

Sydney B. Mitchell

Iris Society



(above): Old Sport (Schreiner 2025)

photo: Schreiners

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 (both a flower shot and a stalk shot) to Jean Richter. You can email pictures to show@bayareairis.org, 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, June 15.
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 winner 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 June 15, Mt. Diablo Iris Society is also having a virtual show, and is accepting entrants throughout the year. Email MDISvirtual@gmail.com for more information.

Here are the sections for the show:

Miniature Dwarf Bearded

Standard Dwarf Bearded

Intermediate Bearded

Miniature Tall Bearded

Border Bearded

Tall Bearded

Space Age

Novelty

Rebloomer

Aril or Arilbred

Californicae (Pacific Coast Iris)

Japanese

Louisiana

Siberian

Spuria

Historic Iris (introduced in 1996 or earlier)

Species or Species Hybrids

Miscellaneous (any type of iris not listed above)

Seedlings

Artistic Arrangements

Mystery Iris (un-named)



Perky Lass (Miller 2023)

photo: Lynda Miller

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 or on the SBMIS web site. This will be an accredited show, so entrants can win AIS ribbons and awards. We will also have a prize for best iris in show.

All iris pictured in this newsletter are door prizes - please contact me with a list of three or four varieties you would be interested in getting if you wish to participate in the door prize drawing.

We will be selling potted bearded iris online later this spring - please contact me for the list of available varieties if you are interested in supporting the club by purchasing some.

Take care and stay safe,

Jean

photos of door prize iris:

left: Aubrianna (Tyson 2024)

middle: First Class (M. Sutton 2022)

right: Rain of Angels (Cadd 2025)



Doorprize iris!

(right top) **Another Chapter** (Schreiners 2023)

(left middle) **Fancy Footwork** (Ghio 2021)

(right middle) **Papal Slippers** (Van Liere 2024)

(right below) **Born To Party** (T. Johnson 2023)

(left below) **Swirling Surf** (Keppel 2025)



HIGH DESERT IRIS SOCIETY

AIS REGION 14 SPRING 2026 REGIONAL REGISTRATION FORM

May 15-17, 2026 at the Silver Legacy Hotel and Casino, Reno NV

DEDICATED LINK FOR ONLINE ROOM RESERVATIONS FOR THIS EVENT

<https://book.passkey.com/go/SRAIS6> (Cutoff date for special pricing on room reservations and reduced resort fee is April 15, 2026)

Tentative Schedule: Friday: Iris show, entries accepted 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm, general business meeting.

Saturday: Registration includes a judges training, a box lunch, self-guided tour of 2 guest gardens, buffet banquet dinner followed by our guest speaker Hybridizer Lori Rhodes, silent auction, and live iris auction.

Sunday: judges training, optional local garden tours and sightseeing



Registrant 1 First name: _____ Last name: _____

Registrant 2 First name: _____ Last name: _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email (for confirmation) _____ Local Iris Society _____

Will you attend Judges Training? ____ Box Lunch: _____ Vegetarian choice _____ GF choice _____

Registration fee if postmarked before April 15, 2026: \$125 Number of person/s _____ Total \$ _____

Registration fee If postmarked after April 15, 2026: \$140 Number of person/s _____ Total \$ _____

Registrations postmarked after May 1, 2026 will be accepted at the discretion of the Registrar.

Please make check payable to High Desert Iris Society (HDIS). Mail the check and your registration form to: HDIS c/o Michele Swarts, 300 Shady Valley Road, Sparks NV 89441

Care for the earth
SBMIS Newsletter -- Jean Richter
1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501

Farewell to sweet Gandalf, a most excellent cat



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!
Even if you are 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!