



Fleur de Lis

Clara B. Rees Iris Society

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Meeting Place

For the present:
Zoom meetings only

January 7, 2022

Zoom Meeting
7:30 P.M.

Meeting ID: 878 1102 5533
Passcode: 756946

Dues

Sep 1, 2021-
Aug 31, 2022

Adults - \$15.00

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January Program

Mike Mace and Garry Knipe, two local breeders of *Moraea*, will discuss the most colorful species, how to grow them, and will share pictures of the huge range of hybrids that they have developed from these interesting flowers. Michael Mace has been growing them for about 20 years, after being smitten by a photo in a gardening book. Garry Knipe, who we all know from his Pacific Coast Iris hybridizing, started his own *Moraea* hybridizing program after meeting Michael. He has found that the *Moraea* are a nice complement to his PCI beds.

Moraea, the “Peacock Iris” of South Africa

Moraea is a genus of about 220 species, more than half of them native to the Cape province. They are distant relatives of *Iris*, and look a bit like beardless irises. Their spectacular range of contrasting colors and patterns have earned them the nickname “Peacock Iris” in South Africa. The ones that grow in the Cape area are summer-dormant and grow from corms. They’re easy to grow in California, but are little-known here.

– Mike Mace



(See page two of this newsletter *Moraea* photos.)

CBRIS January 2022 Meeting

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Join Zoom Meeting

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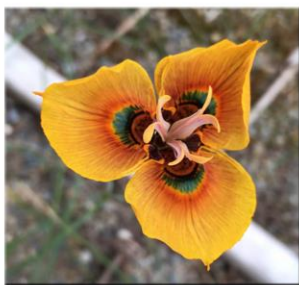
2022 AIS Convention - Iris Enchantment

The Special 2022 Convention Issue (PDF version) of News & Notes from early October announced:

- Registration is open and can be done online at [https:// ais-2022.square.site/](https://ais-2022.square.site/)
- Several special events are on the schedule
- The Silent Auction request by Eva Barry eva13barry@gmail.com
- Video from the six host gardens and more about the Convention

You can learn more about all these on the 2022 AIS Convention website. Note there is a website technical issue which will be resolved in the next day or two. In the meantime, all the above links are working.

– Santa Rosa Iris Society Newsletter January 2022



Genus: Moraea
Family: Iridaceae
Life Cycle: Annual
Corm
Perennial

Photos by Garry Knipe



Dahout's Digs January 2022! Happy New Year!

It was wonderful to see those of you who were able to attend the first ever CBRIS Christmas party at a restaurant on December 5th at the Blue Pheasant. We had the downstairs room to ourselves, it was beautifully decorated, the food was good and we all had a jolly good time!



Due to the recent surge of COVID/omicron, we will still not be holding our regular meetings in person. The zoom link for our first meeting of the year on January 7th at 7:30 can be found on the front page of this newsletter. I hope you will all be able to attend. Please remember to mute yourself and your video once the meeting has begun. You must be present to be able to participate in the door prize iris drawing. You may not have another member pick one for you. If you cannot get your sound to work, you may put your choice in the Chat. Please look over the list published in this newsletter before the meeting and have your choices ready.

Three Creeks Trail Update!

I would like to thank Erica Dhuey, Chris Dickinson and Nancy Mirabella for coming out on December 11 to participate in the volunteer clean-up day of the iris garden. We had a great time and accomplished a lot! The Program Manager, Leticia Espino, wishes to thank our members that came out and said they did an excellent job in showing the volunteers the process of removing and trimming the dead vegetation from the iris. All told, they removed 4 truckloads of green waste. I will let everyone know when the next date is set.

I am looking forward to 2022 with more beautiful newsletters from our editor and photographer, Mikey Lango, more interesting and informative meeting programs from our Vice Presidents, Jane Jordan and Trang Bui, excellent minutes from our recording secretary, Andrea Clague, that crazy wheel spinner and door prize iris organizer, Mark Greene, and, of course, our keeper of the books, Mary Collins!

Wishing you all a healthy, safe and prosperous 2022!

Carol Dahout,
CBRIS President



Culture


There is not much to do for your iris plants this month except to keep the iris beds clean and free of weeds and debris. Barely cover the tops of the iris so they can receive some sun. All spent blooms should have been cut off close to the ground long ago. Healthy green leaves should be left on the plant undisturbed. Diseased or brown leaves should be removed.

If you think that the overnight temperature will drop to below freezing, you may want to cut bloom stalks and bring into the house to wait for opening.

Yay for the rains that we have had so far this winter. Be on the lookout for leafspot as it can be a quite common disease affecting bearded irises. You can recognize the disease by circular or oval spots, about one-eighth to one-quarter of an inch in diameter on the leaves. First, they are yellowish and then turn tan or brown. This gives a very unsightly plant. These spores germinate and cause infection only when the iris leaves are wet. The best control is to keep the iris garden clean and trim off any leafspot before it invades the plant too much. The sooner caught and trimmed, the better!

—in part, Cornell University, Horticulture Division

**THE SHOVEL
WAS TRULY A
GROUNDBREAKING
INVENTION**



Clara B Rees Iris Society Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance, December 1, 2021	\$ 20,200.74
Revenue: Christmas party	695.00
Expense: Christmas party	1,143.43
Ending balance, December 31, 2021	\$ 19,752.31



Tracy Bunger	1
Nola Prevost	15
Mikey Lango	17
Wayne Craft	18
Mary Collins	20
Grace Keng	23





Blooming now...



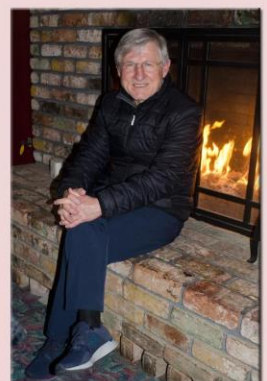
Photos by Helen Bliven, Elaine Fischer, Mikey Lango, and Riley Probst





CBRIS Holiday Party at the Blue Pheasant





**We all enjoyed the annual Holiday Party!
Thank you, Carol!**

CBRIS members instructing volunteers in the iris section of the Three Creeks Trail in San Jose



Photos by Carol Dahout

Never Have I Ever Gardening Edition

One Point for Each

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| talked to my plants | lost time when visiting the garden |
| snacked on string beans in the garden | used my shirt to gather a harvest |
| got caught under a sprinkler | touched a hornworm |
| been stung by a wasp | splashed myself in the face with a garden hose |
| moved an earthworm out of harms way | chased a butterfly |
| been startled by a snake | lost my gardening gloves |
| accidentally weeded a seedling | walked in the garden barefoot |
| smelled the soil | stepped on a rake |



HAPPY NEW YEAR

God rest you merry gardeners
 Let nothing ye dismay,
 For Spring is soon to come again
 With lengthening of days,
 The sun will warm the soil once more
 And send Jack Frost away.
 Oh tidings of composting and Joy!
 Compost and joy!
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CBRIS DPI January 2022



All Grown Up



Ashland
SDB



Banana Boat



Bombshell



Break My Heart



Diamond Heart



Frank's Dream



Fresh and Exciting



Gussied Up



Hot Embers



Kayidid



Minor Swing
SDB



Mystical Sunshine



Oklatude



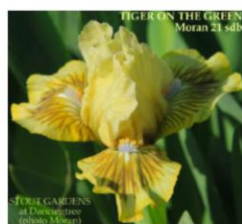
Quietly Awesome



Rule the World



Strawberry Smoothie



Tiger on the Green



Veronica Ivette



Wonder Beard

CBRIS Door Prize Iris Descriptions for January 2022

All Grown Up P. Black 2021 TB; 32"; L-VL; S. Ruffled rosy mauve; F. Violet blue; B. Coral and violet.

Ashland Schreiner 2021 SDB; 10"; E; S. Lavender; F. Greenish yellow; B. Orange; Slight fragrance.

Banana Boat H. Dash 2020 TB; 33"; M; S. Gold; F. Sandy brown; B. Orange; Slight fragrance.

Bombshell T. Johnson 2021 TB; 34"; M; S. Peach; F. Peach, pencil thin magenta edge; B. Tangerine

Break My Heart T. Johnson 2021 TB; 36"; M-L; S. White, lemon centers; F. Red violet, lavender band, gold edge. B. Tangerine tipped violet.

Diamond Heart T. Johnson 2021 TB; 36"; E; S. Gold; F; Lavender purple; B. Tangerine

Frank's Dream H. Dash 2021 TB; 33"; S. Royal blue; F. Light blue; B. Orange to blue

Fresh and Exciting R. Tasco 2021 TB; 35"; M-L; S. Yellow; F. yellow, burgundy veins; B. Tangerine; Sweet fragrance.

Gussied Up T. Johnson 2021 TB; 35"; M; S. White; F. Purple, white rim. B. Orange red

Hot Embers H. Dash 2020 TB; 36"; M; S. Maroon; F. Firebrick; B. Sandy brown; Slight fragrance.

Kayidid Burseen 2020 TB; 37"; VE-M; S. Cream; F. Pink; B. Red.

Minor Swing M. Bersillon 2021 SDB; 12.5" E-M; S. Yellow; F. Yellow-orange; B. Blue-violet, middle rust red, pale blue end.

Mystical Sunshine R. Tasco 2021 TB; 38; M-L; S. Yellow; F. Dark burgundy, yellow starburst; B. Orange; Slight fragrance.

Oklatude H. Stout 2021 TB; 33"; E-M; S. Yellow. F. Red, lighter veining; B. White tipped yellow

Quietly Awesome R. Tasco 2021 TB; 33"; E-M; S. Tan; F. Burgundy-black; B. Orange, ends tan; Slight fragrance.

Rule the World T. Johnson 2021 TB; 35"; E; S. White; F. Plum purple, white edge; B. Red

Strawberry Smoothie Bob Skaggs 2021 TB; 37"; M; S. Creamy pink; F. Creamy white, pink rim; B. White

Tiger on the Green A. Moran 2021 SDB; 12"; E-M; S. Lemon Yellow, slight greenish cast; F. Yellow, dark mustard; B. Light blue, tipped yellow

Veronica Ivette H. Stout 2021 TB; 36"; E-M; S. White; F. Dark purple, light purple border; B. White base, orange tip.

Wonder Beard P. Black 2021 MTB; 24"; M-L; S. Pink; F. Salmon pink; F. Coral pink