

c. Keith Keppel Irises



Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Friday May 28

**Zoom meeting:
Riley Probst on 2021 Spring
Regional
plus virtual door prize drawing**

(above): Magic Ring (Keppel 2020)
winner of the Jim Gibson award for best
plicata at the recent spring regional!

photo: Keith Keppel



I hope you are all doing well and staying safe as the pandemic drags on. This month, we will again have an **online meeting via Zoom**. Riley Probst will give a program on the recent Region 14 spring regional at Bluebird Haven Iris Garden. Instructions for joining the meeting and tips on using Zoom are elsewhere in the newsletter.

Thanks very much to all the entrants to our virtual show! We had around 65 entries from five entrants. Our judges are still working on determining the winning entry, which we hope to announce soon.

We will once again be doing a virtual door prize drawing. If you would like to enter, please either email me at jeanrichter@berkeley.edu, call me at (510) 205-4033, or drop me a note at 1226 High St, Alameda, CA 94501. Please list up to three or four door prize iris you'd like to win. All iris pictured in the newsletter (with the exception of the Japanese iris on the last page) are door prize iris.

Take care everyone, and let's hope we can get together in person soon. ~ Jean



See page 4 for sign in link for our upcoming Zoom meeting!

Zoom tips:

Because we know that many of our members are not that tech-savvy, we are passing along some information on how to get going with Zoom (thanks to the Bay Area Chrysanthemum Society for the origin of these hints and tips). We will open the meeting room starting at 7:00 pm on the 22nd, so that people come in early and hopefully work out any access issues if needed. I am also available for help and consultation at any time, either by phone at (510) 205-4033 or email (jeanrichter@berkeley.edu). I would be happy to set up a on-on-one Zoom meeting to help test anyone's setup.

Zoom is fairly easy to use, free to download, and can be used on an iPhone or Android phone, or on a computer, iPad, tablet or laptop (most of these devices have built-in microphones and speakers). You can also join the meeting (sound only) on a regular phone by calling one of the numbers listed in the Zoom meeting instructions. If you have any problem accessing the sound on your computer, you can also call one of these numbers and join the sound by phone, while seeing the video feed on your computer.

- You will need to download the Zoom app first -- when you click the meeting link, it will automatically take you to the download site

- You can run a test to check your video & audio at <https://zoom.us/test>

- If this is your first time joining a Zoom meeting, allow Zoom permission to access your camera and microphone. It should automatically ask you if you want to do this, but if it does not ask you, and if you are on an iPhone or iPad, go to "Settings," then scroll ALL the way to the bottom and click on "Zoom." There, it will allow you to enable the microphone and camera for Zoom use.

- Just follow the meeting link and click join the meeting. You do not need to sign up for a Zoom account.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we all try to navigate this brave new online world.

Doorprize iris!

(left top) **You're So Veined** (Tasco 2020)

(right top) **High Surf** (Ghio 2020)

(center right) **Scaredy Cat** (Schreiner 2020)

(left below) **Eye of Excellence** (Tasco 2020) AB

(right below) **Champion Bloodlines** (McNeal 2018)



Doorprize iris!

(left top) **Upper Crust** (M. Sutton 2020)
(right top) **Mad About Saffron** (Price 2017)
(center right) **Rocket Fuel** (M. Sutton 2017)
(bottom right) **Creative Art** (Tasco 2020) AB



Here is info on the May SBMIS Zoom meeting:

Topic: SBMIS virtual meeting
Time: May 28, 2021 07:30 PM Pacific
Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87452869876?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87452869876?pwd=bFpkbmZkN0ZodDBaMUxsbdDU1ZkF4QT09)
[pwd=bFpkbmZkN0ZodDBaMUxsbdDU1ZkF4QT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87452869876?pwd=bFpkbmZkN0ZodDBaMUxsbdDU1ZkF4QT09)

Meeting ID: 874 5286 9876
Passcode: 939382

Dial by your location

+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)



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

P.O. Box 6
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 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: Japanese iris Coho (Harris 2005)
currently blooming in Loretta's yard



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

2021 SBMIS Meeting dates:

May: Zoom meeting - Riley on
2021 spring regional
June 25
July 23 rhizome auction & sale
August 27
September BBQ TBA
October 22 beardless auction & sale

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 nice SBM tradition -- checking in with those who can no longer attend meetings. Makes everyone happy!*