



Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Friday,
May 26th, 2017

Novelty Iris!

~ Jean Richter ~

(above): Roses in May (Bruce Filardi 2009)
photo: Jean Richter



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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: Jean Richter will give a slide show on novelty iris -- space agers, flatties, all those interesting ones! below: **Pink Unicorn** (Austin 1960) and **Horned Rosyred** (Austin 1958) (photos: Gesine Lohr)



Doorprize Iris! we have *14* this month!

photos from hybridizer websites

All About Spring (Kerr 2006) 36" ML. Standards lilac with a yellow edge widening and becoming more gold at the haft. Style arms are lilac with a yellow edge. Falls are lilac with a narrow yellow edge and wide gold hafts. Beards golden orange. Sweet fragrance. Two branches, a spur and a terminal socket give 8 or 9 buds per scape. The essence of spring with a long bloom season.

Diva Dreams (Kerr 2014) Tall bearded 38" Midseason (Thinking of You X Joyce Ragle) A confection of cameo white tinted with cameo pink which is darker on the standards. Hafts darker still. Excellent branching and bud count with very good increase. Large flower to turn heads. Third generation of a line that started with Tender Mercy and produces great pinks and whites in each generation.

Dog and Pony Show (Black 2013) IB Midseason-Late 27" (69cm) Fabulous form & color. Show stalks have 2 branches plus spur & 6-8 buds. Fertile

French Lessons (Kerr 2014) TB, 36" Midseason bloom. Standards inside white with yellow edge, outside variable from solid yellow to yellow with darker veins blending to white with yellow edge; style arms dark yellow; Falls white, heavy yellow veining, large yellow hafts, yellow inside rim, white edge, sometimes with ephemeral short lavender lines between veins mid-fall; beards dark yellow; slight sweet fragrance. (photo below)

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 below right)



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Got the Picture (Ghio 2016) TB, 30" (76 cm), Midseason late bloom. Standards rosy blue-lilac; style arms lilac; Falls rosy blue-lilac, more silvery as bloom matures; beards tangerine, tips blue. Heavily ruffled.

Grand Bargain (G. Sutton by M. Sutton 2014) Striking contrast! Pure white standards (upper petals) have just a touch of yellow-green at the base. Unusually tall style arms have a nice gold wire edge at the crests. Falls (lower petals) have a nice white zonal area that bleeds into a one inch blue rim with white edges. Yellow beards nestle between red violet shoulders. 7 buds and excellent growth habits. 35" early to late bloomer.

Mixed Signals (Keppel 2016) EM 31" Complex combination of patterns. Standards silvery lavender with tan marginal band and fine plumbago veining; falls nightshade purple, with large white blaze strongly veined purple. Solid bright cadmium yellow beards.

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)

Mystic Image (Tasco 2016) TB, tall bearded, 37", M. Parentage is Smoky Shadows X Latte. 7-to-8 buds with a strong baby powder fragrance and medium purple based foliage. (photo below right)



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Rust Never Sleeps (Lauer 2013) IB. 18 inch.
Early to midseason bloom and rebloom. Standards cinnamon (RHS 165D), aster-violet midrib (87C); style arms cinnamon; falls squirrel-brown (166B); beards majolica-yellow (169C) in throat and middle, bluebird-blue (94C) at end; pronounced sweet fragrance; ruffled.

Signal Butte AB (Tasco 2016) AB (OGB-, 1/4 aril--aril median), 23", EML.

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 below)

Vibrato (L. Painter 2015) 36" EM Fancy plicata with beige standards and darker beige edge. White ground falls are heavily overlaid with purple specks and lines. White tipped gold beards. 7 buds with a slightly sweet to musky scent. (photo below right)



President's Message

I hope you'll be able to join us at our May meeting. I will be giving a slide show on space age iris, and we will have a lot of door prizes to give away. Come kick off your Memorial Day weekend with us!

Many thanks to Loretta Figueroa and Alan and Pat Robbins for helping out with our sale at the Celebration of Old Roses.

We'll be giving out the trophies for the show at the June meeting.

-- 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.

May 23-27: AIS convention, Des Moines, Iowa

May 26: SBMIS meeting, Jean Richter on Novelty Iris

June 23: Riley Probst program on AIS convention

July 21: Bearded iris rhizome auction and sale

July 23: Bearded iris rhizome sidewalk sale
(location TBA)

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



above: Linda Woods with Best Specimen at our SBMIS show
photo: Loretta Figueroa

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: Marjorie at our show! photo: Loretta Figueroa



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: Marjorie Murray and son, at our show! Glad you could make it, Marjorie!!

photo: Loretta Figueroa