



(above): UNK-2172 next to **Plurabelle**  
(Cayeux 1933)

# Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Friday,  
May 24th, 2013  
8:00 p.m.

**More Adventures with Old Iris**  
a slideshow by  
Gesine Lohr



*Friday, May 24th, 2013*

*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 old iris, **More Adventures with Old Iris**. This will include photos from recent iris trips.

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

TWIN CITIES (M. Sutton 2011) [photo right]



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ~

## Doorprize iris! continued next page...

Thanks to everyone who helped out for our potted iris sale at the Celebration of Old Roses, particularly Alice Dekker, Loretta Figueroa, and Alan Robbins.

Please give a warm welcome to new SBMIS member Marsha Anderson! She's a longtime iris enthusiast from the Oakland hills area, and she generously donated quite a few pots of an orange dwarf iris variety called **Coral Carpet**, some of which will be used in our sales and some will appear as door prizes at our meetings. Thank you very much and welcome, Marsha! -- Jean Richter

### 2013 SYDNEY B. MITCHELL IRIS SOCIETY TROPHIES

**BEST SPECIMEN OF SHOW:**  
Double Platinum by Eileen Roark

**BEST TALL BEARDED:**  
Double Platinum by Eileen Roark

**BEST PACIFIC COAST IRIS:**  
Air Waves by Loretta Figueroa

**BEST BEARDLESS:**  
Air Waves by Loretta Figueroa

**BEST HISTORIC:**  
Sierra Blue by Mary Sindicic

**BEST BEARDED OTHER THAN TALL:**  
Katie-Koo by Bob & Janet Canning

**BEST ARTISTIC:**  
Spring Fling by Marilyn Kaplan

**BEST SEEDLING:**  
2013-01 by Loretta Figueroa



**ANGEL WITHIN** (Kerr 2011) TB 39" M-L  
Standards are domed and medium pink with a hint of lavender. The falls are medium pink, lighter toward the center of the petal and the 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.

**BOY GENIUS** (Ghio 2012) BB, VE-E. S.  
gold black tint at mid-rib: F. almost solid mahogany black, gold dotting around beards, gold hairline edge; beards gold.



## Doorprize iris! continued...



[in pot, to give away at meeting -- ]

**CORAL CARPET** (Chapman 1999) MDB, 8" L  
Light orange, beards intense coral tangerine.



**HOLIDAY IN MEXICO** (Probst 2012) MTB  
24" E-M. Bright yellow standards and style arms  
are domed and lightly ruffled. Flared white ground  
falls have contrasting red-purple veining and a 1/8"  
yellow edge. Nice branching and bud count typical of  
miniature tall bearded iris. Floriferous!

**LACED ORANGEADE** (M. Sutton 2011) S. orange;  
F. dark orange veining and nectarine orange beards.  
*[photo top of second column]*

**MODERN DRAMA** (Kerr 2012) TB 38" M Modern  
it is with great form and complex patterning of the  
falls. This is the 'Queen's Circle' pattern with a



completely different set of colors applied delicately  
in some areas, boldly in others. The epitome of this  
breeding line. S. and style arms orange; F. apricot,  
lighter around beards, veined darker, 1/2" brick red  
edge; beards nasturtium red, slight sweet fragrance.  
*[photo below]*



**RETURN TO OZ** (Kerr 2012) TB 42" M Here is a  
big red bearded amoena whose breeding potential has  
yet to be explored. Makes a good show in the border  
as well as a good impression with visitors. It has an  
undescribable quality of personality that must be  
seen to be appreciated. Good flower, great stalks. S.  
light blue with darker blue infusion from base; style  
arms light blue; F. dark gentian blue; beards tangerine  
red in throat to middle ending in white; slight sweet  
fragrance. *[photo next page]*

## Doorprize iris! continued...

[photo below: *Return to Oz*]



**SPENDTHRIFT** (Keppel 2012) TB, EM. S. leghorn buff shaded pastel lobelia violet toward center; style arms leghorn buff; F. cotinga purple lighting away from center, narrow leghorn buff edge and faint veining, light apricot around ivory heart; beards golden poppy, cream base; luminata. [photo page 6]

**SPRING AWAKENING** (Kerr 2013) TB 42" M. Standards and style crests light yellow. Falls white with medium blue edge. Beards tangerine red. [photo page 6]

**TWIN CITIES** (M. Sutton 2011) S. yellow veined, edged white; F. white around yellow gold beards blending into violet blue starburst into plum purple. Reblooms zone 9. [photo page 1]

**WATERLINE** (Keppel 2012) TB EM. S. pale blue shading deeper in lower center, style arms light blue, F. blue-white 1/4" light blue edge band; beards carnelian red. [photo below]



### 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

Friday	May 24	8 pm SBMIS	<b>Gesine Lohr: "Historic Iris"</b>
Friday	June 28	8 pm SBMIS	<b>Jean Richter: "2013 AIS Convention"</b>
Friday	July 26	7:30-10 PM SBMIS	<b>SBMIS Bearded Iris Sale and Auction</b>
Saturday	July 27	9 AM-2 PM SBMIS	<b>SBMIS Bearded Iris Sidewalk Sale, location TBA</b>
Friday	August 23	8 pm SBMIS	<b>Riley Probst: "Recently Introduced Iris"</b>
Sunday (?)	Late September	SBMIS barbeque!	<b>SBMIS BBQ</b> -See your newsletter for details and location
Friday	October 25	7:30 - 10 PM SBMIS	<b>SBMIS Beardless Iris Auction and 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 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: 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

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**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](mailto: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: SPRING AWAKENING (Kerr 2013), right: SPENDTHRIFT (Keppel 2012)*

