



# Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Friday, October 26th, 2012  
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**Beardless Iris Auction & Sale**  
Pacific Coast iris, Japanese iris, Siberians,  
Louisianas, Spurias, and Species Iris  
Doors open 7:00 p.m., sale & auction  
7:30 - 10:00 pm

**Frosted Cranberry** (Miller 91) Siberian iris.  
Dark rose-pink; Falls have a few dark wine  
veins; styles are pearl rose [www.ensata.com/  
HTML/PlantPages/siberian\\_ag.htm](http://www.ensata.com/HTML/PlantPages/siberian_ag.htm)



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Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland

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Meetings and auction/sales are free and open to the public

*(see page 5 for directions)*



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contribute to the cause by purchasing beardless iris for your garden or as gifts for  
friends! Pictures of Ghio's 2012 PCI intros can be found here:

<http://montereybayiris.org/ghiopci12.php>

## **We'll have *all* of Joe Ghio's 2012 PCIs!**

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| <a href="http://www.pacificcoastiris.org">www.pacificcoastiris.org</a> | Society for Pacific Coast Native Irises     |
| <a href="http://www.socji.org">www.socji.org</a>                       | Society for Japanese Irises                 |
| <a href="http://www.signa.org">www.signa.org</a>                       | Species Iris Group of North America (SIGNA) |
| <a href="http://www.spuriairis.com">www.spuriairis.com</a>             | Spuria Iris Society                         |
| <a href="http://www.socsib.org">www.socsib.org</a>                     | Society for Siberian Irises                 |
| <a href="http://www.louisianas.org">www.louisianas.org</a>             | Society for Louisiana Irises                |

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## President's Message

This Friday is our annual beardless iris auction and sale. This is an important fundraiser for our club, so please come and participate if you can. We should have all of Joe Ghio's 2012 Pacific Coast iris introductions, as well as lots of great Japanese and Siberian iris as well.

Our auction is the day before the AIS Region 14 fall regional meeting - if you'll be leaving early to attend that meeting and can't make the auction, feel free to leave proxy bids with me via phone or email and we'll make sure you get the iris you want.

Jean Richter

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### DIGGING, WRAPPING, AND REPLANTING BEARDLESS IRIS:

Those bringing in iris are reminded that most beardless iris can be transplanted only during periods of active root growth. If, like many, you have not been watering during the summer months, go out NOW and give them a good soaking! Then, wait til the last possible moment to dig and package.

Some techniques suggested by Alan Robbins for transporting your iris:

Clean them well, label them with their name, color and year of introduction

(if possible) high enough on the leaves so that the buyer can read the info after packaging. Trim the leaves if they are too long for display on the sales table. The rhizomes and roots should be wrapped in wet paper towels or newspaper, placed in a plastic bag or Saran wrap and secured with masking tape. The tape can be an additional or alternate label.

## PLANTING ~

Plant as soon as possible. Remember that PCIs, Siberians, Louisianas and Japanese iris prefer acid soil, while Spurias do best in neutral to alkaline soil. Before planting, soak Japanese, other water iris, Siberians and Louisiana iris in enough water to cover the roots. Japanese & other water iris should be soaked for 24 hours or more, whereas 12 hours (overnight) is sufficient for Louisianas & Siberians.

All should be planted promptly thereafter: Siberians and Japanese with their crowns 3-4 inches below the surface, and Spurias, PCIs and Louisianas with crowns just below the surface. PCIs and Spurias need not be soaked if they are still moist. PCIs, being the most sensitive to transplanting, are often given special treatment:

soaking for a minimum of 10 minutes in a solution of Subdue (6 drops per gallon). We will try to have this reagent available at the auction/sale. Some recommend that PCIs be initially planted in pots before transfer to the garden.

Special request -- those bringing in beardless iris, please bring in early so that volunteers can prepare descriptions of iris that lack them. We also plan to have descriptions of all the iris obtained commercially to facilitate selection. Once again, we encourage all members to participate in this Fall auction/sale, the proceeds from which help to keep a roof over our heads and our dues reasonable.

### Some doubts, and their responses:

Too much shade/not enough sun --	Try Louisianas, PCIs or Evansias (crested iris)
Too cold	Try Siberians
Yard too steep	Try Spurias for erosion control
Too little space	Try PCIs in pots or Pseudacorus or Japanese iris in water trays
Too wet	Try Louisiana, Japanese or I. virginica
Want cut flowers	Try Spurias
Soil too acid	Try most beardless iris other than Spurias
Too expensive	Our prices can't be beat!



Coin Collector



*photo: AV Pike, in Fall 2011  
Region 14 Bulletin*

Fresh Eyes



Inclination

Joe  
Ghio  
2012  
PCI  
intros!



Moral Code



Point Lobos



Power Center

*unless otherwise noted, photos from  
<http://montereybayiris.org/ghiopci12.php>*



### Stamp of Approval

Joe Ghio's 2012 PCI intros!

*photo from*

<http://monterey>

[bayiris.org/ghiopci12.php](http://bayiris.org/ghiopci12.php)



Reprise (Warburton 86) Siberian  
(Warburton 86) Violet with rose-violet  
styles. Small white signal. Repeat bloom  
2-3 weeks later

[http://www.ensata.com/HTML/PlantPages/  
siberian\\_rz.htm](http://www.ensata.com/HTML/PlantPages/siberian_rz.htm)



Calamari (Copeland 92)  
Japanese iris. 3F. S. violet,  
rimmed white; F. white with  
violet veins and sanding; violet  
styles



Silver Cascade (Payne 1969) JI

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[www.ensata.com](http://www.ensata.com)

**American Iris Society (AIS) Dues can be mailed**

**to** Tom Gormley - AIS Membership Secretary  
205 Catalonia Avenue / P.O. Box 177  
DeLeon Springs, FL 32130  
Phone and fax: 386-277-2057  
E-mail: [aismemsec@irises.org](mailto:aismemsec@irises.org)  
\$25.00 single, \$30.00 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)

Please pay your 2012 **SBMIS Membership Dues** ~ please give to Bonnie Petheram, or send checks made out to Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society to Bonnie at 1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501. \$10 household.

**Historic Iris Preservation Society (HIPS)** dues can be mailed to HIPS Membership: Judy Eckhoff, 7911 South Yoder Road, Haven, KS 67543  
E-mail: [judy@msinter.net](mailto:judy@msinter.net)  
\$10.00 single annual, \$12.00 dual annual.  
[www.hips-roots.com](http://www.hips-roots.com)

Directions to the Garden Center:

666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland

**From the north or west:** take Highway 580 or 24 to 980; take the West 27th Street/Grand Avenue exit, turn left on 27th Street, go east to Grand Avenue, watch for Lake Merritt on the right, take a left on to Grand Ave., then a right at the stoplight into the park. Proceed on Bellevue to the Garden Center. **From the south or east:** take the Lakeside (Lake Merritt) or Grand Ave. exit in Oakland; follow around the lake on the north and west side to Grand Ave. and Bellevue, turn left into the park.

Proceed to the Garden Center, park on either side of the road. We hope you can come -- everyone is welcome!

[On weekends only -- Expect to pay \$5.00 at the toll booth to park.

**AC Transit Bus** -- AC Transit bus #12 runs on Grand near the entrance to the park -- check transit before planning, as routes do change.

<http://tripplanner.transit.511.org>

By phone -- Dial 511 and say, "AC Transit," to speak with a person about route info

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Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society  
upcoming meetings:  
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*A Sydney B Tradition!*  
*We have members who for various reasons find it difficult or impossible to come to meetings. One of the issues is transportation. This could become a nice SBM tradition -- inviting, and arranging to bring, members to our meetings. Makes everyone happy!*



Global warming is here—you know what to do

SBMIS Newsletter -- Gesine Lohr

1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501

*below:* Lemon Veil (Bauer/Coble 00) Siberian iris

(photo [http://www.ensata.com/HTML/PlantPages/siberian\\_hp.htm](http://www.ensata.com/HTML/PlantPages/siberian_hp.htm) )

