



(above): **Storm Rider (Tasco 2013)**

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Friday,
May 23rd, 2014
7:30 p.m.

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*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 -- Kenneth Walker will present a program on “Iris Parts” - how the reproductive parts of a flower -- seeds, leaves, stems, rhizomes/bulbs, and roots -- vary between types of irises.

Refreshments -- anyone who can bring refreshments to share, please do so!
(there will be cake!)

(photo right): Iris confusa in bloom at the UC Berkeley Botanical Garden. Photo by Ken Walker.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ~

Here are the award results from the recent AIS convention:

The President's Cup (best iris by an in-region hybridizer):

Bottled Sunshine IB -- Hooker Nichols
 2nd runner-up: **Dorothy Devenport** TB -- Hooker Nichols
 3rd runner-up: **Muleshoe Money** TB -- Tom Burseen

Ben R. Hager Cup (best median):

Tie: **Bahama Blues** IB -- Michael Sutton, **Bottled Sunshine** -- Hooker Nichols
 2nd runner-up: **Midnight Sharp** IB -- George Sutton
 3rd runner-up: **Leave the Light On** IB -- Riley Probst

Franklin Cook Memorial Cup (best iris by an out-

of-region hybridizer):

Bahama Blues -- Michael Sutton
 2nd runner-up: **Beyond Borders** TB -- Rick Tasco
 3rd runner-up: **Midnight Sharp** IB -- George Sutton

(Inaugural) Lloyd Zurbrigg-Clarence Mahan Seedling Cup

08-6-10 -- Alton Pyburn
 2nd runner-up: **0610410** -- Fred Kerr
 3rd runner-up: **R11A2003** -- Kendall Rohr

Congratulations to SBMIS member Riley Probst, and fellow Region 14 hybridizers Rick Tasco and Fred Kerr. Congratulations also to recently-departed-from-Region-14 hybridizer Mike Sutton - I'm sure it was especially gratifying to him that his late father George Sutton was also honored in the awards voting. I'll really miss George (and Margaret), who were such a tremendous presence in the iris world.

Hope to see you at one of our events soon!

~ Jean

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	May 23	7:30 pm SBMIS	Kenneth Walker will present a program on "Iris Parts" - how flower parts, seeds, leaves, stems, rhizomes/bulbs, and roots vary between types of iris.
Friday	June 27	7:30 pm SBMIS	Alan Robbins: "How to Dig & Divide Iris" A hands-on workshop! & getting ready for our Bearded Iris rhizome sale!
Friday	July 25	7:00-9:30 PM SBMIS	SBMIS Bearded Iris Sale and Auction
Friday	July 26	9 AM-2 PM SBMIS	SBMIS Bearded Iris Sidewalk Sale, location TBA
Friday	August 22	7:30 pm SBMIS	Program TBA
Sunday	September TBA	SBMIS potluck barbeque!	SBMIS potluck BBQ -See your newsletter for details and location
Friday	October	7:00 - 9:30 PM SBMIS	SBMIS Beardless Iris Auction and Sale

Doorprize iris!

Photos from:

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

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

SUTTON: <http://www.suttoniris.com/category/introductions>

KEPPEL: http://www.keithkeppeliris.com/gallery_2013.html

TASCO: https://www.facebook.com/superstitionirisdg/photos_albums



Cotillion Gown (Keppel 2013) TB, 35", EM
S. light yellow (M&P 9-G-1) flushed apricot-buff (9-D-4) toward base; style arms light yellow (9-G-2); F. light yellow shaded apricot-buff (9-H-3/4) on shoulders, ivory near beard, light wineberry (55-H-4) veining emanating from heart, becoming finer and lighter toward center; beards grenadine red (1-D-11).

Emblematic (Ghio 2013) TB, 34", ML
S. oyster-white, pink midrib veining out to edges; F. cocoa rose-pink; beards tangerine. Bay View 2013.



Alakazam (Tasco 2013) AB

AB (OGB), 36", M. Half aril. S. light pink-lavender ground, veined darker pink-violet; style arms light maize, pink-violet midrib, pink crest, veined darker; F. light parchment-lavender heavily veined dark burgundy all over to the edge, signal very diffuse and small, veined dark burgundy; beards gold-bronze in middle and throat, burgundy end, sparse and insignificant; medium purple based foliage; regelia form.



Doorprize iris! continued...



My Lady's Manor (Remare 2013) TB, 40", M S. blue white (M&P 41-A-1/2), deepening to pale blue (41-B-6) in heart; style arms blue white; F. blue white, small hidden green tan touch on haft; beards white tipped yellow in throat, light blue tipped yellow in middle, light blue at ends. Keppel 2013.

Jeanne Clay Plank (Kerr 2012) TB, 44"
Tall bearded. 44" tall. Early midseason to late bloom. This variety commands attention because of the large size of the flowers and the wonderful branching and number of stalks per clump. No one walks past 'Jeanne Clay Plank' without pausing to enjoy. Basic color is like precious topaz with the ruffled apricot standards suffused with pink from the base. The edges are slightly laced. The wide hafted falls are apricot with a large lavender center and heavily veined dark red violet. Bright red orange beards accent this fantastic creation. It's a beauty!

(photo right)

Jeanne Clay Plank, additional description:
S. and style arms orange (RHS 24C); F. orange ground color overlaid magnolia purple (70C), heavily veined imperial purple (77A) except for 1/2" orange edge; beards indian orange; slight sweet fragrance. Rainbow Acres, Stanton 2012.

Soul Mate (Ghio 2013) TB, 36", ML Blue-lavender, pink undertoned self, ages more silvery; beards tangerine. Bay View 2013.
(see photo page 6)

Storm Rider (Tasco 2013)
TB, 36", M S. dark shiny plum-purple (RHS 83A), black-purple highlights toward edge; style arms plum-purple, light bronze edges, fringed crest; F. velvety dark burgundy-black, faint tan veins near beard; beards dark red squirrel-brown (166B), slightly darker at ends; lightly ruffled.

(see photo page 1)



American Iris Society (AIS) Dues can be mailed

to Tom Gormley - AIS Membership Secretary
205 Catalonia Avenue / P.O. Box 177
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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: **Soul Mate (Ghio 2013)**



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



Purple Polish poppy (Gesine will be bringing SEEDS to give away) (these sometimes grow to 4 feet tall!)

*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!*