



(above): Rust Never Sleeps (Lauer 2016) IB

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Friday, July 21, 2017
SBMIS

Bearded Iris Rhizome Sale & Auction

(doors open 7 pm)

~ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm ~



(come early to help set up the billions of rhizomes! doors open at 7)

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& distribution of this year's **doorprize iris**

Meetings are free and open to the public, all are eligible to win doorprizes!

Lakeside Park Garden Center ~ 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland

(see page 4 for directions)



Bearded Iris RHIZOME SALE & AUCTION! We'll be auctioning off many 2014, 2015, 2016, and perhaps a few 2017 introductions.

DOOR PRIZE IRIS: Door prize iris won during 2016-2017 meetings will be distributed at the rhizome sale on July 21st. If you will not be able to attend, please call Jean Richter (510) 864-7962 to make other arrangements for pickup.

- 1) Bring your named iris rhizomes to the auction and sale this Friday. Please contribute so we can have a big sale! (2015 & newer for auction, older for sale)
- 2) A Sharpie pen is ideal for writing the name/ID of the iris, on an INSIDE leaf of the trimmed fan.
- 3) Invite your friends and neighbors -- Let's all help publicize this event -- it's our major fund raiser of the year!

Saturday July 22: Bearded iris rhizome sidewalk sale

(location West Oakland Farm Park
2847 Peralta Street, Oakland)

Some iris that will be in the auction! (pics: most from hybridizer websites)



above: Angels Abound (Kerr 2014)
below: Give It Away (Lauer 2016)



above: Path To Heaven (Ghio 2016)
(photo: Richter)
below: Vibrato (L. Painter 2015)



President's Message

I hope you'll be able to join us for our annual bearded iris rhizome auction and sale - this is one of the biggest fundraising events of the year, and our club's finances are currently in serious need of replenishment. Please come out and support SBMIS! **Also, please tell your friends about our sidewalk sale on Saturday, with a new location at the West Oakland Farm Park.**

Another club activity coming up in support of raising funds is our **potting party**, which will be held on Sunday, August 6 at 1:00 p.m. It will be held at Ray Vickers-Traft's patio at 265 Lee Street in Oakland (not far from the Garden Center). Buzz apartment #104 to be let in. You don't need to bring anything other than yourself - many hands make light work, so please join in! If you can't help out but would be willing to grow potted iris at your home for our sales, please let me know.

Thanks, 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.

July 21: Bearded iris rhizome auction and sale

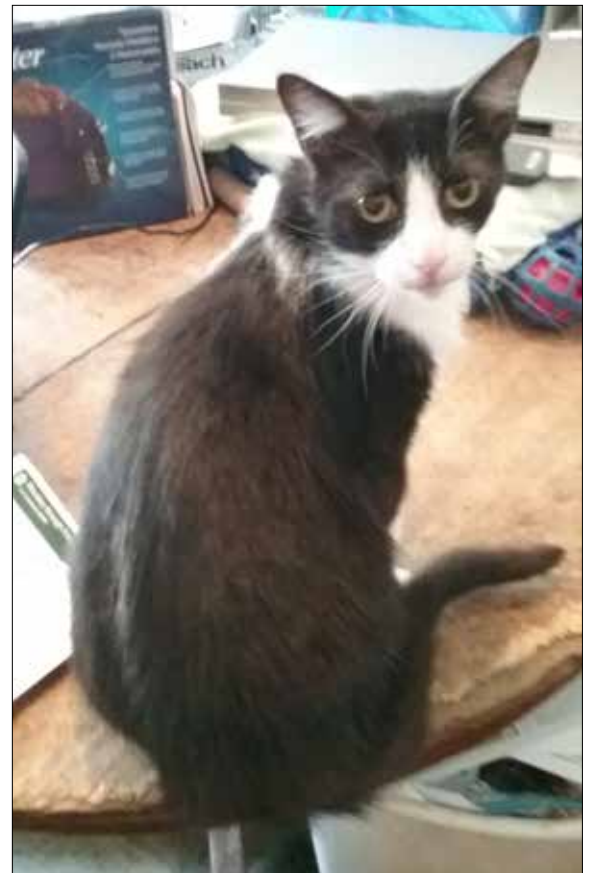
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August 6: Potting Party! (see President's Message)

August 25: Gesine Lohr program on historic iris

late September: SBMIS barbeque (date TBA)

October **25**: Beardless iris auction and sale --
new date!



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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: Under My Spell (Tasco 2016) (photo: Tasco)



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

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: Ghirardelli Square (Keppel 2016)

photo: Keppel