

# Sydney B. Mitchell

## Iris Society



(above): Mad About Saffron (Price 2017)  
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](mailto: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 11:59 p.m. on Monday, May 15.**  
**The show will be on the SBMIS web site: [www.bayareairis.org](http://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 May 15, Mt. Diablo Iris Society is also having a virtual show, and is accepting entrants up to July 1. Email [MtDiabloIris@gmail.com](mailto: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 1992 or earlier)
Border Bearded	Species or Species Hybrids
Tall Bearded	Miscellaneous (any type of iris not listed above)
Space Age	<b>Mystery Iris (un-named)</b>
Aril or Arilbred	
Californicae (Pacific Coast Iris)	
Japanese	

right: Creative Art (Tasco 2020) AB

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## *President's Message*

I hope all of you are well and staying safe.

We will be having a virtual show again this year. 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.

We are hoping to have a SBMIS field trip to Dry Creek Garden in early May - stay tuned for details.

All iris pictured in this newsletter should be available in either our bearded iris rhizome sale in July or beardless iris sale in October.

Rick Tasco of Superstition Iris Garden is having an open garden Saturday April 29 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. His address is 2536 Old Highway, Cathey's Valley, CA 95306. Call 209-626-6918 for directions. Well worth the trip!

Take care and stay safe,

Jean

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*photos by Jean Richter: (all are blooming now)*

*left: My Generation (Lauer 2009)*

*middle: Champion Bloodlines (McNeal 2018)*

*right: Pink Unicorn (Austin 1960)*



## **LARRY GAULTER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

### **Award Time Coming Soon!**

The 2023 Honorary Awards Committee, (Kathy Oldham-chair, Aleta Kerr, Tiffany Rush, and Carol Dahout) invites all clubs and members of Region 14 to submit recommendations for the Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award by the firm deadline of **August 1st**.

Please submit your nomination to the committee chair, Kathy Oldham ([kathyoldham@comcast.net](mailto:kathyoldham@comcast.net)), or another LGLAA committee member, with as much information as possible to support your Region 14 nominee. Be sure the submission for an individual, or couple, or firm documents long-term dedication of eight years or more to Region 14, per Rule 7 below. If you have relevant photographs, please include them.

Once received, your submission will be confirmed by email from the chair, and each committee member will receive a copy to review in confidence. Please include contact information in case the committee has questions. Incomplete or late nominations will not be accepted. The committee is honored to be able to receive your recommendations and will treat the information submitted with respect.

The qualification guidelines as they appear in the Region 14 Standing Rules follow:

#### 7. Qualifications of awardees for the Larry Gaulter Award.

- i. The Larry Gaulter award may be awarded to an individual, firm, or couple that have made a significant, long-term contribution to Region 14.
- ii. A Larry Gaulter awardee shall have demonstrated an exceptional dedication to service to Region 14 over a long period of time. The award is meant to honor those individuals that have demonstrated exceptional service over a period of 8 years or more.
- iii. Service to local clubs, iris shows, judges' training, other local activities and the general promotion of irises may be considered, but only as an adjunct to primary service as defined below. Service at the National is not to be considered.
- iv. Service to the region is demonstrated by (but not limited to) any of: service on regional committees, as regional committee chairs, as regional officers, on the executive or general committee, and service in conjunction with Regional or Regionally sponsored show and meetings.

The announcement of the winner will be made, and Award presented at the Fall Regional meeting 2023.

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Care for the earth  
SBMIS Newsletter -- Jean Richter

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below: Churning Waters (Ghio 2021) PCI

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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

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*A New Sydney B Tradition!*

*In these days of social distancing,  
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!*