



Fleur de Lis

Clara B. Rees Iris Society

Apr 2025

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Next Meeting

April 5, 2025

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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CBRIS

www.cbris.org

Region 14

aisregion14.org

American Iris Society

www.irises.org

April Program

It's April, and that means our Friday meeting will be all about entering an iris show. Join us for a course on preparing for and entering a show and what it takes to take home a blue ribbon. You will learn tips and enjoy a demonstration of exhibiting the perfect iris bloomstalk. Get questions answered like: What goes into an iris show toolbox? What is the best way to travel with an iris without damaging the bloomstalk? What is the best time to harvest a flower for an upcoming show?

If you are a pro, come prepared to help the newer members learn to stage their iris. Please bring a stalk or two for demonstration purposes as well as your toolbox for grooming.

See you there!

—Jane Jordan, CBRIS Vice-President

NOTICE

**We are meeting at the
Willow Glen Library
for the April CBRIS Meeting.**



Garden Tours 2025

Save the Date for Garden Tours!

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| Wednesday, Apr 9, 10:00 A.M.- 12:00 P.M. | Jane Jordan |
| Thursday, Apr 17, 1:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M. | Jane Kwant |
| Saturday, Apr 19 | Jennifer Morris, 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. Chad Schroter, 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Steve and Lisa Chen, 2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. |
| Friday, May 2 (Sebastopol), 2:00 P.M. | Trang Bui |

We are fortunate that our members have offered their gardens for viewing on several days during April and May. This will allow us to see more iris blooms spread out over the season!

We have two weekday opportunities this year! April 9 will be a Wednesday morning at Jane Jordan's. Jane has mentioned that she anticipates Pacific Coast Iris and Standard Dwarf Bearded Iris to be blooming during that time. Jane Kwant is opening her garden on April 17, Thursday afternoon, and we will be the second hosting of the day as she will host a watercolor artist in the morning. Consider making it a late day to work or a short day at work on those days!

April 19 will be a busy Saturday for viewing the member gardens open – the gardens of Jennifer Morris, Chad Schroter, and Steve and Lisa Chen. Many members have had the opportunity to enjoy these gardens as they were featured last year as well. Things to look for: Recent Door Prize Iris or Auction Wins; Door Prize Iris that they are baby-sitting for 2025 that might be in bloom; What iris lovers plant along with their iris! These three gardens are all so different and I look forward to seeing them again.

If you are going to the Spring Regional on May 2, consider going a little early in order to make a side trip to Sebastopol to see Trang Bui's Garden. She expects to have a lot of blooms at that time. If you're going to the North Bay on another day, give her a call. She said that she has a lot of flexibility and can coordinate a special appointment.

–Naomi Nakata, CBRIS Spring Garden Tour Coordinator



Clara B Rees Financial Statement, March 2025

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| Beginning balance, March 1, 2025 | \$ 16,847.40 |
| Revenue: Dues | 15.00 |
| Expenses: Show flyers | 43.70 |
| Photo tags for 2 gallon pots | 31.37 |
| State Board of Equalization | 52.18 |
| Door Prize Iris, beardless | 265.34 |
| Ending balance, March 31, 2025 | \$ 16,469.81 |



2025 Dates to Remember

- April 6 CBRIS Spring Show, 'A Symphony of Iris' – Joan Pisani Community Center, Saratoga, CA
- April 9 Garden Tour – Jane Jordan – 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
- April 12 CBRIS Potted Plant Sale – Saratoga Farmers' Market – West Valley College
- April 12 Mount Diablo Iris Society Spring Show – Alden Lane Nursery, Livermore, CA
- April 13 Judges Garden Training – Riley Probst at Wayne Crabbs home
- April 17 Garden Tour – Jane Kwant
- April 19 Garden Tours:
 - Jennifer Morris – 10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.
 - Chad Schroter – 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
 - Steve & Lisa Chen – 2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.
- April 26 – 27 Monterey Bay Iris Society Spring Show – London Nelson Community Center, Santa Cruz, CA
- May 2 Garden Tour – Trang Bui – 2:00 P.M.
- May 2 – 4 Spring Regional 14 – Santa Rosa, California
- May 9 CBRIS monthly meeting – Postponed from May 2 due to Regional
- May 10 Shirley Trio-Probst Memorial – Dry Creek Garden, Union City, CA
- May 23 – 24 2025 Siberian/Species & AIS Region 21 Convention – Ames, Iowa
- June 2 – 7 AIS Convention 2025 – Billings, Montana
- June 13 CBRIS Monthly Meeting – Postponed due to National
- October TBA Region 14 Fall Regional - CBRIS hosting



Dahout Digs

April 2025

Our spring show, 'A Symphony of Iris,' is literally on our doorstep!

The date is Sunday, April 6, 2025, from 8:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.
Joan Pisani Community Center, 19655 Allendale Ave., Saratoga.

Entries will be accepted from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M., and judging will follow.

We will be open to the public from Noon to 5:00 P.M.
Breakdown is from 5:00 to 6:00 P.M.

Please review the show schedule and pick one up at the meeting.

We need the participation of all members. Enter your blooms and artistic arrangements. Clerk for the judges. Greet our public and bake some cookies.

At our April meeting we will demonstrate how to transport, groom and show your iris. We will also go over how to fill out the entry tags. Bring address labels.

Let's have a great show!

Carol Dahout,
CBRIS President and Showchair

April Birthdays



Katie Stofer

Linda Stremel

Refreshments

Iris

Carol

Scott & Linda

It would be nice if another person volunteers.

Reminder: bring a mug/cup and utensils; we provide plates and napkins.



CBRIS Meeting Minutes March 7, 2025

Welcome: President Carol Dahout called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, welcoming all attendees and acknowledging the February birthdays of the following CBRISians: Jennifer Vanden Beukel, Jeff Bennett, Rosemary Chivers and Gina Johnson.

One guest was in attendance: Mark Fernandes, husband of CBRIS member Jennifer Fernandes.

Treasurer's Report: Carol reported the current CBRIS treasury balance as \$18,847.40.

The 2025 CBRIS Spring Garden Tours will take place in April. Naomi Nakata, Spring Garden Tour Coordinator, announced the following dates and gardens to be toured:

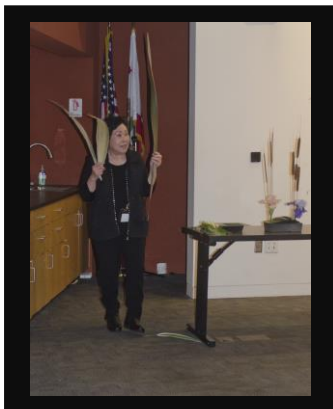
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| April 9 | Jane Jordan's garden | 10 am – Noon |
| April 17 | Jane Kwant's garden | 1 pm – 3 pm |
| April 19 | Steve & Lisa Chen's garden | Time TBD |
| | Chad Schroeder's garden | Time TBD |

In addition, CBRIS member Trang Bui, who now lives in Sebastopol, will open her garden for touring on May 2 and also at other times by appointment. Members should contact Trang directly to schedule their visit.

Potted Iris Sale takes place on Saturday, April 12, at the Saratoga Farmers' Market. Carol provided a sign-up sheet for those wishing to help at the sale.

Minutes: Carol summarized the February 2025 Minutes, as submitted by Linda Lomperis, CBRIS Secretary.

A Cautionary Tale about Ticks: CBRIS member Carolyn Craft briefly recounted her own painful experience with a tick bite, along with her salutary discovery of an effective anti-tick spray called Wondercide, which one can procure online. Her overall message: Gardeners, be aware of ticks at this time of year and be proactive in avoiding tick bites.



Program: Chrysanthemum Huynh, CBRIS member and longtime student of “*sogetsu*” (i.e., the last school in Japan of flower arrangement), discussed five of her own artistic iris arrangements, which showcased the 5 official Artistic Division categories of the American Iris Society (AIS). Her overall effort here was to educate and inspire CBRISians to submit their own artistic iris arrangements for the CBRIS Iris Show on April 6th.

Employing the *sogetsu* principle of using only real botanical materials when creating floral arrangements, Chrys highlighted in each of her designs how leaves, vines and cattails framed and accented the centrality of one or more irises. Besides providing many other practical

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tips and tricks of flower arranging, Chrys also emphasized the fun-filled and playful aspects of the craft. In conclusion, she explained how doing flower arrangements can foster new connections with family and friends—something that Chrys herself demonstrated by offering five of her own iris arrangements as options for members to choose in the evening's door prize drawing.



Refreshments Gratitude: Carol thanked CBRIS members Steve Chen, Carolyn Craft, Amy Hawkins, Jen Fernandes and Nancy Mirabella for providing refreshments for tonight's meeting. She also reminded members to sign-up to provide refreshments for the April meeting.

The 2025 CBRIS Iris Show, 'A Symphony of Iris,' will take place on Sunday, April 6.

In preparation for this event, President Carol Dahout went over the details of filling out a show entry card, reviewed the overall show schedule and different entry categories, and gave CBRISians the opportunity to sign-up for various jobs at the show.

Carol also provided copies of the official show poster for members to take and display in relevant public areas. Chrys Huynh recommended that all CBRISians email the show poster to their friends, asking them, in turn, to email the show poster to other friends.

Raffle Basket Items are needed for the 2025 Spring Regional Meeting, May 2-4, in Santa Rosa.

Reminding members of the themes for this Regional Meeting—namely, Redwoods, Irises and Wine - Carol asked CBRISians to kindly bring to the April meeting appropriate raffle basket items—i.e., anything relevant to these themes.

CBRIS Will Host the Fall 2025 Regional Meeting (Region 14). Planning for this event, which will take place sometime in October, is on-going. Carol reminded members once again of the need to find a Main Speaker and to provide Lunch on the main meeting day.

Here again is the overall Fall Regional Meeting schedule:

Friday, 5:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Saturday, 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M., with a mid-day break for Lunch provided by CBRIS.

Judges Training Session Offered by Carolyn Craft on Saturday, March 29 at 11:00 A.M.

Carolyn will base this training on the Pacific Coast Irises found on the Apple Campus.

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

Meeting Adjourned around 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Lomperis, CBRIS Secretary





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Photos by Steve Chen and Mikey Lango



2025 MDIS 6th Annual Virtual Show

“IRIS, THE QUEEN OF FLOWERS”

Entries will be accepted January 1, 2025 to August 31, 2025, Midnight PDT

Open to everyone

1. Email MtDiabloIris@gmail.com and ask for an entry number
2. Take four required pictures of each iris you enter
3. Combine your pictures into one file. Name the file with your registration number, section, class, and the name of the iris. E.G. 09ATBThat'sAllFolks
You will send only one picture, the combination of all four required pictures.
4. Complete the registration form
5. Email the photos and your completed registration form to: MtDiabloIris@gmail.com
by midnight PDT August 31, 2025 (GOOGLE Drive works well for this)
6. You will receive an email confirmation within 48 hours

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society Virtual Iris Show

The [Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society](#)'s virtual iris show is now accepting entries! We will accept entries until June 15, 2025. Entries can be emailed to jeanrichter@berkeley.edu. For more information on how to enter, please see this web page: <https://www.bayareairis.org/virtual-show-entries.html>

For each entry we require two photos, a flower shot and stalk shot. All types of iris are accepted, as well as artistic arrangements. Can't make it to your local in-person show? Iris aren't blooming at the right time? Enter our virtual show!

Our show is judged, and entrants compete for virtual ribbons, show awards, as well as silver and bronze medals and club trophies. Plus, the winner of best specimen in show receives a \$50 gift certificate to the iris grower of their choice.

All are welcome to enter!

Jean Richter

President, Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society



Garry Knipe's Moraeas



Iris Culture

What to do in the iris garden as our busy time has begun!

Weeds- Get rid of them as soon as possible. Not only do weeds distract from the beauty of the garden, but compete for nutrients. Plus, the iris need air space.

Pests- Be on the lookout for snails and earwigs. With the rains letting up, those little critters will be showing themselves. We do not want eaten leaves and plants.

Leaf spot- is a common disease in our area and more prominent during a wet winter. It is caused by a fungus that can be spread from old infected leaves or water splashing up from the soil where the fungus harbors. Clean up the iris beds by removing old leaves from the ground. remove old dead leaves and infected leaves from the iris plant. Do not compost the diseased leaves.

Two different mindsets if spraying - natural and chemical

Natural - 1 gallon of water, add 1 Tablespoon dish soap, 1 Tablespoon baking soda and 1 Tablespoon salad oil. Shake to mix and spray, shaking occasionally to keep it mixed. Re-spray after rain. (Sacramento Lore).

Chemical spray - Use a fungicide early in the season, repeating every 7 to 10 days; you may have to repeat this four or five times. Any systemic fungicide will help prevent the spread of the disease.

Names Please compare your iris as they bloom to their labeled name. Correct name to correct plant! We do not like receiving a misnamed iris plant!

Bloomstalks If you have a great growing iris, please enter it into one of the many iris shows. There is always someone willing to help you if you are a newbie. We want the public to see as many iris varieties as possible.



AIS 2025 Photo Contest

The annual American Iris Society Photo Contest begins May 1, 2025 and ends August 1, 2025 at midnight, PDT. The 2025 Photo Contest Entry Form, including entry rules, is on the AIS website at <https://www.irises.org/gardeners/photo-contest/>.

PCN Judges Training with Carolyn Craft at Apple Computer in Cupertino, CA



CBRIS Door Prize Iris April 2025

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



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