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*above:* 'That's Hot' (Lauer 2008)

# Sydney B. Mitchell

## Iris Society

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Our 48th Annual Iris Show  
and Potted Iris Sale!

Saturday May 5th 1-5 pm

*See below for how to enter the show! Entry time is 7:00 am-9:30 am Saturday*

Shows/sales are free and open to the public -- all are eligible to enter iris!

***NEW LOCATION FOR THIS YEAR'S SHOW & SALE!***

at the undercroft at Resurrection Lutheran Church, at 397 Euclid Avenue  
(near Grand Avenue in Oakland)(directions page 3! it's easy!).

Setup: 7:00 - 9:30 pm Friday night  
Show entries: 7:00 - 9:30 Saturday am  
Show open 1:00 - 5:00 Saturday  
Cleanup after 5:00 pm Saturday

The ENTRY time will be 7:00 am - 9:30 am on Saturday! All are welcome to enter iris - *we'll show you how!* (Free donuts & coffee!!)

Do ENTER the show! *If you haven't entered a show before, we'll be happy to coach you.* **Bring your POTTED IRIS!** All members with potted iris -- remember to bring them to the show to sell. Potted iris with pictures sell much better than those without - if you can, please send Jean Richter a list of the potted iris you'll be bringing and we'll print out pictures to affix to the pots at the show (either email or phone call is fine) (510) 864-7962 richter@eecs.berkeley.edu

Iris shows are a great way to see lots of different varieties of iris. If you grow irises, bring some in to share --and you might take home a blue ribbon! If you would like to enter your irises in the show, bring your flowers in on Saturday morning.

ALSO: Potted iris for sale at low prices! You can buy iris plants at the show. Some will bloom this spring; all will give you a head-start on next year's blooms! You can wait until summer for bare rhizomes to become available, but these potted beauties will be at least doubled in size by then.

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are not having a meeting in April, because our show will be May 5th, and we will have a meeting May 25th.

**May 25th** SBM meeting  
Gesine Lohr will present a  
slideshow on **Comparing Old Iris**.  
She'll have CDs and material to  
hand out.

We won't be having a meeting in April this year because of our show, which will be held on May 5th at Resurrection Lutheran Church. Since our show will be late in the bloom season, **please bring iris to show**, so that we have a good display of iris for the public to view.

Even if you've never entered a show before, come join in the fun - experienced members will be on hand to assist you. Any type of iris can be entered in the show.

As usual we'll have coffee and donuts for people preparing their iris stalks or artistic designs to enter in the show.

If your late stalks are looking a little ragged, you could always enter an **artistic design** instead - we'll have a theme for the designs this year of "Cinco de Mayo." There's a bit more freedom in the design section, as iris don't need to be identified, and other flower and plant materials can be included as well (as long as iris is the dominant flower in the design). Please provide your own container for design entries.

We'll also need help **setting up** the show the evening of Friday the 4th, and please **bring potted iris to sell!** If you let me know which potted iris you'll be bringing, I can have pictures printed out for them - iris sell much better with pictures.

We will again be having a **potluck judge's luncheon** - please bring an item to share. We especially need salads and side dishes, but main dishes and desserts are welcome as well. There is a kitchen at the church in case your item needs some sort of preparation before serving.

Let's all join in to make this a successful show!

Jean

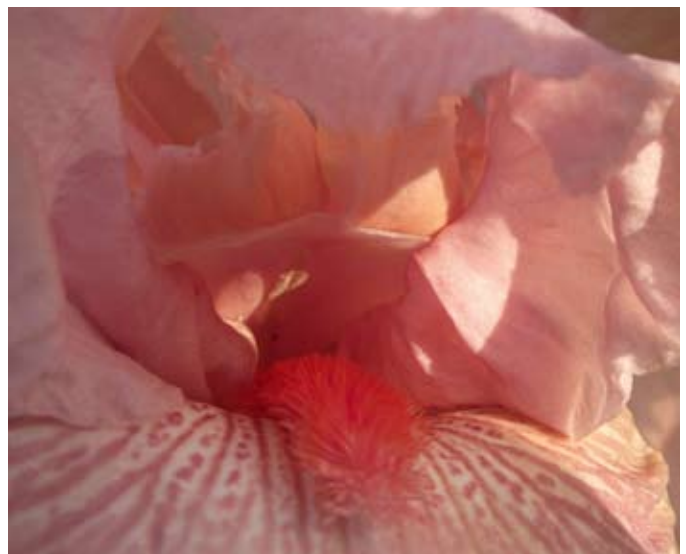
## **Iris Showing how to's on the internet:**

'Preparing Irises for Exhibition at Iris Shows' by Sheldon Butt can be seen at [www.hips-roots.com/articles/preparing-irises.html](http://www.hips-roots.com/articles/preparing-irises.html)

[www.dvis-ais.org/iris-prep.html](http://www.dvis-ais.org/iris-prep.html)  
has Delaware Valley Iris Society's info on preparing iris for showing.

The AIS' page to start on for info, is [www.irises.org/Member\\_Services/ais-toolbox-hort-display.html](http://www.irises.org/Member_Services/ais-toolbox-hort-display.html)

below: closeup 'That's Hot' (Lauer 2008)



**Directions to Resurrection Lutheran:**

**From the south:** head north on I-880, take I-980 east, then I-580 east. Take exit 21A (Oakland Avenue), merge onto Perry Place, and continue onto Macarthur Blvd. Go about half a mile on Macarthur, and turn right onto Van Buren Avenue.

Take the first right onto Euclid Avenue, and the church will be on the left.

**From the east:** head west on CA-24, and take I-580 east.

Take exit 21A (Oakland Avenue), merge onto Perry Place, and continue onto Macarthur Blvd. Go about half a mile on Macarthur, and turn right onto Van Buren Avenue.

Take the first right onto Euclid Avenue, and the church will be on the left.

**From the north:** head west on I-80, then continue onto I-580 east/I-880 south, bear left onto I-580 east.

Take exit 21A (Oakland Avenue), merge onto Perry Place, and continue onto Macarthur Blvd. Go about half a mile on Macarthur, and turn right onto Van Buren Avenue.

Take the first right onto Euclid Avenue, and the church will be on the left.

If you're familiar with the Grand Lake area of Oakland, Euclid Avenue can also be reached via Grand Avenue (it's several blocks east from Bellevue Avenue, the street the Oakland Garden Center is on).

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**SBM Potted Iris Sale at the Celebration of Old Roses Show**

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society will be selling

potted iris at the Celebration of Old Roses Show, in El Cerrito.

32nd Annual Celebration of Old Roses  
Sunday, May 20, 2012, 11:00 am

11-3:30 pm

<http://elcerrito.patch.com/events/32nd-annual-celebration-of-old-roses>

City of El Cerrito Community Center,  
7007 Moeser Ln, El Cerrito, CA

FREE

For a beautiful spring outing, "The 32nd Annual Celebration of Old Roses" will take place Sunday, May 20, at the El Cerrito Community Center, from 11:00 to 3:30. Admission is free. Garden products and food will be for sale. Wheelchair accessible. For info, call (510) 527-3815. This is the best display of rare and antique roses in the world!

**The Santa Rosa Iris Society**  
**2012 Iris Show**  
**and Potted Iris Sale**  
**" Iris Magic "**

Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm - 5:00 pm  
 Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 10:00am - 5:00pm  
 Potted Sale 10:00am - 5:00pm on both days



Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center  
 2050 Yulupa Avenue  
 Santa Rosa, CA

Judged Under The American Iris Society Rules

Call: (707) 433-8633  
 (415) 681-7040

**Free Admission**

## Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Show & potted iris sale!

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Friday May 4	7:30 - 9:30 p.m.	<b>SET UP for SBM Iris Show</b> <i>NEW LOCATION!!</i>
<b>Saturday May 5 (one day only) SBM Iris Show &amp; Sale!</b>  <i>NEW LOCATION!!</i> at the undercroft at Resurrection Lutheran Church, at 397 Euclid Avenue (near Grand Avenue in Oakland)(directions p. 3)	Enter 7:00 am- 9:30 am Saturday! <i>(donuts &amp; coffee!!)</i>  Open to public: Sat. 1-5	<b><i>SBM Iris Show and Sale!</i></b> Enter your iris - we'll show you how! Enter Saturday, May 5, 2012, 7:00 AM- 9:30 AM Cleanup after 5:00 pm
Sunday May 20th <b>SBM Potted Iris Sale</b> at the Celebration of Old Roses Show	El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane El Cerrito	<b>SBM Potted Iris Sale</b> at the Celebration of Old Roses Show 11-3:30 pm <a href="http://elcerrito.patch.com/events/32nd-annual-celebration-of-old-roses">http://elcerrito.patch.com/events/32nd-annual-celebration-of-old-roses</a>
<b>May 25th SBM meeting</b> Gesine Lohr -- slideshow on <b>Comparing Old Iris.</b>	Gesine will have CDs and material to hand out.	Gesine Lohr will present a slideshow on <b>Comparing Old Iris.</b>
<b>Friday June 22nd</b> Jean Richter -- slideshow on <b>2012 AIS Convention</b>		Jean Richter presents a slideshow on the <b>2012 AIS Convention</b>
<b>Friday July 27th</b> Sydney B. Mitchell Bearded Iris Rhizome Auction & Sale		<b>SBM Bearded iris rhizome auction &amp; sale</b>
<b>Saturday July 28th</b>		<b>SBM Bearded iris rhizome sidewalk sale</b>
<b>Friday August 24th</b> Sydney B. Mitchell meeting		Meeting, SBM (program TBA)
<b>Late September 2012</b>	To be arranged!	<b>SBM annual potluck!</b>
<b>Friday October 26th 2012</b>		<b>SBM Beardless iris auction &amp; sale</b>



**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 2012 **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](http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Sydney-B-Mitchell-Iris-Society/116888028332187?ref=ts)



**Easter Bonnet**  
(Maxwell-Norton 1943)

(photo by Bob Canning)

Bob had both these iris blooming in his garden recently.

*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!*



Global warming is here—you know what to do

SBMIS Newsletter -- Gesine Lohr

1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501

**Kahili** (Schreiners 1961) (photo by Bob Canning)

