



# Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Friday,  
February 24th, 2017

Growing and Enjoying  
Louisiana Irises

~ Carl Boro ~

(above): Colorific (LA)(Mertzweiler 1979)  
photo: Carl Boro



*Friday, February 24th, 2017*

*is the date of our next meeting at  
Lakeside Park Garden Center  
666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland*

*Doors open at 7 pm, meeting starts at 7:30 pm*

*Meetings are free & open to the public, all are eligible for door prizes.*



**Presentation:** Carl Boro will give a presentation on how to grow Louisiana irises, including nuts-and-bolts information. *below:* Festive Fever (Taylor 1994/1995), Concours d'Elegance (Dunn 1989), Website (H. Pryor 2002); *photos:* Carl Boro



## *President's Message*

I hope you'll be able to attend our meeting this Friday, which will feature guest speaker Carl Boro telling us about "Growing and Enjoying Louisiana Irises."

We will also have lots of door prizes, including some instant-gratification Louisiana iris in pots to take home!

We had a very successful sale at the Alameda County Home and Garden Show last weekend - so successful we had very few pots left at the end of the sale! Apropos of that, I'm considering having a potting party to build up our stock of potted iris sometime this summer (something we haven't done for several years, but looks like it's time again).

-- Jean

## **Doorprize Iris! we have \*17\* this month!**

Two will be given away at the meeting: **Longue Vue** (Haymon 2000) (*photo: Carl Boro*) and **Seminole Autumn** (Wolford 2006) (*photo: <https://www.louisianairis.com/registrars/index-s.htm>*)



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*photos from hybridizer websites*

## **All About Spring** (Kerr 2006)

36" ML. Standards lilac with a yellow edge widening and becoming more gold at the haft. Style arms are lilac with a yellow edge. Falls are lilac with a narrow yellow edge and wide gold hafts. Beards golden orange. Sweet fragrance. Two branches, a spur and a terminal socket give 8 or 9 buds per scape. The essence of spring with a long bloom season.



## **All By Design** (Ghio 2016)

Photo: <https://www.facebook.com/Bay-View-Gardens-291485554485/>

## **Betty Ford** (Kerr 2014)

This line started in an attempt to produce a good blue and white Emma Cook pattern. Nailed it with Queen's Circle. Then I wanted a good blue and white Emma Cook with tangerine beards. Several introductions, including Creative Urge, showed up. Then I wanted a tangerine bearded, blue and white Emma Cook with a large flower. The result is Betty Ford. Large flower tall stalks with good branching and bud count. Named for a long time friend of our garden and stalwart of the Santa Rosa Iris Society



## **Brightline** (M. Sutton 2016) [www.suttoniris.com](http://www.suttoniris.com)

## **Caramel 'N Chocolate** (J. Painter 2015)

[www.napairis.com/intro.html](http://www.napairis.com/intro.html) 42" M Standards are lemon beige with a more pronounced brown edge. Distinct brown lines cover most of the standards. Falls are black burgundy with minimal white haft lines. Beards are antique gold. Nice branching with 7 buds.



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## **Carrot Cupcake** (M. Sutton 2013)

36" Mid-to late season bloomer. Reblooms! Pristine white standards and falls are wide, ruffled and serrated. Bright and glowing carrot orange beards jump out of the throat. 7 buds with symmetrical placement on strong stalks. Late rebloom in our gardens. <https://www.suttoniris.com>



**Dark Energy** (Keppel 2016) M 35" Dark purplish black to reddish brown plicata with high-energy golden yellow rays shining through the darkness of the falls. Inconspicuous violet to mustard beards, light ruffling.



**Dog and Pony Show** (Black 2013) IB Midseason-Late 27" (69cm) Fabulous form & color. Show stalks have 2 branches plus spur & 6-8 buds.



**Exploding Galaxy** (Ghio 2016) 30 inches, EM. "The darkest luminata around: Very dark wine-purple with a black velvet overlay on the falls. The petal edges are biscuit and nicely ruffled. Light yellow dotting from the throat to the shoulders. The styles are also biscuit with bright yellow beards that stand out like beacons in the night. Wavy ruffling with purple tinted well branched stalks." [https://www.facebook.com/Bay-View-Gardens-291485554485/photos/?tab=album&album\\_id=10153801781914486](https://www.facebook.com/Bay-View-Gardens-291485554485/photos/?tab=album&album_id=10153801781914486)

**Gentle Reminder** (Keppel 2014) M 42" Gentle ruffling and soft colors. Lemon cream standards, soft lavender falls, and pale yellow beards ending with lavender. Good stalks, good growth. HM 2016.



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**Give It Away** (Lauer 2016) <http://lauersiris.com>  
E-M 33' S. white with a thin canary yellow rim and at the base of the pedal; F. white base with canary yellow shoulders and rim, magenta rose lines from the beard to a solid coloring of magenta rose on the rim; B. tangerine orange; ruffled, pronounced sweet fragrance; two way branching with 7 plus buds. On occasion it has had a summer or fall bloom but not consistence so not to be confused as a rebloomer but I have used it as a pod and pollen parent for reblooming crosses. Results yet to be confirmed. Dialect X 2416-31 (Shine on Thru X High Master)



**It's Our Time** (Lauer 2016)

**Mango Queen** (Kerr 2013) TB 42" M-L. (Sib to 'Got the Look'.) No one walks by 'Mango Queen' without stopping to admire the giant flowers on big stalks. Foliage matches in size. Good increase and show stalks.



**Rust Never Sleeps** IB (Lauer 2013)

**Signal Butte** AB (Tasco 2016) AB (OGB-, 1/4 aril-aril median), 23", EML. Parentage= Energizer X Replicator

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**American Iris Society (AIS) Dues can be mailed**

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205 Catalonia Avenue / P.O. Box 177  
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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 2017 **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  
For amounts, please see 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: Flareout (Granger 1992) photo: Carl Boro*



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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!*



*above: Choctaw Ridge (Musacchia 2005)  
photo: Carl Boro*