Wayne Crabbs - Bye Bye Blues (TB)
Best Tall Bearded	2024 Wayne Crabbs - Listen to the Music (TB)
Best Bearded Other than Tall	2024 Jane Jordan - Black Label (BB)
Best Arilbred	2024 Wayne Crabbs - Enduring Beauty (AB)
Best Historic	2024 Jane Kwant - Change of Pace (TB)
Best Artistic Design	2024 Carol Dahout
Best Seedling	2024 Garry Knipe - 1804_1 (PCI)
Best Pacific Coast	2024 Jane Jordan - Killer Smile
Best Spuria	2024 Jane Jordan - Adriatic Blue
Silver Medal	2024 Wayne Crabbs
Bronze Medal	2024 Jane Jordan
People's Choice Horticulture	2024 Carol Dahout - Hemstitched (TB)
People's Choice Artistic	2024 Carol Dahout



Business Meeting

It is sad to report that Shirley-Trio Probst died on May 16; and Leslie Painter died on May 26. Members approved a motion that CBRIS should donate \$100 to the AIS in Shirley's memory.

Jane Jordan reported the door prize iris for next year will be arriving in July and will be delivered to the growers at the picnic. Also, the beardless door prize irises have been ordered and will arrive in mid-September for the October meeting.

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Minutes continued

Chris Dickinson passed around sign-ups for the picnic on Sunday, July 21st.

Yamagami rhizome sale is on August 3.

Our pot party will be on August 11 at Carol's house.

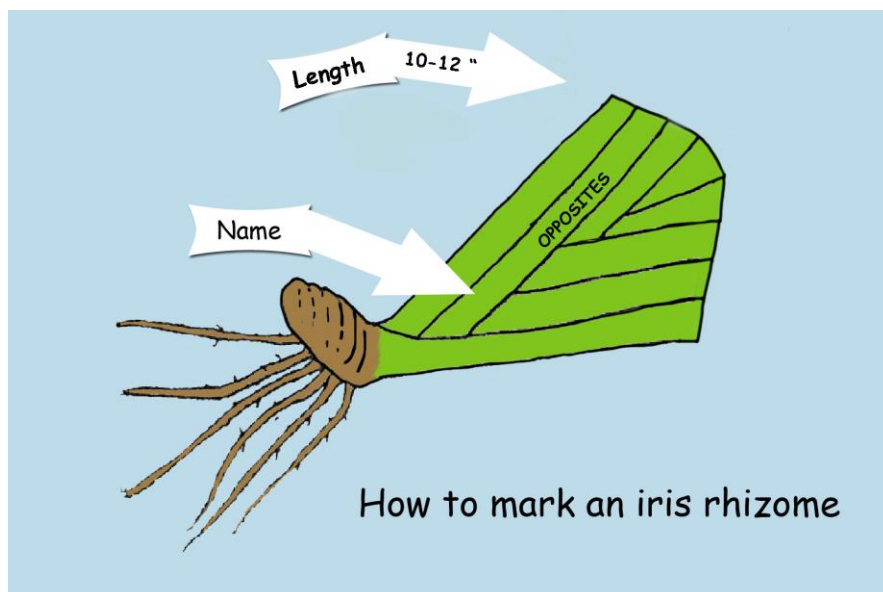
Door prizes were awarded.

Respectfully written and submitted,

Andrea Clague, CBRIS Secretary

Iris Rhizomes

CBRIS needs a great number of rhizomes over the next month. First up is the annual picnic. There we need newer rhizomes for the auction and others for the raffle. Next month iris rhizomes will be needed for the sale at Yamagami's Garden Center in Cupertino. The following week, after the sale, we pot rhizomes for our spring sale at the Saratoga Farmers' Market at West Valley College. Please donate to the club. Start with the picnic - bring a lot or bring a few, just bring some! They do need to be cleaned, trimmed and labeled. Leave the length at least ten inches or more as the ends turn brown over time and we may have to freshen their looks by retrimming.





CBRIS Meeting June 2024





Awards Night June 2024



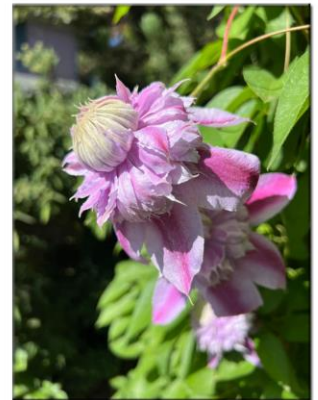
2024 AIS National Convention

The American Iris Society Convention in Portland, Oregon was held from June 25th to June 29th. It was hosted by the Greater Portland Iris Society. We had what I would call perfect weather from the upper 60's to about 80. There were both sunny and overcast days with even a little drizzle one afternoon before the tours. Five gardens were included plus an optional tour to the Japanese Gardens in Washington Park in Portland. All the gardens on tour were commercial gardens. The collection of Japanese Iris at Mt. Pleasant was absolutely stunning. We couldn't have visited at a better time. The Japanese Iris looked great at Mid-America along with all the other plantings there.

There was the opportunity to attend programs presented by the Iris Societies, judges training on Japanese irises, dinners, and banquets. From my count, eight members of CBRIS were there.

–Jeff Bennett

Sebright Gardens



–photos by Jeff Bennett



NATIONAL CONVENTION

—photos by Steve Chen and Carol Dahout





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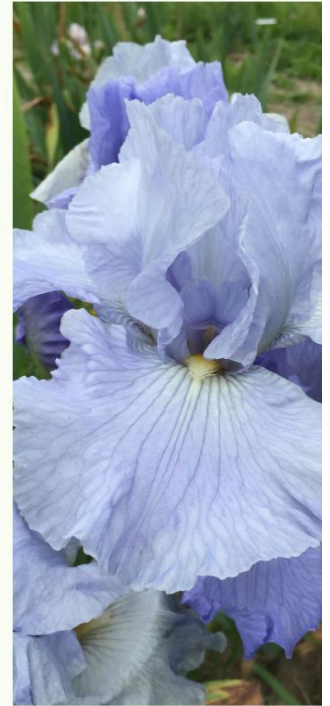


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ANNUAL RHIZOME SALE

Come early for the best selection!

At Yamagami's Garden Center



Saturday, August 3
9 AM to 2 PM

1361 S De Anza Ave
Cupertino, CA 95014





Region 14

2024 Fall Regional October 11-12-13, 2024

'A Fall Harvest of Colors'

Hosted by Region 14

Guest Speaker

Delane Langton, Co-Chair of the 2025 AIS National Convention,

Eagle Ridge Iris Garden, Billings, MT

Conference Room of the Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fresno, CA

1084 W. Bullard, Fresno, CA 93711

Lodging in your choice at hotels or Air B & Bs in the greater Fresno area.

Registration includes a full lunch on Saturday, and during the meeting Saturday morning there will be a light breakfast served consisting of coffee, tea, juice and light pastries on Sat and Sunday mornings. In garden tour and 1 hr. garden training at Bee Haven Iris Garden, Coarsegold on Sun. 10/13 @ 10:30 AM/

Registrant 1 First Name _____ Last Name _____

Registrant 2 First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail for confirmation _____

Local Iris Society _____

Registration if paid by September 7th, 2024, \$75 per person x person (s) Total \$ _____

If paid after September 7th, 2024 \$80 per person x person(s) Total \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Region 14 & mail to Registrar:

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