

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society



above: *Trophies at last year's show*

Friday, March 25, 2011
8:00 p.m.

How To Enter Iris In A Show!

by veteran irisarian
Alan Robbins




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



PROGRAM: Been wanting to enter an iris show, but didn't know how? Veteran irisarian Alan Robbins will demonstrate *How To Enter Iris In A Show!* Alan can show you all the tips and tricks, what to pay attention to, and little things that make a big difference in how an iris is judged. It's really pretty easy, and lots of fun -- come find out! And all you experienced exhibitionists, come add your tips to the pile! (This year our Spring Show and Sale is April 23 & April 24, 2011).

REFRESHMENTS: Please bring some refreshments to share if you can.

A Gentle Reminder to last year's Trophy winners -- Please return your trophies to Alan Robbins at this upcoming March 25 meeting Or call to arrange pickup!

Doorprize Iris!

One More Night (Duncan 2010)

photo below:

<http://home-and-garden.webshots.com/photo/2678350790032621402BvUSVs>



Magic Act (Ghio 2010)

photo: www.montereybayiris.org/ghio10.php



Camdyn (Mark Grumbine, 2010) TB, 34" (86 cm), M S. old rose, pinkish white center interior and exterior, yellow cast on midrib and base, 3/8 inch old rose edge; style arms bright yellow; F. blue-white center veined blue violet, 3/8 inch old rose edge; beards orange in throat, yellow in middle, white at end; very laced and ruffled; slight sweet fragrance.

Humbled by Grace (Ted Howse, 2009) TB, 42" (107 cm), E S. very pale purple (Nickerson 7.5PB 9/2); style arms pale purple-pink (2.5RP 9/2); F. strong red-purple (7.5RD 4/11); beards medium orange-yellow, (7.5YR 7/11) tipped (2.5Y 9/9); slight sweet fragrance. (photo p. 4)

photo: www.irishowseandgardens.com/html_pages/new_introductions.htm

Snow Lion (Marky Smith, 2008) TB, 36" (91 cm), E S. slightly smoked cream (RHS 158D) fading to near white; style arms cream, faint yellow crest and midrib; F.

cream (158D), ruffled distal end more yellow (4C), apricot orange (168D) shoulders; beards cream, faint red- orange tips at end, strong red orange in throat; ruffled; pronounced spicy fragrance.

President's Message

Our annual show is coming up on April 23-24. This is a great opportunity to show the beauty and diversity of iris to the general public. I strongly encourage all of our members to bring iris to display in our show. If you've never brought iris to a show before, our March meeting program will provide a great introduction to the "tips of the trade" from one of our most experienced members, Alan Robbins. Who knows, that Queen of Show trophy might end up with your name on it!

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 2011 **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].

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://tripplanner.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

www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Sydney-B-Mitchell-Iris-Society/116888028332187?ref=ts

Upcoming Garden Judges Training

April 17th 10:00 AM -- Mary Ann Horton's Garden Loomis CA Contact Mary Ann Horton 916 652-4351
Topic: **Garden Judging Median Iris** 3 hours (2, 1-1/2 hour sessions) SDB's and IB's. Instructor: Kathy Braaten. Drinks provided. Welcome to bring sack lunch to lunch in the garden

May 7th 10:00 AM -- Nicholson's Garden Modesto CA Contact Lorraine Nicholson 209 578-4184

Topic: **Garden Judging Beardless Iris** (2, 1 hour sessions) Louisianas and either Spuria's or Japanese, depending on bloom
Instructors: Lorraine and Gordon Nicholson
Drinks provided. Welcome to bring sack lunch to lunch in the garden

May 7th 10:00 AM -- Betty Ford's Garden, Sonoma CA Contact Betty Ford 707 938-5296

Topic: **Garden Judging Tall Bearded Iris** (1, 2 hour session)
Instructor: Alleah Middling. Drinks provided. Welcome to bring sack lunch to lunch in the garden



Global warming is here—you know what to do
SBMIS Newsletter -- Gesine Lohr
1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501
below: 'Humbled By Grace' (Ted Howse, 2009)



*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!*