
Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society



(above): **Doreen Cambray**
(Hollingworth, 2007) Siberian
photo by *Ensata Gardens*

Online Beardless Iris Auction and Sale

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

Friday, October 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Via Zoom



SBMIS Online Beardless iris sale!

Due to potential inclement weather and the ongoing pandemic, we are having our beardless auction and sale online via Zoom this year.

Please see the Zoom information on page 4



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: Tahonta's Shadow (Hedgecock 2010) spuria photo: Comanche Acres*



President's Message

Due to possible inclement weather and the ongoing pandemic, **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 jeanrichter@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, it looks unlikely that we will be able to have our usual January potluck and judges' training, but I would like to have a virtual judges' training - please contact me if you have trainer suggestions. We are hopeful that we can begin having some in-person meetings later in 2023.

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

~ Jean

below: **Watermelon Wizard**
(H. Nichols 2013) Louisiana *photo: Kate Brewitt* 2022 Deballion Medal winner!



See page 6 for the
"sale table" iris!

below: **John Wood** (Wood by Lineberger 1998) Iris versicolor



Some iris in our sale!



iris photos: Ensata Gardens, unless otherwise noted



*left top: **Jolly Young Man** (Schafer/Sacks 2013) SIB*

*right top: **Caught My Eye** (Jill Copeland 2020) pseudata hybrid*

*middle left: **Small Endeavor** (Hedgecock 2018) 29" spuria (photo by Comanche Iris)*

*middle right: **Northern Muse** (Walker-Abrego 1985) spuria (photo by Jeanette Graham)*

*bottom left: **See Ya Later** (Hollingworth 2006) SIB repeat blooms!*



*bottom right: **Lemony Snicket** (Jill Copeland 2016) pseudata hybrid*



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/87126951146?pwd=eVNTR2ZneXljdFZ6cWNSdHQwcWtmZz09>

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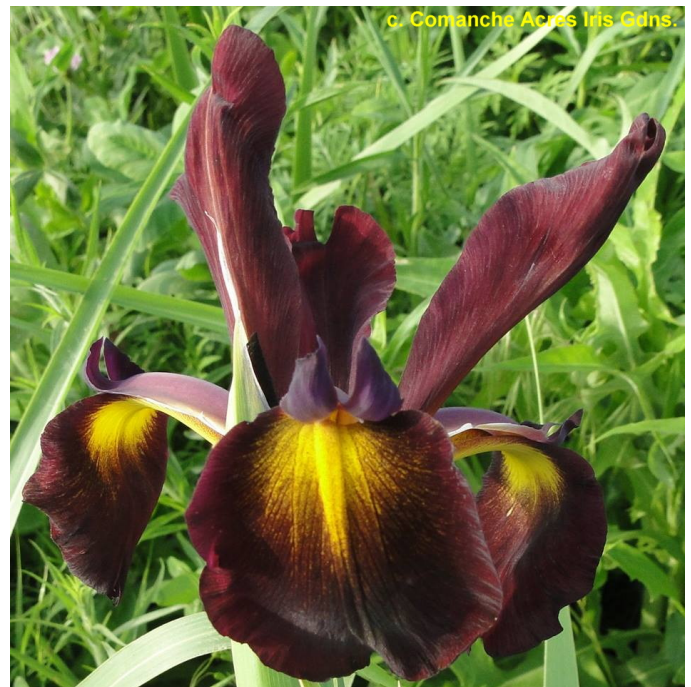
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More Auction Iris:



Wish Me Luck (Schafer/Sacks 2016) SIB
photo by Ensata Gardens



Imperial Ruby (McCown 1977) SPU
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 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
Society for Pacific Coast Native Irises

www.socji.org
Society for Japanese Irises

www.signal.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



Ally Oops (Borglum 2002) Blue Splatter (Rudkin 2009) Brazos Moon (H. Nichols 2016) Cajun Serenade (H. Nichols 2008)



Changing Shadows (Norvell 2015) Contraband Girl 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)



Princess Leia (H. Pryor 1997) Queen of Soul (H. Nichols 2016) Roy Davidson (Hager 1987) Saru Odori (prior to 1920)

Global warming is here—you know what to do

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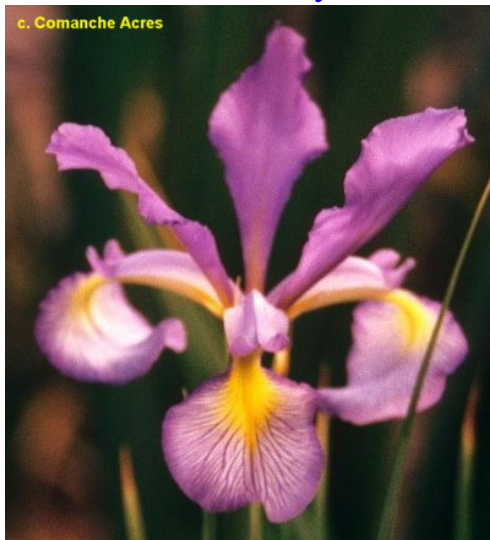
below: This iris is in our sale! **Copper Trident**

(Hager 1991) SPU *photo: Comanche Acres*



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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Imperial Ruffles (McCown 1966)
spuria *photo: Comanche Acres Iris*

*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!*