



above: Sydney B. Mitchell show

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Our 49th Annual Iris Show
and Potted Iris Sale!

Saturday, April 13, 1:00-5:00 pm

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Sunday, April 14, 10:00 am-5:00 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 irises!

Lakeside Park Garden Center ~ 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland

(see page 5 for directions)

Setup: 7:00 - 9:30 pm Friday night
Show entries: 7:00 - 9:30 Saturday am
Show open 1:00 - 5:00 Saturday
10:00 am - 5:00 pm Sun
Cleanup after 5:00 Sunday

The ENTRY time will be 7:00 am - 9:30 am on Saturday! All are welcome to enter irises - *we'll show you how!* (Free donuts & coffee!!)(and you can also just bring blooms & not enter them, just to look at)

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 irises -- remember to bring them to the show to sell. Potted irises with pictures sell much better than those without - if you can, please send Jean Richter a list of the potted irises 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) Jean Richter <richter@eecs.berkeley.edu>, (510) 864-7962.

Iris shows are a great way to see lots of different varieties of irises. 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. Show your \$5 parking stub for a \$2 rebate on your iris purchases.

ALSO: **Potted irises 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! Bare rhizomes will become available this summer, but these potted beauties will be at least doubled in size by then.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ~

I strongly encourage all members (especially new members, or those who've never shown an iris before) to bring iris to show at our upcoming Iris Show & Sale. It's fun, and you could get a ribbon!

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

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.

Please bring in your **potted iris** to sell at the show! This is one of our major fundraising activities for the year. If you can, please call me or email me with a list of the potted iris you'll be bringing in - I will then print out pictures to put onto the pots at the show. Iris with pictures sell far better than those without!

We will also need as many members as possible to help out with setup, teardown, answering questions from the public during the show, and taking care of potted iris sales. We need your help to make our show a great success! Please call me at (510) 864-7962 or email me at richter@eecs.berkeley.edu if you want a specific shift at the potted iris sale table.

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 Richter

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

www.dvis-ais.org/iris-prep.html has Delaware Valley Iris Society's info on preparing iris for showing.

The AIS' page for how to display info, is www.irises.org/Member_Services/ais-toolbox-hort-display.html



SBM Potted Iris Sale at the Celebration of Old Roses Show

33rd Annual Celebration of Old Roses
Sunday, May 19, 2013 from 11 am to 3:30 pm

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society will be selling potted iris at the Celebration of Old Roses Show, in El Cerrito.

Admission is FREE! Food and Soft Drinks. Garden products and food will be for sale. Wheelchair accessible. This is the best display of rare and antique roses in the world!
<http://www.celebrationofoldroses.org/celebration-of-old-roses.php>

You're welcome to bring a bouquet of Old Roses for display. Follow us on facebook: Celebration of Old Roses

For more info, call
Kristina Osborn at (510) 527-3815
EL CERRITO COMMUNITY CENTER
7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito, CA 94530
Take 80 or 580 to El Cerrito, Central Avenue exit go east, then left on Ashbury to Moeser.

American Iris Society Region 14
2013 Spring Regional April 26th, 27th, 28th
“Cause for Celebration”
Guest Speaker – Fred Kerr

Hosted by Sacramento Iris Society

Conference Hotel -- Hilton Garden Inn Roseville 1951 Taylor Rd Roseville CA

****Contact them directly for room reservations at (916) 773-7171 ****

To receive the group rate, use the name Sacramento Iris Society when making your reservation. The room rate is available until April 12, 2013.

NON SMOKING PROPERTY. Hotel room rates are \$84.00 + tax for double or single per night. Breakfast is included via coupon up to value \$11.95. Indicate the number of room occupants at the time of reservation.

Registrant 1 First Name _____ Last Name _____

Registrant 2 First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail for confirmation _____

Local Iris Society _____

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| Registration fee if paid by April 12th 2013 | \$89.00 x person (s) _____ | Total \$ _____ |
| if paid after April 12th 2013 | \$99.00 x person (s) _____ | Total \$ _____ |

Registration includes lunch and dinner on Saturday

Please indicate your choice for both meals below:

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| Lunch | Dinner |
| Turkey Sandwich _____ | Teriyaki Chicken _____ |
| Ham Sandwich _____ | Grilled Sirloin Steak _____ |
| Veggie Sandwich _____ | Grilled Atlantic Salmon _____ |
| Salad: Turkey/Fuji Apple _____ | Pesto Cheese/Spinach Ravioli _____ |

Please make checks payable to Sacramento Iris Society

Please send registration to: Kathy Braaten

10288 Kenwood Dr. Grass Valley, CA. 95949

e-mail katbrat@cebridge.net or phone 530 477-2811

Judges Training Sunday April 28th 9am Horton's Garden

Seedling Show Saturday April 27th Hilton Garden Hotel

Will attend _____

Will enter _____

Calendar of Iris Events for 2013 - All SBMIS Events FREE and Open to the Public.
 Events at the Oakland Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland,
 unless otherwise noted.
 For 8 PM events, doors open at 7:30 PM

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| Friday | April 12 | 7 pm set-up | Members set up for SBMIS Iris Show. |
| Saturday-Sunday | April 13-14 | SBMIS Iris Show! Public view and sale: 1-5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday | SBMIS 2013 Iris Show and sale of potted irises Bring entries 7:30-9:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. Judging on Saturday at 10 a.m. |
| Monday-Saturday | April 15-20 | AIS Convention | American Iris Society Convention, Dallas, TX http://www.irises.org/Member_Services/Conventions_Activities.html |
| Friday-Sunday | April 26-28 | Region 14 2013 Spring Regional, Roseville, CA | Iris seedling show; tour of three gardens; lunch; dinner and presentation; judges' training. Noted hybridizer Fred Kerr will be speaking and giving garden training For details: http://www.aisregion14.org/ See registration form page 3 this bulletin. |
| Saturday | May 4 | Mt. Diablo show! entries 7-9:30 view 1-5 | Mt Diablo Iris Society show. First Baptist Church, 2336 Buena Vista Ave., Walnut Creek |
| Saturday Sunday | May 4 May 5 | Santa Rosa show 1 - 5 pm May 4 10 am - 5 pm May 5 | Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center 2050 Yulupa Avenue, Santa Rosa |
| Sunday | May 19 | 11 am - 3:30 pm SBMIS | SBMIS Potted Iris Sale at Heritage Rose Show, El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito, CA |
| Friday | May 24 | 8 pm SBMIS | Gesine Lohr: "Historic Iris" |
| Friday | June 28 | 8 pm SBMIS | Jean Richter: "2013 AIS Convention" |
| Friday | July 26 | 7:30-10 PM SBMIS | SBMIS Bearded Iris Sale and Auction |
| Saturday | July 27 | 9 AM-2 PM SBMIS | SBMIS Bearded Iris Sidewalk Sale, location TBA |
| Friday | August 23 | 8 pm SBMIS | Riley Probst: "Recently Introduced Iris" |
| Sunday (?) | Late September | SBMIS barbeque! | SBMIS BBQ -See your newsletter for details and location |
| Friday | October 25 | 7:30 - 10 PM SBMIS | SBMIS Beardless Iris Auction and Sale |

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 2013 **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
\$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

List of SBM Officers:

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| President | Jean Richter | (510) 864-7962 | richter@eecs.berkeley.edu |
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| Secretary | Shirley Trio | (314) 605-5789 | shirleytrio@clearwire.net |
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| Membership | t.b.a. | | |
| 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 | | *corrected newer number! |

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

How to Look At Historic Iris -- free PDF

If you would like a free PDF of my slideshow on historic (old!) iris, please let me know -- I can email it to you easily, or mail it to you on a CD. See phone number above, email is gesine.lohr@gmail.com.



*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
below: Who will fill this trophy?

