



Fleur de Lis

Clara B. Rees Iris Society

November 2021
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Meeting Place

For the present:
Zoom meetings only

November 5, 2021

Zoom Meeting

7:30 P.M.

Meeting ID: 862 8460 2341

Passcode: 855747

Dues

Sep 1, 2021-
Aug 31, 2022

Adults - \$15.00

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November Program

Despite coinciding with Movember, the start of November is the perfect time to talk beardless. Specifically, the beardless iris of the west coast, the Pacific Coast Iris. Our November program will be on PCI, presented by CBRIS member, Trang Bui. Trang will speak about the discovery, cultivation and care of these elegant plants, known for their rich colors and hardiness. Please join us this Friday as we talk PCI, the native that perfectly exemplifies the beauty and diversity of California.

CBRIS November 2021 Meeting

Time: Nov 5, 2021 07:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kcESrS7HF4>

Dues-Dues-Dues! See Mary Collins!

Dahout's Digs

November 2021

Holiday Party!

I am excited to announce that we will have an in-person holiday party this year! The date to save is Sunday, December 5th, at 6:30 pm. It will be held at The Blue Pheasant Restaurant, 22100 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino. We will have the downstairs room all to ourselves. The restaurant reserves the right to cancel if there is an upsurge in covid and proof of vaccination will be required.



The cost to members will be \$25 and for non-members \$30. CBRIS will pick up the balance. Please make your checks out to CBRIS and mail to me before Thanksgiving, if you are planning on attending. My address is 738 Oakgrove Dr., San Jose, CA 95129.

The dinner will include a mixed green salad, potato or rice, fresh vegetables, French bread, coffee or tea and house made dessert. There will be a vegetarian entrée, as well as two other entrée choices.

As in years past, we will have a secret Santa gift exchange. If you would like to participate, please bring a wrapped gift. It will be our first in person meeting of the year so I hope to see you there!

Door Prize Iris

This month we usually have a beardless door prize drawing, however, because digging at Jane's hasn't happened yet, we will have a bearded door prize drawing, normally scheduled for December. Jane's offerings will happen later in the month, when available.

I have some Mission Santa Cruz (by Joe Ghio) pci's available, if you are interested. It has been a vigorous grower for me and is a rose-red-magenta self.

Hope to see you all on Zoom this Friday!

– Carol Dahout, CBRIS President



Pacific Coast Iris Culture

Soil: Loose well drained soil that is slightly acidic; add soil sulfur and peat moss; might want to add oyster shell to help loosen heavy clay soil.

Water: Keep moist the first year until established. Do not water in the heat of a summer day. Some summer water is necessary but only when cool.

Light: Filtered shade works the best in our area.

Fertilizer: Very light application of an acid based general fertilizer once a year in the spring

Mulching: Two inches of pine needles or fir bark for the first year

Transplanting: If new white roots are not showing, leave rhizomes in water until new roots begin to appear. They should appear in 7 to 10 days. Plant immediately and never allow the roots to dry out. Established plants should be left alone until a loss of vigor is noticed usually in four or five years.

Taken from several sources including:

- pleasantiris.com
- pacificcoastiris.org, www.pacificcoastiris.org/RRgroPCI,
- Joe Ghio.

November Birthdays

Ken Reiter 12
 Gary Prevost 18

Clara B Rees Iris Society Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance, October 1, 2021	\$18,944.74
Revenue: Dues	60.00
Refund from Gamble Garden	675.00
Expenses: Region 14 membership donation	172.00
Sunshine, stamps	49.50
Ending balance, October 31, 2021	\$ 19,458.24



Minutes CBRIS Meeting, October 8, 2021

Co-President Carol Dahout called the meeting to order at 7:36. There were 19 members on the call.
Guest: Erica Dhuey.

Program

Anna Cadd gave a presentation on the history and judging of spuria iris. Spurias grow two to five feet high and have attractive foliage. The flowers are shaped somewhat like an orchid and come in many colors. Spuria varieties grow from Europe to China and from marshes to deserts. Sir Martin Foster introduced the first spuria hybrid in England in 1895. It was named 'Monspur', and was a cross between *I. Monnieri* and *I. Spuria*. Eric Nies used 'Monspur' to hybridize most of the important cultivars in today's spuria pedigree.



Spurias are easy to grow with minimal care and make a dramatic effect in the garden. They can be grown anywhere in Canada and the US except Hawaii. They require alkaline soil. They die back in the fall. They should be planted three feet apart, as they develop into very large clumps and are hard to dig up.

Spuria irises are judged on their clump effect, flower, plant, and distinctiveness. Spurias are viewed from a distance so the flower must grow above the foliage. Flowers are judged according to their color, substance, and durability. Floriferousness is important. A highly rated spuria is distinctive and easily recognizable.

Business Meeting

The **2021-2022 budget** was approved. Some members still owe their dues and should mail them to Mary.

At the **Fall Regional**, Mikey Lango and Jane Jordan earned Star Awards for receiving the most judges' training hours in 2021, 16 hours each. Elaine Fischer advanced to Apprentice Judge. Congratulations, Mikey, Jane, and Elaine! The minutes of the Fall Regional are in CBRIS' October 2021 newsletter.

Attendance at the **AIS 2022 National Convention** in Las Cruces, New Mexico does not require proof of vaccination nor a negative COVID test. Masks will be required indoors. Be forewarned!

Jane and Ken Reiter are moving to Corona. They will not be able to take most of their irises with them and need help digging and distributing the irises they must leave behind.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:01.

Respectfully written and submitted,
Andrea Clague, CBRIS Secretary





The next century of the AIS begins

Las Cruces
New Mexico
April 11-16, 2022

AIS National Convention 2022

AIS National Convention will be In Las Cruces, New Mexico. Reservations are being accepted. Please see <http://aisregion23.com/2022-national-convention/> for more information.

There will be six convention gardens to visit. The optional tour will be on Tuesday, April 12 to White Sands Missile Range and historic Old Mesilla.

For hotel reservations contact:
 The Hotel Encanto
 705 South Telshor Blvd
 Las Cruces, New Mexico 88011
 Phone: 866-383-0443



While planting some of his children in a club member's garden, Garry Knipe was surprised to see an older child blooming! Let's get some introductions going, Garry!

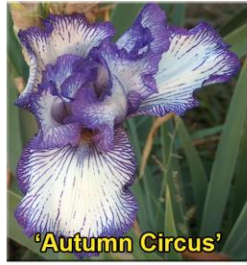
- photos by Elaine Fischer

PCI Man





'Anxious'



'Autumn Circus'



'Autumn Shower'



'Autum Explosion'



'Autumn Wine'



'Blackbird Stars'



'Cantina'



'Double Shot'



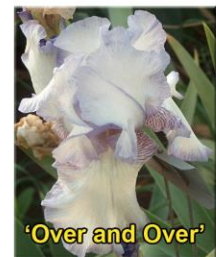
'Forever Orange'



'Lady Essex'



SDB 'Murphy's Law'



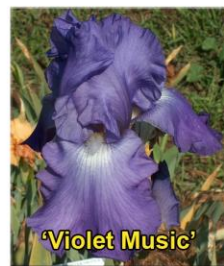
'Over and Over'



'Soda Fountain Shuffle'



'Summer Waltz'



'Violet Music'



'Zurich'



'Bolder Boulder'



'Rosalie Figge'



Iris unguicularis

**Blooming in
CBRIS
gardens
this month...**

**Thanks to:
Helen, Elaine,
Riley and
Jane R**

CBRIS Door Prize Iris Descriptions for November 2021

All About Fashion B. Blyth 2021 TB; 34"; M-L; S. White; F. Reddish violet, white signal; B. Orange, tipped white

Angel's Rest Schreiner 2021 TB; 35"; M-L; S. Pink; F. Pink; B. Pink, cherry at the base; Fragrant.

Bad Whiskey Burseen/Stout 2021 TB; 33"; M; S. Yellow; F. Yellow, large white area; B. Yellow

Benson Schreiner 2021 SDB; 9.5"; E; S. Bronze; F. Bronze; B Orange

Bordeaux Blaze P. Black 2021 AB (OGB-); 26"; E-M; S. Orchid, F. Burgundy blaze, banded darker dusky rose. B. Marigold, lavender ends

Cut a Rug H. Stout 2021 SPX; 29"; E-M; S. Yellow. F. White heavily veined purple, yellow edging. B. White tipped yellow.

Franky Schreiner 2021 SDB; 12"; E; F. Cream; F. Rose; B. Orange; Jasmine and vanilla fragrance.

Glamorizing Burseen 2021 TB; 36"; M-L; S. Mauve purple; F. Mauve-purple-lavender, chestnut lining and veining; B. Mango, yellow tips.

Higher Ground L. Lauer 2019 TB; 35"; M-L; S. White, yellow rim; F. Violet; B. Orange; Slight sweet fragrance.

Jedi Princess H. Dash 2019 TB; 32"; M; S. White; F. Lavender; B. Orange, lavender in middle, ends white, flounces; Slight fragrance.

Marionberry Blush Schreiner 2021 SDB; 9"; E; S. Lavender, purple speckle; F. Lavender, purple speckle; B. Orange; Slight fragrance.

Mystery Lady T. Johnson 2021 TB; 35"; M-L; S. Dusty rose; F. Blue purple; B. Tangerine

Not Of This World R. Tasco 2021 AB (OGB-); 26"; E-M-L; S. Purple; F. Brick red, black signal; B. White, tips orange in throat, rust in middle, ends brown; Pronounced sweet fragrance.

Quarantine Queen Bob Skaggs 2021 TB; 38"; M-L; S. Peach; F. Deep rose; B. Orange; Slight sweet fragrance

Rosy Celebration R. Tasco 2021 AB (OGB); 32"; M-L; S. Orchid; F. Rose, black spot; B. Brown

Split Ticket K. Keppel 2021 TB; 37"; M-L; S. White; F. Dark canterbury, violet edge; B. White base, violet mid, chrysanthemum tips; Slight sweet fragrance.

Stick 'Em Up Burseen/Stout 2021 TB SA; 36"; E-M; S. Yellow; F. Darker yellow; B. Orange, violet horns

Talking Smack L. Miller 2021 MTB; 22"; E-M; S. Dark purple; F. Dark purple; B. Orange

Velvet Rhapsody H. Dash 2021 TB; 33"; S. Dark Pink; F. Purple; B. Sandy brown

Witchy Woman H. Dash 2021 TB; 34"; S. Gold; F. Firebrick red, gold rim; B. Orange



CBRIS Door Prize Iris November 2021



All about Fashion



Angels Rest



Bad Whiskey



Benson SDB



Bordeaux Blaze AB



Cut a Rug SPX



Franky SDB



Glamorizing



Higher Ground



Jedi Princess



Marionberry Blush SDB



Mystery Lady



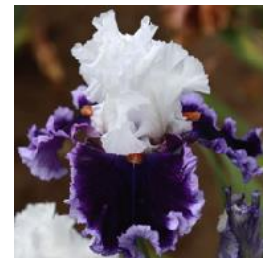
Not of this World AB



Quarantine



Rosy Celebration AB



Split Ticket



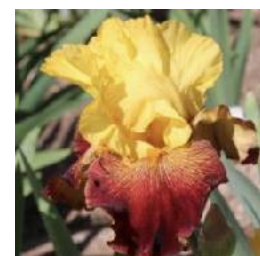
Stick 'em Up



Talking Smack MTB



Velvet Rhapsody



Witchy Woman