



# Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Friday, March 23, 2012  
8:00 p.m.

Bring your blooming iris  
for our *mini-show!*  
(see president's  
message for details)

Momentous Occasion (Sutton 2000)  
*in bloom as we speak!*



*Friday, March 23rd, 2011  
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** -- A mini-show! Bring in your blooming iris! Attendees will vote on the best entry, and the winner gets a prize! See the president's message for more details.

**Refreshments** -- anyone who can bring refreshments to share, please do so!

Anna Cadd's presentation at our February meeting was very well received -- a very lively and informative show, thanks Anna!

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We're trying something different for this month's meeting. Since our official show is late in the season, at our March meeting we're having an informal **mini-show!** I know that many of you have iris blooming already - bring in a stalk or two!

To keep things simple, please provide your own container and label. All attendees will vote for their favorite entry, and the winning entry will receive a prize! All kinds of iris are welcome - tall bearded, Pacific Coast, dwarfs, medians, beardless, even bulbous (Dutch iris). Since this isn't an official show, you can even bring your unknown iris.

## **2012 Spring Regional Iris by the Sea**

The Monterey Bay Iris Society will host Region 14's 2012 Spring Regional Meeting in Aptos, California April 27 to April 29. There will be a bus tour of three gardens on Saturday, A dinner banquet and program by Joe Ghio, Auctions by the region and TBIS, a self-guided garden tour on Sunday, and Judges Training conducted by Joe Ghio at his home garden. The Tall Bearded Iris Society will meet concurrently. The Registration fee for the Regional is \$125 if paid before April 1, 2012. Registrations made after April will be accepted as space allows at a fee of \$135. Please register early!

On Saturday the buses will leave the Seacliff Inn for the three iris filled gardens, one in Correlatos, one in Watsonville and one

in Scotts Valley. Each of these gardens has a different feel and presentation of iris. At the end of the day will be a buffet banquet and a speech by Joe Ghio.

The conference hotel is the Best Western Seacliff Inn in Aptos. From Highway 1, take the State Park Drive exit. If you are going south on Highway 1 cross the overpass and turn left onto Old Dominion Court. Going north on Highway 1 you will take the State Park Drive exit, turn right at the top of the ramp and then make a left onto Old Dominion Court. If you reach Soquel Drive, you have missed the turn.

To make a reservation at the hotel, please visit the Seacliff Inn website. You need to contact the hotel directly and not go through a travel agent. When making your reservation be sure to state that you are part of the Regional and ask for the MBIS discount rate, group #1146. You need to make your reservations as soon as possible as they will only hold this room rate until March 29th, 2012. This is a popular beach town and rooms book quickly!





## Doorprize iris!

**Ancient Charm** (Fred Kerr 2011) TB 40" M-L. Large, ruffled and laced flowers, tall stalks. Domed standards, medium apricot w a hint of red violet at the base & up the center of the petals. The semi-flaring falls are maroon, darker at the center & lighter toward the petal edge which has a quarter to half inch wide pinkish gray band, The area beside the red orange beards is also pinkish gray crossed with maroon veins. Great branching. [**Photo p. 4**; all Kerr photos from <http://rainbowacres2.homestead.com/2011-introductions.html>]

**Sheer Excitement** (Tasco 2011). Border bearded. A sparkling luminata with a bright yellow shot beside the beards; strong citronella fragrance. [**photo below**, from [www.facebook.com/superstitionirisgardens](http://www.facebook.com/superstitionirisgardens)]



**Subtle Beauty** (Tasco 2011) A sib to this year's Island Breeze. Parentage is Haut Les Voiles X Louisa's Song. Has 7-to-8 buds. with nice tall (40") stalks and good branching. [**photo above right**, from [www.facebook.com/superstitionirisgardens](http://www.facebook.com/superstitionirisgardens)]

**Angel Within** (Kerr 2011) TB 39" M-L  
S: domed, medium pink w a hint of lavender. F: medium pink, lighter toward center, hafts are darker pink. The edge of the falls have a half inch light blue lavender band. Bright red-orange beards. Good branching and bud count. [**photo right middle**]

**Coronal Light** (Kerr 2011) TB 40" M Domed & ruffled S light blue white. F: basic fall color is dark plush purple w a large white area crossed with numerous veins which surrounds the gold beards. The falls are set off by a sky blue edge around the falls.



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

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E-mail: [aismemsec@irises.org](mailto:aismemsec@irises.org)  
\$25.00 single, \$30.00 dual.  
See [www.irises.org/](http://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](http://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: [judy@msinter.net](mailto:judy@msinter.net)  
\$10.00 single annual, \$12.00 dual annual.  
[www.hips-roots.com](http://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

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#### **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.

#### **THE 2012 SAN FRANCISCO FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW -- March 21-25**

<http://sfgardenshow.com/>

The AIS is hosting a booth at the San Francisco Flower & Garden Show March 21-25. The event is from 10 am to 7 pm and 10 am to 6 pm on Sunday. It is held at the San Mateo Event Center.



Global warming is here—you know what to do  
SBMIS Newsletter -- Gesine Lohr  
1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501  
**Ancient Charm** (Kerr 2011)

*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!*

