



above: **For Veronica** (Schreiner 2015)

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

POTLUCK TIME!

Sunday, September 18th, 2016
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 18th, 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, & (for you non-vegetarians) meat. (And do still come, if can't bring stuff!)

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

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I hope you can make it to our annual potluck at the Piper's - we're having it a little earlier than usual this year. We'll have plenty of food, fun, and door prizes!

We will be selling iris (both potted and rhizomes) at the Alameda County Home and Garden Show at the end of this month (Sept. 30 - Oct. 2). Any type of iris is welcome for the sale (or other plants also, as we had success selling non-iris plants at the February show). Please contact me if you can donate plants for the sale and/or can help out at our booth - even a shift of an hour or two is helpful (though longer would be great!).

Thanks,

Jean



above: Land Down Under (Johnson 2013) photographed at Miller's Manor, 2015 AIS convention

Calendar of Iris Events for 2016 - 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

Sunday	September 18	SBMIS potluck barbeque!	SBMIS potluck BBQ -See your newsletter for details and location
Friday	September 30	Friday, September 30 noon - 6:00 p.m.	Alameda County Home & Garden Show Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton We will be selling iris (both potted and rhizomes) -- and other plants! see President's Message!
Saturday	October 1	Saturday, October 1 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.,	
Sunday	October 2	Sunday, October 2 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
Friday	October 28	7:30 - 9:30 PM SBMIS	SBMIS Beardless Iris Auction and Sale

Doorprize iris! ~



Black Lipstick (Keppel 2016)

EM 35" ((Oreo x Hello Darkness) X (Tangled Web x (Oreo pod parent sib x Storm Track))) Glossy and dark enough to satisfy the most demanding Goth maiden. Silky black purple standards only slightly lighter than velvet-enhanced black falls. Solid dark blue beards rest on clean, unmarked hafts. Generously ruffled, the compact flowers carried on well-branched stalks. #09-104A

<http://www.keithkeppeliris.com/BlackLipstick.html>



Diva Dreams (Kerr 2014)

Tall bearded 38" Midseason (Thinking of You X Joyce Ragle) A confection of cameo white tinted with cameo pink which is darker on the standards. Hafts darker still. Excellent branching and bud count with very good increase. Large flower to turn heads. Third generation of a line that started with Tender Mercy and produces great pinks and whites in each generation.

<http://rainbowacres2.homestead.com/2014-INTRODUCTIONS.html>



Funfetti BB (L. Painter 2016)

<http://www.napairis.com/store/proddetail.php?prod=16021&cat=13>

Average Bloom Height 24"

M Bloom Season

Border Bearded. Open standards and styles are orange. Falls have a white ground overlaid red-ground plicata pattern with 1/4" orange edge. Beards are orange. Musky fragrance.

Doorprize iris!

Irresistible Charm (Tasco 2016)

IRRESISTIBLE CHARM (Tasco 2016)--TB,
37", ML. Parentage= Gypsy Lord X Halloween
Trick

<https://www.facebook.com/superstitionirisdgarden/photos/a.1061802543853531.1073741829.294430523924074/1084429141590871/?type=3&theater>

Mysterioso (Blyth 2013/14)

TB, 36" (91 cm). Early midseason bloom.
Standards opalescent off white with flush of
lemon-gold coming halfway up midrib and a fine
1/8" edge of lemon-gold; Falls rich royal velvet
with 1/4" edge of red-brown and red-brown hafts;
beards old gold; pronounced sweet fragrance
P186-3: (L133-1, 'I'm Dreaming' sib, x L304-1,
'Platinum Class' sib) X O228-4: (L133-7, 'I'm
Dreaming' sib, x L304-1, 'Platinum Class' sib).
Tempo Two 2013/14.

<http://wiki.irises.org/bin/view/TbKthruO/TbMysterioso?id=1&filename=MYSTERIOSO01.jpg#igp1>

Path to Heaven (Ghio 2016)

<https://www.facebook.com/291485554485/photos/a.10153801781914486.1073741825.291485554485/10153801846049486/?type=3&theater>

*[photos from hybridizer's or introducer's
websites, Facebook pages]*

[photo: back page]

Waves of Amber (M. Sutton 2014)

<https://www.suttoniris.com/products/amber-waves-of-grain>

36" mid to late season bloomer. Wonderful form and
ruffling! Soft amber orange standars (upper petals) are
nicely ruffled and waved with good substance. Wide
falls (lower petals) are cream around the orange beards
darkening to orange at the edges. 7 to 9 buds



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 2016 **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
\$13.00 single annual, \$15.00 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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Historian/scrapbooker	**need a volunteer!		
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Hot off the presses

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registration
rate for the fall
regional will
be \$70 until
September 15

Something's Always Blooming Somewhere

American Iris Society Region 14
2016 Fall Regional – October 14-15, 2016
Alden Lane Nursery

981 Alden Lane Livermore, CA 94550

We have reserved guest rooms at: Extended Stay America - Airway/Livermore
2380 Nissen Dr. Livermore, CA 94550

Contact the hotel directly for room reservations at 1-877-701-3383

To receive the group rate, use the name AIS when making your reservation by AUGUST 15, 2016
\$99.00, single or double occupancy, one bed; \$109 two beds, double occupancy; \$114 triple occupancy, \$119 for four
There are pet friendly rooms for an additional \$25

Registrant 1: First Name _____ Last Name _____

Registrant 2: First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Email address: _____ Local Iris Society _____

Registration fee paid BY September 1, 2016 \$ 70.00 X person(s) _____ Total \$ _____

Registration fee AFTER September 1, 2016 \$ 75.00 X person(s) _____ Total \$ _____

Please make checks payable to MDIS or Mt. Diablo Iris Society

Send registration to: Kent Lincoln

752 Laurel Drive Walnut Creek, CA 94596

For more information: Fallregion14@gmail.com Phone – (925) 828-2192

Refunds before September 15, 2016 require a \$10.00 per person handling fee. No Refunds after September 15, 2016

FRIDAY We will have a Rebloomers Iris Show. Will you be bringing bloom stalks?

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

3:30-5 PM Iris preparation MDIS will provide containers and entry tags. Please bring your own grooming equipment.

We would like to encourage participation this year by offering several new events on Friday:

We invite past and present SHOW CHAIRS to meet to exchange ideas. Will you attend? How many _____

4 – 5 PM We invite past and present PROGRAM CHAIRS to meet to exchange ideas. Will you attend? How many? _____

5 - 8 PM Mocktails and small plates. Will you be joining us for the Meet and Greet? How many? _____

5:30 PM Stan Morgan will present, "The Incredible Wild Iris – A Specie Overview"

7:00 PM Dr. Carol Wilson, research botanist, will be our very special Guest Speaker. She is currently at UC Berkeley while continuing her affiliation with Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden. She has traveled extensively researching and collecting wild iris. Her presentation will include pictures of her travels and stories about her collecting experiences. Don't miss this!

SATURDAY

8:00 AM Continental breakfast

8:30 AM Region 14 business meeting

10 AM Coffee break followed by the conclusion of the business meeting

NOON Lunch

1:30 – 3:30 Judges' Training - Division V Artistic with Dr. Anna Cadd Will you attend? How many? _____

We would appreciate you sharing with us any food issues so we may plan a menu for all to enjoy.

Vegetarian ___ Vegan ___ Diabetic ___ Gluten-Free ___ Dairy ___ Nuts ___ Seafood allergy ___ Other _____

Global Global warming is here—you know what to do
SBMIS Newsletter -- Gesine Lohr
1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501

below: **Waves of Amber (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) 205-9895

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!