



SYDNEY B. MITCHELL IRIS SOCIETY

SATURDAY, January 19, 2008
we host the

REGION 14 WINTER BUDGET MEETING & *potluck!*

Slide Program by Anna and David Cadd!

Lakeside Park Garden Center
666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland



Doors open at 8:00 a.m.

9:30 am – noon -- Budget Meeting, with doughnuts!

Noon -- 1:30 pm Potluck Lunch

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Program – Anna and David Cadd's slide presentation!
including their European iris tour!



The Region 14 January Budget Meeting will again be held at the Lakeside Park Garden Center in Oakland, on Saturday, January 19, 2008. The regional meeting, followed by a potluck luncheon and speaker, is always a fun event. Doors will open at 8:00am and the Budget meeting will take place at 9:30 a.m. Doughnuts, coffee, tea, and juice will be available. Anna and David Cadd will present a slide show on their European iris tour.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Budget Meeting, or just come early and enjoy visiting with fellow irisarians. **You are invited to bring items of historic interest, memorabilia, or photos about irises or irisarians** -- there will be a display table to share these items with the group.

Please bring your contributions for the luncheon to the large kitchen (stove & refrigerator are available). Lunch will be served at 12:00. Please bring your own plates, silverware and cup. The society will provide napkins, hot drinks, rolls, and a ham. **Local Sydney B. Mitchell members will bring warm dishes.** More distant members & guests, please bring appetizers, salads, desserts, or other beverages. Your dish should be suitable for at least 10 people.

Directions to the Garden Center: From the north or west; take Highway 580 or 24 to 980; take the West 27th Street/Grand Avenue exit, turn left on 27th Street, go east to Grand Avenue,

watch for Lake Merritt on the right, take a left on to Grand Ave., then a right at the stoplight into the park. Proceed on Bellevue to the Garden Center. From the south or east; take the Lakeside (Lake Merritt) or Grand Ave. exit in Oakland; follow around the lake on the north and west side to Grand Ave. and Bellevue, turn left into the park.

Expect to pay \$3.00 at the toll booth to park. Proceed to the Garden Center, park on either side of the road. We hope you can come - everyone is welcome!

A New Sydney B Mitchell Tradition!

We have members who for various reasons find it difficult or impossible to come to meetings. One of the issues is transportation. This is becoming a nice Sydney B tradition – inviting, and arranging to bring, members to our meetings. *Makes everyone happy!*

Please join us in sending cards and calls to **Chuck Dekker**, who is recovering nicely from a small heart attack in December. When he sent us a card with a note of things to remember for Sydney B matters, he mentioned this *incidentally!* Hey Chuck! You are our Past President Emeritus! *We love you!*
Chuck Dekker (510) 525-6536
928 Balra Drive
El Cerrito, CA 94530-3027



Hot news from our Society bed – We are, as always, gathering SBM iris for our Society's garden – please bring any Sydney B. Mitchell iris, or ones from that "milieu" like Carl Salbach, to a meeting so they can be planted in our Society bed.

Help needed to move iris pots

We will be turning over our greenhouse to the Bonsai Society for their use, so we need to move our pots of iris out of it in the near future. We will pick a weekend date in February for the move. We could use help in moving the pots, and for providing new homes for some of them as well. Please contact Jean Richter if you can help out – we're particularly looking for someone with a pickup truck to help simplify transporting the pots.

President's Message:

Happy 2008! I hope all of you had good holiday seasons. The upcoming year should be a busy and exciting one for our club. In addition to our usual activities, this year we are co-hosting the AIS Region 14 Fall Meeting in October with the Mount Diablo Iris Society. More on that in a bit.

I'm happy to begin serving as your President this year. Since I'm new on the job, I hope you will forgive any blunders I make along the way as I "learn the ropes" of this new responsibility.

As with any organization, our club is only as good as its members are willing to make it. I hope you'll join with me in making this a banner year for SBMIS. There will be some special challenges this year, and I hope that you can help ensure that our events will be a great success. One challenge is that our annual iris show will be held on the same weekend as the national AIS convention in Texas. (That was the only weekend available at the Garden Center.) Since a number of the past show committee members will be away at the convention that weekend (including me), I hope that those of you that will be around can pitch in to help in their stead.



We will also need help in planning the Fall Regional. If you would like to serve on the planning committee, or have suggestions for speakers, judge's trainers, or hotels, please let me know as soon as possible.

I welcome your suggestions on how to make SBMIS as good as it can be. Over the past few years, I've noticed that attendance has dwindled at our meetings and events – I'd like to turn that trend around. Let me know what kind of programs or events you'd like to see. Are our events at convenient times for you? Is there some way in which you'd like to help out the club, but no one's asked you to? Now's your chance!

One last item – I'd like to put in a plug for our new web site, which Terry Strathman has done a great job in putting together. If you have Internet access, go to <http://www.bayareairis.org>. and you can find information about local events (and time-sensitive announcements that were too late for the bulletin), links to regional and national iris sites, and full-color versions of our bulletins.

Have a great iris year, and I'll see you on the 19th!

Jean Richter,
Herself

American Iris Society (AIS) Dues can be mailed to

Membership: Tom Gormley, Tom Gormley - AIS Membership Secretary *new address 8/07
10606 Timber Ridge Street
Dubuque, IA 52001-8268
Telephone and Fax - 563-513-0504 E-mail: aismemsec@earthlink.net

\$25.00 single, \$30.00 dual.

To keep our affiliate status, more than 50% of SBM members must be current AIS members; we need 50% of our members to be paid up members of AIS to avoid paying a sizable penalty. All officers of SBMIS must be paid up members of AIS. See www.irises.org/

Please pay your SBM Membership Dues for 2008 ~ please give to Bonnie Petheram, or send checks made out to Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society to Bonnie at 1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501. \$10 per household.

Historic Iris Preservation Society (HIPS) dues can be mailed to
HIPS Membership: Judy Eckhoff, 7911 South Yoder Road, Haven, KS 67543
E-mail: judye@msinter.net \$10.00 single annual, \$12.00 dual annual.

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SCHEDULE OF SBM MEETINGS and other events for 2008

See Sydney B. Mitchell's own website! at www.bayareairis.org

www.aisregion14.org/reg14calendar.html

Saturday January 19, 2008 Region 14 Budget Mtg, Potluck, & program by Anna and David Cadd!	doors open 8:00 am, 9:30 budget meeting, 12:00 potluck, 1:30 program	Region 14 budget meeting, Potluck, Anna and David Cadd's program on their European Iris Tour!
Friday, February 22 SBM Meeting	8 p.m.	Historic Iris – Telling them apart! – slide program by Gesine Lohr
March 12-16 Region 14 AIS Booth	Wed-Sat 9 am – 8 pm, Sun 9 am – 6 pm	San Francisco Flower & Garden Show www.gardenshow.com/sf/theshow/
Friday, March 28 SBM Meeting	8 p.m.	HOW-TO enter an iris show! A hands-on panel
Tues-Saturday April 14-19 AIS Convention		AIS Convention, Austin, Texas www.irisarian.com/lonestar2008
Friday April 18	7 p.m.	SET UP for SBM Iris Show
Saturday April 19, Sunday April 20 SBM Iris Show & Sale!	Enter early Sat! Public: Sat. 12-5, Sun 10-5	<i>SBM Iris Show and Sale!</i>
Saturday April 25-27		2008 Spring Regional www.aisregion14.org/reg14calendar
Sunday May 20 (to be confirmed)	11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Potted iris sale at Heritage Rose Show, El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane, El Cerrito
Friday May 24	8 p.m.	<i>Presentation of Show Awards.</i> Jean Richter – Slides of 2007 AIS Convention
Friday June 27	8 p.m.	TBA – possibly a field trip! Send us your ideas!
Friday July 25	7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	SBM Bearded Iris Sale (7:30-8:30) and Auction (8:30-10:00)
Saturday July 26	9 am – 2 pm	Sidewalk Iris Sale in front of Downtown Oakland YMCA, 2350 Broadway, Oakland

SBMIS joins the Information Age!

Calling all members with email! Would you like to join the SBMIS email list? Send your email address to richter@eecs.berkeley.edu, and we'll add you to our club email list. You'll receive the club newsletter as an attached PDF file (in full color) rather than via paper mail, saving a few trees and the club some postage costs. You'll also receive very occasional announcements of time-sensitive events that were too late to include in the last newsletter. We'll also pass along your email address to AIS Region 14, so they can keep you informed of regional activities. We promise not to sell or give away your email address to anyone else – no spam, honest! If you'd like to be on the email list but also continue to get the paper newsletter, let me know – we can do that too.

Calling all phone numbers!

In an effort to stay better connected, we'd like to go back to including phone numbers on the club roster. While we have phone numbers for some longtime members, we don't have ones for members who have joined within the past 6-7 years (or who have moved recently). Please call (510) 864-7962 or email richter@eecs.berkeley.edu with your phone number to help us update our roster!



Global warming is here – you know what to do

SBMIS Newsletter -- Gesine Lohr

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