



# Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Friday,  
March 24th, 2017  
7:30 pm

Hands-on Show Entry  
Practice!  
~ with expert advice ~

(above): Thrill Ride (M. Sutton 2015)  
photo: [suttoniris.com](http://suttoniris.com)



*Friday, March 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.*



**Program** -- Hands-on Show Entry practice! with expert advice on how to prepare your show entries. Stalks, containers will be provided -- feel free to bring your own stalk(s) if you have them!

*right:* Volunteer kitties stand ready to help trim stalks

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



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## *President's Message*

We will have hands-on practice displaying iris stalks at our upcoming meeting. We will provide vases and extra flower stalks - please bring iris to the meeting if you have any in bloom. Experts will be on hand to show you how to give your iris the best chance of getting a ribbon.

I also wanted to remind you that the early registration deadline for the AIS Region 14 spring regional in Sacramento is the end of this month - registration fees go up on April 1.

Unfortunately I won't be able to attend this Friday's meeting - I'll be out of town helping out my sister, who's undergoing cancer surgery. Treasurer Bonnie Petheram will lead the meeting in my absence.

Thanks, Jean

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Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society Calendar ~ All meetings are at the Garden Center, except for January potluck/judges' training, July sidewalk sale and September potluck.

April 8: MDIS show, Alden Lane Nursery, Livermore

April 21-23: Region 14 spring regional, Sacramento

April 28: setup for SBMIS show

April 29-30: SBMIS show

May 21: Potted iris sale at Celebration of Old Roses, El Cerrito

May 23-27: AIS convention, Des Moines, Iowa

May 26: SBMIS meeting, topic TBA

June 23: Riley Probst program on AIS convention

July 21: Bearded iris rhizome auction and sale

July 23: Bearded iris rhizome sidewalk sale (location TBA)

August: potting party (date TBA)

August 25: Gesine Lohr program on historic iris

late September: SBMIS barbeque (date TBA)

October 27: Beardless iris auction and sale

# Doorprize Iris! we have \*14\* this month!

*photos from hybridizer websites*

**Angels Abound** (Kerr 2014) TB, 38" Midseason bloom. Standards white, pink at base; style arms white; Falls same, pink at hafts; beards red; slight sweet fragrance. Rainbow Acres 2014.



**Bold Awakening** AB (Tasco 2016) AB (OGB, 1/2 aril), 33", EML. Parentage= 07-AB-50-33:(Aztec Prince x 04-AB-03-09:(Bagdad's Folly x Energizer)) X Exotic Treasure

**Cool Operator** (M. Sutton 2016) 37" Early, mid, and late season bloomer. Pure white standards with white falls that are marbled blue-violet at the edges. Ruffled petals with good substance. 7 buds. Late rebloomer so should have nice rebloom in warmer climates.



**Even Flow** (Lauer 2016) M-L 34" S. tangerine orange, slight rose flush in the lower midrib; F. white center with tangerine shoulders and rim; B. mandarin red ; ruffled, and lightly laced, slight sweet fragrance; two branches and spur, 7-9 bud per stock. It's a sib to Butterscotch Peach Parfait without the horn. Good show for later in the season.



**French Lessons** (Kerr 2014) TB, 36" Midseason bloom. Standards inside white with yellow edge, outside variable from solid yellow to yellow with darker veins blending to white with yellow edge; style arms dark yellow; Falls white, heavy yellow veining, large yellow hafts, yellow inside rim, white edge, sometimes with ephemeral short lavender lines between veins mid-fall; beards dark



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sweet  
fragrance.  
(photo  
left)





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**Front of the Line** (Ghio 2016) TB; 34"; EM; S. rusty mahogany red; F. gold ground overlaid mahogany red to near dotting at razor thin gold edge; Serrated petal edges; Very ruffled.

*(see photo p. 8)*

**Funfetti BB** (L. Painter 2016) 24" M Border Bearded. 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.

**Ghirardelli Square** (Keppel 2016) EM 38" One way to get your chocolate fix! Reddish chocolate and warm white plicata, beards mustard tan to violet. Exact color of chocolate varies with the weather, and the fall ring is slightly more purple-toned.

**Give It Away** (Lauer 2016) 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.



**Key to My Heart** (Kerr 2014) TB, 36" Midseason bloom. Standards and style arms light orange; Falls lavender-blue, large pink-white center, orange hafts, dark lavender edge; beards orange, tips red; slight sweet fragrance.

*(photo left)*

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**Lemon Jade** (J. Painter 2015) M. This greenish yellow self has slightly darker standards and darker fall shoulders. Gold beards.

**Rust Never Sleeps** (Lauer 2013) IB. 18 inch. Early to midseason bloom and rebloom. Standards cinnamon (RHS 165D), aster-violet midrib (87C); style arms cinnamon; falls squirrel-brown (166B); beards majolica-yellow (169C) in throat and middle, bluebird-blue (94C) at end; pronounced sweet fragrance; ruffled (*photo below right*)

**Spring Awakening** (Kerr 2013) TB, 42" Midseason bloom. Standards and style arms light yellow; falls white with medium blue edge; beards white base, hairs tipped tangerine orange.  
(*photo below*)

**Thrill Ride** (M. Sutton 2015) New, wild and unique! Greyed orange standards (upper petals) are flushed yellow at the base and up the mid ribs. Vivid imperial purple falls (lower petals) have a distinct and contrasting 1/2" ruby red rim. Wonderful branching with 7 to 10 buds on tall stalks. 35" tall, blooms mid to late season.  
(*photo p. 1*)







**2017 Spring Regional April 21,22 &23**

**“Iris Express”**

**Co-sponsored by Sacramento Iris Society and Sierra Foothills Iris Society  
Guest Speaker – Dell Perry from Plano TX**

**Conference Hotel  
Crowne Plaza 5321 Date Ave, Sacramento, CA 95841  
Contact for room reservations at (877) 504-0054**

**To receive the group rate, use the name Regional Iris Society when making your reservation.  
The room rate is available until April 3, 2017.  
Hotel room rates are \$109.00+ tax for double or single per night.  
Breakfast is included for hotel guests. No pets allowed.**

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 April 1st 2017 \$95.00 x person (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

if paid after April 1st 2017 \$105.00 x person (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(No refunds after April 8, 2017)

**Registration includes lunch and dinner on Saturday  
Please indicate registrant # 1 or #2 for lunch choice**

**Lunch:**

- Roast Beef Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_
- Ham Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_
- Turkey Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_
- Veggie Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_

**Dinner Buffet includes: Salad-Green and Caesar, Marinated Grilled Tri-Tip, Marinated Grilled Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Rolls, Carrot Cake.**

**Please make checks payable to Sierra Foothills Iris Society.**

**Please send registration to: Yvette Meador, P O Box 332 Applegate, CA 95703**

**E-mail [ymeador@yahoo.com](mailto:ymeador@yahoo.com) or phone 530 878-0944**

Judges Training Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup> 9am Horton’s Garden

Will attend Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

Iris Show Friday April 21<sup>st</sup> Crown Plaza Hotel

Will enter Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

Iris Entries accepted Friday 3:00-5:30pm Judging at 6:00pm

Meeting Region 14 Board/General meeting Friday, April 21, 2017, 7:00 pm

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

**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 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: [judy@msinter.net](mailto:judy@msinter.net)  
For amounts, please see [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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Global warming is here—you know what to do  
SBMIS Newsletter -- Gesine Lohr  
1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501

*below: Iris confusa, blooming now (photo: Jean Richter)*



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](http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Sydney-B-Mitchell-Iris-Society/116888028332187?ref=ts)

*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: Front of the Line (Ghio 2016)*

*photo: Ghio*