



Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Zoom Meeting!
Friday March 26

**will do virtual
doorprize iris drawing**

(above): Reality Check (Tasco 2019)
photo: Rick Tasco
a doorprize iris!



We will be holding our meeting via Zoom this Friday at 7:30 p.m. - details below:

Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81569359133?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81569359133?pwd=TUp6dm1QbzJDUFpPZ2dLaEFON1Vydz09)

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Meeting ID: 815 6935 9133

Passcode: 734666

Riley Probst will give a presentation on reblooming iris. If you would like to participate, in our virtual door prize drawing, please send an email to jeanrichter@berkeley.edu or call (510) 864-7962 to enter - let us know three or four varieties you're particularly interested in. All iris pictured in the bulletin are door prizes!

Instructions for how to enter our April virtual show are on the next page - take pictures of your iris as they bloom (both stalk and flower if you can)!



President's Message:

I hope you can join us for this Friday's meeting, to hear rebloomer expert Riley Probst's program on reblooming iris.

We have decided to change our treasury process back to our existing bank account, so please make out your dues checks to SBMIS rather than Helen.

Please take care and be safe. Hopefully in not too long we'll be able to enjoy each other's company in person again. ~ Jean

2021 SBMIS Meeting dates:

March 26 -- Zoom meeting, Riley Probst on reblooming iris

April: will do virtual show!

May 28 TBA

June 25 TBA

July 23 rhizome auction & sale

August 27 TBA

September BBQ TBA

October 22 beardless auction & sale

Virtual show entries: Send in two pictures (one of flower, one of stalk) for each entry. Entry period is April 1 - April 30.

Entries can be sent by email to jeanrichter@berkeley.edu, by text to (510) 205-4033, or via regular mail to: Jean Richter, 1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501.

Entries will be judged in early May, and the entrant who wins best in show will receive a \$50 gift certificate to the iris grower of their choice!

Doorprize iris!

(right top) **Joy Returns** (Shadlow 2016) RE

(left top) **Beautiful Edging** (Tasco 2020)

(right middle) **Corinthian Leather** (Burseen 2017)

(right below) **Spy Guy** (Toth 2019) SA

(left below) **Enthralled** (Schreiner 2020)

also iris on front, next, and end pages!



Doorprize iris!

(right top) **Blackberry Torte** (M. Sutton 2020)

(left top) **Turkish Tapestry** (Keppel 2020)

(right below) **Mind Body Spirit** (Price 2019)

(left below) **Creative Art** (Tasco 2020) AB.



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

List of SBM Officers:

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| Once and Future President | Chuck Dekker | | |

Global warming is here—you know what to do
SBMIS Newsletter -- Gesine Lohr
1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501
below: Emma Sofia helps with the newsletter



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



above: **Offspring** (Lauer 2018) door prize!

*March 2021 Update ~ Stay Home,
CALL A FRIEND!*

A Sydney B Tradition!

We have members who for various reasons find it difficult or impossible to come to meetings. This could become a new SBM tradition -- get in touch with someone you haven't seen in a while. Makes everyone happy!