



Golden Flare (Insole 1931)

# Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Friday, May 25th, 2012  
8:00 p.m.

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slideshow on **Comparing Old Iris**.  
She'll have CDs and material to  
hand out.



*Friday, May 25th, 2012*

*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** -- Gesine Lohr will present a slideshow on Comparing Old Iris. She'll have CDs and material to hand out. She's got a lot of new photos, including some taken in very good bright-overcast light.

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

**Our show!** went well, see next page for trophy winners. Jean and Bonnie said that we sold a couple hundred dollars worth of potted iris, and had pretty good turnout despite the different location. Thanks to all who entered, and to all who helped set up/tear down/cook!

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here's the info on the show winners:

**Best Specimen & Best Beardless:**

"Strawberry Fair" Bob & Janet Canning

**Best Tall Bearded:**

"Fuzzy Wuzzy Rocket" Eileen Roark

**Best Bearded Other Than Tall:**

I. variegata var. Pontica Stan Morgan

**Best Historic:**

"Neglecta" Bob & Janet Canning

**Best Artistic:**

"Just Another Tequila Sunrise"

Marilyn Kaplan

**Silver Medal:** Bob Canning

**Bronze Medal:** Marilyn Kaplan

Trophies won't be ready for May meeting - will be given out at June meeting.

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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

*image right:* **Pink Jadu** (Sturtevant 1931)

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!



*above:* **Orange Juice** (Sutton 2010)  
*image from* <http://burgardirisfarm.com/shop/viewcategory.php?groupid=2>



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# Doorprize iris!

**Adventurous** (M. Sutton 2010) TB

Barium yellow standards are slightly veined white and have strongly serrated edges. Intense electric violet blue falls are veined light blue and accentuated by a 3/4" ruby red band. Blue violet beards are tipped barium yellow mirroring the standard's color. *image right, from <http://burgardirisfarm.com/shop/viewitem.php?productid=3>*



**Palace Beauty** (Fred Kerr 2011) TB 40"

Coming from two blue parents, this blue on white plicata was unexpected in the cross. It was the only plicata out of about 60 seedlings. Domed and ruffled standards are white with a blue plicata edge and a blue line up the center of the petal. style crests are solid blue Falls are white with a blue plicata edge which is narrow at the tip of the petal and becomes wider toward the hafts. Blue beside the beards with an arrowhead of blue at the tip of the light blue beards. Tall and classy. *image right, from <http://rainbowacres2.homestead.com/2011-introductions.html>*



**Only in Dreams** (Fred Kerr 2010) TB 40" M

This sibling of Amethyst Magic is large in all its parts. Blue-white domed and ruffled standards over dark red-violet falls with blue white beards. The falls are edged with a half inch violet band. Good form, good ruffling and big flower. Good increaser and imposing in the landscape. [see page 6 for photo]

**Orange Juice** (M. Sutton 2010) TB

Outstanding improvement in reblooming orange iris. Orange standards are flushed pink at midribs. Creamy orange falls have a white area around the tangerine beards. Reblooms in our garden from late summer through late fall. 9 buds and a strong sweet fragrance put the finishing touches on a wide well formed flower. [see page 2 for photo]


**Queen's Robe** (Fred Kerr 2011) TB 38" M

My personal favorite of this year's introductions. The standards are erect and ruffled and of a baby ribbon pink with slightly darker center. The style arms are pink as well. The ruffled and semi-flaring falls are a slightly lighter pink than the standards and even lighter around the beards. The hafts are dark pink. Falls edged with a narrow band of baby boy blue. All this a tons of personality to boot.



*image above **Queen's Robe**, from <http://rainbowacres2.homestead.com/2011-introductions.html>*

# Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

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<b>May 25th</b> SBM meeting 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	<i>above: Elsinore</i> (Hall 1925)	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](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

[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)



above: **Alpine Glow** (Kleinsorge 1945)



Global warming is here—you know what to do

SBMIS Newsletter -- Gesine Lohr

1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501

below: **Only In Dreams** (Kerr 2010), image from <http://rainbowacres2.homestead.com/2010INTRO.html>



*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!*