



Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Stay At Home!
Friday August 28
online meeting,
will do virtual
doorprize iris drawing

(above): Door prize iris Cabana
(Ghio 2020) photo: Joe Ghio



I hope you all continue to do well and stay safe as we shelter in place. This month we will again have an **online meeting via Zoom**. There is no formal program for this meeting - one possible topic we can discuss is our favorite companion plants with iris. Instructions for joining the meeting and tips on using Zoom are elsewhere in the newsletter.

We will once again be doing a virtual door prize drawing. If you would like to enter, please either email me at jeanrichter@berkeley.edu, call me at (510) 205-4033, or drop me a note at 1226 High St, Alameda, CA 94501. Please list up to four door prize iris you'd like to win.

Take care everyone, and let's hope we can get together in person soon. ~ Jean



Zoom tips:

Because we know that many of our members are not that tech-savvy, we are passing along some information on how to get going with Zoom (thanks to the Bay Area Chrysanthemum Society for the origin of these hints and tips). We will open the meeting room starting at 7:15 pm on the 28th, so that people can come in early and hopefully work out any access issues if needed. I am also available for help and consultation at any time, either by phone at (510) 205-4033 or email (jeanrichter@berkeley.edu). I would be happy to set up a on-on-one Zoom meeting to help test anyone's setup.

Zoom is fairly easy to use, free to download, and can be used on an iPhone or Android phone, or on a computer, iPad, tablet or laptop (most of these devices have built-in microphones and speakers). You can also join the meeting (sound only) on a regular phone by calling one of the numbers listed in the Zoom meeting instructions. If you have any problem accessing the sound on your computer, you can also call one of these numbers and join the sound by phone, while seeing the video feed on your computer.

- ° You will need to download the Zoom app first -- when you click the meeting link, it will automatically take you to the download site
- ° You can run a test to check your video & audio at <https://zoom.us/test>
- ° If this is your first time joining a Zoom meeting, allow Zoom permission to access your camera and microphone. It should automatically ask you if you want to do this, but if it does not ask you, and if you are on an iPhone or iPad, go to "Settings," then scroll ALL the way to the bottom and click on "Zoom." There, it will allow you to enable the microphone and camera for Zoom use.
- ° Just follow the meeting link and click join the meeting. You do not need to sign up for a Zoom account.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we all try to navigate this brave new online world.

Doorprize iris!

- (left top) **Banana Boat** (Dash 2020)
(right top) **Above It All** (M. Sutton 2020)
(middle right) **Color Fling** (J. Painter 2017)
(left below) **Color Capers** (Keppel 2020)
(right below) **Beautiful Edging** (Tasco 2020)



Doorprize iris!

(left) **Haughty Tempest** (Price 2019); (upper right) **Just the Ticket** (Schreiner 2018)
(middle right) **Sheer Panic** (Toth 2019); (bottom right) **Tell Your Children** (Lauer 2018)



Here is info on the August SBMIS Zoom meeting:

Topic: SBMIS virtual meeting
Time: August 28, 2020 07:30 PM Pacific

Join Zoom Meeting
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88502486358?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88502486358?pwd=NHU0UHcxWWZrM0gyamlabkx5N3diUT09)
[pwd=NHU0UHcxWWZrM0gyamlabkx5N3diUT0](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88502486358?pwd=NHU0UHcxWWZrM0gyamlabkx5N3diUT09)
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Meeting ID: 885 0248 6358
Passcode: 598032

One tap mobile
+13126266799,,88502486358# US (Chicago)



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 2020 **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)

<https://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: Tia Is Watching You!



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

2020 SBMIS Meeting dates:

August 28 Talk about companion plants
September BBQ TBA
October 23 beardless auction & sale

***COVID-19 Update ~
Stay Home, CALL A FRIEND!***

*A Sydney B Tradition!
Sheltering in place doesn't have to
mean social isolation - you just have
to be a bit more creative about it.
Make a new SBM tradition -- get in
touch with another member. Makes
everyone happy!*