



ORELIO (DeForest 1947)

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Historic Iris ~ A Hundred
Most Shown Historics
*with handouts, 10 free
CDs with scans of old
catalogs, & free Rhizomes
of several Historic iris
by Gesine Lohr
~ after our Elections! ~*

Friday, August 24th, 2007
is the date of our next meeting at
Lakeside Park Garden Center
666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland (directions page 6)



Doors open at 7:30 pm ~ Business Meeting at 8:00 pm ~ Program at 8:30
All meetings are free & open to the public ~ All are eligible for door prizes.



Business meeting -- Elections -- 8:00 p.m. til 8:30 p.m.

Program 8:30 pm -- A Hundred Most Shown Historics, by Gesine Lohr.
With handouts including names & descriptions of old iris, 10 free CDs with
scans of old catalogs, & free Rhizomes of several Historic Iris.


Doorprize Iris -- see next page!

ELECTIONS tonight!

Our Nominating Committee (Chuck Dekker, chair, Terry Strathman and Meredith Endsley) recommended the following slate for 2008:

President – Jean Richter (current Secretary)
Vice President – Gesine Lohr (incumbent)
Secretary – Terry Strathman (current Publicity chair)
Treasurer – Bonnie Petheram (incumbent)

Heartfelt thanks to all who have agreed to serve. Nominations from members must have the approval of the nominee! There may be a nomination from the floor, as Ray Vickers-Traft has indicated he may be interested in running for President again.



Refreshments: Please all who can, bring some goodies! Any questions should be directed to Bonnie Petheram, (510) 864-7962.

DOORPRIZE IRIS!

Check It Out (Lauer 2007) S: mimosa yellow with darker rim. F: barium yellow, ¼ inch mimosa yellow rim & shoulders. B: yellow. Ruffled, pronounced sweet fragrance. A casual fall bloomer.

Royal Majesty (Keppel 2007) Dark huckleberry purple self with blackish sheen spreading across the shoulders. B: purple, blackish brown and bronze. Ruffled.

Lovesick Blues (Lauer 2007) SDB S: white, with aster-violet edge, center stripes and lines radiating from rim. F: white, with aster-violet lines radiating from beards to aster-violet rim. B: buttercup yellow with bluebeard blue at end (!). Slight sweet fragrance.

Rhizome Sale & Auction --

We netted a bit over \$1,000.00!

Then Saturday at the Oakland Downtown YMCA,
we netted \$485.00.

These are both much better sales than we
had last year, AND we got a couple new members
signed up which is always fantastic!

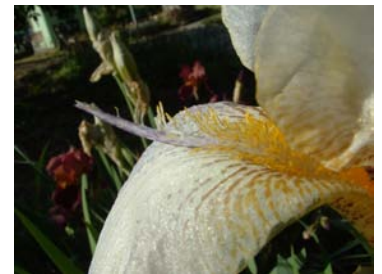
THANKS to all who worked on these events, es-
pecially auctioneer Alan Robbins, Ray Vickers-
Traft and Chuck Dekker for the YMCA.



Sir Knight (Ashley 1934)(one of my favorites!)



Toll Gate (Cook 1959)



White Unicorn ~ detail
(Austin 1961)



Monsignor (Vilmorin
1907)

2007 Sydney B. Mitchell Meeting Dates & Calendar (* = SBM event)

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| *Friday | August 24 | Meeting 8:00 - 8:30 pm -- Yearly ELECTIONS! Program 8:30 pm -- Gesine Lohr – Historic Iris – 100 Most Shown Historics (with handouts including names & descriptions of old iris; also 10 free CDs with scans of old catalogs, & some historic rhizomes) |
| *Sunday | Sept 30 | BBQ |
| Friday | October 19 | Fall Regional |
| *Friday | October 26 tentative | Beardless AUCTION & SALE |

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

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!



Staten Island (K. Smith 1947) w bud of Pacific Mist (Schreiner 1979)

Your SBM Officers:

President Ray Vickers-Traft (510) 839-9647 wndwsillorchids@aol.com
Vice-President Gesine Lohr (510) 864-7962 gesine.lohr@gmail.com (NEW)
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Immediate Past Pres. Chuck Dekker (510) 525-6536

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

A Great Time Of Year to give potted iris for wedding, graduation, solstice presents!
Chuck and Alice Dekker (510) 525-6536.

www.irises.org/listsandchat.htm

If you have computer/internet access, see neat iris discussion groups listed here.

See Historic & modern pictures at Rick Tasco/Roger Duncan's photo albums
<http://community.webshots.com/user/rickt103>

www.bayareairis.org Our Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society Website!
by Terry Strathman

Website is still a work in progress! Let her know your thoughts! and cheer her on!
email Terry at strath@berkeley.edu

Sign up for the Iris Register, www.irisregister.com -- contact John Jones

American Iris Society (AIS) Dues can be mailed to Membership:

Tom Gormley, P.O. Box 28, Cedar Hill, MO 63016-0028. \$25.00 single, \$30.00 dual
aismemsec@earthlink.net See www.irises.org/

Please pay your **SBM Membership Dues** for 2007 ~ please give to Bonnie Pethram, or send checks made out to Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society to Bonnie at 1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501. \$10 per household. Your mailing label shows when your dues are paid up to (according to our records – please let us know if it's incorrect!).

Historic Iris Preservation Society (HIPS) dues can be mailed to

Membership Secretary, Judy Eckhoff

7911 S. Yoder Rd

Haven, KS 67543-8114

or you can pay online at www.hips-roots.com/visitors/v-membership.html

Global Warming negatively affects iris growing!

SBMIS Newsletter -- Gesine Lohr

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Pretty Pansy (Sass 1946/x)