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Sydney B. Mitchell

Iris Society

POTLUCK TIME!

Sunday, September 30th, 2007
is the date of our next meeting

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September BBQ & Potluck!

5 p.m. at the Piper's
(see directions p. 2)

Pot luck – let's be creative! Bring enough to share!

SEPTEMBER BBQ and POTLUCK – Sunday September 30th, dinner around 5 p.m. at the home of Gordon and Sue Piper, 33 Hiller Drive, Oakland.

All members, and their families and special friends, are welcome! Sue and Gordon have hosted this, our major social event of the year, since 1996. Please join us! There will be no business meeting. (Do come even if you're shy – I always have a good time at this event and I'm shy!).


This year it's a totally potluck event – please bring an appetizer, salad, vegetable, or dessert, & especially (for you non-vegetarians) meat. You can either cook the meat at your home or use one of the BBQs at the Piper's. Paper plates & plastic utensils are provided. Please bring enough to share.

Directions to the Piper's ~~~~


Driving from the south : On 580, turn onto Highway 13 headed towards Berkeley. Go under Highway 24 to the first traffic signal. Turn right, then immediately left onto Hiller Drive. The Pipers' home is the first house on the left.

Driving from the north: Pass the Claremont Hotel and go to the first signal. Take the left turn lane onto Hiller. Proceed as noted above.

Driving from the east: Exit Highway 24 at the Berkeley off-ramp and go on to Hiller.



Reminisces wanted! Jean Richter is writing an article on Lloyd Austin for future publication. Since there are SBMIS club members who knew him, she'd be very grateful for any memories they'd care to share about him or the early days of arilbred/rebloomer/space-ager hybridization. Contact Jean at (510) 864-7962 or richter@eecs.berkeley.edu.



ELECTIONS at August meeting -- We elected the slate that was recommended by the nominating committee -- 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.

Farewell to Adele Lawyer
ADELE LAWYER 1918 – 2007

Our longtime member, Adele Lawyer passed away at her Rossmoor residence on Monday evening, August 27th from complications related to her long battle with cancer.

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. They worked as plant pathologists for Del Monte Co. for over forty years. Her work included increasing yields and optimizing size of vegetable and fruit crops through plant hybridization, developing seed treatments, and selecting for disease and frost resistance.

Adele will be missed by us all.

[the preceeding from Mt. Diablo Iris Society newsletter September 2007]

The following link has some oral history on the Lawyers --

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

www.pacificcoastiris.org/RRmunzii.html

Go in peace, Adele, and thank you for your lifetime love of iris and plants.

Thanks to
www.pacificcoastiris.org/default.html
for the photo below ~
Iris in mountain meadow, Claude Derr



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Claude Derr

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

*Sunday	Sept 30	BBQ! 5 p.m. at the Piper's! POTLUCK!
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!



BRYCE CANYON

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!

Your SBM Officers:

President Ray Vickers-Traft (510) 839-9647 wndwsillorchids@aol.com
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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 Petheram, 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!

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