



# *Fleur de Lis*

## *Clara B. Rees Iris Society*

June 2021  
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### **Meeting Place**

**For the present:  
Zoom meetings only**

### **Zoom Board Meeting**

**June 4, 2021**

**6:30 P.M.**

### **CBRIS Zoom Meeting**

**7:30 P.M.**

**Meeting ID: 848 1359 0286**

**Passcode: 137896**

### **Dues**

**Sep 1, 2020-  
Aug 31, 2021**

**Adults - \$15.00**

**Carol Dahout & Mark Greene  
Co-Presidents**

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**CBRIS  
www.cbris.org**

**Region 14  
www.aisregion14.org**

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

## **June Program**

We are pleased to welcome Diana and Steve Steps as our guest speakers for our June meeting. Diana and Steve will be presenting a program on Non-toxic gardening: a topic of increasing importance and urgency as we confront the impact of human activity on global soil degradation, loss of biodiversity and pollinator decline. Non-toxic gardening goes beyond organic gardening; organic gardening is only a part of the sustainable landscape that must include water conservation, mulching, beneficial insects and the preservation of soil health. Diana and Steve are long-time, active members of The American Rose Society, and while their presentation is geared toward Non-toxic Rose Growing, it is applicable to anyone looking to be a more eco-responsible gardener.

Diana has a Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering and Steve has a Master's degree in Electrical Engineering. Steve is the past ARS Regional 9 Director, past District Director, past Deputy Director and was the Treasurer of the Northern California, Nevada Hawaii (NCNH) district for 6 years. Diana and Steve were named the NCNH Outstanding Consulting Rosarians in 1996.

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## **CBRIS June Meeting**

Time: Jun 4, 2021 6:30 PM Pacific Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84813590286?pwd=d0J5R2F6aXp0d3ZQZXI5Z0xlaktMUT09>

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# **CBRIS Board Meeting June 4, 2021 at 6:30 PM.**

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Diana and Steve are Life members and the first two Life Patrons of the American Rose Society. Together they started and were the chairs of the American Rose Society Environmental Committee for 9 years and have served on over a dozen ARS committees. Steve and Diana co-chaired the American Rose Society National Convention in San Jose in 1991 & 2002.

They have taught at eleven Consulting Rosarian schools (Houston, San Jose, San Francisco, Fresno, Vallejo, Hawaii (twice), Auburn, Concord, Saratoga, Jackson and Woodland) and hosted two CR schools. They have given dozens of presentations to societies in the district, they have given programs at three ARS national conventions (San Diego (twice) and Seattle) and presented at the World Federation of Rose Societies in Houston in April 2000. They also re-wrote the “Soils & Water” and “Fertilizers” chapters and wrote the “Pest Control Basics” (IPM) chapter of the current, “second edition” Consulting Rosarian Manual.

– Trang Bui, CBRIS Co-President

## Dahout's Digs

June 2021

I hope you enjoyed your iris blooms, because now it's almost time to dig! But hold off till mid to late July. We will need rhizomes for the St. Leo Festival on July 24<sup>th</sup> (11 am – 5 pm) and the Yamagami sale (10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.) on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Please bring them, trimmed and labeled, to me or Mary before the events or to the picnic.

Speaking of the picnic...this year we will not have a potluck. Instead, please bring your own picnic or snack, utensils and chair. If you have not been vaccinated, please **do not** attend as you would pose a risk to other members. We will distribute the door prize iris and we will have an auction. Our auctioneer will be Riley Probst.

We will need volunteers to help with the two rhizome sales planned. Please let me know if you are available for a two-hour shift on either day or both.

Contact Mark Greene if you are willing to grow some of the door prize irises for the club.

Hopefully, we will be able to resume our in-person meetings in September. Have a great summer, everyone!

–Carol Dahout, CBRIS Co-prez



## Minutes CBRIS Meeting, May 7, 2021

Co-President Carol Dahout called the meeting to order at 7:30. There were 24 members on the call.

### Program

Our guest speaker was Howard Dash of Picacho Mountain Iris in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Howard moved from New Paltz, New York to Las Cruces, New Mexico in 2009. He lives in Zone 8 at an elevation of almost 4,000 feet and where in 2020 there were 40 days over 100 degrees. He began hybridizing in 2010 and introduced his first cultivar in 2016. He is particularly interested in rebloomers and arilbreds, which grow very easily in his location.

Howard showed us pictures of his tall bearded iris introductions and seedlings to come.

His 2016 introductions were Organ Mountain Sunrise and Chihuahuan Desert, which got an AIS Honorable Mention award in 2018.

In 2017, he introduced Desert Paradise, Silver Silk, and Tango in the Night, which has rebloomed in California.

In 2018, he introduced Dancer's Dream, Ay Chihuahua, and Copper Angel. The last two have rebloomed in California.

In 2019, he introduced Desert Blush, Gold Dust Woman, and Flamingo Fever, which won the AIS Zurbrigg-Mahan Cup for Best Seedling at the 2017 AIS National Convention in Des Moines, Iowa. He also introduced Jedi Princess, a space age iris, and late-blooming Zia Sunshine.

In 2020, he introduced Banana Boat, Heartfelt Desire, Hot Embers, and Monarch Falls.

His 2021 introductions are Frank's Dream, Nittany Lion, Tonatzin, Velvet Rhapsody, Vulcan Sun, and Witchy Woman.

Howard began hybridizing arilbreds in 2016 and has introduced Chihuahua Night. He showed us his arilbred seedlings as well.

Howard reminded us about the 2022 AIS National Convention taking place in Las Cruces, New Mexico and showed us pictures of the iris gardens which will be featured.

### Old Business

Jane J. said judging of our virtual show will start once photos are posted.

Sales at the Stanford Gardeneur pop-up event were \$672. We've been invited back to sell rhizomes July 24. People are rabid to grow things - there was a line out the door.

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### **New Business**

Mary said Yamagami's did not return her call about our rhizome sale.

Picnic and auction will be at Ortega Park on July 18. It will NOT be a pot-luck so bring your own food. CBRIS will provide drinks. A chairman for this event is needed.

Elections: we need nominations for President, Vice-President and three Directors.

### **Door Prizes**

Door prizes were selected using Mark's Wheel of Fortune.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:29.

Respectfully written and submitted,

Andrea Clague, CBRIS Secretary

## **Garden Awards**

Region 14 RVP, Jean Richter, announced the winners of the garden awards at AIS Region 14 Spring 2021 Regional 'Blooms and Bluebirds'.

**Knopf Cup** (best numbered or named seedling by a Region 14 hybridizer):

A tie! **'Intense Farewell'** (Bob Annand) and **'10-16-2'** (Bill Tyson)

**Clara B. Rees Cup** (best past introduction by a Region 14 hybridizer):

**'Arizona Cave Painting'** (Doug Kanarowski 2020)

**Jim Gibson Cup** (best plicata, fancy plicata, luminata, broken color iris or visual plicata):

**'Magic Ring'** (Keith Keppel 2020)

**Out of Region Award** (best iris from a hybridizer outside of Region 14):

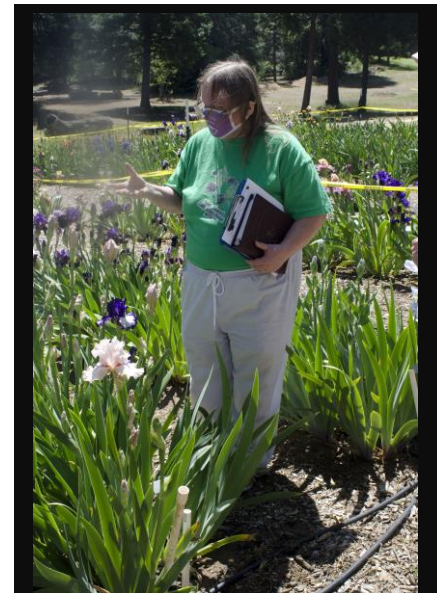
**'Rise Like a Phoenix'** (Paul Black 2017)

**Hager/DuBose Memorial Cup** (best bearded iris other than tall):

**'Honey Way'** (Bob Annand seedling)

Congratulations to all the award winners!

– Jean Richter, Region 14 RVP



Jean Richter at Bluebird Haven Iris Garden giving judges training on tall bearded

## June Birthdays



<b>Garry Knipe</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Jane Jordan</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Jane Reiter</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Elaine Fischer</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Sandi Danner</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Shirley Trio-Probst</b>	<b>25</b>



## Clara B Rees Iris Society Treasurer's Report

<b>Beginning balance, May 1, 2021</b>		<b>\$ 15,946.05</b>
Revenue:	Dues	15.00
	Pot sales	91.50
	Tax collected	8.43
Expenses:	Square fee	3.17
	May speaker	50.00
	Booth fee, St. Leo's sale	50.00
<b>Ending balance, May 31, 2021</b>		<b>\$ 15,957.81</b>

## Wild Iris



The wild purple iris photo was taken near Bass Lake by Cameron Russie (Mikey's granddaughter) on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Garry Knipe says that is very likely *Iris hartwegii*. "It is usually yellow through much of Sierra Nevada. It is often lavender, purple, or maroon south of Yosemite."

<https://www.yosemitedikes.com/wildflowers/hartwegs-iris/hartwegs-iris.htm>

The wild yellow iris photo was taken a couple of days ago by Carol Dahout in the Castle Rock State Park in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Garry's ID: "There are 3 species of Pacific Coast Iris that live in the Santa Cruz Mountains:

- I. douglasiana - which typically grows very close to the coast, often within a mile or two of the water
- I. macrosiphon - which is scattered in various places with lots of variability in its features, but usually prefers more open meadows or part shade.
- I. fernaldii - which is all over the place, especially on the edge of wooded areas.

There is a great batch of them on the slopes to the right of the trail on the final approach to Summit Rock (overlooking Silicon Valley) less than a mile before you get to the Castle Rock parking lot. (Unfortunately, the park has closed the trail to Summit Rock during bloom season since birds of prey like to use the big rock outcropping for nesting that time of year.)



Complicating the identification of PCI in the Santa Cruz mountains is the fact that these three species often interbreed where their ranges overlap and a particular plant might show some of the features of two or three of the above species. This Iris was probably *I. fernaldii*. They are usually a pale cream or yellow color and are quite common in and around the wooded areas up there."

[https://www.pacificcoastiris.org/wildiris\\_irisferaldii.html](https://www.pacificcoastiris.org/wildiris_irisferaldii.html)

Thank you, Garry, Carol, and Cameron!

# **'Positive for Iris' Clara B. Rees Iris Society Virtual Show 2021**

CBRIS thanks Jane Jordan for setting up the CBRIS Virtual show. Thank you to all the exhibitors who entered their iris photos in the show and to the fearless judges who did the challenging task of evaluating the iris from photos. If you would like to see all of the photos, please go to Clara B Rees Iris Society's Facebook page.

## **Artistic Division Section Winners**



**'I Gotta Feeling'**  
Novice  
Jennifer Vanden Beukel



**'Good Vibrations'**  
Mass  
Elaine Fischer



**'Here Comes the Sun'**  
Ikebana style  
Best Show Design - Lisa Ayala



**'Don't Worry Be Happy'**  
Youth  
Jessica Vanden Beukel

## Section Winners



**Arilbred  
'Sandflush'  
Jane Jordan**



**Border Bearded  
'Sicilian Orange'  
Jane Jordan**



**Historic Pre-1950  
'Blue Rhythm'  
Jane Jordan**



**Historic Post-1950  
'Jesse's Song'  
Jane Jordan**



**Intermediate Bearded  
'Deep Burgundy'  
Jane Jordan**



**Louisiana  
'Dark Dude'  
Mikey Lango**



**Minature Dwarf  
Bearded  
'Elf Esteem'  
Jane Jordan**



**Minature Tall  
Bearded  
'Candy Basket'  
Jane Jordan**



**Pacific Coast Iris  
'Killer Smile'  
Jane Jordan**



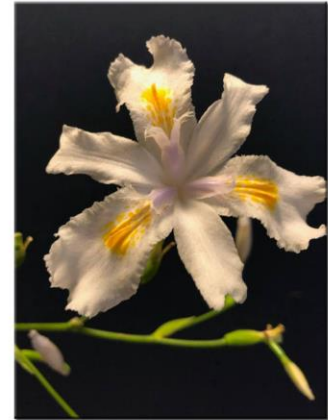
# CBRIS Virtual Show 2021



**Standard Dwarf Bearded**  
**'Open Your Eyes'**  
Lisa Ayala



**Siberian**  
**'Crimson Cloisonne'**  
Jane Jordan



**Species**  
**Evansia Iris confusa**  
Philippa Alvis



**Species X**  
**'Ally Oops'**  
Jane Jordan



**Spuria**  
**'Salmon Sunset'**  
Jane Jordan



**Tall Bearded**  
**'Better Than Butter'**  
Mikey Lango



**'Blue Rhythm'**  
**BEST OF SHOW**  
Entered by:  
Jane Jordan





## Phyllis Wilburn's Open Garden with Gus



Phyllis Wilburn, the immediate past RVP of Region 14 opened her mountain garden on May 1-2 for her iris friends. A few CBRISarians took advantage of the gracious invitation. What a delight it was. The tall bearded iris were at peak bloom. She has a nice layout and some charming garden art. The highlight was her large collection of historic iris. Gus (her rescue dog) provided an enthusiastic welcome to all the visitors. Thank you, Phyllis.



July 18 - CBRIS picnic at Ortega Park, Sunnyvale

July 24 - Rhizome sale at St. Leo the Great Festival – 11:00 A.M.- 5:00 P.M.

August 7 - Yamagami Rhizome sale – 10:00 A.M.- 3:00 P.M.

October 2 - Fall Regional at Gamble Gardens, hosted by CBRIS

**SAVE THE DATE**



## Iris Culture

We are winding down on the bearded iris, Louisiana, and spuria blooms for this year. If your garden has them, the Japanese and some of the species are in bloom. It pays to diversify your iris collection for an extended bloom season!

Keep your iris beds clean by cutting off spent blooms all the way down to the rhizome and trimming off the dead leaves. Otherwise, let the leaves remain in place for added nutrients for the developing new rhizomes. Let your irises breathe. Remove weeds around the rhizomes. Lightly fertilize the rebloomers. Irises need water during June and July as they are producing rhizomes for next year's bloom.



### HDIS

Congratulation to Jane Jordan for winning 'Best in Show' at the High Desert Iris Society's show on May 15 with the spuria, 'Countess Zeppelin'. No small feat as that stalk travelled from San Jose to Reno.

## AIS 2021 Photo Contest

The annual AIS Photo Contest is now open for entries. The deadline for submissions is August 1st.

Entries will be selected and judged in six (6) categories:

1. Irises in a landscape or garden. (Show the iris in the garden.)
2. Irises in a field. (Show the field of irises)
3. A person or people at iris events or tours with irises.
4. Close up of an iris or irises. (Whole flower is showing.)
5. Iris photos – macro (close up of bloom segments.)
6. Photos of pets, wildlife or garden art with the irises.



Complete details can be found in this [entry form](#).

Questions and entries contact Susan Driver [susandriver801@gmail.com](mailto:susandriver801@gmail.com).



## Spring Webinar Series

### Please join us for two webinars in June 2021

Wednesday, June 9th 5:30 P.M.. Pacific Time

By **Jill Bonino Tall Bearded Iris Today and Tomorrow (This Program is also a Judges Training.)**

Wednesday, June 16th 5:30 P.M. Pacific Time

By **Howie Dash and Scarlett Ayres Preview of the 2022 National Convention at Las Cruces, New Mexico**

Invitations to register will be sent via News & Notes on Fridays before each event. For more information please email us at: [AISwebinars@gmail.com](mailto:AISwebinars@gmail.com) or [see the complete flyer.](#)

—From the American Iris Society News & Notes May 23, 2021

## AIS

American Iris Society (AIS) Dues can be mailed to

Pam Messer - AIS Membership Secretary

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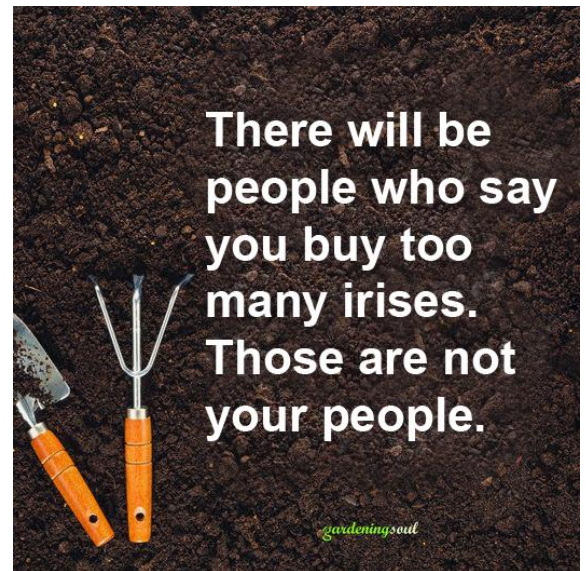
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\$30.00 single, \$35.00 dual

See [www.irises.org/](http://www.irises.org/) Check your AIS membership status: Need to know your membership expiration date? expiration date for club members or your Region's members for Affiliation? [www.aislookup.org](http://www.aislookup.org)



# CBRIS GARDENS 2021



**Clague**



**Dahout**



**Reiter**





**Ghio**



**Fischer**

## AIS Regions

Are you interested in what is happening in the different regions of the American Iris Society? Click on the available region links to get the latest information. Better yet join the AIS!

The Regional websites are listed below.

- [AIS Region 1](#) Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Newfoundland/Labrador, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island
  - [AIS Region 2](#) New York, Ontario, Quebec
  - AIS Region 3 (no website) Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware
  - [AIS Region 4](#) Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia and District of Columbia
  - AIS Region 5 (no website) South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Puerto Rico
  - [AIS Region 6](#) Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio.
  - [AIS Region 7](#) Tennessee and Kentucky
  - [AIS Region 8](#) Minnesota and Wisconsin
  - [AIS Region 9](#) Illinois
  - [AIS Region 10](#) (GNOIS website) Louisiana
  - AIS Region 11 (no website) Idaho, Montana and Wyoming
  - AIS Region 12 (no website) Utah
  - AIS Region 13 (no website) Washington, Oregon and Alaska, British Columbia, and Yukon
  - [AIS Region 14](#) Northern California, Nevada and Hawaii
  - [AIS Region 15](#) Southern California and Arizona
  - AIS Region 16 Discontinued after November 2010, apportioned to other Regions
  - [AIS Region 17](#) Texas
  - [AIS Region 18](#) Kansas and Missouri
  - AIS Region 19 Discontinued after November 2010, added to Region 3
  - AIS Region 20 (no website) Colorado
  - [AIS Region 21](#) Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, NWT, Nunavut, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba
  - AIS Region 22 Arkansas and Oklahoma
  - [AIS Region 23](#) New Mexico
  - AIS Region 24 (no website) Alabama and Mississippi
- [www.irises.org/about-ais/regions-affiliated-societies/](http://www.irises.org/about-ais/regions-affiliated-societies/)

## CBRIS Door Prize Iris June 2021

- △ **Adrift at Sea** P. Black 2020 TB; 34"; M-L; Light blue self; B. Gold-blue/white.
- △ **Ay Chihuahua** H. Dash 2018 TB; 38"; M; S. White, gold rim; F. Red-violet; B. Orange.
- △ **Black Label** P. Black 2020 BB; 24"; VL; S. Purple; F. Black; Burnt orange.
- △ **Chillaxin** Schreiner's 2020 TB; 39"; M; Purple self; B. Purple.
- △ **Compact** M. Sutton 2020 SDB; 13"; E; Red purple plicata; B. Bronze.
- △ **Creative Art** R. Tasco 2020 AM OGB-; 28"; ML; S. Violet; F. Gold-buff; Maroon signal; B. Orange.
- △ **Double Kick** M. Sutton 2020 TB; 32"; M-L; S. Amber yellow; F. Dark violet, two rims; B. Orange.
- △ **Eerie Encounter** P. Black 2020 AB OGB-; 26"; M; S. Pale blue; F. Ecru; Gold signal; B. Yellow.
- △ **Eye of Excellence** R. Tasco 2020 AB OGB; 36"; ML; S. Violet; F. Rose; Black signal; B. Brown.
- △ **Gentle Manner** K. Keppel 2020 TB; 38"; M; Pale creamy yellow flushed lavender; B. White-yellow.
- △ **Hot Embers** H. Dash 2020 TB; 36"; M; Rust-red self; B. Orange.
- △ **Leave me Breathless** T. Johnson 2019 TB; 37"; ML; S. White; F. White, purple center; B. Orange.
- △ **Off Topic** Schreiner's 2020 TB; 35"; M; S. Blue-gray; F. Purple; B. Orange-white.
- △ **Outside the Lines** R. Duncan 2020 TB; 38"; M; S. Amber yellow; F. Pink-orange, veined red-purple; B. Tangerine.
- △ **Poise and Charm** P. Black 2020 BB; 26"; EM; White, blue wash; B. White.
- △ **Romantic Lead** J. Ghio 2020 TB; 33"; ML; S. Mid-pink; F. Lighter pink; B. Tangerine.
- △ **Sea of Darkness** R. Tasco 2020 TB; S. Wisteria blue; F. Dark purple; B. Bronze-tangerine.
- △ **Stephanie Nicole** M. Sutton 2020 TB; 34"; E-M-L; S. White, pink midribs; F. White; B. Orange.
- △ **Tanzanian Queen** T. Johnson 2020 TB; 32"; E; S. White infused apricot; F. Deep apricot; B. Red.
- △ **Wealth** K. Keppel 2020 TB; 36"; EM; S. Quince yellow fused violet; F. Gold; B. Gold.

# Zoom to win!



# CBRIS Door Prize Iris June 2021



ADRIFT AT SEA



AY CHIHUAHUA



BLACK LABEL BB



CHILLAXIN



COMPACT SDB



CREATIVE ART AB



DOUBLE KICK



EERIE ENCOUNTER AB



EYE OF EXCELLENCE AB



GENTLE MANNER



HOT EMBERS



LEAVE ME BREATHLESS



OFF TOPIC



OUTSIDE THE LINES



POISE AND CHARM BB



ROMANTIC LEAD



SEA OF DARKNESS



STEPHANIE NICOLE



TANZANIAN QUEEN



WEALTH