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# Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society



(above): **Rhythmic Blues** (Harris, 2026)  
Japanese iris photo by *Chad Harris*

## Online Beardless Iris Auction and Sale

Pacific Coast iris, Japanese iris, Siberians,  
Spurias, and Species Iris

Friday, October 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Via Zoom



### **SBMIS Online Beardless iris sale!**

*We are having our beardless auction and sale online via Zoom this year. Contact Jean if you cannot attend and wish to do proxy bidding.*

*Please see the Zoom information on page 4*



#### **BEARDLESS IRIS AUCTION AND SALE!**

Pacific Coast iris, Japanese iris, Spurias, Siberians, and Species Iris will be available, from the gardens of commercial growers. Of course, you can contribute to the cause by purchasing beardless iris for your garden or as gifts for friends! Additional iris grown by veteran members will be available for sale online on our website.

**All iris pictured in this newsletter (and more!) are included in our online auction!**

*right: Amarillo by Morning (Hedgecock 2025) photo: Comanche Acres*



## *President's Message*

**We will have our annual beardless iris auction and sale online this year,** with a variety of Pacific Coast, 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 [jeanmarierichter@gmail.com](mailto:jeanmarierichter@gmail.com) or calling me at (510) 205-4033.

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.

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

~ Jean

*below: Windsor Watermark*  
(Plotner 2025) Pacific Coast *photo:*  
*Will Plotner*

See page 6 for the  
"sale table" iris!

*below: Early Matinee* (Harris 2026)  
*Laevigata* (water iris)



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# Some iris in our sale!



*left top: All Gothed Up* (Schafer/Sacks 2020) SIB  
(photo by Jan Sacks)



*right top: Oregon Cream* (Walker 2008) spuria  
(photo by Wildwood Gardens)

*middle left: Smack Dab On* (Cole 2020) Pacific  
Coast, photo by Deborah Cole

*middle right: Good Intentions* (Hedgecock 2020)  
spuria (photo by Comanche Iris)

*bottom left: Come With Me* (Schafer/Sacks 2024)  
SIB (photo by Jan Sacks)



*bottom right: Sakuragawa*  
(prob. Shoo before 1856) Japanese (photo by Chad  
Harris)



Here is the Zoom information for our auction and sale:

Topic: SBMIS beardless iris auction and sale

Time: Oct 24, 2025 07:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89841474044?pwd=EtNw83FG0imqRab96xwq80kYYKvN1x.1>

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kdi56aPoHE>

***More Auction Iris:***



**Brevette** (Cole 2020) Pacific Coast,  
photo by Deborah Cole



**Blue Rivulets** (Harris 2013) laevigata  
photo by Aitken's

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## 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 til 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, Louisianas 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](http://www.pacificcoastiris.org)  
Society for Pacific Coast Native Irises

[www.socji.org](http://www.socji.org)  
Society for Japanese Irises

[www.signa.org](http://www.signa.org)  
Species Iris Group of North America (SIGNA)

[www.spuriairis.com](http://www.spuriairis.com) Spuria Iris Society

[www.socsib.org](http://www.socsib.org)  
Society for Siberian Irises

[www.louisianas.org](http://www.louisianas.org)  
Society for Louisiana Irises

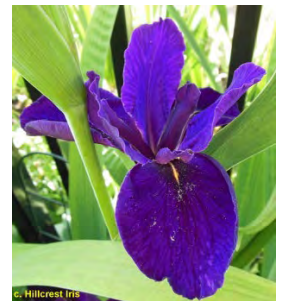
**The Virtual Sale Table** – all of these varieties are \$5.00 each. Contact Jean at [jeanrichter@berkeley.edu](mailto:jeanrichter@berkeley.edu) or (510) 205-4033 to purchase. More sale varieties on the web site soon!



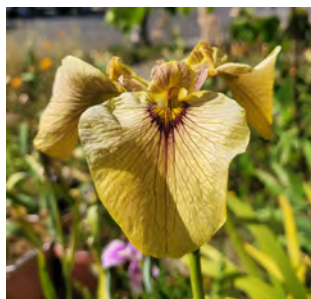
Blue Splatter (Rudkin 2009) Cajun Serenade (H. Nichols 2008) Contraband Girl (I. virginica)



Gerald Darby (Darby by Coe 1967) Iris unguicularis It's a Bigun (Jill Copeland 2019)



Neomarica candida (walking iris) Pat Norvell (H. Nichols 2021) Princess Leia (H. Pryor 1997) Queen of Soul (H. Nichols 2016)



Red Echo (Rowlan 1984) Roryu (Shimizu by Warner 2011) Roy Davidson (Hager 1987) Saru Odori (prior to 1920)

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Let's do what we can to help our planet  
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*below:* This iris is in our sale! **Break in the  
Clouds** (Ghio 2019) PCI *photo: Joe Ghio*



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  
[www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Sydney-B-Mitchell-Iris-Society/116888028332187?ref=ts](http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Sydney-B-Mitchell-Iris-Society/116888028332187?ref=ts)



**Dungeon** (Ghio by Comanche Acres 2008)  
spuria *photo: Comanche Acres*  
Yes, Joe did spurias!

*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!*