



# Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Friday,  
June 26th, 2015  
7:30 p.m.  
**Growing Beardless Iris**  
Ken Walker

(above): **Glacier Fire (Kerr 2012)**



*Friday, June 26th, 2015*

*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 -- Ken Walker** will present a slideshow on growing beardless iris.

We'll also be handing out the trophies and ribbons from our recent show.

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

*right:* **Firecoal (Markham 2010)**



## *President's Message*

I hope you can join us for our June meeting, which will feature Ken Walker giving a talk on growing beardless iris. I know that I can always use more information on that topic!

We'll also be handing out the trophies and ribbons from our recent show.

Once again we'll be receiving rhizomes from the spring regional to include as part of our July bearded iris rhizome auction. This will be a great way to obtain recent introduc-

tions at very reasonable prices.

Our auction will be on Friday, July 24 at the Garden Center, and we will again be selling rhizomes at the Jack London Square farmers' market on Sunday, July 26.

~ Jean

Also - please excuse the incredibly bad layout of this newsletter - Gesine was unavailable and I produced it myself.

## 2015 Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society Calendar

All meetings are at the Garden Center,  
**except for the July sidewalk sale and  
September potluck.**

June 26	Ken Walker - growing beardless iris
July 24	Bearded auction & sale
July 26	Sunday -- sidewalk sale at Jack London Square farmers' market
August 28	Riley Probst
Sept. date TBA	Potluck
Oct 23	Beardless auction & sale

## 2015 Show Winners

Best in Show, and Best Bearded Other than Tall	'Backlit Beauty' (Tasco 2010)(IB) Eileen Roark
Best Beardless, and Best Pacific Coast	'Violet Vixen' (Vern Wood 2004) Meredith Endsley
Best Spuria	'Breezy Day' (Anna & David Cadd 2004) Bob & Janet Canning
Best Artistic	"Carnival of Color", Marilyn Kaplan
Best Tall Bearded	'Sweet Kisses' (Blyth 2012/13) Eileen Roark
Best Historic	'Lady Friend' (Ghio 1981) Marilyn Kaplan
	Silver medal: Eileen Roark
	Bronze medal: Linda Woods

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# Doorprize Iris!

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Dark Icon (Kerr 2014)

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Snow Day (M. Sutton 2014)



**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: **Teasing Tiger (Painter 2011)**



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



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**Broken  
Promise  
IB (Keppel  
2014)**

*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!*