



# Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

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“What To Do in Your Iris  
Garden Now”



Friday, May 28th, 2010 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 meeting.

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



**Program:** Jean Richter will present the *Show Awards*, and Alan Robbins will present “*What To Do in Your Iris Garden Now*”. Come see the trophies and congratulate our winning irisarians! Then, Alan shares his extensive experience with bearded iris -- bring your questions!

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

There are rumors of an iris cake!



# SYDNEY B. MITCHELL IRIS SOCIETY

## 2010 SHOW TROPHIES

*right: Best seedling*

- Best Specimen of Show:** Ryan Grisso, 'Line Drawing'
- Best Tall Bearded:** Eileen Roark, 'Connection'
- Best Bearded Other than Tall:** Meredith Endsley, 'Dark Crystal'
- Best Historic:** Bob & Janet Canning, 'Red Butterfly'
- Best Beardless:** Ryan Grisso, 'Line Drawing'
- Best Pacific Coast Native:** Ryan Grisso, 'Line Drawing'
- Best Seedling:** Bob & Janet Canning



*left: 'Line Drawing'*  
*lower left: 'Red Butterfly'*

*right: Meredith Endsley wins the Charles Dekker Memorial Cup for 'Dark Crystal'*

*below: Best tall bearded, 'Connection'*



## Doorprize Iris for May!



above: **'Fantasy Ride'** (Duncan 2009) 39", Early-to-midseason. Parentage=Quandary X Arctic Burst  
photo from <http://community.webshots.com/user/rickt103>

below: **'Gitano'** (Keppel 2008) S. peach, F. purple, pink sunburst around red beards  
photo from [www.mid-america-garden.com/images/irises\\_large/GITANO.jpg](http://www.mid-america-garden.com/images/irises_large/GITANO.jpg)



below: **'Latte'** (Ghio 2009) 32" M-L. S. latte; F. sooty black maroon; rusty beard.  
The first of the new bleeding pattern to be released. The standards are latte (root beer-apricot blend) with a hairline brown halo which softly bleeds down toward the midrib. The falls are black maroon with rusty beards. Well branched and vigorous grower.  
photo from <http://montereybayiris.org/gallery/ghio09.shtml>



below: **'Let's Get Small'** (Lauer 2009) 11" E-M-RE! S. beetroot purple; F. beetroot purple, lilac purple shoulders & around beard, magenta purple rim; B aster violet. Ruffled, slight fragrance, reliable rebloomer. photo from <http://lauerflowers.com/standard.html>



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<p><b>May 28th</b> SBM meeting</p>		<p>Meeting, Sydney B. Mitchell Alan Robbins will present <i>“What To Do in your Iris Garden Now”</i></p>
<p><b>Friday June 25th</b> Sydney B. Mitchell meeting</p>		<p>Meeting, Sydney B. Mitchell (program TBA)</p>
<p>AIS Convention May 31- June 5</p>	<p>‘Sun Moon Lake’ (B. LeRoy Davidson, deceased, by Carla Lankow, 2007)</p>	<p><a href="http://www.madisoniris.org/Convention/Welcome.htm">www.madisoniris.org/Convention/Welcome.htm</a></p>
<p><b>Friday July 23rd</b> Sydney B. Mitchell Bearded Iris Rhizome Auction &amp; Sale</p>		<p><b>SBM Bearded iris rhizome auction &amp; sale</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday July 24th</b></p>	<p>‘Florence Dayton’ (De la Motte 2003)</p>	<p><b>SBM Bearded iris sidewalk sale</b></p>
<p><b>Friday August 27th</b> Sydney B. Mitchell meeting</p>		<p>Meeting, SBM (program TBA)</p>
<p><b>Late September</b></p>	<p>To be arranged!</p>	<p><b>SBM annual potluck!</b></p>
<p><b>Friday October 29</b></p>		<p><b>SBM Beardless iris auction &amp; sale</b></p>

## Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society is now on Facebook!

(holy cow!)

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Sydney-B-Mitchell-Iris-Society/116888028332187?ref=ts>  
should take you to our page - if not, search on Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society after logging into your Facebook account. Click our “Like” button to get Facebook updates from us!



*Snowshoe, one of our friends*

**American Iris Society (AIS) Dues can be mailed**

**to** Tom Gormley - AIS Membership Secretary  
205 Catalonia Avenue / P.O. Box 177  
DeLeon Springs, FL 32130  
Phone and fax: 386-277-2057  
E-mail: aismemsec@irises.org  
\$25.00 single, \$30.00 dual.  
See www.irises.org/

Check your AIS membership status: Need to know your membership expiration date? expiration date for club members or your Region's members for Affiliation? www.aislookup.org

Please pay your 2010 **SBMIS 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 \$5.00 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 -- check transit before planning, as routes do change.

http://triplanner.transit.511.org  
By phone -- Dial 511 and say, "AC Transit," to speak with a person about route info

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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

<http://historiciris.blogspot.com/> has some very neat stuff!

**2010 AIS Iris Calendars!**  
\$5 to members -- See Bonnie Petheram.

*A 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!*

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Global warming is here--you know what to do

SBMIS Newsletter -- Gesine Lohr

1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501

We miss you, Chuck

*right:* 'Marching Band' (Ghio 2006)

*below:* Bob Canning with Best Historic 'Red Butterfly' (Linse 1956)

