



(above): *Rocket Fuel* (M. Sutton 2017)  
photo: Jean Richter

# Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Saturday,  
January 25, 2020  
**Judges' Training and  
potluck!**

Bryce Williamson  
~ *What Do We Call It?* ~  
using color terms!



## **SBMIS Judges' Training and Potluck! at the Garden Center**

*Saturday January 25th*

*11:00 am doors open (come at 10:30 to help setup tables)*

*lunch 12:00 noon, judges' training 1:30, cleanup 3:00 pm*

*Meetings and auction/sales are free and open to the public*

*(see page 4 for directions)*

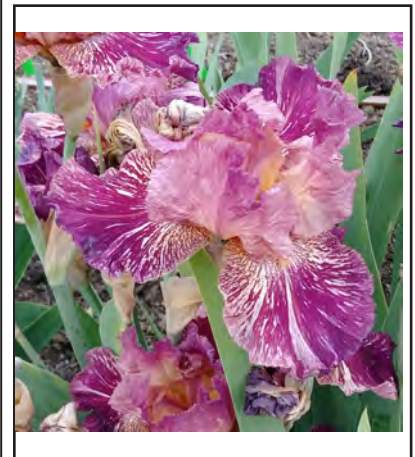


Judges' training will be by Bryce Williamson: "What Do We Call It?" - a review of traditional color terms and how they are now compounded to describe new color patterns.

The kitchen will be available with stove and ovens if needed.

The Santa Rosa Iris Society will also be selling potted Louisiana iris as a fundraiser for Region 14.

*right: Blurred Vision* (Tyson 2018) IB  
photo: Jean Richter



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## *President's Message*

Happy New Year! I hope you can join us for our annual winter pot-luck and judges' training this Saturday January 25. We have an exciting program by acclaimed hybridizer Bryce Williamson.

The Santa Rosa Iris Society will also be selling potted Louisiana iris as a fundraiser for Region 14.

In addition to our usual schedule of meetings this year, SBMIS will be co-sponsoring the Region 14 spring regional with Mt. Diablo Iris Society. The regional will be held at Dry Creek Garden in Hayward May 2-3.

One item we particularly need help to make happen is the show at the regional - please contact me if you can assist in helping set up, clerk, judge, or even be show chair!

Let's make 2020 a fantastic year together! ~ Jean

### 2020 SBMIS Meeting dates:

January 25

February 28

March 27

April: show setup April 17,

April 18-19 show

May: joint field trip with Mt. Diablo Iris Society TBA

June 26

July 24 rhizome auction & sale

August 28

September BBQ TBA

October 23 beardless auction & sale

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

**to Tom Gormley - AIS Membership Secretary**  
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 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)**

<https://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

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below: *Mixed Signals* (Keppel 2018) 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

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above: *Dapple Dawn* (L. Markham 2014) BB  
photo: Jean Richter

*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!*