



(above): Ocean Liner (Keppel 2017)  
photo: Keppel website

# Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

*Sunday,*  
September 24th, 2017  
POTLUCK TIME!  
~ the September BBQ &  
Potluck! ~  
5 til 8 p.m. at the  
Piper's  
Bring Yourself !



*SEPTEMBER BBQ and POTLUCK – Sunday September 24th,  
dinner around 5 p.m.*

*at the home of Gordon and Sue Piper, 33 Hiller Drive, Oakland  
All members, and their families and special friends, are welcome!*



Sue and Gordon have hosted this, our major social event of the year, since 1996. Please join us! (Do come even if you're shy – I always have a good time at this event and I'm shy!).

This year it's a totally potluck event – if you can, please bring an appetizer, salad, vegetable, or dessert, & (for you non-vegetarians) meat. (And do still come, if can't bring stuff!)

You can either cook the meat at your home or use one of the BBQs at the Piper's. Please bring enough food to share, and your own plates and silverware.

**But above all, bring Yourself!**

Direction to the Piper's -- 33 Hiller Drive,  
Oakland

**Driving from the south:**

- On 580, turn onto Highway 13 headed towards Berkeley.
- Go under Highway 24 to the first traffic signal.
- Turn right, then immediately left onto Hiller Drive -- the Pipers' home is first house on the left.

**Driving from the north:**

- Pass the Claremont Hotel and go to the first signal.
- Take the left turn lane onto Hiller. Proceed as noted above.

**Driving from the east:**

- Exit Highway 24 at the Berkeley off-ramp and go on to Hiller. //

# Doorprize Iris! we have \*10\* this month!

*photos from hybridizer websites*

**Araruna** (Filardi 2015) *photo right top*

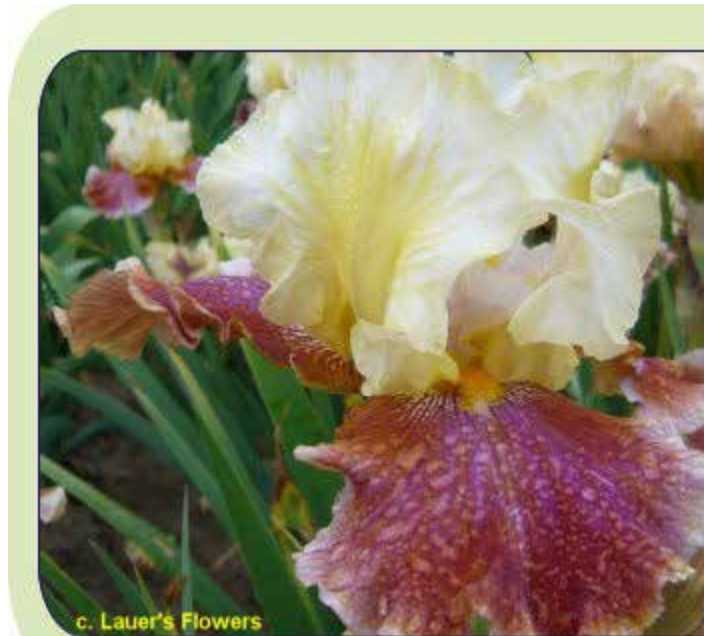
**Bold Pattern** (M. Sutton 2015) *photo left top*

**Bud to Blossom** (Lauer 2015) *photo right middle*

**Fire Danger** (Keppel 2015) *photo left bottom*

**Irresistible Charm** (Tasco 2016) *photo right bottom*

**International Iris**



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**Lemon Jade** (Painter 2015) *photo right top*

**Mammoth Orange** (M. Sutton 2017) *photo left top*

**Pink Waterfalls** (Niswonger 2016) *no photo;*  
*description right middle*

**Ocean Liner** (Keppel 2017) *photo right bottom*

**Who Did It** (Ghio 2017) *no photo;*  
*description right middle*



[www.NapaIris.com](http://www.NapaIris.com)



**Pink Waterfalls** (O. D. Niswonger, R. 2015) TB, 30" Midseason bloom. Standards near white, slight pink blush; style arms white with pink blush; falls pink, slightly darker at hafts; beards tangerine. Introduced 2016 Cape Iris.

**Who Did It** (Ghio 2017) 35 inches, E. An updated rendition of the old timer fancy plicata, Rich Raiment. The tightly held standards are bronzy tan suffused and subtly lined and dotted mahogany to solid midrib. The gold based falls appear gold lined on a mahogany overlay to solid edge. More gold around gold beards; gold-red heart of bloom. Serrated edge and wavy ruffling. So unique and difficult to describe.



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## *President's Message*

I hope you'll be able to join us at our **September potluck**, which will be held on Sunday, September 24 at the Piper's.

Gordon is renovating the plantings in the nearby Firestorm Memorial Garden, and would appreciate any donations of iris. You can bring them to the potluck, or contact me if you are unable to attend the potluck.

We will also be selling iris at the **Alameda County Home and Garden Show** on Friday, October 6 (noon - 6:00 p.m.), Saturday, October 7 (10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.) and Sunday, October 8 (10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.).

Please contact me if you can help out staffing our sale table - even an hour or two helps!

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.

September 24: SBMIS potluck barbeque

October 6, 7, 8: SBMIS will be selling iris at the **Alameda Home and Garden Show**

October 25: Beardless iris auction and sale



*right:* Emma Sofia, Presidential Cat

**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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Region 14

2017 Fall Regional October 27th – October 28th

**“Going Beardless”**

Hosted by Region 14/Leo T Clark Iris

**Guest Speaker – Chad Harris**

-proprietor of Mt Pleasant Iris Farm

**Washougal WA**

Conference Hotel

**Ramada Plaza Chico**

685 Manzanita Ct Chico CA

Contact them directly for room reservations at 530 345-2491 or by e-mail

directorofsales@ramadachico.com

To receive the group rate use the group name **Iris Fall Event** when making your reservation. The room rate is available until **October 10<sup>th</sup> 2017**.

**Hotel room rates are \$99.00 + tax for double queen and \$89.00 + tax for single king.**

**Breakfast included in room rate. Pet Friendly \$22.00 per night charge. Wireless Internet**

**Registration includes deli buffet lunch on Saturday**

Registrant 1 First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Registrant 2 First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail for confirmation \_\_\_\_\_

Local Iris Society \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee if paid by October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 \$70.00 x person (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

if paid after October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 \$80.00 x person (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to Region 14**

Please send registration to:

Carol Cullen

2856 Sun River Dr.

Chico, CA 95973

[carolcullen805@gmail.com](mailto:carolcullen805@gmail.com) (805) 441-4433

Re-blooming Iris Show Oct 27<sup>th</sup> Ramada Plaza Lobby Will enter: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

Iris Accepted: 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm Judging at 5:00pm

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Global warming is here—you know what to do  
SBMIS Newsletter -- Gesine Lohr  
1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501

*below: Rare Coin (Ghio 2014) photo: Riley Probst*



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](http://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: Moon Ranger (Austin 1965)  
photo: Jean Richter*