



Fleur de Lis

Clara B. Rees Iris Society

Oct 2024

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Next Meeting

October 4, 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, 2024-
Aug 31, 2025**

Adults - \$15.00

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CBRIS President

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CBRIS

www.cbris.org

Region 14

aisregion14.org

American Iris Society

www.irises.org

October Program



Jeff Bennett will present CBRIS October's Program on the 2024 AIS National Convention in Portland. The June convention showcased Japanese Iris, iris ensata, in gardens at Mt Pleasant Iris Farm, Mid-America Garden, and more.

Jeff is the gardener at the Dry Creek Garden in Union City, home to the Bay Area's most diverse iris garden. Join us and enjoy the profusion of bloom at this memorable event.



—photos by Jeff Bennett and Jane Jordan



Carolyn Craft

Amy & Jean Hawkins

Mikey Lango

Christy Tsai

Please bring your own cup/mug and utensils

Time to Renew Your Membership!



Please make certain that your dues are paid by the October meeting.

October Birthdays



Rachel Unger

Linda Lomperis

Prabal Bhattacharya

Carolyn Hoover

Kim Kojima

Richard Clark

Peter Marra

Joe Ghio

Bryce Williamson

Chad Schroter

Helen Bliven

Fall Regional Basket Theme

Please bring donated items for the CBRIS Fall Regional basket to the October meeting. The theme is “A Fall Harvest of Colors.” We want to fill our basket with food goodies or fall-related items. There is not much in the basket right now. Let’s all do our share.

Clara B Rees Financial Statement September, 2024

Beginning balance, September 1, 2024	\$19,301.08
Expenses: Library meeting room	40.00
Stamps	70.75
Revenue: Dues	255.00
Rhizome sales	117.00
Sales tax	11.00
Ending balance, September 30, 2024	\$19,573.33



Dahout Digs

October 2024

"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need." – Cicero

Unconditional love. That's what we offer our plants, and our iris in particular. They don't care about us but we fervently want them to grow and thrive. When they do, they make us happy. We willingly spend vast amounts of money for our iris, and then resent having to pay 73 cents for a postage stamp. We really could stick to the iris we have, but we all know we are not going to. It is a joyful addiction.

Upcoming Events

Fall Garden Fair – Master Gardeners of Santa Clara, Saturday, October 5, 9:00 am–2:00 p.m. at Martial Cottle Park, 5283 Snell Ave, San Jose at the Master Gardeners Demonstration Garden. The event has free admission. There is a parking fee of \$6.00 at Martial Cottle Park.

Western Horticultural Society Meeting, Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at the Garden House in Shoup Park in Los Altos. Doors open at 7:00 pm, meeting starts at 7:30 pm. Free for WHS members, \$10 guests. Our **CBRIS member, Garry Knipe** and Michael Mace will present the program, Fun with Moraeas, the "Peacock Flowers" of South Africa. Moraeas are in the family Iridaceae. They are noted for their striking patterns and range of colors! Not to be missed!

2024 Fall Regional 14, October 11-13, 2024, "A Fall Harvest of Colors". Guest speaker, Delane Langton, co-chair of the 2025 AIS National Convention. Judges Training by Doug Kanarowski. Bring a food type item or fall-related something to the CBRIS meeting for our basket.

Bay Area Chrysanthemum Society – free annual show November 2-3, 2024 at Westgate Mall in San Jose. There will be horticulture and artistic divisions.

Dues are due! If you didn't pay your dues at the July picnic or at the last meeting, please bring cash or check to the meeting. The dues are \$15 per individual.

See you Friday!

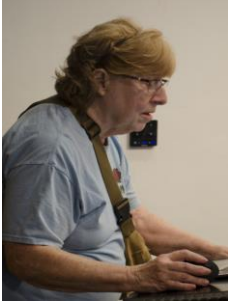
Carol Dahout, CBRIS President



Minutes, CBRIS Meeting, September 6, 2024

President Carol Dahout called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. and welcomed guests.

Dues: Dues for 2024-2025 CBRIS membership are due now. Payments in check or cash can be made to Carol.



Program: Jane Jordan gave a slide presentation on the 2024 American Iris Society (AIS) Awards. Each year AIS gives out Awards of Merit (AM), Honorable Mentions (HM) and Special Merit Awards in each of 15 iris classifications. Any iris is eligible for an AM the second year after previously winning an HM. Jane showed us pictures of all the 2024 top medal winners. Paul Black's Arilbred iris 'Perry Dyer' took top honors as the 2024 winner of the Dykes Medal.

Elections: After thanking the 2023-2024 CBRIS Officers for their service. Carol presented members with the proposed slate of 2024-2025 Officers, which members voted unanimously to approve. Below is the list of the 2024-25 CBRIS Officers along with CBRIS Coordinators and special project Chairs:

Officers:

President: Carol Dahout
 Vice President: Jane Jordan
 Treasurer: Mary Collins
 Secretary: Linda Lomperis

Board of Directors:

1-year Board: Lisa Chen, Steve Chen, Peter Marra, Chris Dickinson
 2-year Board: Lynn Stuart, Naomi Nakata, and Gina Johnson

Appointments:

Show Chair: Carol Dahout
 Artistic Chair: Mikey Lango
 Purveyor of Sunshine: Jane Reiter
 Hospitality: Steve and Lisa Chen
 Refreshments Coordinator: Nancy Mirabella
 Newsletter Editor/Photographer: Mikey Lango
 Garden Tours Coordinator: Naomi Nakata
 Auditor: Naomi Nakata
 Website Curator: Lynn Stuart
 July Picnic Chair: Chris Dickinson
 December Holiday Party Chair: Nancy Mirabella
 Door Prize Selection Committee: Jane Jordan, Mikey Lango and Chris Dickinson
 Door Prize Distribution Coordinator: Mary Collins
 Publicity Chair: Gina Johnson
 Nominating Committee Chair: Carolyn Craft



(Yes, it truly does take a village!)

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(Minutes continued)

Budget: Members were given copies of the proposed 2024-2025 CBRIS budget to review. After a brief discussion, members voted unanimously to accept the proposed budget.

December Holiday Party: Members were asked to suggest possible venues for the 2024 Holiday Party—e.g. places in Willow Glenn or at Westgate. The chosen venue must accommodate 35-40 people.

Fall Regional in Fresno, October 11-13, 2024: CBRIS is assembling a basket for this event. The basket theme is fall food or fall-related items. Members are asked to bring contributions for this basket to the next meeting on October 4.

CBRIS Spring Show: April 6, 2025 in the Joan Pisani Center. Mark your calendars please.

Jack and Phillipa Alvis and Marilyn Boro Memorials: The People's Choice Artistic Award at the Spring Show will henceforth be designated as a memorial to Jack and Philippa Alvis. The People's Choice Horticulture Award will be designated as a memorial to Marilyn Boro who introduced the iris "Dime-A-Dance."

CBRIS Refreshments move toward Zero Waste: In an effort to reduce the expense and need for plastic products, Nancy Mirabella asks members to bring their own cutlery and cups to CBRIS meetings. Members who do so will be entered into a drawing for a prize.

Door Prizes were awarded via the Wheel of Fortune app.

Meeting adjourned around 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Lomperis, CBRIS Secretary

Beardless Iris Culture in Brief

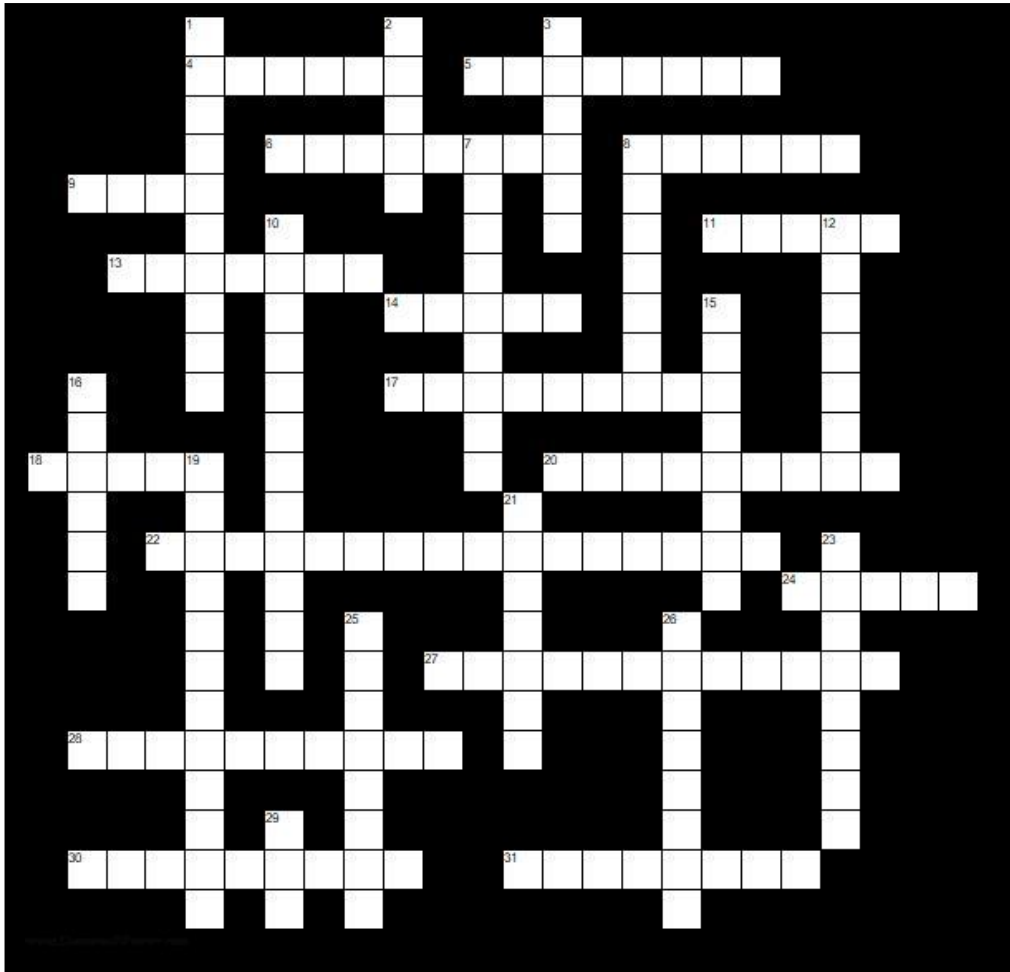
Divide and transplant in the Fall
Keep the rhizomes in water until planted
Plant rhizome 1-3 inches deep

Most like acidic soil, but Spuria like neutral to alkaline
No bone meal for acid loving iris.
Most like lots of water, but Spuria and PCIs want dry summers
Most like full sun, but Foetidissima, Neomarica, and Confusa like shade.
PCIs want winter sun and summer shade.
Mulching will help retain water and deter weeds

–Jane Jordan, CBRIS VP



Iris Terms



Across

- 4 White standards and colored falls
- 5 Sometimes called the dinner plate iris
- 6 A named and registered iris
- 8 Standards and falls are different shades of the same color
- 9 Standards and falls are the same color
- 11 Tuft of fine hairs down the center of each fall
- 13 Clara B. Rees' middle name
- 14 Combination of two or more colors present in the same parts of the flower
- 17 Top three upward petals on an iris
- 18 Lower three petals on an iris
- 20 An iris that blooms in the spring and again in the same growing season
- 22 Earliest iris to bloom in California (3 words)
- 24 A type of bulbous iris
- 27 The Mogan-Wood medal is awarded this species of iris (2 words)
- 28 Highest medal an iris can receive (2 words)
- 30 Originally came from the Gulf States
- 31 Light blue standards and darker falls



Down

- 1 The state that has produced the most Dykes Medal winners
- 2 Shoulders on each side of the beard
- 3 Having tall rigid stems similar to the Dutch Iris
- 7 Yellow standards and darker falls
- 8 Standards and falls are different colors
- 10 The first DM winner
- 12 Underground stem
- 15 An iris introduced 30 years or more
- 16 Contains the pollen
- 19 Type of iris with horns, spoons, or flounces (3 words)
- 21 In Greek mythology, the messenger of the gods, Iris, traveled on this between heaven and earth
- 23 Falls have a brushed pattern, with paler veins and a clear area around the beards
- 25 Any hybridized iris that has not been introduced
- 26 Type of fertilizer should be used for bearded iris
- 29 American Iris Society

Answers can be found on last page

October 26th AIS Region 2 Presentation

A perk to joining the AIS is online programs! Join and you will receive registration information. To join the American Iris Society (AIS), go to <https://www.irises.org/>.

You are invited to join [Region 2](#) for their general meeting presentation via Zoom. **Chuck Chapman**, Canadian iris hybridizer, will give a talk on '**Mixed Colors in Iris and Broken Color**'.

When: **October 26, 2024 01:00 PM Eastern Time** (US and Canada)

Please register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0rcOCtrzlsHtbH773ekHUUX5wzT12ZHyBE>

Deadline for registration is October 17, 2024.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Please join us 10 - 15 minutes before 1:00 pm so the presentation can start on time.

If you have any questions, contact Region 2 Interim Secretary, Kate Brewitt, at just1moreiris@gmail.com.



CBRIS September Meeting



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—photos by Gina Johnson and Mikey Lango



Beardless Door Prize Iris October 2024

Spuria



Line Dancing
Jenkins 2007



Missouri Gold Mine
Hedgecock 2022



Piper May
Jenkins 2009



Wild at Heart
Blyth 2000

Louisiana



Feather my Nest
Jackson 2022



Lake Jindabyne
Jackson 2019



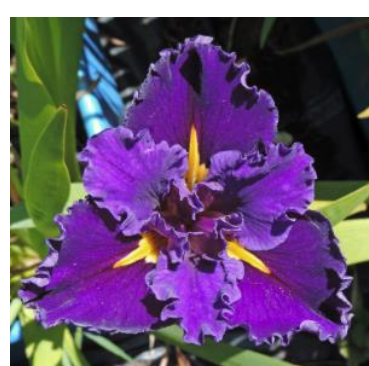
Oriental Parasol
Jackson 2021



Purple Gloaming
Grieves 2019



Violet Vision
Treadway 2019



Wearing Velvet
Jackson 2021

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Japanese



Barbara Said So
Pence 2021



Frosted Intrigue
Bauer/Coble 1997



Japanese Plum
Harris 2010

Siberian



All Gothed Up
Schafer/Sacks 2020



Boisterous Blend
Schafer/Sacks 2022



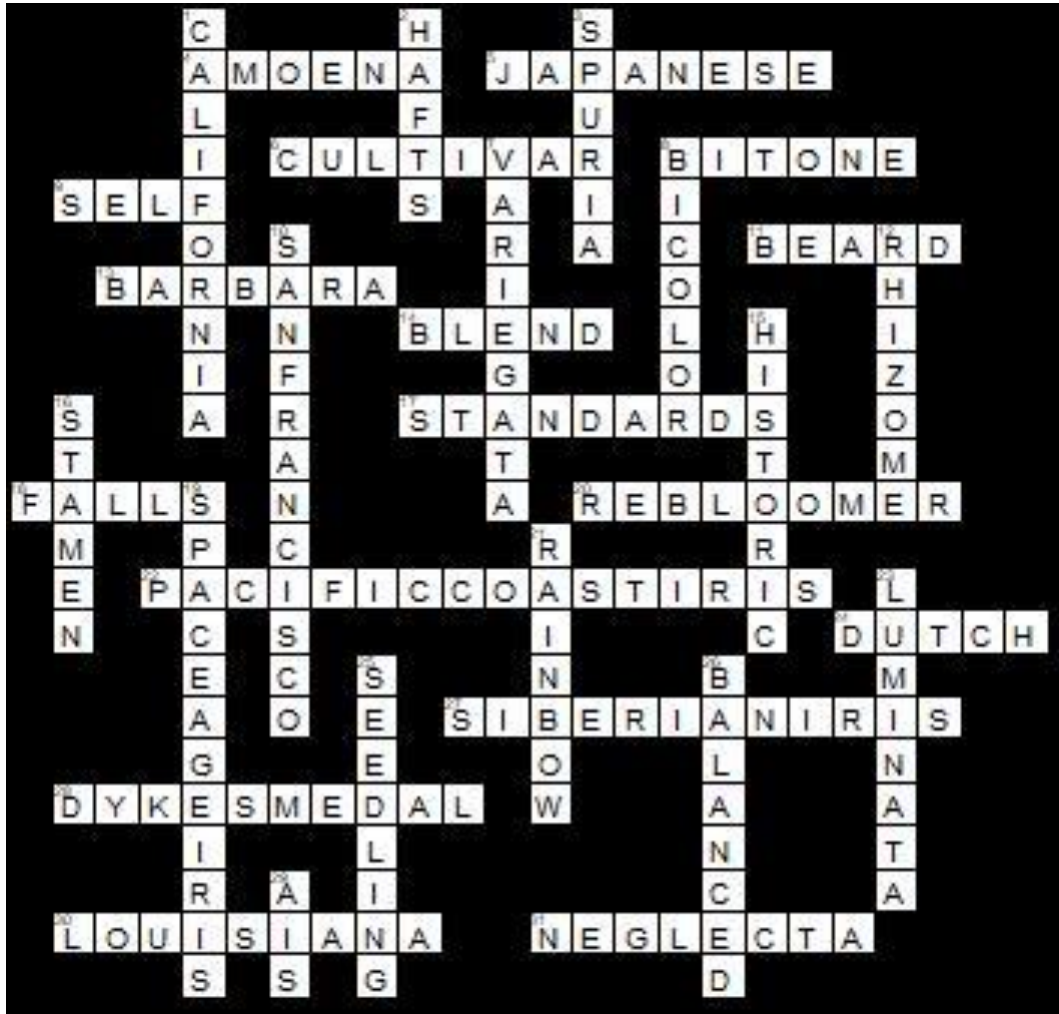
Circling the Moon
Schafer/Sacks 2022



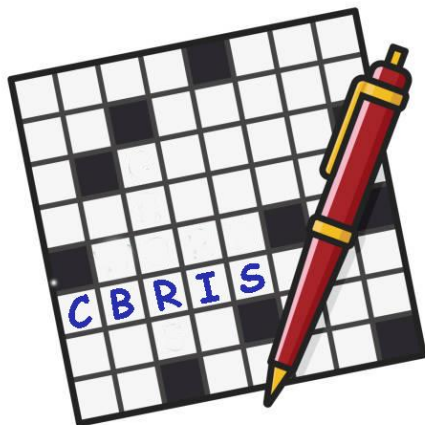
Floral Notes
Schafer/Sacks 2020



Swans in Flight
Hollingworth 2006



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You're simply Iris-istible.

Iris you a beautiful day.

Iris my case well.

