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# Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Friday, March 27th, 2009  
**Gesine Lohr, slideshow,**  
*on*

*My Favorite Historic  
Iris*



Friday, March 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: Gesine Lohr will present “My Favorite Historic Iris”, with photos of many fine old iris, and will be handing out free sample copies of *Roots*, journal of HIPS (Historic Iris Preservation Society). This will be a new show of her personal favorite old iris. Gesine recently presented different slideshows on historic iris at Monterey Bay Iris Society in Santa Cruz, and at the San Leandro Garden Club.

Refreshments: If you're able, please bring refreshments to share!

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Doorprize Iris: *Behold!* Marjorie said!



1) **Magical** (Ghio 2008)(photo above)

2) **Raging River** (Lauer 2008)

Standards wisteria blue, Falls wisteria blue with lighter shoulders, beard yellow tipped blue. Large overlapping falls, domed standards, slight sweet fragrance, ruffled.

*And 5) 2 passes to the Oakland Museum* (coming up there May 2-3 wonderful CA wildflower show! same day as Mt Diablo one day show Sat. but could go on Sunday! (Marjorie will bring to meeting).

Sat, May 2, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. & Sun May 3 12–5 p.m.

Annual California Wildflower Show Flower Show

Savor the colors and fragrance of hundreds of freshly collected native flowers. Presented in collaboration with the California Native Plant Society, the Jepson Herbarium of the University of California at Berkeley, and the University of California Botanical Garden. Included with museum admission.



3) **California Fiesta** (Joyce Ragle 2008)



4) **Anubis** (M. Smith 2008) MDB/SDB  
Named for the ancient Egyptian lord of the underworld. S: black domed, showing faint maroon tints. Old gold style arms, F: pure black velvet. Very round and ruffled, with root beer beards (say that five times fast!).





## SCHEDULE OF SBM MEETINGS and other events for 2009

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

<p>This coming <b>Friday March 27th</b>          Sydney B. Mitchell meeting          Gesine Lohr presents <b>My Favorite Historic Iris</b></p>		
Friday April 17, 2009		Set up for our 2009 show!
<b>April 18th &amp; 19th SBM show &amp; sale!</b>	<b>Saturday &amp; Sunday</b>	<b>2009 Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Show and potted iris sale</b>
<b>~ May 3rd Sunday SBM Field trip!</b>	To be arranged!	SBM field trip (possibly to Napa Country Iris Garden)
AIS Convention May 11-16th, 2009	Kansas City, Missouri	<a href="http://www.irises.org/2009convention.htm">www.irises.org/2009convention.htm</a> <a href="http://www.kciris.org/AIS_Convention_files/Meeting%20Schedule.pdf">www.kciris.org/AIS_Convention_files/Meeting Schedule.pdf</a>
May 17th Sunday		<b>SBM Potted Iris Sale</b> at the Old Rose Show
<b>Friday June 26th</b> Sydney B. Mitchell meeting		Alan Robbins on <b>How to dig bearded iris</b>
<b>Friday July 24th</b> Sydney B. Mitchell		<b>SBM Bearded iris rhizome auction &amp; sale</b>
<b>Saturday July 25th</b>		<b>SBM Bearded iris sidewalk sale</b> (290 Grand Ave., Oakland)
<b>Friday August 28th</b> Sydney B. Mitchell meeting		Jean Richter presents a <b>Slideshow on 2009 AIS convention</b>
<b>Late September</b>	To be arranged!	<b>SBM annual potluck!</b>

**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



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

We miss you, Chuck

