



Iris munzii, Tulare Co., California. (Adele Lawyer, 1992)

www.pacificcoastiris.org/framewld.html

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Friday, February 27th 2009

Alan Robbins slideshow,

on

**The Iris Legacy of
Adele and Lewis Lawyer**



Friday, February 27th, 2009 is the date of our next meeting at

Lakeside Park Garden Center

666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Meeting at 8:00 p.m. Program after brief business.

Meetings are free and open to the public, all are eligible for door prizes.



Program: Alan Robbins will present a slideshow on **The Iris Legacy of Adele and Lewis Lawyer**, including fascinating material from their iris estates. Adele and Lewis hybridized tall bearded and Pacific Coast Native iris. They were very active in the American Iris Society and the Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society from the early 60's, as well as the Mt. Diablo Iris Society, the UC Botanical Garden, and the California Horticultural Society. Adele was the Scientific Editor of the national AIS Bulletin. She was, with Lewis, Editor and active officer of the Society for Pacific Coast Native Iris, as well as contributor to the SPCNI Almanac. Both Adele and her husband Lewis lived in the Oakland hills with a one acre yard and a view of the bay. (For some info, see these websites:)

www.pacificcoastiris.org/RRmunzii.html www.archive.org/details/partnersplantpat00lawyrich

http://bancroft.berkeley.edu/ROHO/collections/subjectarea/natres/hort_bot_land.html

Doorprize Iris: *Behold!* as Marjorie said!

‘Black Magic Woman’ (Tasco 2008)
Dark red violet standards and style arms with lighter edges and a fringed crest. Satiny jet black falls and persimmon burnt orange beards. Medium purple based foliage.



‘Pink Presence’
(L. Markham 2008) Standards are ultra clean star-dusted clear light pink; falls are creamy pink in the centers shading to edges of the standard color. Style arms are creamy with frilled pink crests. Beards are deeper more intense red-pink.



‘Silk Road’ (Keppel 2008) Pale cream standards with shadowy lavender midrib stripe on inner side. Deep twilight lavender fall centers change gradually pale

blue edges with merest hint of cream. Beards blue, chrome yellow on inner portion. Flared and ruffled.



‘Carmel Celeste’ (Tasco 2008) SDB Rebloomer Heavily ruffled barium yellow; cold white style arms with light barium yellow edge and crest. Lemon yellow around tangerine beard with a white end. Citrus fragrance! Reblooms faithfully for Superstition Iris Gardens in the fall.



Call for Volunteers to weed and tend Alice Dekker's garden

This is a very fine large iris garden on a hill, formerly tended by Chuck Dekker. President Jean Richter will set up a schedule for volunteers. You'll get to see the deer highway!

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. 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!

Please call (510) 864-7962 or email richter@eecs.berkeley.edu with your phone number to help us update our roster!



A New Sydney B Tradition!

We have members who for various reasons find it difficult or impossible to come to meetings. One of the issues is transportation. This

could become a nice SBM tradition -- inviting, and arranging to bring, members to our meetings. Makes everyone happy!



Bob Pries is looking for some species irises

I am trying to build a new collection of species and species cross Irises. I seem to remember that John Wyler used to have a few Evansia Irises that may no longer be in commerce. In particular I am looking for

Iris confusa,

Iris wattii,

Iris japonica sections and hybrids.

I would be willing to pay a fair price and shipping. Thank you for any help you can provide. Bob Pries.

Please let Janet Smith, ypaul@sti.net know if you or anyone in your society can help.

Thanks much, Lynn Williams

[Ed. note -- Bob probably already knows of these:]

www.wildwoodgardens.net/other_species_&_species_crosses.htm

www.badbear.com/signa/signa.pl?Commercial

SCHEDULE OF SBM MEETINGS and other events for 2009

See Sydney B. Mitchell's own website! at www.bayareairis.org (looking good, Terry!)
www.aisregion14.org/reg14calendar.html

<p>Sydney B. Mitchell meeting <i>this</i> Friday, February 27th 2009 Alan Robbins slide presentation with fascinating material from Adele and Lewis Lawyers' iris estates.</p>		
Judges' Training Saturday February 28, 2009	At Hawthorn Suites, Sacramento	Kathy Chilton presents judges' training arils/arilbreds, tall bearded
SF Flower & Garden Show March 18-22nd, 2009		The last one!
Friday March 27th Sydney B. Mitchell meeting		Gesine Lohr presents How to Look At Historic Iris
Friday April 17, 2009		Set up for our 2009 show!
April 18th & 19th SBM show & sale!	Saturday & Sunday	2009 Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Show and potted iris sale
~ May 3rd Sunday SBM Field trip!	To be arranged!	SBM field trip (possibly to Napa Country Iris Garden)
May 17th Sunday		SBM Potted Iris Sale at the Old Rose Show
Friday June 26th Sydney B. Mitchell meeting		Alan Robbins on How to dig bearded iris
Friday July 24th Sydney B. Mitchell		SBM Bearded iris rhizome auction & sale
Saturday July 25th		SBM Bearded iris sidewalk sale (290 Grand Ave., Oakland)
Friday August 28th Sydney B. Mitchell meeting		Jean Richter presents a Slideshow on 2009 AIS convention
Late September	To be arranged!	SBM annual potluck!

American Iris Society (AIS) Dues can be mailed

to Tom Gormley,
AIS Membership Secretary
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.
See www.irises.org/

Please pay your 2008 **SBM Membership Dues** ~
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 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.
www.hips-roots.com

Directions to the Garden Center:

666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland
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.

Proceed to the Garden Center, park on either side
of the road. We hope you can come -- everyone is
welcome!

[On weekends only -- Expect to pay \$3.00 at the toll
booth to park. Show your parking stub for a \$2 rebate
on your iris purchases]

AC Transit Bus -- AC Transit bus #12 runs on Grand
near the entrance to the park

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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

Discouraging iris government news:

www.modbee.com/business/story/584616-p2.html

Woodland Iris Gardens shut down!



Global warming is here – you know what to do
SBMIS Newsletter -- Gesine Lohr
1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501

We miss you, Chuck

