



# Fleur de Lis

## Clara B. Rees Iris Society

April 2022  
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### Meeting Place

April 8, 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

Carol Dahout

CBRIS President

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American Iris Society  
www.irises.org

## April Program



This Friday, we get ready for Show Season with a Mini Exhibition of Iris! BYOB (Bring Your Own Blooms) from your garden and learn from a few of our AIS judges on how to get your irises ready for show. Carol, Philippa and Carolyn will walk us through the steps of exhibiting your

iris, from cutting, to transport, to display and share tips for a well-stocked toolbox and completing your entry tags.

Please note that we will not be livestreaming this month's meeting via zoom given the nature of the program. We plan to offer a hybrid option in the future.

We hope to see all of you at our first in-person monthly meeting in two years!

—Trang Bui, CBRIS Vice-President



Carol Dahout



Philippa Alvis



Carolyn Craft

## Spring Back to Dry Creek

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

# Dahout's Digs

## April 2022

We had a great time at the Saratoga Farmer's Market on Saturday and we SOLD OUT! It was wonderful to have so many CBRIS members show up to help and show support. Big thanks to the Sales Team – Mary Collins, Mikey Lango, Andrea Clague, Tracy Bunger and Susan Bunker! Many thanks also to our pot growers – Jane Kwant, Mikey Lango, Nancy Mirabella, Andrea Clague, Tracy Bunger, Elaine Fischer and Chris Dickinson.



Mary – Andrea – Tracy - Carol

This month will be our first in person meeting in many moons, and I am looking forward to it. As we are not as yet having a live show, we will have a mini show at our meeting. We will show you how to transport your iris safely, how to fill out the entry cards, what to put in your toolbox to groom your iris and how to show your iris blooms to their best advantage. We will also share what the judges look for when evaluating your iris.

The Mt. Diablo Iris Society is having a show at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore on 4/9/22 and the Monterey Bay Iris Society is having a show on 4/23/22, at London Nelson Center in Santa Cruz. You are invited to enter both shows! There are also Artistic Arrangement divisions that you can enter. This will all be discussed at the meeting.

Hope to see you all there!

–Carol Dahout, CBRIS President

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

<b>Beginning balance, March 1, 2022</b>	<b>\$ 18,143.46</b>
Expense: Chip reader for Square sales	53.59
AIS Region 14, scholarship	500.00
AIS Region 14, memorials	150.00
<b>Ending balance, March 31, 2022</b>	<b>\$ 17,439.87</b>

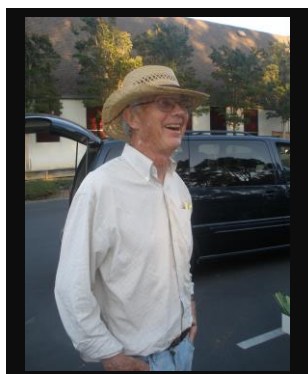
### April Birthdays



<b>Margaret Goossens</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Jean Hawkins</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Linda Stremel</b>	<b>23</b>



## Remembering Jack Alvis



Jack was recently transported on the wings of angels to a tranquil place where he no longer has to rely on a cane, a walker or a wheelchair, but once again stands tall and strong, tending his gardens with firm and steady steps, and a clear mind, inviting one and all to share the joy of his iris. With his ready smile and friendly demeanor, he will greet all visitors as they admire his garden full of perfectly branched iris with prolific blossoms of Heavenly colors.

Jack Malcolm Alvis, 94 years young, passed away in the early morning hours on Tuesday, February 21, 2022, at home in the care of his devoted daughter Joann and loving wife of 70 years and 10 months, Philippa, from complications of Aspiration Pneumonia and Covid. which he fought with courage until his final breath.

Jack was born on December 10, 1927, in a two-room log home in the tiny community of St. John, North Dakota, the first child of George W. and Gladys M. (Irwin) Alvis who farmed and raised sheep on their land. This is where Jack spent his boyhood along with three more siblings. As a result of strep and Scarlet Fever, which left Jack with a damaged heart, the family migrated to the warmer climate of Texas for Jack's health. There his dad operated a Gulf gas station. With the onset of World War II, the family packed up once again following his dad's jobs at various government construction sites, ultimately putting down roots in Vancouver, Washington, working in the Kaiser shipyards. Jack attended Vancouver High School and also worked a Swing Shift job after classes to support the war effort.

After graduation in 1946, Jack attended Clark College where he reconnected with his future wife, Philippa Mourton, a high school friend of his sister. And the rest is history! Jack and Philippa married in 1951, both became teachers, and moved again for better weather to San Jose in 1960 with their two young children, Bradley and Joann. A second daughter, Melissa, joined the family in 1964,



After retirement from teaching for San Jose Unified School District, Jack returned to his love of farming and became an avid gardener joining the Clara B. Rees Iris Society in 1984 and planting his Alvis Iris Garden at his Monte Sereno mini-farm.

Our deepest condolences to Philippa and family. Jack will be greatly missed.



## Minutes

### CBRIS Meeting, March 4, 2022

President Carol Dahout called the meeting to order at 7:36. There were 23 members on the call.

**Announcement:** Carol announced the deaths of two CBRIS members, Jack Alvis and Pat Hawkins. She also announced the death of Jeanne Clay Plank, a former president of the American Iris Society. CBRIS members voted to donate \$150 to Region 14 in their memory.

#### Program:

Carol and Trang put together a presentation on Clara B. Rees and 'Snow Flurry'.

Clara B. Rees is famous for her hybrid, 'Snow Flurry', a parent of all the modern tall bearded irises. Clara, born in 1879, lived in Ohio, where she worked as a bookkeeper and grew tulips as a hobby. In 1925, she and her sister, Ruth, moved to the Santa Clara Valley. The valley was too warm for tulips, so Clara turned to hybridizing amaryllis, lilies, and iris. Trying to create a pink iris, Clara crossed 'Thais' and 'Purissima'. This cross produced only two seeds, which Clara planted. 'Snow Flurry', a white ruffled iris on good tall stalks was the result. The second year 'Snow Flurry' bloomed, Ruth took it to Carl Salbach, a leading hybridizer. Salbach visited the Rees garden the next day and bought all the rhizomes but one of 'Snow Flurry' for \$150. Clara kept one rhizome on the condition that she not sell 'Snow Flurry' for three years. Salbach introduced it in her name in 1939. Clara was awarded the AIS Hybridizer's Medal in 1967. She died in 1970.

Carol also displayed pictures of the children of 'Snow Flurry' and other irises that Clara hybridized.

#### Business Meeting

Linda Stremel reminded the members of the judges' training session on PCIs on March 26.

The club has to donate a basket for the Spring Regional. Mary will coordinate.

Spring Regional on April 30 at Dry Creek. April 15 is the deadline to register. Jeff is looking for weeding volunteers, as there are still 10 beds to weed.

New officers and directors are needed for next year. Philippa volunteered to take charge of the nominating committee.

Summer picnic will be at Ortega Park. Elaine will make the reservation.

Jane Jordan brought up making a donation to the Region 14 Scholarship Fund. Members voted to donate \$500.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:59.

Respectfully written and submitted,  
Andrea Clague, CBRIS Society



Carol – Carolyn – Linda



Carolyn Craft giving judges training on PCIs.



## CBRIS Board Meeting Minutes March 4, 2022

Present: Carol, Elaine, Trang, Riley, Shirley, Peter, Mary, Mikey, Jane J., Chris, Alice, Linda, Philippa, Andrea

Meeting started at 6:47.

1. Donations in memory of Jeanne Plank, Jack Alvis, and Pat Hawkins

Donate \$50 each in memory of these three? Members need to approve.

2. Basket for Spring Regional

Theme for spring regional basket was discussed. Decided on a plant basket. Mark will donate the basket, Mary will shop for plants from Master Gardeners and put together the basket.

3. Nominating committee.

Need new officers and directors so need a nominating committee.

4. Garden tours

Elaine and Andrea volunteered their gardens.

5. Membership drive

New CBRIS members get a free subscription to AIS for one year.

6. Summer picnic

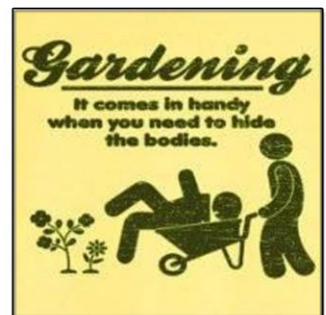
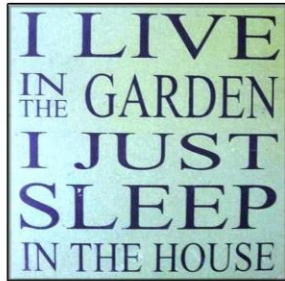
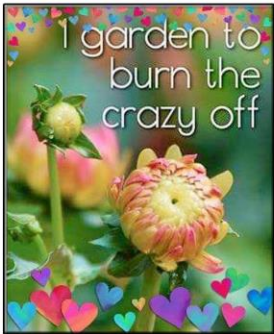
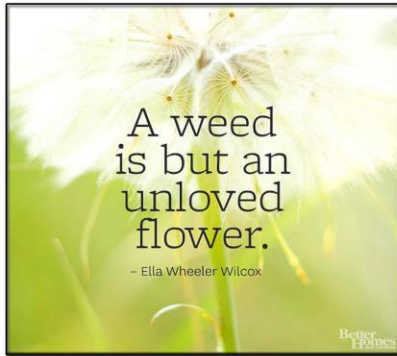
Location of picnic was discussed. Ortega Park chosen again as the most centrally located. Elaine will make reservation.

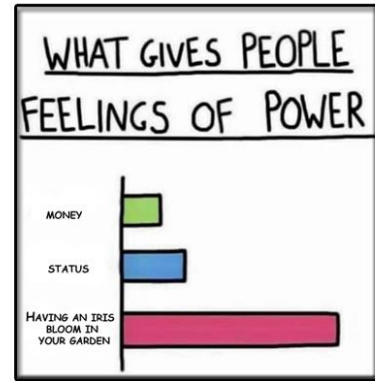
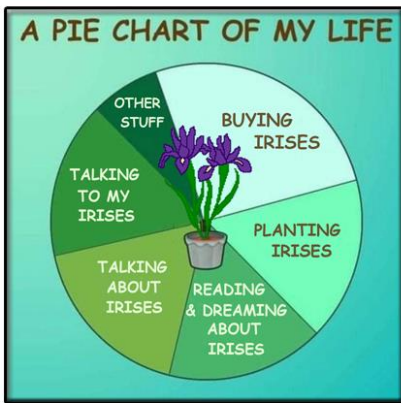
7. Contribution to AIS scholarship fund for floriculture or horticulture student.

Monterey Bay Iris society donates a \$500 scholarship to a Cabrillo College horticulture student. Could CBRIS fund our own scholarship? Alice will investigate local horticulture program. Trang will pass information to local high schools.

Respectfully written and submitted,  
Andrea Clague, CBRIS secretary







Your neighbors don't recognize your face because that's usually not the end they see.

When you go to the store for things that aren't plants but you see plants over there

Me outside at 7:00 AM making sure that my irises are okay. @CR33N\_WITCH



## Iris Events

### 2022

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	London Nelson Community Center 301 Center St, Santa Cruz, CA
April 30	Region 14 Spring Regional	Dry Creek Garden, Union City, CA
May 2	Region 14 Meeting on Zoom	6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Meeting ID: 867 0490 1624 Passcode: 395715
May 7-8	Santa Rosa Iris Society Show	Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center, Santa Rosa, CA
May 21	Judges Training-Japanese Iris	Dry Creek Garden, Union City, CA
October 7-8	Region 14 Fall Regional	Double-Tree by Hilton, Chico. CA

### 2023

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

### 2024

June 17-22	AIS National 2024 Convention I	Portland, Oregon
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## Culture

Bloom time has begun here in the Santa Clara Valley! Yes, a bit early and ever so welcomed. This is the right time to check on your irises to make certain that they have the proper names on them. Update your garden map. Be careful while weeding or watering as those bloom stalks can snap off.

Please enter some blooms at the iris shows. Mount Diablo has theirs on April 9 at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore. Monterey Bay will be holding theirs in the London Nelson Center in Santa Cruz on April 23. Both are fairly close and easy drives. Hopefully, we will hold a show next year.

Your Louisiana and Japanese irises need more water than the bearded. Give them water if you want more spectacular blooms after the tall bearded are finished blooming.





## 2022 AIS Membership Drive - Now Through June

The AIS Membership Drive, which began March 1st, has been extended through June. 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)



### Lost

Past CBRIS member, Cara Colletti, has lost two of her irises in her move to the Los Angeles area. She is hoping that a CBRIS member has 'Ginger Ice' and 'Cantina' to share.

Contact Mikey if you can help.



### Spring Regional Basket

We are accepting donations for the Spring Regional basket. We would like plants in 4" square pots. Please contact Mary Collins if you are able to help

Thank you



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



## 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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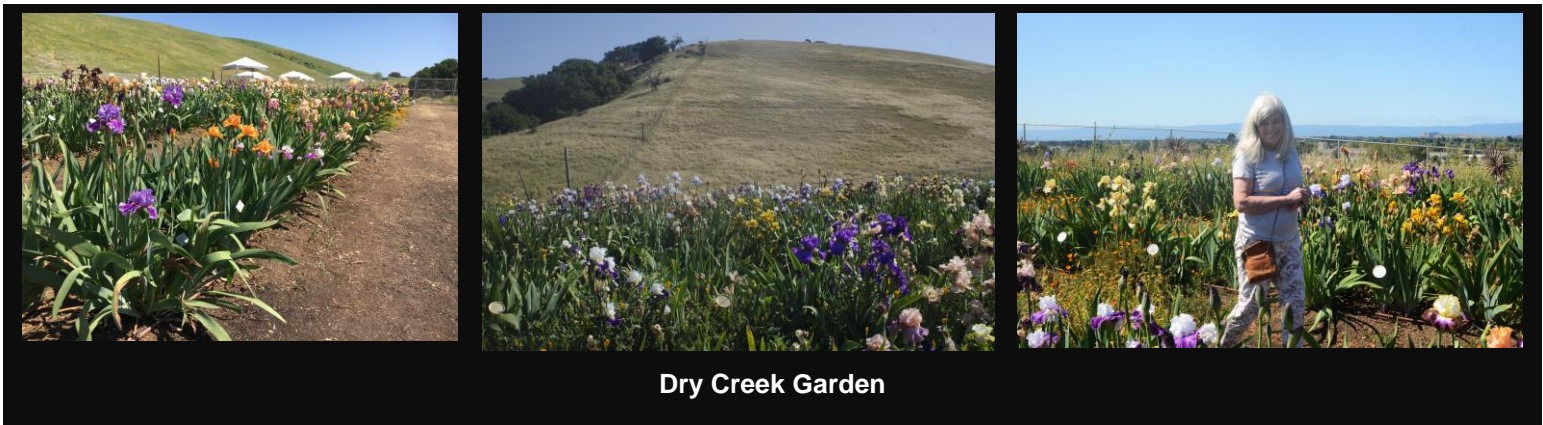
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Dry Creek Garden

## CBRIS Door Prize Iris April 2022

**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 for April 2022



All about Fashion



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**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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