



c. Superstition Iris Gardens

above: *Waves of Joy* (Tasco 2015)

# Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

**POTLUCK TIME!**

*Sunday, September 27th, 2015*  
is the date of our next meeting

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**September BBQ & Potluck!**

5 til 8 p.m. at the Piper's  
Bring Yourself!



SEPTEMBER BBQ and POTLUCK – Sunday September 27th, dinner around 5 p.m.  
at the home of Gordon and Sue Piper, 33 Hiller Drive, Oakland

All members, and their families and special friends, are welcome!



Sue and Gordon have hosted this, our major social event of the year, since 1996. Please join us! (Do come even if you're shy – I always have a good time at this event and I'm shy!).

This year it's a totally potluck event – *if you can*, please bring an appetizer, salad, vegetable, or dessert, & especially (for you non-vegetarians) meat.

You can either cook the meat at your home or use one of the BBQs at the Piper's. Please bring enough food to share, and your own plates and silverware.

**But above all, bring Yourself!**

Direction to the Piper's -- 33 Hiller Drive,  
Oakland

**Driving from the south:**

- On 580, turn onto Highway 13 headed towards Berkeley.
- Go under Highway 24 to the first traffic signal.
- Turn right, then immediately left onto Hiller Drive -- the Piper's home is first house on the left.

**Driving from the north:**

- Pass the Claremont Hotel and go to the first signal.
- Take the left turn lane onto Hiller. Proceed as noted above.

**Driving from the east:**

- Exit Highway 24 at the Berkeley off-ramp and go on to Hiller.

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## ***President's Message***

I hope you'll be able to join us at our annual barbecue at the Piper's this Sunday - it should be a great get-together!

I also wanted to remind folks that the early (lower-price) deadline for registering for the Fall Regional in Visalia is October 1 - make sure to get your registration in before then to avoid the higher rate!

Also, a heads-up for the future - SBMIS is handling the registration duties for the 2016 Spring Regional in San Jose, and we could use help in staffing the registration table on Friday afternoon and early Saturday morning for that weekend (end of April 2016). More details to come later!

~ Jean

*below:* **For Veronica** (Schreiner 2015) Currently there are few varieties of this wine-colored purple. A lighter medial stripe runs down from the purple beard. See in our photo the wide, ruffled petals of For Veronica. With excellent substance and 8 buds on 3 branches. Veronica Haag, our Grandmother, was married to F.X. Schreiner, our Grandfather and the originator of Schreiner's Gardens. Veronica was a hard-working, giving person, who outlived her husband by 47 years. She baked delicious pies – some the color of **For Veronica**.



## **Planning for our 2019 AIS Convention!!**

As you may be aware, we are in the infant planning stages of the Region 14 hosted National Convention of the American Iris Society of 2019. At this very early stage there is not a lot that can be done. We are getting started with the host gardens. There will be a garden in Hayward located at 1320 Garin Ave. The park is in the trust of the East Bay Regional Park District.

There are two full time Park employees and a couple of volunteers that take care of the many acres of the park. I want to form a stand-by crew of iris experts, from the members of the Clara B. Rees Iris Society, the Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society and the Mt. Diablo Iris Society.

I have already spoken with a few members of two of the clubs and they would be happy to join a group to occasionally care for the guest beds located at the park. We would meet only about every two months for a time of 3 to 4 hours, enjoy a potluck lunch together, have some fun.

At this point in time I am only guessing at how much time would be involved and how often. The time requirement may not even be 3 – 4 hours every 2 months. It may be less than that. Extra help may not even be needed. Please speak to your club members as to whether any of them would be interested. We will not need more than a few people from each of the three clubs. We will know more later when we know how many irises the region will receive. The guest iris chair, Riley Probst, says as of now, plan on about one thousand bearded varieties per garden.

Thanks!

Shirley Trio-Probst

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*photo:* Gesine Lohr, at Schreiner's at 2015 AIS Convention. Text: [www.schreinersgardens.com/for-veronica](http://www.schreinersgardens.com/for-veronica)



# Doorprize iris!

**Forget Dah Mustard** (Tom Burseen, R. 2012)  
TB, 36" (91 cm). Very late bloom. Standards light barium-yellow (RHS 10C); style arms cream, gold washed feathered edges; Falls opalescent mustard, darker at edges, amber hafts, chrome yellow (15C) burst below beards; beards based lemon, tips orange; slight spicy fragrance; very ruffled; flared.  
*photo: below*



**Little Blue Girl** (Larry Lauer, R. 2013). IB, 22 (56 cm), Early to midseason bloom. Standards aster-violet (RHS 89B), white marking along lower midrib; style arms aster-violet; Falls same, white area around beard with two white lines shooting out; beards beech-brown (165A), aster-violet (90C) ends; slight sweet fragrance; ruffled.  
M2205-2: (964-4: ('Hoodlum' x 'Baby Belle') x 'Fairy Ring' X 2205-4: ('Double Dribble' x 2003-2R: ('Clarence' x 'Mariposa Autumn'))  
*photo: upper right*

**Splendid Spring** (Lesley Painter 2015) 39" ML Standards are a pink salmon while the falls are more pink to pink orchid. Flared flower form and very ruffled. Coral beards. Good branching with



7-8 buds L09-46D (Pink Positive X Picture Book)  
*photo: below*



**Waves of Joy** (Tasco 2015)  
TB, 39", ML. Parentage = Kona Waves X 05-TB-27-31:(Antiquity x 00-TB-05-01:(Can Can Dancer x Three Strikes))  
*photo: on cover*

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# Doorprize iris!

**Time of Magic** (Kerr 2013)

Sdlg. No. 03-107C. TB 32" M. Parentage Lost.

Lively with high contrast and a great garden variety that will draw the viewer for a closer look.

It's a gud'un. *photo: below*

(big because a big photo available!!)

Photos & info from:

<https://www.facebook.com/superstitionirisgardens>

<http://rainbowacres2.homestead.com/iris1.html>

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

<http://wiki.irises.org>



above: **Wings At Dawn** (Schreiner 2014), at 2015 convention





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Region 14 American Iris Society  
2015 Fall Regional  
October 16<sup>th</sup> & October 17<sup>th</sup>, Visalia, California

Friday October 16<sup>th</sup>:

4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Registration
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	<b>Reblooming Iris Show</b> set-up; entries accepted
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	Social evening, Silent Auction bidding
6:30 p.m.	<b>Reblooming Iris Show</b> -- Judging
7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	<b>Guest Speaker Chuck Bunnell</b>
9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	Social evening, Silent Auction bidding

Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup>:

7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.	Registration
8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast (provided)
8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	<b>Region 14 Budget/Board Meeting</b> (part 1)
10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.	Break & Silent Auction bidding
10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.	<b>Region 14 Budget/Board Meeting</b> (part 2)
11:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Break & Silent Auction bidding
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Lunch (provided)
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	<b>Judges' Training -- Chuck Bunnell</b>
2:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.	Break & Silent Auction bidding
2:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	<b>Live Iris Auction</b>
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	<b>Judges' Training -- Chuck Bunnell</b>
4:30 p.m.	Final Silent Auction ~ Bids close
4:45 p.m.	End of 2015 Fall Regional

updated info is in red  
(the hotel was sold  
and so some  
information changed)

American Iris Society Region 14  
2015 Fall Regional Meeting October 16-17  
Guest Speaker – Chuck Bunnell

~ hybridizer of 'Dividing Line', the first Miniature Tall Bearded Dykes Medal Winner ~

Hosted by James M. Gibson Iris Society

Conference Hotel -- Wyndham Visalia, 9000 W. Airport Drive, Visalia, CA 93277

**\*\*Contact the hotel directly for room reservations at (559) 651-5000 \*\***[corrected number]

**When making reservations, ask for Vanessa at extension 2611 [new information!]**

To receive the group rate, use the name Region 14 of the American Iris Society when making your reservation. **The room rate is available until October 1, 2015.**

Room rate is \$89.00, plus all applicable taxes, per night. There are pet friendly rooms for an additional \$25.00 per stay, not per day. There are a few rooms with small refrigerators and microwaves, but you must request those rooms at time of booking.

Refunds before October 1 require \$10.00 per person handling fee. No refunds after October 1 or may be decided at the discretion of the registrar.

A continental breakfast will be provided to all region 14 registrants at 8 a.m. on Saturday morning: assorted breakfast breads, bagels with cream cheese, trays of fresh seasonal fruit, assorted juices, freshly brewed regular and decaffeinated coffee, and assorted hot teas. Lunch will be a deli style buffet.

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

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail for confirmation \_\_\_\_\_

Local Iris Society \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee if paid by October 1, 2015 \$65.00 x person (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If paid after October 1, 2015 \$75.00 x person (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to JMGIS or James M. Gibson Iris Society**

Please send registration to: Linda Hood, Registrar

20924 Avenue 152, Porterville, CA 93257

e-mail linda-hood@sbcglobal.net or phone (559) 789-7446 [corrected number]

\*\*\*\*\*We will be having a full **Reblooming Iris Show** and will need to set up enough tables.

Will you be bringing bloom stalks? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_ \*\*\*\*\*

Containers and entry tags will be provided by the James M. Gibson Iris Society, and sponsored by the Yosemite Iris Society. Bring your own grooming material.

**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](mailto:aismemsec@irises.org)  
\$25.00 single, \$30.00 dual.  
See [www.irises.org/](http://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](http://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](mailto:judy@msinter.net)  
\$10.00 single annual, \$12.00 dual annual.  
[www.historiciris.org](http://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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## A kitty speaks up

p.s. we will try to have a cat image in every issue!



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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### *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!*

## 2015 Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society Calendar

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

Sunday September 27th      Potluck!

Oct 23      Beardless auction & sale