



Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Stay At Home!
Social Distancing!
~ July 2020 ~

**(mostly) Online
Rhizome Sale!**

(above): **Blurred Vision** (Tyson 2018)

photos: hybridizer websites



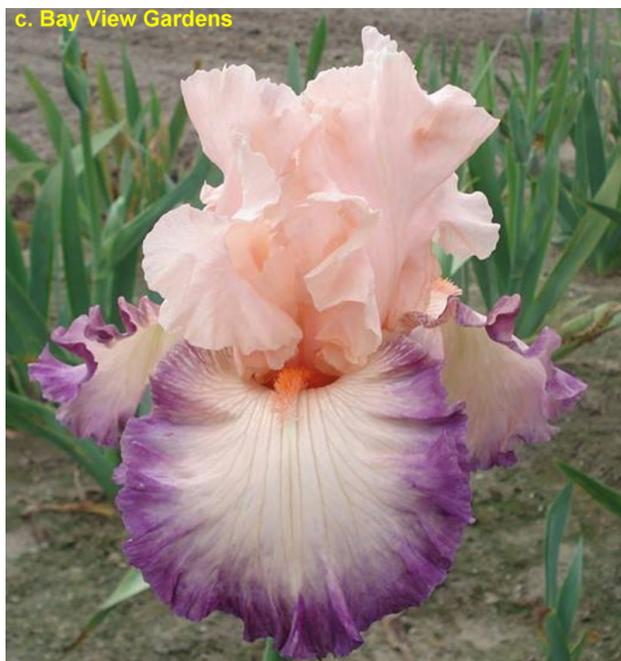
As we are still all sheltering in place, we are unable to have an in-person rhizome auction this month, so we will be selling rhizomes via the newsletter instead. Please see elsewhere for the list of available varieties - many are in short supply so order early!

You can order by either

- emailing me at jeanrichter@berkeley.edu or
- calling me at (510) 205-4033, or
- sending U.S. mail to 1226 High St, Alameda, CA 94501.

Please support our club by buying rhizomes, as we have been unable to have in-person sales this year.

I will also be contacting those who won door prize iris over the past year to arrange to get those rhizomes to you as well.



Take care everyone. Jean

(right) **Path to Heaven** (Ghio 2016) photo: Bay View Gardens



Rhizome Sale iris!

July 2020 Rhizome Sale (* means we have more than one rhizome of this) 2019 are \$5, All others \$4

***Blurred Vision** (Tyson 2018) IB Red-purple standards, red-purple falls with white broken color streaks

Boundless Beauty (Tasco 2019) Pink standards, lavender falls with purple rim

Catch the Fever (Keppel 2018) Red standards, red-maroon falls

***Coin Flip** (Ghio 2018) BB Gold standards, gold falls with watercolor red-brown band

Clearly Pink (Aitken 2017) Pink self

***Drum Circle** (Ghio 2018) Yellow standards, falls white ground with fuchsia-wine band

Edwardian Era (Keppel 2018) Light lilac standards, lilac-pink falls

Fan Letter (Ghio 2018) Pink-orchid self

Game Changer (Keppel 2018) Buff-apricot standards, fall slate-purple

Garden Debutante (Tasco 2019) Dark burgundy standards, burgundy black falls

Litany of Magic (Annand 2018) SA Pink standards, dark lavender plicata falls

Looking Cute (Ghio 2019) Coral pink standards, white falls with coral pink rim

Lucky Dragon (Tasco 2019) AB Very light blue standards and falls, brown-brick red signal

Mendacity (Keppel 2018) Yellow-green standards, violet falls

***Path to Heaven** (Ghio 2016) Pink standards, pink falls with orchid rim

Powerhouse (Ghio 2019) Metallic rose-orchid self

Reality Check (Tasco 2019) Apricot standards, falls peach-white ground heavily veined violet-purple

Santa Cruz Surf (Ghio 2019) Icy white self. Small rhizome \$4

Share the Love (Ghio 2019) Pink standards, blue-orchid falls

Supercharged (Ghio 2019) Brassy gold standards, maroon-red falls

Tagline (Ghio 2018) BB Gold standards, white falls.

Thread the Needle (Ghio 2019) Pale blue standards, white ground blue-violet plicata falls. Small \$4

Violet Storm (Tasco 2019) AB RE Violet standards, falls violet with small black signal

Vivid Dream (Tasco 2019) AB Violet standards, oxblood red falls, burgundy signal

***Wait a Minute** (Ghio 2018) Pink self

(below:)

Coin Flip (Ghio 2018)

Drum Circle (Ghio 2018)

photos: Bay View Gardens



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).

Our next Zoom meeting will be August 28th -- we'll send you the Zoom link, in our August newsletter --

We will open the meeting room starting at 7:15 pm on Aug. 28th, so that people 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 one-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.

American Iris Society (AIS) Dues can be mailed to Pam Messer – AIS Membership Secretary

P.O. Box 6

Huxley, IA 50124

Phone: 515-597-4240

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: Charlotte, checking things out.....
sheltering in place



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:

July 24 online rhizome sale

August 28 **Zoom** meeting - tentative program Jeff Bennett

September BBQ TBA

October 23 beardless auction & sale

photo right: **Wait a Minute** (Ghio 2018)
(photo: Bay View Gardens)



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