



Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Friday February 23

7:30 pm

Program: Jeff Bennett
on the 2023 AIS
Convention in Dallas

(above): Tucumcari (Keppel 2023)

photo: Brad Collins



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is the date of our next Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86994197468?pwd=VEsxeEJTRlVQYnArOU9mTXJTQXBOQT09>

Meeting ID: 869 9419 7468

Passcode: 422407



All iris pictured are door prize iris! To sign up for the virtual door prize drawing, contact Jean via email at jeanmarierichter@gmail.com or call (510) 864-7962.

President's Message

I hope you can join us for our meeting this Friday, which will feature a program by Jeff Bennett on last year's American Iris Society convention in Dallas, Texas.

Contact me to sign up for our virtual door prize drawing! All irises pictured in this bulletin are door prizes.

We hope to hold an AIS-sanctioned virtual show this year (the AIS board will vote on virtual show rules this week). If approved, entries will be accepted starting on March 1, so keep an eye on those early bloomers!

~ Jean

2024 SBMIS Meeting dates:

February 23: Jeff Bennett on AIS convention

March 22: Jeff Bennett on arilbred iris

April: virtual show (sanctioned we hope)

May 24

June 28

July 26: bearded rhizome auction & sale

August 23

September potluck/BBQ TBA

October 25 beardless auction & sale



Fresh and Lovely (Tasco 2023) AB
OGB-

Doorprize iris!

(right top) **Banda Music** (Williamson 2022)

(left middle) **Fire in Your Heart** (Tasco 2022)

(right bottom) **Venetian Gold**
(Filardi 2022)





Golden Gathering

April 19-20, 2024

AIS Region 14 Spring Meeting

Hosted by Sierra Foothills and Sacramento Iris Societies

Guest Speaker Andi Rivarola, AIS President

Holiday Inn, 120 Grass Valley Highway, Auburn CA

530-887-8787 (Code Block: ISR)

Registration Form:

Registrant 1 First name: _____ Last name _____

Registrant 2 First name: _____ Last name _____

_____ Address _____ City _____

_____ ST _____ Zip _____ Cell Phone _____

Telephone _____ email to receive confirmation _____

Local Iris Society _____

Registration fee if paid by March 25, 2024—\$115 number of person/s _____ Total \$ _____

if paid after March 25 —\$125 number of person/s _____ Total \$ _____

No Credit cards accepted. Please make check payable to Sierra Foothills Iris Society.

Registration fee includes Lunch in the garden and Saturday evening banquet buffet.

Lunch choices: Ham _____ Turkey _____ Veggie _____ Beef _____

Buffet Dinner features a BBQ Theme, including Chicken, Beef and Pasta Primavera.

Registrations received after April 5, 2024 will be accepted at the discretion of the Registrar.

Total Amount (Please enter this amount on the check) TOTAL \$ _____

Will you be bringing iris for the show? _____ Yes _____ No

Please send this registration with a check to Phyllis Wilburn, Registrar

P.O. Box 9, Rescue, CA 95672

530-334-3521 or email: abirder@aol.com

Hotel information: The Holiday Inn in Auburn will be the location of all events except the garden visits and lunch in the garden. The special room rate for April 19 and 20 is \$189.99 per night for a King or Two Queen beds. Hotel reservations must be made by March 8, 2024 to receive the group rate. The special rate is available also on Thurs, April 18 and Sun. April 21. Breakfast is not included, but a full buffet breakfast is available for \$8.99 for hotel guests only if purchased at the hotel desk the day before. The breakfast is \$11.99 if purchased the same day. Hours for breakfast are 7:00 am – 10:00 am Sat and Sun. Visiting the gardens will be via car-pooling.

Save water even when there's lots of it
SBMIS Newsletter -- Jean Richter
1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501
below:



above: Faithful (M. Sutton 2022) rebloomer



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



above: Pickathon (Schreiners 2021)

A New Sydney B Tradition

Feelings of isolation persist for many people. Take the time to reach out to someone. This could become a nice SBM tradition -- creating a larger sense of community. Makes everyone happy!