

Sydney B. Mitchell

Iris Society



(above): Bluet (Sturtevant 1918)
(another pandemic year)
photo: Jean Richter (blooming now)

Virtual Iris Show!

No cutting of stalks needed!

See below for how to enter the show!

To enter the virtual show, please send pictures of your iris (preferably both a flower shot and a stalk shot) to Jean Richter. You can email pictures to jeanrichter@berkeley.edu, text pictures to (510) 205-4033, or send them via U.S. mail to 1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501.

Please send your pictures in by noon on Saturday, April 25.
The show will be on the SBMIS web site: www.bayareairis.org

If an iris variety could be considered in multiple categories (for example, "Unicorn" could be entered in tall bearded, historic, or space age), please indicate which section you'd like it to be entered into. In addition to the usual iris sections, we will also have a section for un-named iris, so feel free to send in those as well!

Judges will choose a best iris in show, and anyone visiting the virtual show can vote for the people's choice. The winners of both best in show and people's choice will receive a \$50 gift certificate to the iris grower of their choice.

All are welcome to enter iris -- not just SBMIS members. If you have iris that bloom after April 25, Mt. Diablo Iris Society is also having a virtual show, and is accepting entrants up to July 1. Email MtDiabloIris@gmail.com for more information.

Here are the sections for the show:

Miniature Dwarf Bearded	Louisiana
Standard Dwarf Bearded	Siberian
Intermediate Bearded	Spuria
Miniature Tall Bearded	Historic Iris (introduced in 1990 or earlier)
Border Bearded	Species or Species Hybrids
Tall Bearded	Miscellaneous (any type of iris not listed above)
Space Age	Mystery Iris (un-named)
Aril or Arilbred	
Californicae (Pacific Coast Iris)	
Japanese	

right: Candy Basket (Harris 2016) MTB
photo: Jean Richter (blooming now)



President's Message

I hope all of you are well and staying safe, and that sheltering in place is not too much of a hardship. We will all get through this.

We will be having a virtual show this year, as an in-person show is not possible. If you would like to enter your iris in the virtual show, please see the instructions elsewhere in the newsletter. The judges we had engaged for our show have generously agreed to judge our virtual show, and though we cannot give out the usual AIS ribbons and awards, we will have a prize for best iris in show and people's choice.

As the show is one of our fundraising events for the year, please consider making a donation to SBMIS in lieu of the pots of iris you might have bought at an in-person show.

It is likely that we will not be able to have our May field trip with Mt. Diablo Iris Society, but we will try to have some sort of online event if we are unable to meet in person.

Take care,

Jean

photos by Jean Richter: (all are blooming now)

left: Claret Mahogany (Austin 1964)

middle: Voltigeur (Cayeux 1934)

right: Rocket Fuel (M. Sutton 2017)



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
\$30.00 single, \$35.00 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 2020 **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
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below: Flash Mob (Keppel 2016)

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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

www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Sydney-B-Mitchell-Iris-Society/116888028332187?ref=ts

*A New Sydney B Tradition!
In these days of shelter in place,
don't socially isolate! Make contact -
videoconference (if you have the
technology), phone a friend, talk to
your neighbor from the porch, or just
write a letter. Makes everyone
happy!*