



'Pink Diablo' (Marquart 1988)
blooming in Jean Richter's garden

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Our 45th Annual Iris Show
and Potted Iris Sale!

Saturday April 18th 1-5 pm &
Sunday April 19th 10 am - 5 pm
*See below for how to enter the
show! Entry time is 7:00 am-
9:30 am Saturday*

Shows/sales are free and open to the public -- all are eligible to enter irises!
Lakeside Park Garden Center ~ 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland
(see page 5 for directions)

Setup: 7:00 - 9:30 pm Friday night
Show entries: 7:00 - 9:30 Saturday am
Show open 1:00 - 5:00 Saturday
10:00 am - 5:00 pm Sun
Cleanup after 5:00 Sunday

The ENTRY time will be 7:00 am - 9:30
am on Saturday! All are welcome to enter
irises - *we'll show you how!* (Free donuts &
coffee!!)

Do ENTER the show! *If you haven't entered a show before, we'll be happy to coach you.*
Bring your POTTED IRIS! All members with potted iris -- remember to bring them to the show
to sell.

Iris shows are a great way to see lots of different varieties of iris. If you grow irises, bring some
in to share --and you might take home a blue ribbon! If you would like to enter your irises in the
show, bring your flowers in on Saturday morning. Show your \$3 parking stub for a \$2 rebate on
your iris purchases.

ALSO: Potted iris for sale at low prices! You can buy iris plants at the show. Some
will bloom this spring; all will give you a head-start on next year's blooms! You can wait
until summer for bare rhizomes to become available, but these potted beauties will be at least
doubled in size by then.

Our President Speaks ~

I encourage all members (especially new members) to bring iris to show at our upcoming Iris Show & Sale. It's fun, and you could get a ribbon!

As usual we'll have coffee and donuts for people preparing their iris stalks to enter in the show.

Expect to pay \$3.00 at the toll booth to park -- then show your parking stub for a \$2 rebate on your iris purchases

We will also need as many members as possible to help out with setup, teardown, answering questions from the public during the show, and taking care of potted iris sales. We need your help to make our show a great success! Please call me at (510) 864-7962 if you want a specific shift at the potted iris sale table.

~ Jean Richter

(and enter some for me -- since I'm one of the judges for this show, I can't enter any iris!)

How to's on the internet

The AIS' page to start on for info, is www.irises.org/aistoolbox/ais-toolbox-hort-display.html

'Preparing Irises for Exhibition at Iris Shows' by Sheldon Butt can be seen

at

www.hips-roots.com/articles/preparing-irises.html

www.dvis-ais.org/iris-prep.html

has Delaware Valley Iris Society's info on preparing iris for showing.



Two attentive SBMIS members



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! Jean and Bonnie went the other weekend and a fine time was had by all.



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(Vilmorin
1926)

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!

AIS 2009 Convention: Everyone is now looking forward to the next AIS Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. To get a registration form go to either of the 2009 convention information areas listed here. The convention organizers, the Greater Kansas City Iris Society, also have a website with information. The AIS 2009 Convention will take place May 11-16 2009 in Kansas City, Missouri with visits to official iris tour gardens in the surrounding area. Follow the links provided below for more details of the 2009 event. There will be two places to get information:

1. Right here on the AIS website: AIS 2009 Convention information

www.irises.org/conventions.htm

2. From the organizers website: Kansas City AIS 2009 Convention (please note that this is not part of the AIS website, it is provided by the 2009 convention organizers) www.kciris.org/AIS_Convention.html

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

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Show & potted iris sale!

Friday April 17	7:30 - 9:30 p.m.	SET UP for SBM Iris Show
Saturday April 18, Sunday April 19 SBM Iris Show & Sale!	Enter 7:00 am- 9:30 am Saturday! <i>(donuts & coffee!!)</i> Open to public: Sat. 1-5, Sun 10-5	<i>SBM Iris Show and Sale!</i> Enter your iris - we'll show you how! Enter Saturday, April 18, 2009, 7:00 AM- 9:30 AM Cleanup after 5:00 pm Sunday
Mt DIABLO IS show is on Saturday, May 2nd	First Baptist Church in Walnut Creek. 2336 Buena Vista Ave.	Show entries 7:00 am - 9:30 am. Open to the public 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Potted plant sale included.
May 3rd Sunday SBM Field trip! Napa Country Iris Garden	We have several spaces in Jean's van to share a ride!	SBM field trip to Napa Country Iris Garden
AIS Convention May 11-16th, 2009	Kansas City, Missouri	www.irises.org/2009convention.htm www.kciris.org/AIS_Convention_files/ Meeting_Schedule.pdf
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	290 Grand Ave., Oakland	SBM Bearded iris sidewalk sale
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



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

We miss you, Chuck



a bud of 'Jolt' (John Weiler, R. 1988)