BEARDLESS IRIS AUCTION AND SALE!
Pacific Coast iris, Japanese iris, Spurias, Siberians, Louisianas, and Species Iris will be available, from the gardens of commercial growers and veteran members, ready to plant. Of course, you can contribute to the cause by purchasing beardless iris for your garden or as gifts for friends!

All iris pictured in this newsletter (and more!) are included in our sale! Right: Small Endeavor (Hedgecock 2017) smaller spuria photo: Comanche Acres

(above): Foreign Intrigue
(Bauer/Coble, 1995) Japanese photo by Ensata Gardens
**President’s Message**

We will have our annual beardless iris auction and sale online this year, with a variety of Japanese, Siberian, species, and spuria iris. Please participate and support our club!

If you are Zoom challenged, you can do proxy bids. If you'd like to do that, please contact me by emailing me at jeanmar richter@berkeley.edu or calling me at (510) 864-7962.

If you have beardless iris that you would like to include in our sale, please let me know ASAP!

Looking forward, I would like to have a virtual judges' training in January - please contact me if you have trainer suggestions. We will try again to have some in-person meetings later in 2024.

Please support our club by taking part in our sale! Thanks!

~ Jean

*below: Michigan in Dallas (Jill Copeland 2017)* Louisiana  *photo: Ensata Gardens*

See page 6 for the "sale table" iris!

*below: Caught My Eye (Jill Copeland 2019)* Pseudata (cross between Iris pseudacorus and Japanese iris)
Some iris in our sale!

iris photos: Ensata Gardens, unless otherwise noted

left top: Tutu Blue (Hollingworth 2016) SIB

right top: Walk the Line (Hedgecock 2009) spuria (photo by Comanche Iris)

middle left: Lawton Ridge (Bauer/Coble 2013) pseudata

middle right: Mohican Sun (Hedgecock 2020) spuria (photo by Comanche Iris)

bottom left: Fiddles on Fire (Schafer/Sacks 2017) SIB

bottom right: Wichita Lineman (Hedgecock 2014) spuria (photo by Comanche Iris)
Here is the Zoom information for our auction and sale:

Topic: SBMIS beardless iris auction and sale
Time: Oct 28, 2022 07:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84258911308?pwd=a3NpaE11TEM2UjN1MEN5TXIwSWxrZz09
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More Auction Iris:

Swans in Flight (Hollingworth 2006) SIB
2016 Dykes Medal winner!
photo by Ensata Gardens

Saturn’s Rings (Hedgecock 2023)
spuria photo by Comanche Acres
DIGGING, WRAPPING, AND REPLANTING BEARDLESS IRIS:

Most beardless iris can be transplanted only during periods of active root growth. If, like many, you have not been watering during the summer months, go out NOW and give them a good soaking! Then, wait till the last possible moment to dig and package.

Some techniques suggested by Alan Robbins for transporting your iris:

Clean them well, label them with their name, color and year of introduction (if possible) high enough on the leaves so that the buyer can read the info after packaging.

Trim the leaves if they are too long for easy transport.

The rhizomes and roots should be wrapped in wet paper towels or newspaper, placed in a plastic bag or Saran wrap and secured with masking tape. The tape can be an additional or alternate label.

PLANTING ~

Plant as soon as possible. Remember that PCIs, Siberians, Louisiana and Japanese iris prefer acid soil, while Spurias do best in neutral to alkaline soil. Before planting, soak Japanese, other water iris, Siberians and Louisiana iris in enough water to cover the roots. Japanese & other water iris should be soaked for 24 hours or more, whereas 12 hours (overnight) is sufficient for Louisianas & Siberians.

All should be planted promptly thereafter: Siberians and Japanese with their crowns 3-4 inches below the surface, and Spurias, PCIs and Louisianas with crowns just below the surface. PCIs and Spurias need not be soaked if they are still moist. PCIs, being the most sensitive to transplanting, are often given special treatment:

soaking for a minimum of 10 minutes in a solution of Subdue (6 drops per gallon). Some recommend that PCIs be initially planted in pots before transfer to the garden.

Special request -- those donating beardless iris for the sale, please contact Jean Richter as early as possible so she can put them on the web site. We will have pictures of all the iris in the sale on the sale web page.

Once again, we encourage all members to participate in this Fall sale, the proceeds from which help to keep a roof over our heads and our dues reasonable.

Some doubts, and their responses:

Too much shade/not enough sun -- Try Louisianas, PCIs or Evansias (crested iris)

Too cold Try Siberians

Yard too steep Try Spurias for erosion control

Too little space Try PCIs in pots, or Pseudacorus or Japanese iris in water trays

Too wet Try Louisiana, Japanese or I. virginica

Want cut flowers Try Spurias

Soil too acid Try most beardless iris other than Spurias

Too expensive Our prices can’t be beat!

www.pacificcoastiris.org Society for Pacific Coast Native Irises

www.socji.org Society for Japanese Irises

www.signa.org Species Iris Group of North America (SIGNA)

www.spuriairis.com Spuria Iris Society

www.socsib.org Society for Siberian Irises

www.louisianas.org Society for Louisiana Irises
The Virtual Sale Table – all of these varieties are $5.00 each. Contact Jean at jeanrichter@berkeley.edu or (510) 864-7962 to purchase


Dewa Banri (Ichie by McEwen 1989) Gerald Darby (Darby by Coe 1967) Get the Net (Jill Copeland 2019) Iris unguicularis

It’s a Bigun (Jill Copeland 2019) Neomarica candida (walking iris) Pat Norvell (H. Nichols 2021) Peach Sorbet (Musacchia 2015)

Princess Leia (H. Pryor 1997) Queen of Soul (H. Nichols 2016) Roy Davidson (Hager 1987) Saru Odori (prior to 1920)
Let's do what we can to help our planet
SBMIS Newsletter -- Jean Richter
1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501

below: This iris is in our sale!  **Count the Ways**
(Hollingworth 2016) SIB photo: Ensata Gardens

If you see **old iris stuff which is about to be tossed**, please contact Gesine, so we can conserve these bits of history. I assure you, anything donated will be cherished. (510) 864-7962


**A New Sydney B Tradition!**
We have members who for various reasons find it difficult or impossible to participate in online meetings. Consider giving them a call to see how they're doing. This could become a nice SBM tradition -- help reduce the isolation that comes with the pandemic. Makes everyone happy!

Simply Cute  (Jill Copeland 2015) species-X photo: Ensata Gardens
another sale table iris