



Fleur de Lis

Clara B. Rees Iris Society

Nov 2024

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Next Meeting

November 1, 2024

Willow Glen Library

1157 Minnesota Ave.

San Jose, CA 95125

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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Region 14

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American Iris Society

www.irises.org

November Program



Please join us at the November 1st CBRIS meeting. Member, Christy Tsai, will discuss her evolution as a gourd artist working in this very unique medium. Central to her art is each gourd's natural beauty and unique shape. Christy grew her own gourds. Plus, she manipulated the gourds into whimsical shapes decorating them with intricate paintings.

—Jane Jordan, CBRIS Vice-President



ATTENTION:

**The CBRIS November meeting
will be held at the Willow Glen Library
1157 Minnesota Ave., San Jose CA 95125**

Come dressed as an iris!

Clara B Rees Financial Statement October 2024



Beginning balance, October 1, 2024	\$19,573.33
Expenses: Library meeting room	40.00
Hospitality	4.15
Revenue: Dues	120.00
Ending balance, October 31, 2024	\$19,649.18

Wendee Augustino
Iris Chien
Rosemary Chivers
Mary Collins

Please bring your own cup/mug and utensils.

CBRIS Holiday Luncheon

The CBRIS holiday party will be a luncheon at "Tomato Tyme" located at 1560 Hamilton Ave, San Jose CA 95125. The cost is \$30.00 for CBRIS members. The guest price is \$35.00. Please pay Nancy Mirabella at the upcoming CBRIS meeting. All orders must be placed and paid for before Nov.15. Contact Nancy for menu choices.



Dates to Remember

Christy Tsai	2024 Holiday Luncheon	Dec. 7, 2024	San Jose, California
Susan Bunker	2025 CBRIS Spring Show	April 6, 2025	Saratoga, California
Lulu Kwok	2025 Spring Regional 14	May 2-4, 2025	Santa Rosa, California
Winnie Wang	2025 AIS Convention	June 2-7, 2025	Billings, Montana
Francis Chien	2026 AIS Convention	May 18-23, 2026	New Jersey and New York
Ken Reiter	2027 AIS Convention	April 27-May 1, 2027 (tentative)	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Sarah Westfall			



Dahout Digs November 2024

Trick or Treat! Come dressed as your favorite iris. Be creative! It can be simple or over the top, you decide. If you have a printer, please print out a picture of the iris you are representing. Members will try to guess who you are so it's best to come as an iris that is locally grown.

Our presenter this month is none other than our own Christy Tsai who is an amazing artist. She will show us her beautiful work with gourds and share her family story.

If you have not yet signed up for the Holiday Party, please do so at the November meeting and bring your check. Our luncheon will be at Tomato Thyme, 1560 Hamilton Ave., San Jose on December 7th at 1:00 pm. The cost is \$30.00 for members and \$35.00 for guests. Please bring a wrapped gift for our Secret Santa gift exchange. (Suggested gift price of \$25.00)

November is planting time for Pacific Coast iris. They grow well in loose, well-drained soil that is slightly acidic. In our area, they like filtered shade. When transplanting, wait until you see new white roots, and never allow the roots to dry out. Follow these rules and you should be rewarded in the spring with lovely dainty flowers.

Carol Dahout, CBRIS President



Carolyn and John Honnette
Winners of CBRIS basket



Larry Gaulter Lifetime
Achievement Award designed
by Steven Dahout



Horton's Iris Farm – winner of
Larry Gaulter Award
–photo by Kathy Braaten



CBRIS Meeting Minutes October 4, 2024



President Carol Dahout called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm., welcomed new member Chrys Huynh and acknowledged the October birthdays of the following members: Rachel Unger, Linda Lomperis, Prabal Bhattacharya, Carolyn Hoover, Kim Kojima, Richard Clark, Peter Marra, Joe Ghio, Bryce Williamson, Chad Schroter and Helen Bliven.

Carol also welcomed Linda Lomperis as incoming CBRIS Secretary. (Thank you, Carol. My pleasure to serve as Secretary.)

Treasurer's Report: Carol reported CBRIS's current balance to be \$19,573.33.

Dues: 2024-2025 CBRIS membership dues are due now. All CBRIS members must pay dues to be eligible for monthly Door Prize drawings.

Members are asked to give Carol their dues payments (check or cash) at their earliest convenience. Unsure if you have paid your 2024-2025 dues? Email Mary and she will let you know.

Program: Jeff Bennett, CBRIS member and gardener at Dry Creek Garden in Union City, CA, gave an informative presentation on this year's American Iris Society [AIS] Convention held in Portland, OR on June 25-29, 2024.

Convention attendees had the opportunity to tour the following gardens: Portland's own Japanese Garden (celebrated as the most authentic Japanese Garden outside of Japan), Terry Aitken's Salmon Creek Garden (irises plus orchids); Linda Miller's Miller's Manor Gardens; Mid-America Gardens; and Chad Harris's Mount Pleasant Iris Farm, which contained a spectacular display of Japanese irises.



Jeff's presentation included many photos of gardens and irises, with special emphasis at the end on Chad Harris's Japanese irises. "Koto Harp Strings" (Chad Harris, R. 2015), Seedling 08JE and introduced by Mt. Pleasant Iris Farm in 2016, was the 2023 winner of the Payne Medal, which is the highest AIS award for a Japanese Iris (besides the Dykes Medal).

CBRIS Refreshments and the move toward Zero Waste: Carol thanked Carolyn Craft, Amy and Jean Hawkins, Mikey Lango and Christy Tsai for providing tonight's refreshments.

Nancy Mirabella, Refreshment Coordinator, thanked members who now regularly bring their own mugs, plates and cutlery, thereby reducing the expense and need for plastic and paper products.

Nancy also held a prize drawing for all members contributing to CBRIS' move toward Zero Waste. Congratulations to Gina Johnson and Scott Smith who were the drawing winners.

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Update on Holiday Party Planning: This year's December Holiday party will take place on Saturday, December 7, It will be a luncheon, not a dinner. The venue has yet to be determined.

Nancy Mirabella, Holiday Party Chair, proposed "Tomato Thyme" {TT} in Willow Glen (corner of Hamilton and Meridian) as the venue for this year's party. She reported that their food is good and there is ample parking. TT would offer us the following entree choices: vegetarian/vegan, chicken and salmon. Salad, coffee or tea and a tiramisu dessert would all be included in the price of the meal, which would be around \$46.51 per person. CBRIS will pay some yet-to-be-determined portion of this per-person amount.



Carolyn Craft suggested that we also look into holding the luncheon at Sorelle's Italian Bistro at 915 San Tomas Road. Carol said that she and Nancy would look into Sorelle's as well as other options. They will then confer and send out an email to all CBRIS members.

Fall Regional in Fresno, CA on October 11, 2024: Carol thanked members for their excellent donations to the CBRIS basket that will be taken to this Regional meeting.



Upcoming Meetings /Shows of Interest to CBRIS Members:

- Master Gardeners Fall Garden Fair at Martial Cottle Park on Saturday, Oct. 5
- Western Horticulture Meeting on Wed. October 9. Gary Knipe will speak about PCI's and Mike Mace will speak about Moracaea.
- Mum Show at Westgate Mall, November 2-3.

Upcoming CBRIS Meeting on November 1 is a Costume Meeting!

For the November CBRIS meeting, members are asked to come dressed as their favorite iris.

Also, **the November 1 CBRIS Meeting will be held at the Willow Glen Library NOT at the West Valley Branch Public Library**, which will be set up for voting in the upcoming election.

Door Prizes featuring beardless irises were awarded via Wheel of Fortune app.

Meeting adjourned around 9:00 pm.



Respectfully submitted,
Linda Lomperis, CBRIS Secretary





Beardless Dig at Jane Jordan's



CBRIS Oct 2024 Meeting



Culture for Pacific Coast Native Iris

Pacific Coast Native Irises can be grown in the Santa Clara Valley area. Now is the time to transplant them. PCs can grow in full sun along the coast; however, in this area, they need partial shade to protect them from the hot summer afternoon sun.

Partial shade

Well-drained soil

Slightly acidic soil (Oak leaves, pine needles, peat moss or compost may be added to the soil)

No water during the heat of the day.

Watering must be restricted during the summer

Dividing

Dig half the clump and separate

Do not let the roots dry out

If no new, active roots, set them in a bucket of water and they should grow within a week.

Replant carefully, taking care to not break the fragile white roots

Water immediately and keep moist until established

It is best to not divide every year. They grow better in an established clump.

For complete growing instructions: https://pacificcoastiris.org/gardeniris_growing_tips.php



Region 14 Fall Regional 2024



'Spring Bliss' Best of Show



Queen's Table



Carol presented the newly designed Larry Gaulter trophy



Riley-Show Chair, Carolyn Hoover-RVP & Carolyn Honnette-Best of Show winner



Riley Probst gave Judges Training



Carol Cullen-JT Chair and Carolyn Craft



Jeff Bennett checking out Rick Tasco' Airbreds



Dinner out Saturday Night



Delane Langton from Billings, Montana



Doug Kanarowski giving JT at Bee Haven Iris Gardens



John Honnette-Bee Haven Iris Gardens

CBRIS Door Prize Iris November 2024

All Lined Up (Thomas Johnson 24) TB 36" M-L S. cream with pink centers and gilt lemon edge; F. yellow with red violet lines extending from beard to near petal edge; B. orange.

Ball and Chain (Hugh Stout 24) IB 26" ML S almond bone brown with grape at base and up midrib; F near black to Russian violet; B lavender base with rust tips.

Beachy Queen (T. Johnson 21) TB 35" E S. deep toasted watermelon with lighter edges; F. creamy pink with deeper toasted watermelon at hafts. B. white with tangerine tips. **HM '24**

Blueberry Shortcake (Brad Collins 24) TB 39" EM dark blue-violet self; B. powder blue.

Canterbury Belle (Keith Keppel 23) TB 38" M S. peach F. verbena violet, peach grey 3/16" marginal band and slight overall blending; B. beards fire red with lavender end.

Danger Ahead (H. Dash 22) TB 35" M S. red-brown with gold rim; F. red-brown with white and pale yellow zone under beard with red-brown veins; B. orange.

Easter Weekend (R. Tasco 24) AB (OGB-) 25" M-L S. purple; F. purple, quarter sized black signal; B. bronze with grey end.

Gone Viral (T. Johnson 23) TB 36" EM S. lavender violet with light lavender white band; F. deep inky blue violet black with large white luminata patch around beard, white band below beard; B. tangerine with white end.

Hit Tune (K. Keppel 23) TB 37" M S. tan apricot with midrib and base flushed rosemary; F. tan apricot with 3/8" greyed mauve band; B. tomato red.

Iridescent (R. Shadlow 23) TB 36" EM S. marigold; F. iridescent violet, rimmed with 1/2" orange band, white haft marks; B. marigold and white.

Lightning Storm (Anton Mego 24) TB 35" M-L S. Vivid yellow veined burgundy brown at burgundy brown edge; F. Black, white haft marks in throat blending to dark yellow at ends; B. vivid orange yellow.

Naked Beauty (T. Johnson 23) TB 38" M S. coral pink to light orange; F. pink with a lighter cream area below beard; B. orange.

Papa Beni (Mike Sutton 24) TB 32" M-L S. yellow-orange, veined darker; F. yellow-orange, bleeding into beetroot purple 3/4 down petal; B. tangerine orange.

Parisian Breeze (M. Sutton 24) TB 35" EM S. light yellow-pink with gold gilt edge; F. pale yellow-pink darkens into 1 1/2" purple band at the edges. With greyed orange wire rim; B. green-yellow.

Rose Mitchell (E. Essig 1929) TB M S. blue violet rose colored self with pronounced amparo purple haft marks; B. yellow. Named for Sidney B. Mitchell's wife.

Running In Circles (T. Johnson 23) TB 38" M S. light blue with a white center; F. white with a deep lavender blue band and plicata dots; B. lavender with orange at throat.

Semi Sweet (Gary Slagle 24) IB 23" M S. bronze tan; F. velvety oxblood red-brown with darker veining ending in bronze tan edge around petal; B. burnt gold.

Split Ticket (K. Keppel 21) TB 37" LM S. cool white; F. dark violet with 1/4" wisteria violet edge; B. white with orange tips. Heavily Ruffled. **HM'23**

Tillamook Bay (Schreiner's 21) TB 37" M RE S. white; F. blue wash on white ground with white haft marks; B. yellow.

Wintercrest (K. Keppel 24) TB 35" M S. columbine blue, marguerite yellow at edge; F. snowy blue white, lightly shaded lilac blue in throat, and bright sulphur yellow hafts; B. chrome yellow, with lavender-white at end.



All Lined Up



Ball and Chain IB



Beachy Queen



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Canterbury Belle



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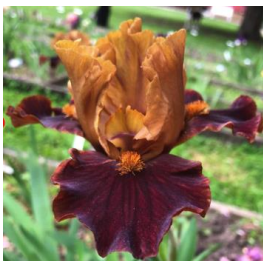
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