



Red Light District (Ghio 2015)

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Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Friday, October 23rd, 2015
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Beardless Iris Auction & Sale
Pacific Coast iris, Japanese iris, Siberians,
Louisianas, Spurias, and Species Iris
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7:30 - 9:30 pm



SBM Beardless iris auction & sale!

Friday, October 23rd, 2015 is the date of our auction & sale at
Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland

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Meetings and auction/sales are free and open to the public

(see page 4 for directions)



BEARDLESS IRIS AUCTION AND SALE! Pacific Coast iris, Japanese iris, Spurias, Siberians, Louisianas, and Species Iris will be available, from the gardens of commercial growers and veteran members, ready to plant. Of course, you can contribute to the cause by purchasing beardless iris for your garden or as gifts for friends! ****We will have all of Joe Ghio's 2015 PCI introductions****

www.pacificcoastiris.org
www.socji.org
www.signa.org
www.spuriairis.com
www.socsib.org
www.louisianas.org

Society for Pacific Coast Native Irises
Society for Japanese Irises
Species Iris Group of North America (SIGNA)
Spuria Iris Society
Society for Siberian Irises
Society for Louisiana Irises

President's Message

I hope you can join us for the last SBMIS event of 2015 (and our last fundraiser of the year): our beardless iris auction and sale. We will have all of Joe Ghio's 2015 PCI introductions, as well as Siberian, Japanese, and species cross iris.

In addition, we received a donation of pseudacorus and several Louisiana iris varieties from the Santa Rosa Iris Society that will be available at the sale.

Santa Rosa Iris Society has an iris project at the Luther Burbank Garden, and they are looking for Japanese iris for it. If you'll be bringing in Japanese iris for the sale, please bring in a few extra for them if you're able.

Jean Richter

DIGGING, WRAPPING, AND REPLANTING BEARDLESS IRIS:

Those bringing in iris are reminded that most beardless iris can be transplanted only during periods of active root growth. If, like many, you have not been watering during the summer months, go out NOW and give them a good soaking! Then, wait til the last possible moment to dig and package.

Some techniques suggested by Alan Robbins for transporting your iris:

Clean them well, label them with their name, color and year of introduction (if possible) high enough on the leaves so that the buyer can read the info after packaging.

Trim the leaves if they are too long for display on the sales table.

The rhizomes and roots should be wrapped in wet paper towels or newspaper, placed in a plastic bag or Saran wrap and secured with masking tape. The tape can be an additional or alternate label.

PLANTING ~

Plant as soon as possible. Remember that PCIs, Siberians, Louisianas and Japanese iris prefer acid soil, while Spurias do best in neutral to alkaline soil. Before planting, soak Japanese, other water iris,

Siberians and Louisiana iris in enough water to cover the roots. Japanese & other water iris should be soaked for 24 hours or more, whereas 12 hours (overnight) is sufficient for Louisianas & Siberians.

All should be planted promptly thereafter: Siberians and Japanese with their crowns 3-4 inches below the surface, and Spurias, PCIs and Louisianas with crowns just below the surface. PCIs and Spurias need not be soaked if they are still moist. PCIs, being the most sensitive to transplanting, are often given special treatment:

soaking for a minimum of 10 minutes in a solution of Subdue (6 drops per gallon). We will try to have this reagent available at the auction/sale. Some recommend that PCIs be initially planted in pots before transfer to the garden.

Special request -- those bringing in beardless iris, please bring in early so that volunteers can prepare descriptions of iris that lack them. We also plan to have descriptions of all the iris obtained commercially to facilitate selection.

Once again, we encourage all members to participate in this Fall auction/sale, the proceeds from which help to keep a roof over our heads and our dues reasonable.

Some doubts, and their responses:

Too much shade/not enough sun --	Try Louisianas, PCIs or Evansias (crested iris)
Too cold	Try Siberians
Yard too steep	Try Spurias for erosion control
Too little space	Try PCIs in pots or Pseudacorus or Japanese iris in water trays
Too wet	Try Louisiana, Japanese or I. virginica
Want cut flowers	Try Spurias
Soil too acid	Try most beard less iris other than Spurias
Too expensive	Our prices can't be beat!

Some Of The Iris In Our Sale --

Pacific coast iris:

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[see photo page 1] photo: MBIS newsletter,

www.montereybayiris.org/

~ we have ALL of Joe Ghio's 2015 PCI introductions!

We ordered a bunch of things from Ensata Gardens:

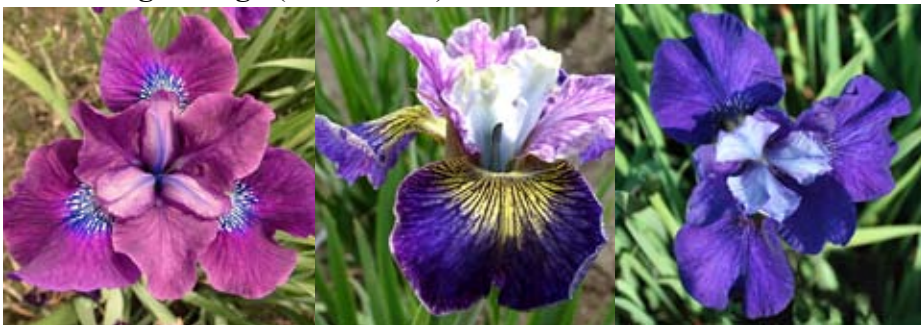
www.ensata.com/ Photos here, if not otherwise noted, are from Ensata.

Siberian iris:

Active Duty (Stahly 1999)

Charming Billy (Schafer/Sacks 2004)

Dirigo Indigo (White 2007)



Encore Performance (Hollingworth 2010) [photo p. 5]
Mixture of red and blue violet, consistent rebloomer

Hooked Again (Jim Copeland 2006)

Mesa Pearl (Bauer/Coble 1994)



Japanese iris:

First Act (Bauer/Coble 2004)

6F. Red-wine self, distinguished for being the first double to bloom in the season.



Louisiana iris:

Park Avenue Princess (Prior 2004)

Ruffled pale pink with red line sig. HM'08

photo: <http://aitken-garden.goodsie.com/louisiana-iris/page/2>



SPECIES CROSSES:

Do the Math (Jill Copeland 2008)

virginica/versicolor hybrid

Complex mix of *I. versicolor* and *I. virginica*.

Vigorous clump of purple flowers. photo: www.ensata.com/ [photo on p. 5]

Yukiyanagi (Shimizu 2010)

Pseudata (*I. pseudacorus* x *I. ensata* hybrid)

3F. 48" E-L White, purple halo, long blooming

("Willow in the Snow") photo: www.ensata.com/



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: judy@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
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below: **Encore Performance** (Hollingworth 2010) [photo: *Ensata*]



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



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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!