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# Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society



(above): **Lavender Fair** (Robert Hollingworth 2000) SIB

photo: *Ensata Gardens*

<http://www.socsib.org/ssipicts/zamwinners.htm>

Friday,  
August 22nd, 2014  
7:30 p.m.  
**2-part program:**  
Jean Richter - Siberian Iris  
Loretta Figueroa -  
Demonstration on Potting  
Siberians



*Friday, August 22nd, 2014*

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



## **Program -- 2-part program:**

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Loretta Figueroa - Demonstration on Potting Siberians

Jean's slides will also have some pictures of potential Siberians (and a few Japanese and other beardless iris) for our beardless sale in October - you'll get a chance to voice your opinions on which iris we should buy for the sale.

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ~

We'll be having a two-person program for this month's meeting: I'll be giving a short slide presentation on Siberian iris, and then Loretta Figueroa will give a demonstration on potting Siberians. My slides will also have some pictures of potential Siberians (and a few Japanese and other beardless iris) for our beardless sale in October - you'll get a chance to voice your opinions on which iris we should buy for the sale.

We'll also have potted Siberians as part of the door prizes for the meeting. All the door prizes will be instant gratification - we'll have the bearded rhizomes at the meeting as well, so no need to wait for next July to get them!

We have a number of bearded rhizomes left over from our sidewalk sale - recent introductions (both tall bearded and medians), as well as less-recently-introduced rebloomers. If you would like to purchase any of these, please let me know - we'll give you a very good price!

Thanks,  
Jean

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

From the Ensata Gardens website:

"Siberian Irises -- Probably the best irises for the perennial border and landscaping. They prefer a slightly acid, organic rich damp soil, but are very adaptable. Their foliage is tall and graceful all season, even as they turn a handsome red-brown after frost. They are dug and divided in Spring, right after bloom, or early fall. Keep them moist for the rest of the year after transplanting. We grow them in the field with the Japanese and use the same culture sheet, including planting 2-3" deep. Tetraploids are marked Tet."

below: **Carmen Jeanne** (Helsley 1996)

photo: Ensata Gardens <http://www.socsib.org/ssipicts/zamwinners.htm>



### Calendar of Iris Events for 2014 - 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

Friday	August 22	7:30 pm SBMIS (with immediate-gratification door prizes!)	Jean Richter -- Siberians and Loretta Figueroa -- Demonstration of Potting Siberians
Sunday	September TBA	SBMIS potluck barbeque!	<b>SBMIS potluck BBQ</b> -See your newsletter for details and location
Friday	October 24	7:00 - 9:30 PM SBMIS	<b>SBMIS Beardless Iris Auction and Sale</b>

# Doorprize iris!

Photos from:

<http://www.socsib.org/ssiaward.htm>

<http://www.chapmaniris.com/id146.htm>

PAINTER: <http://www.napairis.com/intro.html>

GHIO: <http://www.montereybayiris.org/ghio13.php>

KERR: <http://rainbowacres2.homestead.com/2013intros.html>

TASCO: [https://www.facebook.com/superstitionirisdgarden/photos\\_albums](https://www.facebook.com/superstitionirisdgarden/photos_albums)

*below:* **Beyond Borders** (Tasco 2012) TB, 35 (89 cm), EM

S. cold white; style arms cold white, very slight violet flush near crest and very light maize flush at top of fringed crest; F. cold white, very wide mottled violet-blue (RHS 89C) rim becoming almost solid at edge, some light burgundy veining near beard; beard hairs based white, tips saffron yellow (21A); moderately ruffled. Gypsy Glitter X Queen's Circle. Superstition 2012. <http://www.stoutgardens.com/servlet/the-1375/Iris-BEYOND-BORDERS-Tasco/Detail>



*above right:* **Boy Genius** (Ghio 2012) BB VE-E  
S. gold, black tint at midrib; F. almost solid mahogany black, gold dotting around beards, gold hairline edge; beards gold. 02-160: (00-98B: (Feelings x U97-F, unknown) x High Master) X 02-317Q: (High Master x 00-98B). 2012.



*below:* **Double Chocolate** (John Painter) 36" M  
Chocolate to reddish brown standards. Falls are a deeper chocolate brown. Old gold beards with inconspicuous yellow haft lines. Lightly ruffled, moderate sized flowers. 6 - 7 buds. J07-60A: (Chocolate Ecstasy X Valentino)



## Doorprize iris! continued...

*below:* **New Found Glory** (Kerr 2013) (a 3rd rhizome of this one) Bicolors with standards edged in a contrasting color are a relatively new pattern in the bearded irises. The edge color in his example ranges from near black through dark chocolate to milk chocolate depending on the temperature of the season. The width of the edge tends to be wider with cooler temperatures. A color bonus is the yellow coloring of the style crests.



*right bottom:* **Vi Luhn** (S. DuBose 1974) SIB, 34" ML  
Deep violet self, pale yellow signal. Tunkhannock X Swank. Melrose Gardens 1974. HM 1975, Mor 1977.  
photo: Bob Hollingworth,  
<http://www.socsib.org/ssiaward.htm>



## SIBERIAN Doorprize iris!

*right top:* **Jeweled Crown** (R. Hollingworth 1987) SIB (colchicine induced tet.), 24" M  
Deep wine red, circular gold blaze on ruffled F., fading to white. Ruffled Velvet X Showdown. Windwood Gardens 1987. HM 1989. photo: Bob Hollingworth,  
<http://www.socsib.org/ssiaward.htm>

*right middle:* **Tycoon** (Mrs. Frances Cleveland, 1938) SIB Color Class B1M. Morgan Award 1952  
photo: Mike Lowe  
<http://www.socsib.org/ssiaward.htm>



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## AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY REGION 14

2014 Fall Regional October 4 and October 5— Let's get Lucky

Hosted by High Desert Iris Society

### Schedule of Activities

Saturday October 4, 2014

9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Budget and general meeting

10:30 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. break

10:50 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Budget and general meeting

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Guest Speaker Kathy Chilton

3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Silent auction

Sunday October 5, 2014

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Breakfast

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. judges training Kathy Chilton

Billie Shea, 7115 Souverain Lane, Reno, NV 89506 775 720 3736 sheabillie@sbcglobal.net

### **ATLANTIS RESORT HOTEL AND SPA**

3800 S Virginia Street/ Reno, NV 89502 Reservations 800 723 6500

Hotel room rates are \$119, plus tax and resort fee for double or single room. Wireless Internet. Spa, indoor pool, several restaurants to choose from including the Napa Bistro and Steak house. Contact hotel direct for reservations. To receive group rate use the name Iris Convention when placing reservation. Group Rate Available until September 12, 2014





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Registrant 1 - First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Registrant 2. First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Iris Society – list one only \_\_\_\_\_

Registration is \$70.00 per person if received at the registrar's desk before September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Note, After September 5, 2014 registration is \$85.00 per person

Registration Includes Luncheon on Saturday, Saturday Guest Speaker, Kathy Chilton. Sunday Morning Judges Training given by Kathy Chilton will include a continental breakfast.

Number of registrants \_\_\_\_\_ X \$70.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

After September 5, 2014 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$85.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed – no credit Cards \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to High Desert Iris Society and Mail to.

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**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 2014 **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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Global warming is here—you know what to do  
SBMIS Newsletter -- Gesine Lohr  
1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501

below: **Caesar's Brother** (Morgan 1932)



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](http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Sydney-B-Mitchell-Iris-Society/116888028332187?ref=ts)



left: **Banish Misfortune** (Marty Schafer/Jan Sacks 1999) photo: <http://www.schreinersgardens.com/siberian-iris-c6242>

*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!*