



# Fleur de Lis

## Clara B. Rees Iris Society

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### Meeting Place

For the present:  
Zoom meetings only

**February 4, 2022**

Zoom Meeting  
7:30 P.M.

Meeting ID: 878 1102 5533  
Passcode: 756946

### Dues

Sep 1, 2021-  
Aug 31, 2022

Adults - \$15.00

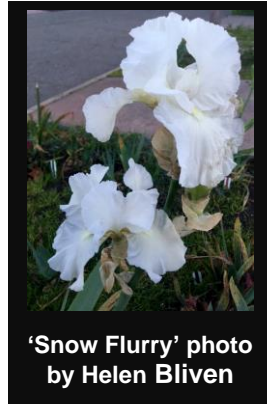
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Region 14  
www.aisregion14.org

American Iris Society  
www.irises.org

## February Program



'Snow Flurry' photo  
by Helen Bliven

"Beauty from the Past, Saved for the Future"

The major function of HIPS (Historic Iris Preservation Society) is the preservation of rare historic iris being grown across the U.S. and around the world that are in danger of being lost forever.

This AIS webinar outlines the different preservation programs that growers can participate in to help preserve the legacy of hybridizers. Gardeners with large or small

gardens can find ways to participate in preservation of historic beauties. We learn more about the guardian gardens program, iris rescues, breeder collections, display gardens, posterity planning, and our PBF project. Wendy Scott, the presenter, is in her second term as HIPS President. Prior to that, she served as the South-Central Regional Director for HIPS.

## Spring Back to Dry Creek

Region 14 Spring Regional 2022 registration form is available.  
It may be found on the last page of this newsletter.

## CBRIS January 2022 Meeting

Topic: CBRIS January 2022 Meeting  
Time: Feb 4, 2022 07:30 PM Pacific Time

Join Zoom Meeting

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## Minutes

### CBRIS Meeting, January 7, 2022

President Carol Dahout called the meeting to order at 7:30. There were 29 members on the call. Guests: Debbie Cole (PCI friend of Gary Knipe) and Mike Mace.

#### **Program: Moraea, the “Peacock Iris” of South Africa**

Mike Mace gave a presentation on Moraea. He was intrigued by Moraea when he read about them in a book called All About Bulbs and began hybridizing them. Moraea grow in South Africa, which has a Mediterranean climate. The flowers are flat and often have a colorful center. The male pollinators rest on the flowers, whose colors attract the females. There are over 200 species of Moraea, all of which inter-breed. Mike does about 300 crosses a year in 13 raised beds. He showed us pictures of some of his hybrids. He has been working on flowers with single or double centers and different color combinations. Much information about Moraea can be found at the website <https://growingcoolplants.blogspot.com>.

Garry Knipe, who started his own Moraea hybridizing program after meeting Mike, spoke about his work with Moraea and cultivation. Moraea grow from corms. The leaves can be 2 feet tall. The flowers 1.5 to 2 inches across and can last 4 to 5 days. Moraea require good drainage and regular watering during the growing season but not during the summer. They like dappled shade. Gary’s hybridizing goals are currently wider flowers and bright colors and eyes with contrasting border.

#### **Business Meeting**

CBRIS Iris Show: Carol will check with Westgate about having the show there.

Spring Regional: Still scheduled for April 30 - May 1. Plans are pending Covid situation.

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

**Door Prizes** were awarded using Mark’s Wheel of Fortune. There was one iris left that will be added to next month’s drawing.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:24.

Respectfully written and submitted,  
Andrea Clague, CBRIS Society



## Dahout's Digs

February 2022

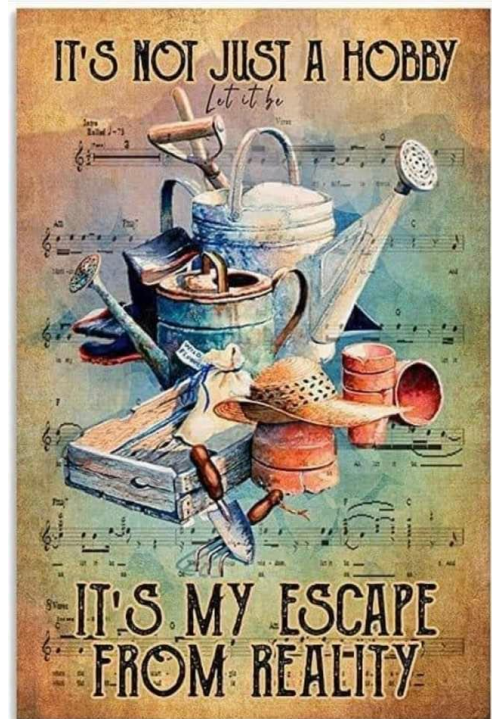
February is the month for Valentine's Day, sweets to the sweet, and covid booster shots for all. Remember to show some love to your iris by fertilizing mid-month for optimum April bloom. Clear away any dead leaves, and weed, weed, weed!

Due to the surge in covid, we will continue our monthly meetings via zoom until it is safe to do otherwise. Thanks to the members who have joined the meetings on zoom. Please continue to do so. We always have a great program. If you are uncertain about how to navigate zoom, please let me know and I will guide you through it.

I spoke to Federal Realty regarding the availability of Westgate Mall for our spring show and it's not looking good due to the covid surge, but I will check back with them at the end of the month.

Our member, Jeff Bennett, would like your help weeding at Dry Creek in Union City. If you can spare a few hours, please go to [ebparks.org](http://ebparks.org) to sign up or contact Jeff at [jeff13bennett@gmail.com](mailto:jeff13bennett@gmail.com).

See you all on Zoom!  
 Carol Dahout, President



## Culture

No more garden rest for your irises nor you! A balanced fertilizer should be applied now before the spring rush of growth. 10-10-10, 12-12-12, or 15-15-15. Just use a bit less, the higher the number. Scratch granular fertilizer into soil, but not so deep as to do root damage. Watering will need to be done if the winter rains do not cooperate.

If you are worried about leaf spot, spray general-purpose fungicide for leaf spot now before main growth occurs, repeat in two weeks if the problem was bad last year.

Start weeding and consider applying a pre-emergent herbicide before warmer weather and rapid weed growth.

Re-apply mulch around beardless iris.



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



<b>Beginning balance, January 1, 2022</b>	<b>\$ 19,752.31</b>
Revenue: Dues	20.00
Expenses: AIS affiliation fee	30.00
Website fee	239.88
Sales tax for 2021	325.00
<b>Ending balance, January 31, 2022</b>	<b>\$ 19,177.43</b>

Andrea Clague	1
Craig Tarr	2
Karin Tarr	8
Steve Chen	10
Riley Probst	11
Corliss Greene	17
Carl Boro	20

### February Birthdays





## 2022 Winter Webinar Series

By

The American Iris Society



**Start Time: 5:30 p.m. Pacific,  
8:30 p.m. Eastern**

**Duration: 1 to 2 hours**

**Via: ZOOM**

**Info: [AISwebinars@gmail.com](mailto:AISwebinars@gmail.com)**

### DETAILS

1. An email invitation to register online will be sent to all AIS members a week before each event. Once you register you will be sent the webinar's link.
2. All webinars will be FREE of charge to all members of AIS, AIS sections, and local iris clubs.
3. Not an AIS member but want to attend? Email us.

**Register in advance for this meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYof-2uqjkrHtbaXsuMJAD0ETTLfhDjSZWG>

**Wednesday, February 2nd**

**By Patrick Spence**

### Iris ensata – The Japanese Iris

We will look at the past, present, and future of the imperial iris. Iris ensata has been hybridized in Japan for over 600 years. From feudal times and the Shoguns' own hybridizers, to modern day and the newest hybrids, we will discuss the variety of forms and patterns available, along with culture and care requirements of these exceptional irises. This is a 2-hour program.

#### About the Presenter

Patrick Spence is a past president of the Society for Japanese Irises, operates Cascadia Iris Gardens in King County, Washington, and maintains a large important collection of beardless irises, including Japanese irises.

**Wednesday, February 9th**

**By Doug Chyz**

### Growing Iris in Containers

Iris have been grown in containers, or pots if you prefer, for a very long time. You can grow iris in containers and get great bloom, and now even exhibit and have them judged in an AIS Iris Show. This webinar may just stimulate you to try out a new option for growing iris. We will cover: will they bloom, why grow them in containers, types and sizes of containers, the soil, care of container iris, hardiness zone concerns, pros and cons, and exhibiting container iris.

#### About the Presenter

Doug Chyz has been growing and enjoying iris in beds and in containers for over 20 years. He has been a member of the AIS since 1998, has been President of the Fredericksburg Area Iris Society, Region 4 RVP, and is currently an AIS Director and Co-chair of the Public Relation and Marketing Committee. Doug has experience growing various types of irises in containers, and considers himself a "seat of the pants" gardener, so you might find some of his practices interesting.



Let's Try this again

***Spring Back To Dry Creek!***  
**AIS Region 14 2022 Spring Regional**  
**April 30 – May 1, 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



Jeff Bennett at Dry Creek Garden

## Sunday, May 1, 2022

- 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Region 14 Meeting @ Dry Creek
- 12:00 Noon Dismiss/ Clean-up

**Blooming now in CBRIS members gardens...**

Photos by Helen Bliven, Elaine Fischer, and Mikey Lango





CBRIS Door Prize Iris for February 2022



All Rise



Attitude Adjustment



Barney in a Blender



Beguiler



Boundless Beauty



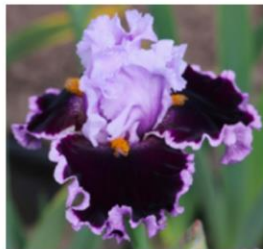
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Enlighten Up



Frodo



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Il Etait Une Fois



Loving Embrace



Monarch Falls



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Piece by Piece



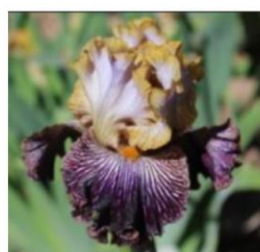
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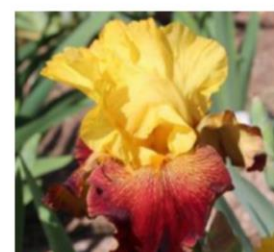
Strike a Chord



Tonantzin



Vulcan Sun



Witchy Woman



## CBRIS Door Prize Iris February 2022

**All Rise** L. Miller 2021 TB; 31"; E-M; S. Orchid; F. Orchid; B. Tangerine with purple flounces

**Attitude Adjustment** T. Johnson 2021 TB; 35"; M; S. Gold, reddish dots; F. White, red violet plicata band; B. Orange

**Barney in a Blender** R. Moore 2021 TB; 38"; M; S. Light tan, grape purple splotches; F. Light tan, grape purple splotches; B. Yellow

**Beguiler** K. Keppel 2021 TB; 35"; M-L; S. Pink-buff; F. Royal purple; B. Bittersweet, Egyptian red middle, grey end; Slight sweet fragrance

**Boundless Beauty** R. Tasco 2019 TB; 37"; M; S. Coral; F. Lavender, wide band of purple; B. Tangerine; Slight fragrance

**Brooklyn** Schreiner 2021 SDB; 13"; E; S. Rosy-red; F. Red; B. Red, blue tip; Slight fragrance

**Enlighten Up** H. Stout 2021 IB; 25"; E-M; S. Yellow; F. Dark mulberry; B. White, tipped yellow; Luminata

**Frodo** Schreiner 2021 MDB; 7"; E; S. Purple; F. purple; B. White beards; Slight fragrance

**Headline News** T. Johnson 2021 TB; 30"; E; S. Lavender; F. Purple black, lavender band; B. Orange.

**Il Etait Une Fois** M. Bersillon 2021 TB; 37.5"; M-L; S. Pink; F. White; B. Orange-red; Slight sweet fragrance

**Loving Embrace** T. Johnson 2021 TB; 37"; E; S. Blue white; F. Salmon; B. Tangerine

**Monarch Falls** H. Dash 2020 TB; 35"; M; S. Gold; F. Maroon; B. Orange

**Nittany Lion** H. Dash 2021 TB; 37"; S. Reddish brown; F. Peru; B. Orange

**Piece By Piece** T. Johnson 2021 TB; 36"; M; S. White dotted gold; F. White, heavily dotted lavender border; B. Yellow; Plicata

**Reina** Burseen/Stout 2020 TB; 35"; E-M; S. Yellow; F. Yellow, auburn red border. B. Tangerine

**Scattergram** L. Miller 2021 TB; 40"; M; S. Dusky pink; F. Cream, dark plum purple plicata; B. Pink

**Strike a Chord** T. Johnson 2021 TB; 34"; M-L; S. Lavender; F. Deep lavender; B. Yellow, tipped lavender

**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 (See photo on the minute page of this newsletter.)

**Tonantzin** H. Dash 2021 TB; 33"; S. Pale Blue; F. Dark purple veining, white overlay; B. Orange

**Vulcan Sun** H. Dash 2021 TB; 42"; S. Yellow; F. Butterscotch; B. Yellow, tan flounces

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

**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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