



# *Fleur de Lis*

## *Clara B. Rees Iris Society*

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**Next Meeting**

**February 7, 2025**

**7:30 P.M.**

**Willow Glen Branch Library**

**1157 Minnesota Ave.**

**San Jose, CA 95125**

**Doors Open 7:00 PM**

**Dues**

**Sep 1, 2024-  
Aug 31, 2025**

**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**

## **February Program**



CBRIS is pleased to have member Riley Probst present our February program reviewing the Region 14 2024 Spring Regional in Auburn. Riley is an Emeritus AIS Judge. He has been growing iris since 1977 and is extremely active in AIS at the National, Regional, and local levels. He is a member of seven iris clubs in Region 14. He also owns Fleur de Lis Garden which specializes in reblooming irises.

Each year the region holds a convention in the Spring that features recent guest irises in display gardens, noted speakers, and judges training sessions. This preview will show you what to expect at this year's regional, being held May 2-4, in Santa Rosa, California. Please join us there.

– Jane Jordan, CBRIS VP

# **NOTICE**

**We are meeting at the  
Willow Glen Library  
for the February CBRIS Meeting!**





## Clara B Rees Financial Statement January 2025

Andrea Clague  
Shida Jabboir  
Steve Chen  
Jan Carey  
Riley Probst  
Gail Christen  
Carl Boro

<b>Beginning balance, January 1, 2025</b>	<b>\$ 19,167.10</b>
Expenses: Meeting room fee	40.00
2024 Sales tax	441.00
AIS affiliation fee	30.00
Revenue: Dues	60.00
<b>Ending balance, January 31, 2025</b>	<b>\$ 18,716.10</b>

### Refreshments



**Beth Brandt**  
**Peter Marra**  
**Diane Wang**  
**Winnie Wang**

**Reminder:**  
**Bring mug and utensils**  
**We provide paper plates.**



### February Culture

Your bearded irises need you now. Remove old foliage and weed around the rhizomes. Irises need air circulation and sunshine. Weeds compete with nutrients. Irises will grow taller and have bigger blooms if you give them some even-numbered fertilizer before Valentine's Day. Any even-numbered fertilizer (10-10-10, 12-12-12 or 15-15-15) will work well in our area. Sprinkle a small handful of fertilizer around the rhizome. (Use a bit less if using the higher numbered.) Work the fertilizer into the soil, being careful to not disturb the iris roots. Then water it in if the rain is not heavy enough to take it down into the soil. The fertilizer does not work until it reaches the iris roots. This takes six to eight weeks.



# Dahout's Digs

## February 2025

### Happy Valentine's Day!!

Valentine's Day means hearts and flowers and chocolates and 10-10-10 fertilizer. It's time to show your iris garden your love. Sprinkle a little around the base of your rhizomes, dig it in a bit (or not), and water or let our current rainy weather take care of it for you. We need lots of beautiful blooms for our Spring Show "A Symphony of Iris" on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Speaking of which (see how I did that?), I will have many sign-up sheets for pre-show tasks, during-show tasks and post-show tasks. Please think about what your talents are, what you enjoy doing and how you can apply them to our show. We need everyone to contribute and that makes it more fun.

Upcoming events: San Francisco Peninsula Camellia Society Show and Sale will be held Saturday and Sunday, February 22 and 23, 2025 at the Redwood City Community Activities Building, 1400 Redwood Ave., Redwood City, CA 94061.

Western Hort Society will meet on February 12, 2025, in the Garden House at Shoup Park, Los Altos. Doors open at 7 pm, meeting starts at 7:30 pm. This month's speaker is Jim Salyards, director of horticulture at Filoli. The topic is "A Garden Lover's Tour of English Gardens and the Many Lessons Learned". Jim took a sabbatical from Filoli during the summer of 2024 and took inspiration from the 63 gardens he toured throughout England. Free for members and \$10 for non-member attendees.

Carol Dahout, CBRIS President and Showchair

### Dates to Remember

2025 Society for Louisiana Irises Convention	April 3-5, 2025	Lafayette, Louisiana
2025 CBRIS Spring Show	April 6, 2025	Saratoga, California
2025 Spring Regional 14	May 2-4, 2025	Santa Rosa, California
2025 Siberian/Species & AIS Region 21 Convention	May 23-24, 2025	Ames, Iowa
2025 AIS Convention	June 2-7, 2025	Billings, Montana
2026 AIS Convention	May 18-23, 2026	New Jersey & New York
2027 AIS Convention	April 27-May 1, 2027 (tentative)	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



## CBRIS Meeting Minutes January 3, 2025



**Welcome:** President Carol Dahout called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and welcomed all attendees, which included guests Logan Danner, Kalina Codog and Stacy Becker, and new CBRIS members Jennifer Fernandes and Carolyn Lee. Carol also acknowledged the January birthdays of the following CBRISians: Mikey Lango, Wayne Craft, Mary Collins and Grace Keng.



**Treasurer's Report:** Carol reported CBRIS's current treasury balance as \$19,167.10.

**Minutes:** Linda Lomperis, CBRIS Secretary, read the minutes from the December 7, 2024 Holiday Party meeting.

**Name for 2025 CBRIS Iris Show:** Having asked members at the December meeting to contemplate a theme/name for the 2025 CBRIS Iris Show, Carol now asked members to offer their suggestions. Ten possible show names/themes were submitted and duly recorded on a large white pad for all to see. Three rounds of voting then ensued to whittle the list of ten down to one final choice. The theme/name thus chosen for the 2025 show was "A Symphony of Iris."

**Program:** Lynn Stuart, CBRIS member and Santa Clara County Master Gardener, delivered a wide-ranging, scientifically-based presentation on Soil.

Addressing first a most basic question--what exactly is soil?--Lynn then turned our attention to the topic of soil health, highlighting the ways in which organic matter and micro- and macroscopic organisms in the soil work together with photosynthesis to produce a "Soil Food Web" that is essential for plant sustenance and growth. She then looked at common soil problems and ways for home gardeners to manage these. Soil testing, mulch, compost, fertilizer and proper watering, we learned, all play a part in preserving soil structure and protecting the vitality of the "Soil Food Web."

**Refreshments and Gratitude:** Carol thanked CBRIS members Andrea Clague, Jane Jordan, Grace Keng, Naomi Nakata, Linda Lomperis and Scott Smith for providing tonight's refreshments.

**Presentation of New CBRIS Website:** Speaking on behalf of the entire CBRIS Website team (i.e., Lynn Stuart, Jane Jordan, Mikey Lango, Peter Marra and Carol Dahout), Lynn Stuart walked us through the updated [www.CBRIS.org](http://www.CBRIS.org), which now employs current best website practices.

Here are some website highlights: a 'sticky' navigation bar—i.e., one that stays in place while new pages of the site are displayed; a new online membership form; a new "Join our Mailing List" link; photos of reblooming irises on the "Gallery" section; a link to information about CBRIS iris sales; many iris informational links in the "About Irises" section; and new links posted in the "Resources" section. Lynn closed by saying that links to CBRIS social media sites are soon to be added. Carol thanked Lynn and the entire team for working hard to create a beautiful, informative and well-organized CBRIS website.

**The 2025 Spring Regional Meeting (Region 14)** will take place May 2-4, 2025 in Santa Rosa, CA. Carol encouraged members to attend and have the opportunity to view many different irises blooming in gardens.

**Other Announcements:** Jeff Bennett clarified that the small seed packets given to all who attended the 2024 Holiday Party each contain about 1000 seeds that need simply to be scattered on the soil, **NOT** individually planted in the soil.

**Door Prize Irises** were awarded via the Wheel of Fortune app.

Respectfully submitted,

**Meeting Adjourned** around 9:30 pm.

Linda Lomperis, CBRIS Secretary

# CBRIS Meeting Minutes

## December 7, 2024

### The Holiday Party

**Welcome:** President Carol Dahout called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., welcomed all attendees and acknowledged the December birthdays of the following members: Jessica Vanden Beukel, Nancy Mirabella, Amy Hawkins, Lydia Clark, Marilyn Lang and Stephanie Changaris. She also inquired if anyone had rebloomers in their gardens blooming right now.

**Holiday Party Report:** Approximately 25+ members and their guests gathered at Tomato Thyme Restaurant in San Jose, CA to enjoy the annual Holiday Party celebration, which included luncheon and dessert followed by the traditional White Elephant Gift Exchange.

**Thank You to Nancy Mirabella!** Carol's first order of business at this meeting was to thank Nancy Mirabella for all the upfront and behind the scenes work that she put in organizing and coordinating all the moving parts of the Holiday Party, starting with all the time and effort she put in in finding a venue for the Holiday Party and her careful attention to details, such as providing everyone name tags with their menu choices and gifts of seeds packets for all attendees. Nancy did all this and more, all while she maintained her full-time job.

Mille fois merci, Nancy, as the French would say! Your efforts are deeply appreciated and have indeed made the holidays for CBRIS members and their guests all the more bright.

**Highlights of the Past Year—2024—for CBRIS:** Carol reported that CBRIS had a wonderful show on April 28, 2024 at the Joan Pisani Center in Saratoga and this show was well attended by the public. CBRIS also conducted several successful sales of potted iris at the Saratoga Farmers Market and held a rhizome sale at Yamagami's Garden Center in early August 2024. The CBRIS picnic and auction was held on July 21.

**Next Meeting in the New Year** will be held at the West Valley Library Community Room on San Tomas Aquino Road.

**Reminders for the New Year:** Our Spring Show will once again be held at the Joan Pisani Center on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Carol asked that members think now about what name we will give to our 2025 show so that we can discuss this at our January meeting. Also, to be discussed at the January Meeting is how members would like to participate in the show.

Carol then explained how the White Elephant Gift Exchange game is played.

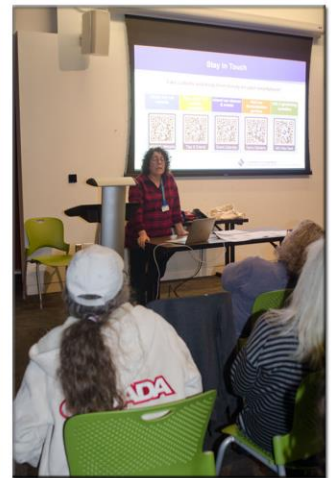
**White Elephant Gift Exchange** began at 2:55 p.m.

**Meeting was adjourned** around 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Lomperis, CBRIS Secretary







# January 2025 CBRIS Meeting







'Bountiful Harvest'



'Modern Drama'



'Juicy Fruit'



'Raspberry Frost'



'Double Shot'



Cereghino Sdlg #17-4-1



'Autumn Garnet'



'Feeling Spicy Tonite'



'Western Outlaw'



'Skyward Bound'



'Maiden'



'Zurich'



'Creative Art' AB



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Photos by  
Jeff Bennett  
Jane Jordan  
Jennifer Morris  
Riley Probst  
Christy Tsai

**Blooming Now...**



## CBRIS Door Prizes February 2025

**Aubrianna** (William Tyson 2024) TB 34" E-M S. light violet, streaked dark violet; F. light violet, streaks and wedges of dark violet; B. burnt orange.

**Brenda Lynn** (Anton Mego 2024) TB 35" M S. white, flush of brilliant green-yellow from base to 3/4 up midrib, veined and edged vivid yellow; F. near black dark purple, with slight yellow haft markings around vivid yellow beard.

**Come and Dance** (Paul Black 2018) TB 33" E-M S. green-cream, center randomly dotted and sanded red-grape, darker rib, with dark red-grape plicata band; F. white, haft to end of beard lined and sanded dark grape, 3/4" dark red-grape plicata band; B. white, tan middle, red grape end. **Honorable Mention 2023**

**Dart Mission** (Richard Tasco 2024) AB (OGB-) 23" M-L S. white; F. white, purple striations beneath beard signal; B. gold throat, yellow middle, white end.

**Divine Enchantress** (Paul Black 2024) BB 27" M-L S. mid pink blended to light pink margin, darker pink lines overall; F. white, narrow light pink band, light grey-green texture veins, light amber peach hafts; B. dark tangerine throat, w/blue-white end.

**Elf Light For Peggy** (Anita Moran 2024) AB (OGB-) 17" M S. yellow, darker at base; F. yellow with 1/8" lighter yellow border, small orange-brown spot at end of beard signal; B. yellow.

**For The Ages** (Thomas Johnson 2024) TB 36" E-M S. light violet, flushed deeper with buff rim; F. rich deep violet, wide medium lavender band; B. purple base orange tips.

**Gypsy Rhapsody** (Howie Dash 2024) TB 33" L S. light peach-pink; style arms light peach-pink; F. peach with peach-tan veining, light peach-pink rim; B. orange w/pink tip.

**I Like Lace** (Paul Black 2023) TB 30" L-VL S. light violet; F. palest violet blending slightly darker to edge, with mid grey-violet textured veins; laced; B. white base, light yellow tips.

**Love Life** (Thomas Johnson 2024) IB 22" E S. pink with random splashed violet flecking; F. cream with medium pink to violet band; B. orange.

**Moment Of Reflection** (Thomas Johnson 2024) TB 38" M-L S. blended golden orange and salmon; F. rosy lavender with a peach wash, deeper hafts, and lighter as it moves down petal; B. orange.

**One Way Or Another** (Thomas Johnson 2024) TB 37 M-L S. golden yellow; F. mahogany with golden yellow hafts and edge; B yellow base, orange tips.

**Red Frog Flyin** (Robert Skaggs 2024) TB 38" M S. creamy peach with a light violet-maroon smear in the midrib; F. violet-maroon with white veining, 1/4" white rim around the fall; B. orange throat, violet-maroon middle, violet-maroon end with horn.

**Romany Rogue** (Philip Remere deceased by Keith Keppel 2024) TB 36" M S. dandelion; F. shoulders mixed dahlia purple and tapestry red covering wisteria violet with a 3/16" mustard edge; B. yellow.

**Secret Within** (Thomas Johnson 2024) TB 36" M S. near solid raspberry; F. white, lemon overlay, surrounded by dotted raspberry plicata edge; B. raspberry and orange blend.

**Snow Over Tahoe** (William Tyson 2023) TB 38" M-L S. pure white; F. pale violet-blue, lighter toward beard, outer band pale violet-blue; B. white with yellow-orange tips. **EC 2023.**

**Stephanie Returns** (Howie Dash 2024) TB 30" E & Re S. pale blue to white; F. blue, white zone around beard, white veining; B. yellow base, white tips.

**Uncorked Humor** (Tom Burseen 2020) TB 35" VE-M S. lobelia blue washed and veined light purple, most pronounced at edge; F. washed light purple, heavy burgundy and purple washed hafts; B. cadmium orange in throat, end yellow.

**White Noise** (Richard Tasco 2022) AB (OGB) 30" L S. white ground heavily veined purple; F. cream ground, heavily veined red-violet, signal pale yellow with brown dotting; B. brown. **Honorable Mention 2024.**



# CBRIS Door Prize Iris February 2025



**Aubriana**



**Brenda Lynn**



**Come And Dance**



**Dart Mission AB**



**Divine Enchantress BB**



**Elf Light For Peggy AB**



**For The Ages**



**Gypsy Rhapsody**



**I Like Lace**



**Love Life IB**



**Moment Of Reflection**



**One Way Or Another**



**Red Frog Flyin**



**Romany Rogue**



**Secret Within**



**Snow Over Tahoe**



**Stephanie Returns RE**



**Uncorked Humor**



**White Noise AB**





## Irises, Redwoods, and Wines



# The Santa Rosa Iris Society invites you to the AIS Region 14 Spring Regional, May 2 – 4, 2025

Meetings, lunches, and the Banquet will be held at the Luther Burbank Art Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Ave, Santa Rosa, CA. We have two display gardens for visitation, plus two optional gardens. The Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center is where the club maintains its club's irises, bearded and beardless, and a Dykes Medal collection. It also has half of the Regional Guest Irises. The Santa Rosa Rose Society maintains a rose garden there as well. The 2nd garden, will be the Diane and Don Ford's iris farm in Hopland, Ca. In addition to the Regional Guest Irises planted there, you will see thousands of their iris seedlings which grow in the fertile soil of the Sanel Valley.

### The Meeting Schedule for the 2025 Spring Regional is as follows:

#### Friday, May 2, 2025

- 4:00PM- 7:00 PM Registration Check-in at LBA&GC, Silent Auction is Open
- 4:00PM- 6:00 PM Seedling Show entries made, followed by Judging
- 5:00PM- 6:45 PM Dinner on your own
- 7:00PM- 9:30 PM Welcome & General Board Meeting at LBA&GC

#### Saturday, May 3, 2025

- 7:00 AM- 8:00 AM Breakfast on your own
- 7:00 AM- 8:00 AM Registration Check In at LBA&GC
- 8:00 AM- Group 1 - Leave for Ford Garden in Hopland via Hwy 101
- 8:00 AM- 11:00 AM - Group 2 -View Display Garden @ LBA&GC
- 9:00 AM- 11:00 AM - Group 1 – Visit Diana & Don Ford's garden
- 11:00 AM- Group 1 - Return to LBA&GC
- Group 2, followed by Group 1 - Lunch at LBA&GC
- 12:00 PM- Group 2 - Leave for Ford Garden in Hopland via Hwy 101
- 1:00 PM- 4:00 PM - Group 1 - View Display Garden at LBA&GC
- 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM - Group 2 - Visit Diana & Don Ford's garden
- 3:00 PM- Group 2 - Turn in garden voting ballots at Ford's, or 4:00 PM at LBA&GC
- 3:00 PM- Group 2 - Return to LBA&GC
- 4:05 PM- Deadline for turning in ballots at LBA&GC**
- 5:00 PM- 7:45 PM No host cocktails followed by Banquet Dinner at LBA&GC
- 7:45 PM- 8:45 PM Guest Speaker: Diana Ford "Hybridizing Irises"
- 8:45 PM- 9:15 PM Awards Presentation: R14 Awards Chair
- 9:15 PM- 9:30 PM Silent Auction Closes and Basket Raffle Drawing occurs

#### Sunday, May 4, 2025

- 8:00 AM- 12:30 PM Breakfast and Lunch on your own.
- 9:00 AM- 10:30 AM Judges Training (In garden) @ LBA&GC 1.5 hrs.
- 9:30 AM- 12:30 PM Optional Garden, Anna Cadd, Healdsburg
- 9:30 AM- 12:30 PM Optional Garden, Ellen Johnson, Healdsburg





**Irises,  
Redwoods,  
and Wines  
May 2-4, 2025**



**AIS Region 14 Spring Regional  
Hosted by the Santa Rosa Iris Society  
Guest Speaker, Diana Ford**

**Luther Burbank Art Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Ave, Santa Rosa**

Registration Form:

Registrant 1 First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Registrant 2 First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail for confirmation \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Local Iris Society \_\_\_\_\_

Registration if paid by April 1, 2025, \$115.00 per person x number of person(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If paid after April 1, 2025 \$125.00 per person x number of person(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Registration \$ 60.00 per youth x number of youth \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount (Please enter this amount on the check) Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

No Credit cards accepted. **Please make checks payable to: Santa Rosa Iris Society.**

**Please mail this registration with a check to Lynn Williams, Registrar  
25415 Salmon Pl, Willits, CA 95490, 707-456-9869 [laughinglynn2@gmail.com](mailto:laughinglynn2@gmail.com)**

Registrations received after April 23, 2025 will be accepted at the discretion of the Registrar.

Bringing iris for the Friday seedling show, check box

Attending Judges Training on Sunday, check box

Lunch Choices, check one:  Turkey  Beef  Veggie

Need Gluten Free meal, check box

The Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center will be the location of all events, except the garden visits.

Registration fee includes coffee/snacks @ Friday night Board Meeting, box lunch on Saturday, and Saturday evening banquet. Visiting gardens will be via individual cars or car-pooling. Hotel or Airbnb on your own.



**2025 Society for Louisiana Irises Convention and Membership Meeting,  
April 3–5, 2025  
Lafayette, LA, Registration Form**

(Hotel reservations are separate from convention registration. Registrants book their own rooms.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of those registering with you (unless they are registering separately)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

Activity	# of persons		Price		Total
<b>Early Bird Rate (register by March 1)</b>					
Thursday AIS Judges Training	_____	x	Included		\$0.00
Registration Fee and Friday bus tour (includes box lunch, refreshments)	_____	x	\$65.00	=	_____
Friday dinner	_____	x	\$25.00	=	_____
<b>If registering after March 1st</b>	_____	x	\$10.00	=	_____
Optional Donation: SLI General Operating Fund	_____				_____
<b>Grand Total</b>					_____

Do you have any dietary needs for lunch/dinner?

Two ways to pay: Please list the names of attendees with your payment, on your registration form.

**Via PayPal:** "Society for Louisiana Iris International" \*On PayPal there is a spot where you can type "2025 Convention" and the names of the people you are paying for. Also, please do not use the old PayPal account for "Society for Louisiana Irises." We'll still receive your payment, but it causes fees for an extra transfer. Also, mail in the registration form (address for Diane Louw below).

**By check:** Include your registration form. Make your check out to: SLI. Check must be received by March 15th. Mail your check to our Treasurer: Diane Louw, 18422 Lake Iris Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70817. For questions, email Diane at [slidianemlouw@yahoo.com](mailto:slidianemlouw@yahoo.com).

Registrations will be acknowledged by e-mail, if one is provided. Questions: SLI Board/Officer emails are listed in the Fleur. Our general email is: [societylouisianairises@gmail.com](mailto:societylouisianairises@gmail.com) and you can also contact us using the contact forms at <https://louisianas.org/>