

Sydney B. Mitchell

Iris Society



(above): Greatest Show on Earth
(Kerr 2010)

photo: Jean Richter (blooming now)

Virtual Iris Show!
No cutting of stalks needed!
See below for how to enter the show!

To enter the virtual show, please send pictures of your iris (preferably both a flower shot and a stalk shot) to Jean Richter. You can email pictures to jeanrichter@berkeley.edu, text pictures to (510) 205-4033, or send them via U.S. mail to 1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501.

Please send your pictures in by 11:59 p.m. on Saturday, April 30.
The show will be on the SBMIS web site: www.bayareairis.org

If an iris variety could be considered in multiple categories (for example, "Unicorn" could be entered in tall bearded, historic, or space age), please indicate which section you'd like it to be entered into. In addition to the usual iris sections, we will also have a section for un-named iris, so feel free to send in those as well!

Judges will choose a best iris in show. The winners of best in show will receive a \$50 gift certificate to the iris grower of their choice.

All are welcome to enter iris -- not just SBMIS members. If you have iris that bloom after April 30, Mt. Diablo Iris Society is also having a virtual show, and is accepting entrants up to July 1. Email MtDiabloIris@gmail.com for more information.

Here are the sections for the show:

Miniature Dwarf Bearded	Louisiana
Standard Dwarf Bearded	Siberian
Intermediate Bearded	Spuria
Miniature Tall Bearded	Historic Iris (introduced in 1992 or earlier)
Border Bearded	Species or Species Hybrids
Tall Bearded	Miscellaneous (any type of iris not listed above)
Space Age	Mystery Iris (un-named)
Aril or Arilbred	
Californicae (Pacific Coast Iris)	
Japanese	

right: Black and Gold (Kleinsorge 1943) TB

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President's Message

I hope all of you are well and staying safe, and that the seemingly endless pandemic is not too much of a hardship. We will all get through this.

We will be having a virtual show again this year. If you would like to enter your iris in the virtual show, please see the instructions elsewhere in the newsletter. Although we cannot give out the usual AIS ribbons and awards, we will have a prize for best iris in show.

I am in the process of forming a nominating committee to nominate next year's officers. If you would like to serve as an officer, please let me know and I'll pass your name along to the committee.

Take care, stay safe, and get your vaccine/booster (if you haven't already),

Jean

photos by Jean Richter: (all are blooming now)

left: Mme Louesse (Verdier 1860)

middle: Cajun Serenade (H. Nichols 2008, Louisiana iris)

right: Magic Ring (Keppel 2020)



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below: Churning Waters (Ghio 2021) PCI

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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 New Sydney B Tradition!
In these days of social distancing,
don't socially isolate! Make contact -
videoconference (if you have the
technology), phone a friend, talk to
your neighbor from the porch, or just
write a letter. Makes everyone
happy!