



(above): COYOTE MOON (Tasco 2012)

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Friday,
February 22nd, 2013
8:00 p.m.

Where's the Color in Iris?
a presentation by
Stan Morgan



Friday, February 22, 2013

is the date of our next meeting at

Lakeside Park Garden Center

666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland

Doors open at 7:30 p.m.,

Meeting at 8:00 p.m. Program after brief business. Meetings are free & open to the public, all are eligible for door prizes.



Program -- "Where's the Color in Iris?", by Stan Morgan.

Stan will share his quest for the WHERE of Iris colors. Armed with a goodly supply of preconceived notions, he entered the garden and quickly found himself in Murkwood Forest. Having found his way to the far side, he reports that one thing led to another and ... Surprise !What determines Where, andIt all depends

Refreshments -- anyone who can bring refreshments to share, please do so!

Doorprize iris!



ANCIENT CHARM (Kerr 2011) TB 40" M-L. Large, ruffled and laced flowers on tall stalks. The domed standards are medium apricot with a hint of red violet at the base and up the center of the petals. The semi-flaring falls are maroon, darker at the center and lighter toward the petal edge which has a quarter to half inch wide pinkish gray band, The area beside the red orange beards is also pinkish gray crossed with maroon veins. Great branching.



BOHEMIAN FIRE (Kerr 2012) TB 42" M Here is a stately and handsome addition to the garden. Large wine red flowers produced in abundance on amazing stalks with seven to nine buds on a variety that commands attention on the show bench or in the garden. Strongly held standards are gently ruffled with

light lace. The falls are flaring and gently ruffled with lightly laced edges.

BRAVERY (Ghio 2012) TB, EM S. blue-white; F. velvety blue-purple. blackish cast, wide ruffled blue-white band ; beards tangerine.



CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION (Kerr 2011) TB 38" M-L White beard hairs are heavily tipped red orange. The domed and ruffled standards are white with the slightest hint of pink. The white falls are semi-flaring with yellow hafts. The big features on the fall edge markings. The edge can have one to three bands of blue. Most commonly there is a wide medium blue band with an inner band of light blue and sometimes with a third, lighter band on the outer edge.



COYOTE MOON (Tasco 2012) sdb 14" M-L
Mimosa yellow S; creamy white F with a large
mimosa yellow spot, thin light mimosa yellow rim;
white based B tipped light blue at the end; fragrant!
(photo p. 1)

DIVERGENCE (M. Sutton 2011) TB 35" L-VL
S. purple; F. purple with dark plum radiating from
the brick orange falls. The first of many seedlings in
our new "reverse burst" pattern where the sunburst
on the falls is darker in color as opposed to lighter.
Divergence is overall purple with a dark plumb burst
radiating out from around the brick orange falls. Wide,
ruffled and large flowers are carried on thick stalks
with 8 buds. Reblooms zone 9. (photo p. 6)

HOLIDAY IN MEXICO (Probst 2012) MTB 24"
E-M. Bright yellow standards and style arms are
domed and lightly ruffled. Flared white ground
falls have contrasting red-purple veining and a 1/8"
yellow edge. Nice branching and bud count typical of
miniature tall bearded iris. Floriferous!
(large photo below)

JOVIALITY (Keppel 2012) TB, M. S. pure

white, central base s.port wine, slight brown cast
toward basepinard yellow ; style arms white, yellow
highlights; F. empire yellow to dandelion paling
towards white central area, fine pale yellow to wire
rim;beards dandelion golden glow, cream base.

(small inset photo below)

SORBONNE (Keppel 2009) TB, ML, S. blackish
red-brown outer area, speckled with light yellow in
center; style arms dark red-brown; F. lemon gold to
cream ground center, sanded and speckled red-brown
toward edge and partial center line, distal margin
blackish red-brown lighting to red purple border, hafts
near solid peppering on white ground; beards white
tipped brown; plicata. (photo below)



*All doorprize iris
photos are from
the hybridizers'
webpages.*



Calendar of Iris Events for 2013 - All SBMIS Events FREE and Open to the Public.
 Events at the Oakland Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland,
 unless otherwise noted.
 For 8 PM events, doors open at 7:30 PM

Friday	February 22	8 pm SBMIS	Stan Morgan: "Where Is the Color in Iris"
Friday	March 22	8 pm SBMIS	Alan Robbins: "How to Put On an Iris Show"
Friday	April 12	7 pm set-up	Members set up for SBMIS Iris Show.
Saturday-Sunday	April 13-14	SBMIS Iris Show! Public view and sale: 1-5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday	SBMIS 2013 Iris Show and sale of potted irises Bring entries 7:30-9:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. Judging on Saturday at 10 a.m.
Monday-Saturday	April 15-20	AIS Convention	American Iris Society Convention, Dallas, TX http://www.irises.org/Member_Services/Conventions_Activities.html
Friday-Sunday	April 26-28	Region 14 2013 Spring Regional, Roseville, CA	Iris seedling show; tour of three gardens; lunch; dinner and presentation by Fred Kerr; judges' training. For details: http://www.aisregion14.org/
Saturday	May 4	Mt. Diablo show! entries 7-9:30 view 1-5	Mt Diablo Iris Society show. First Baptist Church, 2336 Buena Vista Ave., Walnut Creek
Sunday	May 19	11 am - 4:30 pm SBMIS	SBMIS Potted Iris Sale at Heritage Rose Show, El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito, CA
Friday	May 24	8 pm SBMIS	Gesine Lohr: "Historic Iris"
Friday	June 28	8 pm SBMIS	Jean Richter: "2013 AIS Convention"
Friday	July 26	7:30-10 PM SBMIS	SBMIS Bearded Iris Sale and Auction
Saturday	July 27	9 AM-2 PM SBMIS	SBMIS Bearded Iris Sidewalk Sale, location TBA
Friday	August 23	8 pm SBMIS	Riley Probst: "Recently Introduced Iris"
Sunday (?)	Late September	SBMIS barbeque!	SBMIS BBQ -See your newsletter for details and location
Friday	October 25	7:30 - 10 PM SBMIS	SBMIS Beardless Iris Auction and Sale

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
\$25.00 single, \$30.00 dual.
See 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

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: judye@msinter.net
\$10.00 single annual, \$12.00 dual annual.
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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If you see **old iris stuff which is about to be tossed**, please contact me (Gesine), so we can conserve these bits of history. I assure you, anything donated will be cherished. (510) 864-7962

www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Sydney-B-Mitchell-Iris-Society/116888028332187?ref=ts

How to Look At Historic Iris -- free PDF

If you would like a free PDF of my slideshow on historic (old!) iris, please let me know -- I can email it to you easily, or mail it to you on a CD. See phone number above, email is gesine.lohr@gmail.com.



*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: Divergence (M. Sutton 2011)

