



(above): Victorian Queen (Tasco 2024)
photo: Rick Tasco

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Friday May 23

**Zoom meeting:
Brief companion plant
program by Jean Richter
plus virtual door prize drawing**



This month, we will again have an **online meeting via Zoom**. I will present a brief program on companion plants for the iris garden. This is meant to be an interactive discussion, so please bring ideas on your favorite companion plants. Instructions for joining the meeting and tips on using Zoom are elsewhere in the newsletter.

You still have time to enter our virtual show. Entries are accepted until June 15. See www.bayareairis.org/virtual-show-entries.html for instructions on how to enter. We also have potted bearded iris for sale at www.bayareairis.org/iris-for-sale.html

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 or text me at (510) 205-4033, or drop me a note at 1226 High St, Alameda, CA 94501. Please list up to three or four door prize iris you'd like to win. All iris pictured in the newsletter are door prize iris.

Take care everyone ~ Jean



See page 4 for sign in link for our upcoming Zoom meeting!

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 7:20 pm on the 23rd, 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 (jeanmarierichter@gmail.com). 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.

Doorprize iris!

(left top) **Upscale** (Keppel 2024)

(right top) **Agate Beach** (Schreiner 2021)

(center right) **Angel of the Garden** (Tasco 2022)

(left below) **Martian Sunset** (Kelly 2021)

(right below) **Boundless Berry** (Black 2021) BB



Doorprize iris!

(left top) **Thorn** (Schreiner 2021)

(right top) **Fresh and Exciting** (Tasco 2021)

(center right) **Ukulele Girl** (Cadd 2024)

(bottom right) **I'm So Envious** (K. Rieniets 2023) SDB



Here is info on the May SBMIS Zoom meeting:

Topic: SBMIS virtual meeting

Time: May 23, 2025 07:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88007810812?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88007810812?pwd=HRYaRjQJh0lfCO9GadaUUJtqMPaE5M.1)
[pwd=HRYaRjQJh0lfCO9GadaUUJtqM](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88007810812?pwd=HRYaRjQJh0lfCO9GadaUUJtqMPaE5M.1)
[PaE5M.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88007810812?pwd=HRYaRjQJh0lfCO9GadaUUJtqMPaE5M.1)

Meeting ID: 880 0781 0812

Passcode: 012963

Dial by your location

+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)



Care for the earth and for each other
SBMIS Newsletter -- Jean Richter
1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501
below: **Sunshine State** (Schreiner 2022)



If you see **old iris stuff which is about to be tossed**, please contact me, 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

2025 SBMIS Meeting dates:

May: Zoom meeting - Jean Richter
on companion plants

June 27: TBA

July 25 rhizome auction & sale

August 22: Riley Probst

September BBQ TBA

October 24 beardless auction & sale

Stay Home, CALL A FRIEND!

A Sydney B Tradition!

We have members who for various reasons find it difficult or impossible to come to meetings. This could become a nice SBM tradition -- checking in with those who can no longer attend meetings. Makes everyone happy!