

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
5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 30.
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. The winners of best in show 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 30, 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
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President's Message

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

We will be having a virtual show again 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. Although we cannot give out the usual AIS ribbons and awards, we will have a prize for best iris in show.

In lieu of our show's potted iris sale, we will have an online potted iris sale instead. The iris in the sale are on page 3, please contact me if you would like to buy some at \$5.00 per pot.

Take care, stay safe, and get your vaccine (if you haven't already),

Jean

photos by Jean Richter: (all are blooming now)

left: Mme Louesse (Verdier 1860)

middle: Iris fulva (Louisiana iris species)

right: Silver Silk (Dash 2017)



POTTED IRIS FOR SALE - \$5.00 EACH

				
Alabaster Lace Aitken 2015	Another Suggestion Keppel 2016	Belle Fille Smith 2015	Big Break Black 2017	Brass Lamp Keppel 2018
				
Brazen Gold IB Black 2016	Buttered Burgundy Markham 2017	Chocolate Cascade D. Miller 2017	Citrus Medley M. Sutton 2016	Clearly Pink BB Aitken 2017
				
Elderberry Pie M. Sutton 2016	Framed M. Sutton 2017	Glacier Fire Kerr 2012	Got Cream Worel 2018	Indian Chief Ayres 1929
				
Lady Leigh Lauer 2012	Lavender Lemon Cake M. Sutton 2015	Lucky Dragon AB Tasco 2019	Magic Mirror Ghio 2015	Marital Bliss Keppel 2017
				
Ninja Warrior L. Miller 2016	Parisian Lace M. Sutton 2015	Peach Pearl Tasco 2014	Pink Attraction E. Hall 1988	Point of Interest Mego 2017
				
Raindrops Keep Falling Black 2016	Twilit Snow Markham 2019	Vanilla Frappé M. Sutton 2011	Vic Briody Foster 2016	Winter's Smile Black 2016

American Iris Society (AIS) Dues can be mailed to Pam Messer - AIS Membership Secretary

P.O. Box 6
Huxley, IA 50124
Phone: 515-597-4240
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 2021 **SBMIS Membership Dues** ~ please give to Helen Bliven or send checks made out to Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society to Bonnie Petheram 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
SBMIS Newsletter -- Gesine Lohr
1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501
below: Organ Mountain Sunrise (Dash 2016)

photo: Jean Richter (blooming now)



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!*