



Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Annual Potluck,
& Judge's Training:
Historic Iris in Exhibition
given by Jean Richter
(open to all! free!)
Jan. 28, 2012
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Saturday!

At the Sailboat House!



Saturday January 28th 2012

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society & Friends

Doors open 11:00 a.m. -- lunch served at noon -- Presentation 1:30 - 2:30



Potluck lunch (bring place setting & a dish to share)

The Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society will hold a potluck luncheon at the Lakeside Park Sailboat House in Oakland, on Saturday, January 28, 2012. All Region 14 members are welcome to attend. This is always a fun event. Doors will open at 11:00 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy visiting with fellow irisarians. ***You are invited to bring items of historic interest, memorabilia, or photos about irises or irisarians -- there will be a display table to share these items with the group.***

Please bring your contributions for the potluck luncheon to the large kitchen (stove & refrigerator are available). Lunch will be served at 12:00. **Please bring your own plates, silverware and cup.** The society will provide napkins, hot drinks, rolls, and a ham. Local Sydney B. members will bring warm dishes. More distant members & guests, please bring appetizers, salads, desserts, or other beverages. Your dish should be suitable for at least 10 people, if possible -- but bring what you can!

Expect to pay \$5.00 at the toll booth to park. Proceed to the Sailboat House, park in their small parking lot or on either side of the road. We hope you can come - everyone is welcome! Jean Richter, President [See p2 for Directions to the Sailboat House, just up the road from the Garden Center]

President's Message

Happy New Year, and welcome to another year of fun SBMIS activities!

The January potluck will be at the **Lake Merritt Sailboat House**, not the Garden Center. This is just up the road from the garden center.

Doors open at 11:00 a.m., lunch at noon, and my talk will be at 1:30 p.m. This is a judges' training on **Historic Iris in Exhibition** -- it's free and anyone can attend, not just people in judges' training.

2012 brings some new venues for our club's activities. Due to the Garden Center not being available on some of our chosen dates, we will be having our January potluck lunch this Saturday at the Boathouse, just down the street on Bellevue Avenue from the Garden Center.

We also had to find a different venue for our annual show, and will be having a one-day show at the church hall of Resurrection Lutheran Church on May 5th. (This is the same site where we've held our July rhizome sidewalk sale the last few years, and is also not far from the Garden Center.)

Since we'll be in a different venue, we'll need to step up our advertising activities for the show - your help would be very much appreciated in this endeavor!

Our other meetings and sales will be held at the Garden Center as usual.

Here's hoping our recent rains will bring good iris bloom this spring!

-- Jean Richter

[Expect to pay \$5.00 at the Lake Merritt Park toll booth to park, as always on weekends]

www.oaklandnet.com/parks/rental_facilities/sailboathouse_directions.asp

Driving directions to

Lake Merritt Sailboat House

Inside Lakeside Park (Lake Merritt)

568 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland

Coming from Berkeley

Take Highway 580 East towards Hayward.

Exit on Grand Avenue.

Merge onto MacArthur Boulevard and turn right onto Grand Avenue.

Turn left onto Bellevue Avenue.

Enter the Lakeside Park entrance, Children's Fairyland is to the right side.

Continue driving into the park and look for the blue building.

The Sailboat House is the building on the right side.

Coming from Hayward

Take Highway 580 West towards Oakland.

Exit on Grand Avenue.

Merge onto MacArthur Boulevard and turn right onto Grand Avenue.

Turn left onto Bellevue Avenue.

Enter the Lakeside Park entrance, Children's Fairyland is to the right side.

Continue driving into the park and look for the blue building.

The Sailboat House is the building on the right side.

Coming from Highway 880

Take Highway 880 to the Oak Street exit.

Turn right onto Oak Street which turns into Lakeside Drive.

Continue on Lakeside Drive.

Stay to the right of Harrison Street.

Turn right on Grand Avenue.

Turn right into Bellevue Avenue, with Children's Fairyland to the right.

The Sailboat House is to the right.

Coming from San Francisco/Richmond

Take Highway I-80 East ramp towards Oakland.

Merge onto I-80 East exit towards CA-24/ Downtown Oakland/Hayward-Stockton.

Merge onto I-580 east.

Take the Grand Avenue/Lakeshore exit.

Merge onto MacArthur Boulevard and immediately turn right onto Grand Avenue.

Turn left onto Bellevue Avenue at the Park entrance.

Continue driving into the park.

2 The Sailboat House is to the right.

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

New venue for our Iris Show

The show will be one day, Saturday May 5th, at Resurrection Lutheran Church's basement ("undercroft"). Setup the night before.

Send a hug to Alan!

Alan Robbins has felt under the weather, we hope you feel better soon Alan!

*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
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