



Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Friday,
March 22, 2019

Novelty Iris

~ Jean Richter ~

*(above): Pink Unicorn (Austin 1960)
photo: Gesine Lohr*



Friday, March 22nd, 2019

*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.



Program -- Jean Richter will give a slideshow on Novelty Iris.

*right: Another Suggestion (Keppel 2016)
(a doorprize iris)*

Refreshments -- anyone who can bring refreshments to share, please do so!



President's Message

I hope you can join us for this Friday's meeting. I'll be giving a presentation on novelty iris.

Preparations for our show are coming along - our show schedule has been approved, our judges have been lined up, and what we need now is **you!** *We will need some extra help this year* as I, Riley, and Shirley will be setting up the AIS convention and unavailable for part or all of the show. We will particularly need extra help on Sunday April 21, but help is also needed to set up the show on Friday evening April 19, as well as Saturday the 20th. Most importantly, please bring flowers to enter in the show! If you'd like to enter the artistic design section, our theme this year is "Easter Joy."

I would also like to encourage you, if you are available, to enter the AIS convention show, which will be held at the San Ramon Marriott on Wednesday, April 24. You do not have to be attending the convention to enter the show. We'd really like to have a great show there as well to show off to the convention attendees and other Marriott guests! I will be bringing a few copies of the convention show schedule to Friday's meeting.

~ Thanks, Jean

Doorprize Iris! *photos:*

left: Barbara Jean Lauer (Lauer 2017)

right: Code Black (Hedgecock 2016)



Code Black (Jim Hedgecock, R. 2016)

BB, 24" (61 cm), Midseason bloom.

Standards dark purple; Falls darker purple-black, velvety sheen; beard hairs based dark brown, burnt brown tips, long dark purple flounces or spoons; ruffled. Comanche Acres 2016.

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below: NOT a doorprize iris

Little Freak (Steel, I. 1959; delayed R. 1999, R. Nelson) *photo: Jean Richter*



Doorprize Iris! *photos: hybridizers*

- top right:* Drum Circle (Ghio 2018)
- top left:* Edwardian Era (Keppel 2018)
- lower left:* Folies Bergere (Ghio 2017)
- middle right:* Forever Orange (Tasco 2018) SDB RE
- lowest right:* Hippy Chick (L. Miller 2016) MTB



Doorprize Iris! *photos: hybridizers*

- top right:* Into the Wild (M. Sutton 2017)
top left: Nod to Rob (Marshall 2018)
lower left: Pink Sugar (M. Sutton 2017)
middle right: Prosit (Schreiners 2018)
lowest right: Quack Quack (Black 2016)

Nod to Rob (Marshall 2018)

TB, 37" Midseason bloom. Standards snow white, faint hint of light violet (RHS 85B), upright; style arms snow white, flushed light violet; falls same as standards; beards tangerine-orange (22A) in throat, light violet ends, light violet horns; ruffled, crinkled edges; slight sweet fragrance. 'Laced Cotton' X 'Silverado'.



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 2019 **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

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below: Tagline (Ghio 2018) BB doorprize iris!

photo: Ghio



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!