



# Fleur de Lis

## Clara B. Rees Iris Society

May 2022  
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### Meeting Place

May 6, 2022

7:30 P. M.

West Valley Library

1243 San Tomas Aquino Rd.

San Jose, CA 95117

### Dues

Sep 1, 2021-  
Aug 31, 2022

Adults - \$15.00

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CBRIS

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Region 14

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American Iris Society

www.irises.org

## May Program

We're excited to welcome Charmaine Turbow, as our guest speaker for our May meeting, this Friday, May 6. Charmaine will be presenting a program on flower arranging with irises, that we promise will inspire you to think outside the garden box and create stunning bouquets, just in time for Mother's Day!

Charmaine owns and operates Turbow Farms, a specialty cut flower farm nestled in the Los Altos Hills that offers seasonal, handpicked flower bouquets and hands-on floral design workshops for every recipient and occasion.

On Friday, she'll share her insights and talents with CBRIS. Join us to learn about the elements of design, post-harvest flower care, and how to create jaw dropping centerpieces with irises.

We look forward to seeing you there!

—Trang Bui, CBRIS Vice-President

## Bouquets to Art

de Young  
museum



Now in its 38<sup>th</sup> year, fundraiser 'Bouquets to Art', returns to de Young museum June 7-12. There will be more than 100 floral displays, along with special events and programs featuring experts on flowers. For more information go to [www. https://deyoung.famsf.org/bouquets-to-art](https://deyoung.famsf.org/bouquets-to-art).

# Dahout's Digs

## May 2022

The month of April flashed by. This is the month we are rewarded for all our hard labor with glorious iris blooms, starting with Pacific Coast Iris, followed by Standard Dwarf Bearded, Intermediate Bearded, Border Bearded, Arilbreds, and then Tall Bearded. But that's not all! Now we can look forward to beardless iris – Spuria, Japanese and Louisiana.

We had our first in person meeting since the beginning of COVID at the West Valley Library and it was wonderful to see everyone again. We had a mini show and as we gear up for a real show in 2023, we will have more training so that we all feel comfortable entering the horticulture and/or artistic divisions of the show.

We have successfully sold all available potted iris between the Saratoga Farmer's Market and my driveway. We sold them for \$10 and made around \$1,175. We also participated in the Saratoga Blossom Festival and gained several new members.

In May we will continue our volunteer work on the Three Creeks Iris Trail in Willow Glen, on the corner of Bird and Willow. CBRIS members will be showing volunteers how to care for tall bearded iris on May 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:45 am – Noon. It is a lovely trail, brimming with yellow, white and purple iris. It is also brimming with weeds that must be eradicated. If you have not discovered it, come on down and check it out.

–Carol Dahout, CBRIS President

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

#### May Birthdays



**Mark Greene**     4

**Carol Dahout**   30

<b>Beginning balance, April 1, 2022</b>	<b>\$ 17,439.87</b>
Revenue: Pot sales	785.70
Sales tax collected	71.68
Dues	60.00
Expenses: Library fee, April/May meetings	80.00
Saratoga market fee	50.00
Summer picnic park fee	150.00
Copies	38.94
Hospitality	25.79
Square fee	2.28
<b>Ending balance, April 30, 2022</b>	<b>\$ 18,010.24</b>



## CBRIS Minutes

April 8, 2022

New meeting location at West Valley Library. First in person meeting for two years.

Happy Birthday Announcements: Margaret Goossens 8, Jean Hawkins 15, Linda Stremel 23

Sale at "Saratoga Farmers Market" was a success. Space rental was \$50, sold all pots by noon with \$785 in proceeds.

Potential to hold a rhizome sale at Saratoga market, since pot sale was so successful.

Yamagami's sale is planned for August

St. Leo's sale will be held on July 30th

Bring any pots of Iris you are growing for club sales to Carol's home.

Saratoga Blossom Festival tomorrow April 9th next to West Valley College.  
Volunteers scheduled to man the table: Philippa, Peter, Carolyn, Nancy

Mt. Diablo Iris Show at Alden Lane Nursery tomorrow April 9th  
Monterey Bay Iris Show April 23rd  
Santa Rosa Iris Show May 7th

Regional Meeting at Dry Creek Gardens on April 30  
Two judges training will be held

Riley Probst - Judges Training for Louisiana Iris on May 21st at Dry Creek Garden. A motion to pay \$50 honorarium and provide water for attendees approved.

On April 10th Jane is opening garden for self-guided tours from 2-5

Send Andrea Clague email if you are interested in purchasing club t-shirts, sweatshirts, etc. as she is hoping to submit order soon

May program will be Floral Designer from Turbo Farms on May 6th  
June meeting will be held on June 10th (meeting locale unavailable first Friday)

July 17th Picnic at Ortega Park in Sunnyvale, with potluck lunch. More details to follow.

Apple Campus in Cupertino Visitor's Center has large garden with Pacific Coast Iris blooming.

Need 4" pots for the Dry Creek Garden silent auction basket, please provide to Mary Collins before that date

Program presented BYOB Bring Your Own Blooms by Philippa, Carol and Carolyn on preparing your iris for show, tool kit, tagging, and what to consider when entering contests at regional shows.

Iris Door Prize draw held.

Meeting adjourned.

-Nancy Mirabella, acting CBRIS Secretary



Philippa and Carolyn at Saratoga Blossom Festival  
-photo by Nancy Mirabella





CBRIS April 2022  
Back to in  
person meetings!

## Painting

This lovely iris watercolor was donated to CBRIS at the Saratoga Blossom Festival by the artist, Kay Duffy. Kay has invited CBRIS members to an Open Studio on 5/21-5/22 from 11:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. The address is 20637 Leonard Rd., Saratoga Ca 95070



## Guidelines for Certification as an AIS Artistic Judge

Contact your regional AIS Judge's Training chair, Carol Cullen, as to your intention to become a certified artistic judge, and to learn the region's policies.

You must already be an AIS accredited judge in order to qualify for the certification, unless you are an AIS member who already has vast experience, and other floral certifications or awards, which may qualify you for the artistic judge certification. (This would be determined by the regional judge's training chairperson)

You must attain a copy of the new AIS Judges Handbook.

8 hours of training is required:

- 1 hour covering the Principles of Design (Found in Chapter 27)
- 1 hour covering The Point Scale (Found in Chapter 27)
- 2 hours covering the rest of Chapter 27
- 2 hours of apprenticeship, this involves watching actual judging of the artistic design division at a show or shows, in person or through virtual presentations.
- 2 hours of actual hands-on designing with a design judge (AIS or otherwise) or proof of winning a Best Design of Show or a Best of Design Sweepstakes.

Pass tests that are given out at training and reported to the regional AIS Judge's Training chairperson.

Complete an activity report on a yearly basis until all requirements are met. There is no time limit as to when hours may be completed.

Once a certificate has been given, nothing else is required to keep it valid, unless The Principles of Design change, which is not probable or logical.



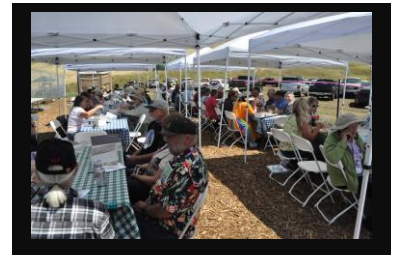
## Spring Regional 2022 – Dry Creek Garden



For the first time since the pandemic arrived and so rudely interrupted our lives, Region 14, American Iris Society, hosted an in-person event—the 2022 Spring Regional at Dry Creek Park. With a final attendance of over 67 people, the event started at 9:00 A.M. and we arrived to coffee and treats as a prelude to getting our packet of information.

Jeff Bennett, head gardener, was on hand to greet us. The garden is still recovering from the theft of almost all the guest irises, but there was good, but early, bloom on many varieties.

In the morning, Riley Probst presented judges training on medians. Box lunches from Panera were provided in a variety of types to suit everyone tastes.



After lunch, Jeff first spoke about the garden and then the challenges. Next one of the board members of the East Bay Park District welcomed the group. Serving Alameda and Contra Costa counties, the park district includes 73 parks covering 125,000 acres with 1,250 miles of trails and 55 miles of shoreline.

Next, Region 14's new RVP, Carolyn Hoover addressed the group; then the guest speaker took over. With wind coming up, it proved impossible to show his PowerPoint presentation, but Steve Poole proved to be an informative, entertaining, and amusing speaker, keeping the group engaged.



Steve Poole is working in other interesting areas—he has gone back to the species and is creating hybrid Louisiana irises with much better branching and bud count. Another project is the attempt to double the chromosomes in Pseudatas, with the hope of creating fertile plants that would look like Japanese irises, but grow with ease.

After his talk, Steve Poole led a judges' training session on point scoring irises in the garden.

I've always agreed with the adage that a picture is worth 1,000 words, so I am including a few images.



–Bryce Williamson

## The winners are...



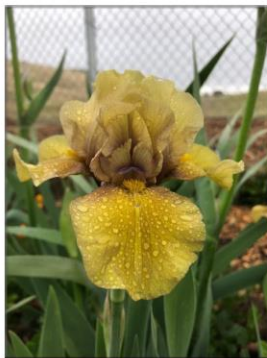
Knopf Cup  
Best seedling by a Region 14 hybridizer  
814D TB  
Bryce Williamson

Clara B. Reese Cup  
Best past introduction  
by a Region 14 hybridizer  
'Commedia Dell'Arte' TB  
Bryce Williamson 2022



Jim Gibson Cup  
Best plicata, fancy plicata,  
luminata, broken color, or  
visual plicata  
'Serenade to Music' TB  
Bryce Williamson 2022

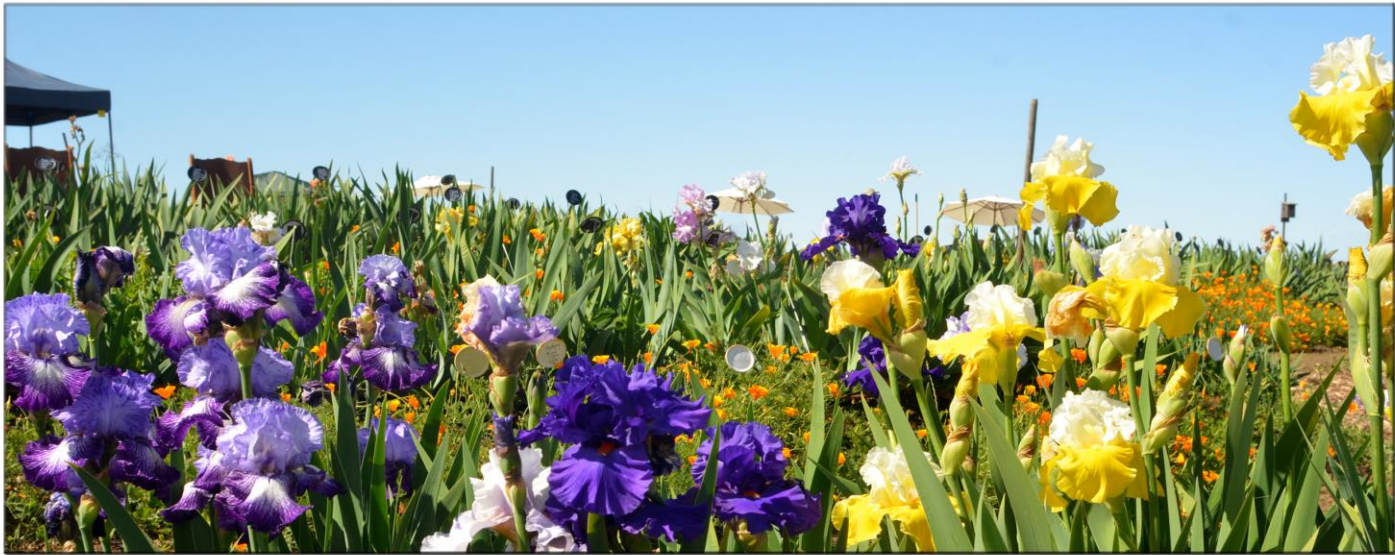
Out of Region  
Best iris by a hybridizer  
not in Region 14  
'Arctic Chill' TB  
Keith Keppel 2020



Hager-DuBose Cup  
Best bearded other than tall  
'Shampoo' IB  
Virginia Messick 1975

Melrose Cup  
Best beardless  
'Cajun Sunrise' LA  
Joseph Mertzweiler 1993





# Spring Regional at Dry Creek Garden







Here  
There  
Every-  
where,  
Irises!





**JT Training**



**Visiting**



**Drawing for Baskets**



**Catching up**



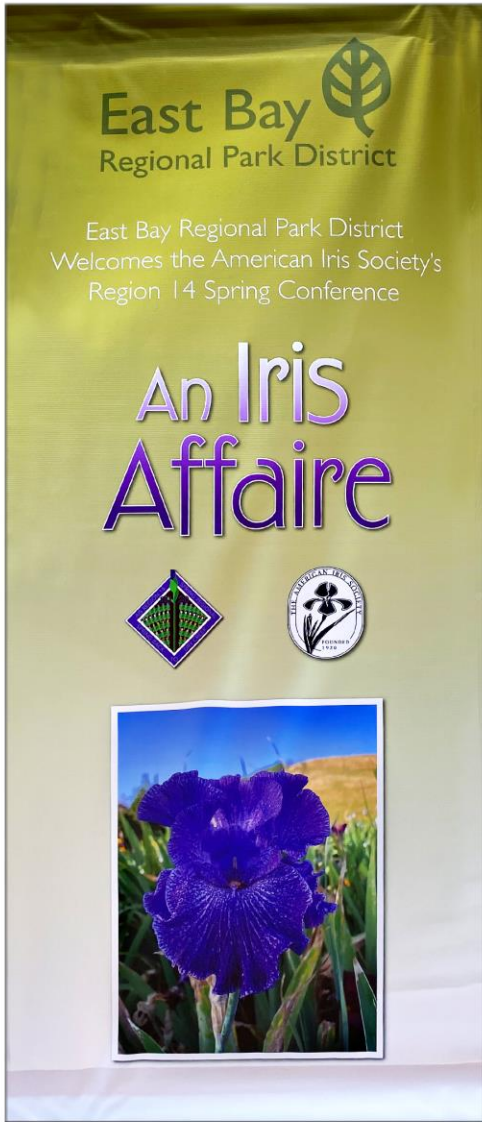
**One more thing...**



**Steve Poole**



**Winning**



**Thank you,  
Jeff Bennett,  
Steve Poole,  
SBMIS and MDIS!**

**Region 14  
thanks East Bay  
Regional Park District  
for being supportive.**

## Spring Regional Zoom Meeting May 3, 2022

Highlights of the Spring Regional Zoom meeting:

The meeting opened with a moment of silence for the Region's recently departed.

Patricia Eisenberg has agreed to be Region Secretary.

JT Chair, Carol Cullen, reported there are 5 more training sessions for this year.

AIS will be offering training for Artistic Judges.

Articles for the Fall Bulletin are due by August 1st.

The Region Scholarships were announced. Jessica Vanden Beukel was awarded \$1,000.00, Elizabeth Mello received \$500.00, Crystal Chacon Lara, and Kamala Tippa received \$300.00 each. (Congratulations to Jennifer Vanden Beukel's daughter and Elaine Fischer's granddaughter, Jessica Vanden Beukel for being the top winner!)

Jeff Bennett reported that the Spring Regional at Dry Creek had 67 people registered with 65 attending. Riley Probst gave garden training on medians. Steve Poole gave garden training on Tall Bearded. Jeff announced winners for garden awards. (See page 7 of this newsletter for list.) Congratulations to the hybridizers that produced such lovely irises.

### **Fall Regional Oct 7-8, 2023** in Chico

Hosts are Leo T. Clark and Shasta Iris Societies

Hotel: Double Tree by Hilton in Chico

Friday night speaker: Andi Rivarola and a Fall Rebloomer Show being held

Saturday: Fall schedule with JT given by Anna Cadd on artistic

### **Spring Regional 2024 - April 26, 27, 28 –**

Sacramento Iris Society hosting, featuring Mary Ann Horton's and Ruth Ostroff's gardens

A host is needed for the 2024 Fall Regional.



## 2022 AIS Membership Drive

The AIS Membership Drive, which began March 1st, has been extended through June 30th. This means all iris shows will be included in 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, PO Box 6, Huxley, IA 50124  
Email: [aismemsec@irises.org](mailto:aismemsec@irises.org)

## Culture

Blooming time continues! Keep watering while the irises are blooming. Then water deeply every week or two through June as this will help increase the size of the new rhizomes when dug in July or August. If you fertilize and water the rebloomers they will put another show on for you later.

Remove spent bloomstalks by cutting or snapping close to the ground. Keep after little critters and pests. Keep your beds weed free. Another important task is to check your iris labels and maps when an iris blooms. You will want the correct name if you enter an iris show. Label with an old mini-blind, a plastic knife or plant markers. A grease pencil or a china marker should be used for longer legibility as sharpies only last about a year. Ink jet labels last a few years. You may want to bury a marker down inside by the roots as an added precaution. A number two pencil works well for that. An iris garden map is always a good idea in addition to labeling. Take a photo of your irises when they are in bloom to help identify and record your irises. Work carefully, growing bloom stalks are fragile and break easily.

Watch for leaf diseases like rust and leaf spot. These are problems made worse by crowding your irises. Enjoy bloom time! Louisianas and spurias are beginning to bloom. Soon the Japanese and species will be the star of the garden.



## CBRIS Door Prize Iris May 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. Lght 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



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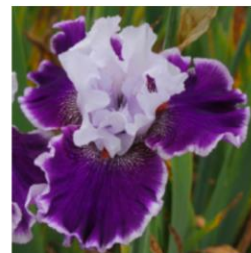
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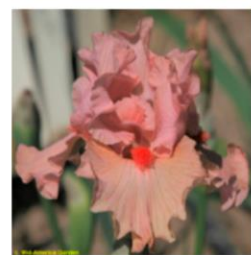
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