



# Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Friday,  
June 23rd, 2017

**The 2017 AIS  
Convention Iris!**

~ Riley Probst ~

(above): Under My Spell (Tasco 2016)

photo: Superstition Iris



*Friday, June 23rd, 2017*

*is the date of our next meeting at  
Lakeside Park Garden Center  
666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland*

*Doors open at 7 pm, meeting starts at 7:30 pm*

*Meetings are free & open to the public, all are eligible for door prizes.*



**Presentation:** Riley Probst, hybridizer and wonderful photographer, will give a presentation on the 2017 AIS Convention.

*right:* Alakazam (Tasco 2013)

*photo: Riley Probst*



# Doorprize Iris! we have \*14\* this month!

*photos from hybridizer websites*

**Angels Abound** (Kerr 2014) TB, 38" Midseason bloom. Standards white, pink at base; style arms white; Falls same, pink at hafts; beards red; slight sweet fragrance.

*photo right, top*

**Betty Ford** (Kerr 2014) Tall bearded, 38", Midseason. This line started in an attempt to produce a good blue and white Emma Cook pattern. Nailed it with Queen's Circle. Then I wanted a good blue and white Emma Cook with tangerine beards. Several introductions, including Creative Urge, showed up. Then I wanted a tangerine bearded, blue and white Emma Cook with a large flower. The result is Betty Ford. Large flower tall stalks with good branching and bud count. Named for a long time friend of our garden and stalwart of the Santa Rosa Iris Society.

*photo: R, bottom*

**Even Flow** (Lauer 2016) M-L 34" S. tangerine orange, slight rose flush in the lower midrib; F. white center with tangerine shoulders and rim; B. mandarin red; ruffled, and lightly laced, slight sweet fragrance; two branches and spur, 7-9 bud per stock. It's a sib to Butterscotch Peach Parfait without the horn. Good show for later in the season.

**photo: page 7**



**Give It Away** (Lauer 2016) S. white with a thin canary yellow rim and at the base of the pedal; F. white base with canary yellow shoulders and rim, magenta rose lines from the beard to a solid coloring of magenta rose on the rim; B. tangerine orange; ruffled, pronounced sweet fragrance; two way branching with 7 plus buds. Occasional summer or fall bloom.

**photo: left**

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**It's Our Time** (Lauer 2016) Spanish orange, pink infused at the midrib; F. cream center, light amber yellow rim with apricot shoulders; B. mandarin red; ruffled, slight sweet fragrance, 7 plus buds on multiple branching; good show stocks. Outstanding garden presence this reverse pink will add a addition in your garden. **photo: right**

**Key to My Heart** (Kerr 2014) TB, 36" Midseason bloom. Standards and style arms light orange; Falls lavender-blue, large pink-white center, orange hafts, dark lavender edge; beards orange, tips red; slight sweet fragrance.

**photo: right middle**

**Mango Queen** (Kerr 2013) TB 42" M-L. (Sib to 'Got the Look'.) No one walks by 'Mango Queen' without stopping to admire the giant flowers on big stalks. Foliage matches in size. Good increase and show stalks.

**photo: right bottom (photo: R. Probst)**

**Moon Spirit** (Kerr 2012) Tall bearded. 36" tall. Midseason bloom. Every now and again a seedling appears in a cross that is completely unexpected. This was the case with 'Moon Spirit'. Such a different and delightful flower. Subtle coloring of slate blue centers and straw yellow edges applied to both the standards and the falls. Good branching and stalks coupled with reasonable increase.

**photo: below**



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**Morning Hues SDB** (Tasco 2016) SDB, 15", ML.  
3 buds, more when a second branch is present.

**photo: right top**

**Path to Heaven** (Ghio 2016) Mid to deep pink standards.  
Mid pink falls with wide rosy orchid band.

**photo: right middle** (photo: Jean Richter)

**Spring Awakening** (Kerr 2013) TB, 42" Midseason  
bloom. Standards and style arms light yellow; falls  
white with medium blue edge; beards white base,  
hairs tipped tangerine orange. **photo: right bottom**

**Sunny Slope** (G. Sutton by M. Sutton 2014)  
Wonderful form! Bright yellow standards are the  
same color as the 1/2" band on the edge of the white  
falls. Blue lavender beards are soft yellow in the  
throat. 7 to 9 buds on tall well branched stalks. Warm  
and inviting. 35" early to mid-season bloomer.

**photo: left bottom**

**Under My Spell** (Tasco 2016) TB, tall bearded,  
38", M. All you choc-a-holics out there should love  
the chocolate brown standards with the shiny orange  
bronze midrib wash. Moderately ruffled, medium  
purple base foliage and 8-to-9 buds. **photo: page 1**

**Unlock Your Dreams** (Kerr 2014) Tall bearded 36"  
The light pink standards are ruffled and domed over  
the large pink style crests. The falls are semi-flaring  
in light pink with light gold hafts beside the tangerine  
beards. The second pink we are introducing this year,  
but they are quite different and a nice contrast with  
each other. **photo: page 7**



## *President's Message*

We'll be giving away the trophies from our show at our June meeting, and will have a presentation by Riley Probst on the recent American Iris Society national convention in Iowa. We'll also have lots of door prizes, so make sure to attend!

We've finalized the plans for our July sidewalk sale, which will be held on Saturday, July 22 at the West Oakland Farm Park from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

We are also attempting to reschedule our October beardless iris auction and sale, as the current date (October 27) conflicts with the fall regional. A possible alternative date is a week later, Friday November 3rd. Please contact me if you have an opinion on this.

-- Jean

### ~ Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society Calendar ~

All meetings are at the Garden Center, except for January potluck/judges' training, July sidewalk sale and September potluck.

June 23: Riley Probst program on AIS convention

July 21: Bearded iris rhizome auction and sale

July 22: Bearded iris rhizome sidewalk sale  
(location West Oakland Farm Park  
2847 Peralta Street, Oakland)

August: potting party (date TBA)

August 25: Gesine Lohr program on historic iris

late September: SBMIS barbeque (date TBA)

October 27: Beardless iris auction and sale



Astra, High Socks

#### **How Bluebird Haven Iris Garden makes compost tea ~**

Here is the link to the Region 14 bulletin with the compost tea article:

[http://www.aisregion14.org/pdfs/summer2015-R14\\_bulletin.pdf](http://www.aisregion14.org/pdfs/summer2015-R14_bulletin.pdf)  
article starts on page 6

**American Iris Society (AIS) Dues can be mailed**

**to** Tom Gormley - AIS Membership Secretary  
205 Catalonia Avenue / P.O. Box 177  
DeLeon Springs, FL 32130  
Phone and fax: 386-277-2057  
E-mail: aismemsec@irises.org  
\$25.00 single, \$30.00 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 2017 **SBMIS Membership Dues** ~ please give to Bonnie Petheram, or send checks made out to Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society to Bonnie at 1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501. \$10 household.

**Historic Iris Preservation Society (HIPS)** dues can be mailed to HIPS Membership: Judy Eckhoff, 7911 South Yoder Road, Haven, KS 67543  
E-mail: judye@msinter.net  
For amounts, please see 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: Even Flow (Lauer 2016)*



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 Sydney B Tradition!*

*We have members who for various reasons find it difficult or impossible to come to meetings. One of the issues is transportation. This could become a nice SBM tradition -- inviting, and arranging to bring, members to our meetings. Makes everyone happy!*



*above: Unlock Your Dreams (Kerr 2014)  
photo: Rainbow Acres - Fred Kerr*