



# Fleur de Lis

## Clara B. Rees Iris Society

March 2022  
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### Meeting Place

For the present:  
Zoom meetings only

**March 4, 2022**

**Zoom Board Meeting**

**6:45 P. M.**

**Zoom Meeting**

**7:30 P.M.**

Meeting ID: 819 9566 8826  
Passcode: 867980

### Dues

**Sep 1, 2021-  
Aug 31, 2022**

**Adults - \$15.00**

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**CBRIS  
www.cbris.org**

**Region 14  
www.aisregion14.org**

**American Iris Society  
www.irises.org**

## March Program

We look forward to seeing you this Friday on zoom for a program on the Mother of Iris and our organization's namesake, Clara B. Rees. Carol will present a



slideshow on the groundbreaking hybridizer who, literally and figuratively, changed the iris landscape with her development and introduction of Snow Flurry in 1939. Join us to learn more about the pioneer behind our organization, her life on Bird Ave, and her indelible impact on the iris world. —Trang Bui

## CBRIS Board Meeting 6:45 P. M.

### CBRIS Zoom Meeting

Topic: CBRIS March Board and General Meeting  
Time: Mar 4, 2022 06:45 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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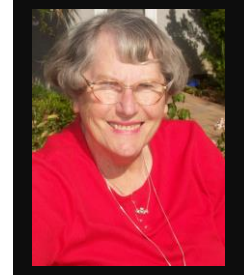
## Spring Back to Dry Creek

The registration form for Region 14's Spring Regional 2022 may be found on the last page of this newsletter.

### Passings



With great sorrow, we have to announce the death of Jack Alvis on February 21 and Pat Hawkins on February 25. We are mourning the loss of our friends, who made an impression on everyone they met. Jack was a club member for many years, being a role model, friend, and confidant. He will be missed by many. A Celebration of Life will be held for Jack at a later date. Our condolences and love to Philippa.



Pat has been a CBRIS member for less time than Jack but she was well known. Despite her 20 plus years of health issues, she usually managed to participate in CBRIS activities. CBRIS will not be the same without her. Pat's funeral will be held this coming Friday. (Time and place on page 5) Our condolences to Jean and the family.

**The life of the dead is placed in the memory of the living.**

– Marcus Tullius Cicero

### Clara B Rees Iris Society Treasurer's Report

<b>Beginning balance, February 1, 2022</b>	<b>\$ 19,177.43</b>
Revenue: Dues 15.00	
Expense: Door Prize Iris 1048.97	
<b>Ending balance, February 28, 2022</b>	<b>\$ 18,143.46</b>

### March Birthdays



Rosemary Chivers	6
Jennifer Vanden Beukel	12
Jeff Bennett	30



# Dahout's Digs

## March 2022

February was a sad month for CBRIS as we learned of the passing of two of our long-time members, Jack Alvis, and, only a few days later, Pat Hawkins. We mourn their loss but cherish the time we had with them.

Jack loved nothing better than working in his iris garden with Philippa by his side. He was always cheerful and happy to share his irises and his iris knowledge. Jack will be sorely missed.

Pat was an active member and she, and husband, Jean, rarely missed a CBRIS event. She had strong opinions and was never shy about sharing them. She did not let ill health keep her down.

Let us celebrate these two outstanding members as we begin to enjoy our spring bloom.

See you all on Zoom as we present another irisarian, Clara B. Rees!

–Carol Dahout, CBRIS President

# Jeanne Clay Plank

## Feb. 2, 1930 - March 1, 2022



The world lost a devoted irisarian and truly wonderful person. Jeanne Clay Plank wore many hats in the iris world. CBRIS members will recognize her as one of the past RVPs of Region 14. You may contact her son, Roger Clay, at: 23 Cavalla Court, Novato 94949, or email: [roger@7thdirection.com](mailto:roger@7thdirection.com)



Bob and Jeanne



'Jeanne Clay Plank' TB  
Fred Kerr 2012



Jeanne and Carolyn Craft



Jeanne and John Pesek



## Minutes

### CBRIS Meeting, February 4, 2022

President Carol Dahout called the meeting to order at 7:31. There were 27 members on the call. New member: Susan Clark, Guest: Richard Clark

#### **Program: "Beauty from the Past, Preserved for the Future" A Presentation by Wendy Scott, President, Historic Iris Preservation Society (HIPS)**

The mission of HIPS is to preserve irises hybridized before 1990. Irises can be lost when gardeners stop growing them or their identification is lost. HIPS encourages the preservation of historic irises through several programs.

**HIPS Display Gardens:** HIPS members participating in the display garden program grow at least 15 named historic irises. They open their gardens at least once each blooming season. There are 50 display gardens in the US and Canada. Gardens can also have themes - hybridizer, time period, class of irises, award winners, or date range.

**Breeder Collections:** A Breeder Collection consists of irises that were bred by one person and include at least one iris older than 30 years. The program requires that a Breeder Collector be a HIPS member, report all historic iris holdings to the HIPS databank, and agree to share irises in the collection with other HIPS members.

The Guardian Gardeners program is for experienced iris growers. These growers collect, propagate, and distribute the most endangered iris. They share each other's irises each summer and participate in the HIPS iris sale.

HIPS members can conduct an iris rescue for gardeners who no longer can grow irises and want to preserve their older hybrids. HIPS also offers advice for people who want to bequeath their iris collections.

HIPS is assembling a database of irises that have purple coloration on various parts of the plant.

Information about HIPS can be found on their new website, <https://historiciris.org>.

#### **Business Meeting**

CBRIS Iris Show: Westgate not currently planning events in the mall. Jane J suggested the Oddfellows' Hall - we could afford the \$1800 charge.

We are still looking for a place for our monthly meetings.

Spring Regional: Still scheduled for April 30 - May 1. No hotel available. Speaker is Steve Poole, who will speak on tall bearded and Louisiana irises. Jeff is looking for weeding volunteers.

AIS National Convention: April 11 - April 16 in Las Cruces. Vaccination not required.

**Door Prizes** were awarded using Mark's Wheel of Fortune.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25.

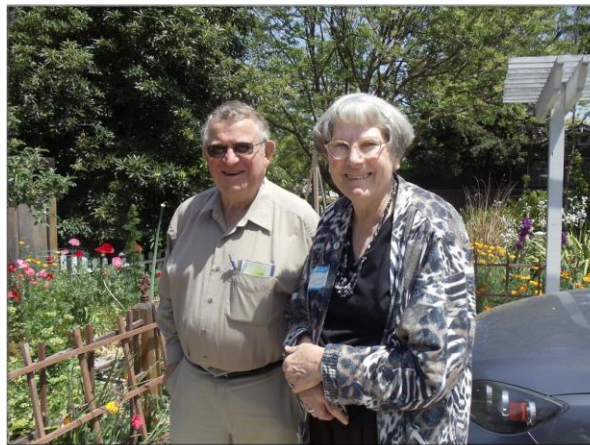
Respectfully written and submitted,  
Andrea Clague, CBRIS Society

## Pat Hawkins

After a long battle with cancer, it is with much sorrow and sadness we report the death of Pat Hawkins on Friday, Feb. 25. Pat and her husband, Jean, have been active members of the iris group for many years. Her yard produced many beautiful irises in the spring and rebloomers throughout the year.

Services will include visitation on Thursday, March 3, at the Darling Fischer Chapel, 231 Campbell Ave., Campbell from 4:00 P. M. to 8:00 P. M. The funeral service will be Friday at 11:00 A. M. at St. Lucy Catholic Church, 2350 Winchester Blvd., Campbell. Burial will be at Los Gatos Memorial with a reception to follow, TBA.

-Rosemary Chivers



## Our Friend , Jack Alvis

“A jack of all trades is a master of none, but oftentimes better than a master of one.”

Formerly intended as a compliment, the phrase means that a person is a generalist rather than a specialist, versatile and adept at many things. And, that he was! —www.medium.com



## Iris Events

<b>2022</b>		
April 9-10	Mt. Diablo Iris Show;	Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore, CA
April 11 – 16	AIS National 2022 Convention	Las Cruces, New Mexico
April 23-24	Monterey Bay Iris Show	Londen Nelsen Community Center 301 Center St, Santa Cruz, CA
April 30	Region 14 Spring Regional	Dry Creek Garden, Union City, CA
May 7-8	Santa Rosa Iris Society Show	Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center, Santa Rosa, CA
October 7 - 8	Region 14 Fall Regional	Double-Tree by Hilton, Chico. CA

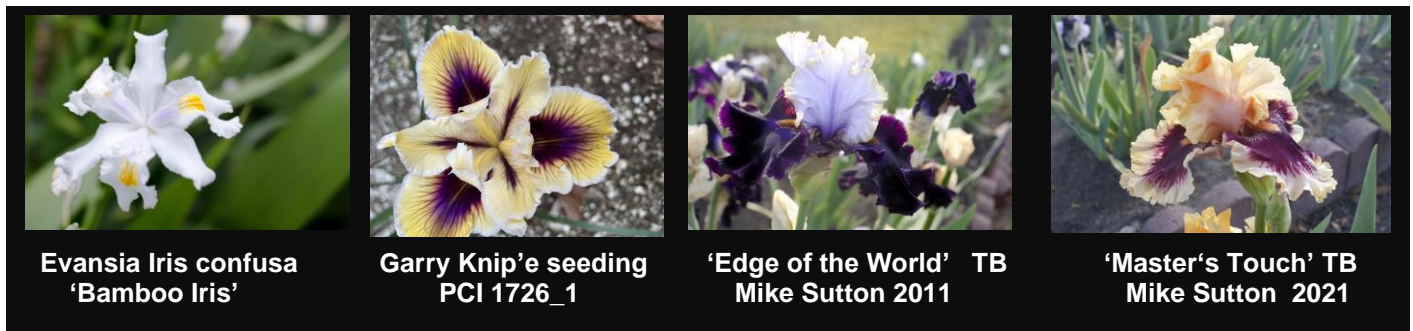
<b>2023</b>		
April 10 - 15	AIS National 2023 Convention	Dallas, Texas
May 12 – 14	Spring Regional	Oakhurst Host: Yosemite Iris Society Kanarowski Gardens and Gonzalez Iris Gardens

<b>2024</b>		
June 17 - 22	AIS National 2024 Convention I	Portland, Oregon

## Culture

Keep those weeds down or better yet, out of your iris garden. They compete with the rhizomes for nutrients and water; as well as crowding the irises. Pre-emergent is a great time saver to keep the weeds under control.

With no rainfall, watering is a must if you want any decent stalks. Hopefully, your irises have been fertilized by now. In our area, the recommended date to fertilize is by Feb 14<sup>th</sup>. The fertilizer needs at least three weeks to work its magic and the growing season has already started.



Evansia Iris confusa  
'Bamboo Iris'

Garry Knip'e seeding  
PCI 1726\_1

'Edge of the World' TB  
Mike Sutton 2011

'Master's Touch' TB  
Mike Sutton 2021



## 2022 AIS Membership Drive - Extended Through June

The AIS Membership Drive, which begins March 1st, has been extended through June. This means all iris shows will be during the drive.

The American Iris Society invites all AIS Affiliates/clubs and AIS Sections (including Cooperating Societies) to participate.

The 2022 AIS Membership Drive consists of a **Free 1-Year Print Membership for every First Time Member of an AIS Affiliate or an AIS Section**, if that new member is not a prior AIS member. This special will be available ONLY during the months of March Through June 2022.

Eligible memberships (forms or lists) must be submitted directly by the Section or Affiliate to the AIS Membership Secretary via email or USPS in a timely manner. Current AIS Membership forms are available at: <https://www.irises.org/aismembers/> and here is a [direct link to the pdf.](#)

### Contact Details:

Pam Messer - AIS Membership Secretary

## 2022 AIS Convention - Iris Enchantment

Late registration fee has been lifted! Please register as soon as possible.



*The next century of the AIS begins*

**Las Cruces  
New Mexico  
April 11-16, 2022**

- Registration is open and can be found at <http://aisregion23.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/AIS-Registration-Form-2022-02-22-2022-opt-tour-full.pdf>
- There are six tour gardens For details: <http://aisregion23.com/2022-national-convention/convention-gardens/>
- Video from the six host gardens [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iAs4ZKEr4tA&ab\\_channel=TheAmericanIrisSociety](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iAs4ZKEr4tA&ab_channel=TheAmericanIrisSociety)





Let's Try this again

***Spring Back To Dry Creek!***  
**AIS Region 14 2022 Spring Regional**  
**April 30, 2022**



Did you like Dry Creek Garden at the 2019 AIS Convention?  
Come visit again!

Please attend the AIS Region 14 Spring Regional at:  
**Dry Creek Garden 550 May Road Union City, Ca 94587**  
**Speaker: Steve Poole from Illinois. Master Judge, Former RVP Region 9**  
**AIS member since 1969**  
Speaker, Judge's Training, Silent Auction  
Hosted by Mt. Diablo and Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Societies  
Information: [Jeff13bennett@gmail.com](mailto:Jeff13bennett@gmail.com) 510-677-0803

# Spring Regional 2022 Agenda

## Saturday, April 30, 2022

- 9:00 am Check in/ Registration/Regional open
- 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Fill out ballots and turn in
- 10:30 am – 12:00 pm Judge’s Training (Possibly 2 at same time)
- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch at Dry Creek
- 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Speaker - Steve Poole
- 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm Iris viewing, 2<sup>nd</sup> Judge’s Training TBD
- 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Silent Auction/Raffle Baskets
- 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Auction/Raffle winners/Silent Auction winners
- 5:00 pm Closing comments and announcements  
Adjourn



Dry Creek Garden

## Monday, May 2, 2022 Agenda

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm Region 14 Meeting on Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86704901624?pwd=dVgvRVNvZXI6WmllTm5Qc2pPTGg4Zz09>

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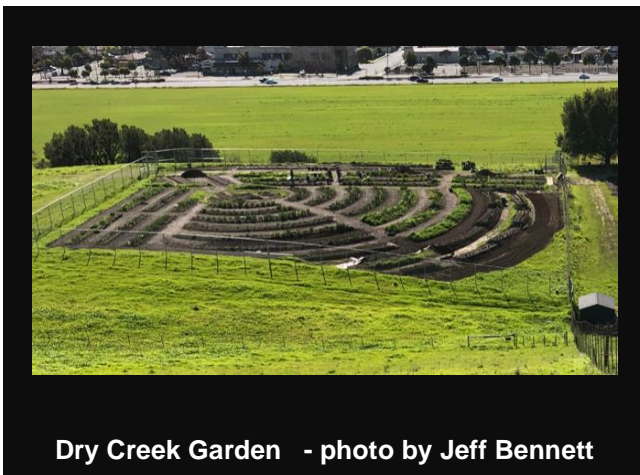
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Dry Creek Garden - photo by Jeff Bennett



Jeff Bennett at Dry Creek Garden

## CBRIS Door Prize Iris March 2022

**Above the Fray** H. Stout 2020 TB; 36"; E-M; S. Violet F.; Deep dark purple B. Lavender; Pronounced sweet Fragrance

**Along the Lines** Schreiner SDB; 11"; E; S. White ground, blue edging; F. White ground, blue striations; B. Dark orange; fragrant.

**Baby Bruin** Schreiner 2021 SDB; 8.5"; E; S. Whit; F. Blue; B. Orange beards; Amoena; Fragrant

**Beautiful Edging** R. Tasco 2020 TB; 36"; M-L; S. White: F. White, violet rim; B tangerine,; Slight fragrance.

**Boundless Berry** P. Black 2021 BB; 27"; M-L; S. Pink; F. Pink, warm pink bands. B. Dark sienna beards; A moderate sweet fragrance is a plus.

**Cool Morning Mist** R. Tasco 2020 AB (OGB-); 21"; M-L; S. Lilac; F. Lilac, violet signal; B. Orang, yellow middle and ends; Slight fragrance.

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

**Gilt Edged Bond** G. Richardson 2005 TB; 36"; E-M; S. Cream; F. Violet, narrow gold rim; B. Yellow; Slight fragrance.

**Heartfelt Desire** H. Dash 2020 TB; 37"; L-VL; S. Pink; F. Pale goldenrod; B. yellow; Slight fragrance.

**Insomnia** Burseen/Stout 2020 TB; 36"; E-M; S: Purple; F. Grape purple; B. Mango yellow tips.

**Made in the Shade** H. Stout 2021 MTB; 23"; E-M-L; S. White, peppered violet. F. White, peppered violet. B. White, middle lemon, tipped purple.

**Moonlit Rendezvous** T. Johnson 2021 TB; 32"; E; S. White; F. White, dark violet band; B. Orange, yellow tip.

**Noble Lord** R. Tasco 2019 TB; 40; M-L; S. Red beetroot-purple; F. Bishops violet, red beetroot-purple edges; B. Beech brown; Heavy purple based foliage; Slight fragrance

**Poetic Dream** B. Blyth 2021 TB; 38"; M; S. Creamy white; F. White, creamy lemon edge; B. Lemon over white.

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

**Richie Rich** H. Stout 2021 SDB; 12"; E-M; S. Gold-mango. F. Tangerine; B. Orange-red.

**Smoldering Passion** T. Johnson 2021 TB; 35"; M-L; S. Back cherry. F. Deeper black cherry; B. Tangerine

**Taboo** T. Johnson 2021 TB; 35; M-L; S. Light lemon-yellow; F. Lavender blue; B. White tipped with yellow

**Tutenstein** H. Stout 2021 SDB; 12"; E-M; S. Pink-purple; F. Pink-purple; B. White, orange tipped; Luminata pattern

**Wild and Free** R. Tasco 2021 TB SA; 38"; M-L; S. Yellow; F. White, washed blue; B. Tangerine, ends blue, white and violet horns or flounces; Sweet fragrance.



CBRIS Door Prize Iris for September 2021 and March 2022



Above the Fray



Along the Lines



Baby Bruin



Beautiful Edging



Boundless Berry



Cool Morning Mist



Frank's Dream



Gild Edged Bond



Heartfelt Desire



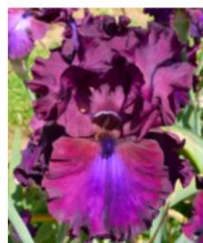
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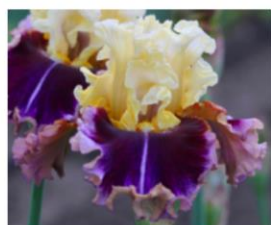
Poetic Dream



Richie Rich



Smoldering Passion



Taboo



Tutenstein



Wild and Free



Quietly Awesome

**AIS REGION 14 SPRING MEETING**  
**April 30 – May 1, 2022**  
**Dry Creek Garden**  
**550 May Road Union City, Ca 94587**

Hotel: Crowne Plaza Hotel      1-877-227-6963 or go online  
32083 Alvarado – Niles Road, Union City, Ca 94587

Best rates to book online currently from \$109 to \$118.00. Look under the specials tab to get the best rate including breakfast. Make sure your room is refundable if you have to cancel for any reason.

- Free Parking
- Free WiFi

Registration includes: Speaker, lunch, access to all meetings, judge's trainings

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

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email for Confirmation \_\_\_\_\_

Iris Club Member? Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_ If Yes, Local Iris Society \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee if paid by April 1st, 2022 \$75.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee April 1-15th \$85.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Special dietary needs \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Mt Diablo Iris Society. No refunds after April 22, 2022

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