



Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Friday, July 24th, 2015
is the date of our SBM
Bearded Iris Rhizome
Sale & Auction
(7:30-9:30 pm)

above: Grand Bargain (G. Sutton 2014)
photo: <http://www.suttoniris.com/products/grand-bargain?variant=928161051>



(come early to help set up the billions of rhizomes! doors open at 7)
7:30 pm - 9:30 pm Bearded Iris Rhizome Sale & Auction

& distribution of this year's doorprize iris

Meetings are free and open to the public, all are eligible to win doorprizes!

Lakeside Park Garden Center ~ 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland

(see page 5 for directions)



Bearded Iris RHIZOME SALE & AUCTION!

We will be auctioning off many 2012, 2013 and 2014 introductions.

DOOR PRIZE IRIS: Door prize iris won during 2014-2015 meetings will be distributed at the rhizome sale on July 24th. If you will not be able to attend, please call Jean Richter (510) 864-7962 to make other arrangements for pickup.

1) **Bring your named iris rhizomes to the auction and sale this Friday. Please contribute so we can have a big sale!** (2013 & newer for auction, older for sale)

2) A Sharpie pen is ideal for writing the name/ID of the iris, on an INSIDE leaf of the trimmed fan.

3) Invite your friends and neighbors -- Let's all help publicize this event -- it's our major fund raiser of the year!

We also need help for the sidewalk sale on Sunday, at Jack London Square Farmer's Market - contact Jean Richter (510) 864-7962 if you are able to work a shift at the sidewalk sale tables.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ~

SBMIS Rhizome Auction & Sale and Sidewalk Rhizome Sale

I hope you'll be able to join us for our bearded iris rhizome auction this Friday or our sidewalk sale at the Jack London Square Farmers' Market on Sunday. In addition to supporting the club by buying rhizomes, we would greatly appreciate it if club members could bring in rhizomes for the sale tables at the auction and the farmers' market sale. For the latter, if you don't know the variety name but do know what color the flower is, that's OK - the general public is mostly concerned with color rather than names.

I'm also looking for people to grow our door prize iris for the coming year - if you have some growing space available for bearded iris, please let me know. ~ Jean Richter



above: **French Lessons (Kerr 2014)**



Calendar of Iris Events for 2015 - 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	July 24	7:30-9:30 PM SBMIS	SBMIS Bearded Iris Sale and Auction
Sunday	July 26	9 AM-2 PM SBMIS	SBMIS Bearded Iris Sidewalk Sale Jack London Square Farmer's Market!
Friday	August 28	7:30 pm SBMIS	Riley Probst
Sunday	September TBA	SBMIS potluck barbeque!	SBMIS potluck BBQ -See your newsletter for details and location
Friday	October 23	7:30 - 9:30 PM SBMIS	SBMIS Beardless Iris Auction and Sale

Some Iris that will be in the Auction!



American Original (Tasco 2014)



Boston Cream (Keppel 2014)



Autumn Breeze (M. Sutton 2012)



Broken Promise (Keppel. 2014) IB



Shaman's Magic (Tasco 2014) AB

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 2015 **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.historiciris.org

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: **Snow Day (M. Sutton 2014)**



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

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!

right:
Jazz Era
(Keppel
2010)

