



above: **Revision** (Keppel 2011)

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

POTLUCK TIME!
Sunday, September 18th, 2011
is the date of our next meeting
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September BBQ & Potluck!
5 til 8 p.m. at the Piper's
Bring Yourself!



SEPTEMBER BBQ and POTLUCK – Sunday September 18th, 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! (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 – if you can, 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. Please bring enough food to share, and your own plates and silverware.

But above all, bring Yourself!

Direction to the Piper's -- 33 Hiller Drive,
Oakland

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 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.

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Doorprize Iris!



Rainbow Shadows (*below*)

(Fred Kerr 2011) TB 38"

E-M

Wonderful form from Kevin's Theme and Shadow Warrior lines. Standards are straw yellow overlaid with red violet. Falls are light taupe with a diffuse yellow edge and blue violet blaze. Beards are antique gold. Terrific branching and bud count.

*photos & descriptions
from [http://rainbowacres2.
homestead.com/2011-
introductions.html](http://rainbowacres2.homestead.com/2011-introductions.html)*

Cosmic Elegance (*above*)

(Fred Kerr 2011) TB 42" M

Ruffled and domed standards are pinkish taupe with a lavender infusion up the center of the petal. Falls ruffled and semi-flaring. Light red lavender overall with just a hint of a wire edge of taupe. Red orange beards. Tall with extra large flowers and elegant demeanor. Quality rather than flashy, Cosmic Elegance commands attention. No one walks past it without pausing for a better look.





(above) Riley and Shirley at Schreiner's

Rare Breed (Tasco 2011) ab ogb
- veined buff S, gold F w/large red
signal, broad gold B

[http://home-and-garden.webshots.com/
photo/2564624500032621402QCnmir](http://home-and-garden.webshots.com/photo/2564624500032621402QCnmir)

Famous Last Words (right)
(Ghio 2011) - porcelain pink S, white
F w/pink underside, tangerine B, blue
at tip

www.montereybayiris.org/ghio11.php

Revision (Keppel 2011) white S,
white F with deep blue band, yellow-
orange B (see photo cover page)

<http://www.keithkeppeliris.com/gallery.html>



The American Iris Society Region 14

2011 Fall Regional—A Rainbow High

Regional Schedule

Saturday, October 15th and Sunday, October 16th

NOTE Evening arrival on October 14th is encouraged, but not necessary to take full part in Regional Meeting events.

Schedule of Meeting Events

Saturday, October 15th, 2011 Region meeting room open 10 A.M..

10:00 A.M.–12 noon	Reblooming show—setup, entries accepted, and staging
10:00 A.M.–11:00 A.M.	Registration
11:00 A.M.–12:30 P.M.	Region 14 Board Meeting. Everyone is urged to attend, to share ideas & to participate in the governing of our Region. Region Drawing #1 at mid-point.
12:45 P.M.–2:00 P.M.	Buffet Lunch at the Red Lion Hotel. See menu below
2:15 P.M.–3:00 P.M.	Budget Meeting. Region Drawing #2 at mid-point.
3:15 P.M.–4:45 P.M.	Guest Speaker, Keith Keppel
5:00 P.M.–7:00 P.M.	Early dinner on your own. There are many restaurants nearby the hotel.
7:00 P.M.–8:00 P.M.	Region 14 General Meeting. Region Drawing # 3 at mid-point. Presentation of the 2010 Hybridizer's Medal to Rick Tasco
8:00 P.M.–10:00 P.M.	Social evening Raffles, live Auctions, refreshments—Fun!

Included with Registration

Saturday Buffet Lunch Menu *A Little Bit of Italy*
Chicken Parmesan
Caesar Salad & Garlic Bread
Vegetable Pasta Primavera
Mozzarella & Tomato Display
Chef's Choice of Dessert
Coffee, Hot Tea & Iced Tea

Sunday, October 16th, 2010

	Breakfast at the hotel
10:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M.	Judges Training—Keith Keppel—Subject, Median Irises
12:00 noon	End of meeting

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General Information

Meeting Headquarters	The Red Lion Hotel, Redding
Location	1830 Hilltop Drive Redding, CA 96002
Directions	From I-5N, take Hilltop Drive Exit and turn right. Hotel is one block to the right.

The Red Lion Hotel Redding is located adjacent to I-5 and just minutes away from many local attractions including the Sundial Bridge and Turtle Bay Exploration Park.

NOTE Complimentary transportation is available from 6 A.M. to 11 P.M. daily from the Redding Municipal Airport

Reservations Information

Reservations may be made online or by direct contact with the Red Lion Hotel, Redding, CA

Last date for quoted group rates is September 30th

Telephone: (530) 221-8700 Email: redlion.com/redding Fax: (530) 211-0324

Web page of Red Lion for information about hotel facilities

Regional Rates guaranteed through October 1st, 2011

1 or 2 people	one queen bed	\$79.95/night
1 or 2 people	two queen beds	\$89.95/night
1 or 2 people	one king bed	\$79.95/night
2 Room Suite		150.00/night

When placing reservations, identify yourself as a member of the Region 14 Fall Regional Iris Convention and use our group number, IRIS1014

Additional Activities Of Interest

Those attending the Regional Meeting are encouraged to visit the Redding-located Turtle Bay Botanical Garden, which includes the famous Sundial Bridge spanning the Sacramento River. The Botanical Garden has a plant nursery on site with a variety of plants available for purchase. In addition, there is a gift shop, and at the far end of the Sundial Bridge, a coffee and sandwich shop, where a reasonably priced lunch can be purchased.

- ~ Special rates for our group are being arranged with the Botanic Gardens.
- ~ These added opportunities broaden and enrich the whole Fall Meeting experience.
- ~ An added bonus will be the opportunity to see Region 14 present the 2010 AIS Hybridizer's Medal to our own Rick Tasco, who was unable to attend the Victoria, B.C. AIS Convention.

New to this Regional

There will be three separate drawings for each of three different, new bearded iris introductions.

Each 2011 Fall Meeting registrant will receive a raffle ticket in his nametag holder. The stub for that ticket will have been placed in the closed box that will be used in all three drawings. At the middle point of each of the three Regional business meetings, a raffle stub will be drawn from the box.

Iris will be awarded, but the holder of a winning ticket must be present at the meeting when and where the number is drawn in order to win. Numbers will be drawn until there is a winner. The winner ticket holder will receive a new tall bearded iris introduction. Drawings number 1 and number 2 will be irises from Keith Keppel. Drawing number 3 will be an iris from Rick Tasco.

AGAIN!—the winning ticket holder must be present at the meeting when the ticket is drawn.

American Iris Society Region 14 2011 Fall Regional-A Rainbow High

Sponsored By Region 14 Board Of Directors
Saturday, October 15th and Sunday, October 16th

Headquarters:

Red Lion Hotel Redding
1839 Hilltop Lane
Redding, CA 96002
Phone: (530) 221-8700

Webpage: www.redlion.reddingca.com

Name _____

2nd Person _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Iris Society - list one only _____

Registration is \$50.00 per person if received at the Registrar's desk before October 8,2011.
Note: After October 8,2011 Registration is \$60.00

Registration:

>>Includes Buffet Luncheon on Saturday; Saturday Guest Speaker, Keith Keppel & Sunday Morning Judges Training given by Keith Keppel.

>>If you have special dietary needs, upon notification, the hotel will be happy to offer a plated meal that will accommodate special needs.

The San Joaquin Iris Society is Registrar for the 2011 Regionals

Please make checks payable to SJIS

Send to:

Lorraine Nicholson

P.O. Box 578668

Modesto, CA 95357

Tel: (209) 578-4184

Email: iris4u@fire2wire.com

Number of registrants ____ x \$50 = \$_____

Total Amount Enclosed - No Credit Cards \$_____

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][at shows we'll give you \$2 rebate on iris purchases, when you show us toll stub]

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

List of SBM Officers:

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Publicity	**need a volunteer!		
Historian/scrapbooker	Kat Boswell		
Immediate Past Pres.	Ray Vickers-Traft	(510) 839-9647	wndwsillorchids@aol.com
Once and Future President	Chuck Dekker		

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

Notice to Hybridizers and Registrants

The Board of Directors of the American Iris Society has enacted a policy stating that iris registrations must be received by the AIS Registrar prior to November first of each registration year and any registrations received after that date will be held until December first and be registered in the following registration year.

It is important to note that the policy says "received by" not "postmarked by."

John Jones • Registrar-Recorder • American Iris Society
aisregistrar@irises.org

*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!*



Climate change is here—you know what to do
SBMIS Newsletter -- Gesine Lohr
1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501
left: Brilliant Idea (Keppel 2009)