



(above): Blurred Vision (Tyson 2018) IB

# Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Friday,  
August 23, 2019

The 2019 AIS  
Convention

~ Riley Probst ~



*Friday, August 23rd, 2019*

*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** -- Riley Probst will be giving a program on the recent AIS convention.

*right:* Ivan shows us his handsome profile.

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



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## *President's Message*

I hope you can join us for a program on the recent AIS convention in the bay area, presented by Riley Probst.

Big thanks to Bonnie Petheram and Jeff Bennett for staffing our recent sidewalk rhizome sale, and thanks also to Ace Hardware Nursery for hosting us.

~ Jean

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## **Doorprize Iris!** *photos: hybridizers*

*top left:* Edwardian Era (Keppel 2018)  
*top right:* So Far So Good (Lauer 2018)

*bottom left:* Wait a Minute (Ghio 2018)  
*bottom right:* Powerhouse (Ghio 2019)



**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 2019 **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: Cybergrape (Schreiners 2016)



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!*