



(above): **Rim of Fire** (M. Sutton 2011)

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Friday,
June 28th, 2013
7:30 p.m.

**note new time!*

**AIS Convention in Texas, the
Regional, & Superstition Iris**

a slideshow by
Jean Richter



Friday, June 28th, 2013

*is the date of our next meeting at
Lakeside Park Garden Center
666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland*

*Doors open at 7:00 p.m., Meeting at 7:30 p.m. *note new time!*

*Program after brief business. Meetings are free & open to the public, all
are eligible for door prizes.*



Program -- Jean Richter will give a slideshow on the AIS Convention in Texas, with some bonus pictures from the Regional and from Superstition Iris Gardens.

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

*photo right: **Enchanter's Spell** (Tasco 2013)
(photo from Superstition's facebook page)*



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ~

We decided at our last meeting that going forward we would change the time of our meetings from 8:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (doors opening at 7:00 p.m.). We hope that this will help out members who don't like to be out late at night.

Looking ahead - we will have a large number of recent iris as part of our July auction, as we received quite a few of them as our portion of the iris rhizomes dug from the spring regional. Please make plans to attend next month! (If you'll be out of town, let me know if you'd like to have a proxy bidder.)

Thanks very much to Riley Probst for picking up our iris!

~ Jean Richter



GALLANT SONG (Kerr 2012), *above*

Doorprize iris! continued next page....

[photos from hybridizers' websites]

BROKE AGAIN (Tyson 2012) TB, 34", EM & RE
S. peach pink; style arms peach; F. pink purple, purple violet splashes; beards tangerine-shrimp, occasional short, upturned fuzzy light pink horns; broken color pattern.



CORAL CARPET (Chapman 1999) MDB, 8" L
Light orange, beards intense coral tangerine.



FRUITED PLAIN (M. Sutton 2012) 32" E-M-L.
Amaranth rose standards are nicely ruffled and formed. Heavily ruffled amaranth rose falls are washed and marbled purple with a pale pink rim at the edges. Pale pink beards are tipped tangerine blending perfectly with this vigorous and floriferous flower.

[photo p. 6]

GALLANT SONG (Kerr 2012) TB 40" M-L (*left*)
Bigger isn't always better, but in the case of 'Gallant Song' the large flowers and tall stalks this

Doorprize iris! continued...

commanding variety is the epitome of the modern bearded iris. A bicolor with domed standards and medium pinkish lavender infusing from the base to light pink edges. The falls are semi-flaring and wonderfully ruffled rich bishop's violet with a lighter area between the beard and the hafts which sets off the brick red beards. Another terrific child of Louisa's Song without that variety's soft substance.

OPPOSITES (Trio 2012) Standards are Snow white with gold band around edge. Falls have golden beards with a flash of white around the beard, color deepens from cerulean blue around white flash to deep blue-purple surrounded by a lighter blue band. Diamond dusting over-all. Gold band surrounds the edges of the style arms. Ruffled. Seven to nine buds.



QUEEN'S ROBE (Kerr 2011) TB 38" M
My personal favorite of this year's introductions. The standards are erect and ruffled and of a baby ribbon pink with slightly darker center. The style arms are pink as well. The ruffled and semi-flaring falls are a slightly lighter pink than the standards and even lighter around the beards. The hafts are dark pink. Falls edged with a narrow band of baby boy blue. All this a tons of personality to boot. [photo p. 4]

RAINBOW SHADOWS (Kerr 2011) TB 38" E-M
Wonderful form from Kevin's Theme and Shadow Warrior lines. Standards are straw yellow overlaid with red violet. Falls are light taupe with a diffuse

yellow edge and blue violet blaze. Beards are antique gold. Terrific branching and bud count.



RIM OF FIRE (M. Sutton 2011) Intense! Bright yellow standards and falls set off by a slight white area below the yellow beards and vivid red band around the edge of the falls. Reblooms zone 9. [photo p. 1]

SEA CRUISE (Keppel 2012) TB, M. S. and style arms blue white; F. light to medium cornflower blue; beards blue white to cream, tipped yellow in throat.



STARFIELD (Tasco 2012) IB 24" EM. Creamy pale yellow ground, S covered by brick red dots, dark burgundy dotting over entire F, heavier at edges; white 3 B tipped orange & violet. [photo p. 6]

Doorprize iris! continued...

photo below: QUEEN'S ROBE (Kerr 2011)



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 7:30 pm events, doors open at 7:00 PM -- **note new time!*

Friday	June 28	7:30 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; Tentatively at Resurrection Lutheran Church
Friday	August 23	7:30 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 2013 **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: Fruited Plain (M. Sutton 2012), right: Starfield (Tasco 2012)

