



Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Our 50th Annual Iris Show
and Potted Iris Sale!

Saturday, April 26, 1:00-5:00 pm
&

Sunday, April 27, 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 iris!

Lakeside Park Garden Center ~ 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland

(see page 3 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 iris - *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 iris -- remember to bring them to the show to sell. Potted iris with pictures sell much better than those without - if you can, please send Jean Richter a list of the potted iris 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 iris. 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 iris 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 ~

We've had an unusually early bloom season this year, and if your garden is anything like mine, you may be running a bit short of blooming iris. In order for us to have a successful show, and show the public the many different varieties and types of iris, I strongly encourage all members to consider entering some iris in our show this year. Even if you think your iris won't win a blue ribbon, please enter them anyway, so we have a good variety of iris for the public to see. (And you never know, you might get a ribbon anyway!)

If you don't know the names of some of your iris, you can always enter them in a design, where variety names are not required.

Experienced members will be on hand Saturday morning to help those less experienced with entering iris in a show.

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

In addition to entering iris, please consider bringing a potluck dish for our judges' luncheon.

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!

Please call me at (510) 864-7962 or email me at jeanrichter@berkeley.edu if you want a specific shift at the potted iris sale table.

Let's make our 50th show a great success!

~ Jean Richter

Friday	April 25	7 pm set-up	Setup for SBMIS Show!
Saturday, Sunday	April 26, 27	SBMIS Iris Show! Public view and sale: 1-5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday	SBMIS Show & Sale of potted irises! Bring entries 7:00-9:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. Judging on Saturday at 10 a.m.
Friday, Saturday, Sunday	May 2, 3, 4	Region 14 2014 Spring Regional	Region 14 Spring Meeting, Santa Rosa For details: http://www.aisregion14.org/ http://www.aisregion14.org/sp_regional.php
Friday	May 23	7:30 pm SBMIS	Riley Probst: "2014 AIS Convention"
Friday	June 27	7:30 pm SBMIS	Alan Robbins: "How to Dig & Divide Iris" A hands-on workshop! & getting ready for our Bearded Iris rhizome sale!
Friday	July 25	7:00-9:30 PM SBMIS	SBMIS Bearded Iris Sale and Auction
Friday	July 26	9 AM-2 PM SBMIS	SBMIS Bearded Iris Sidewalk Sale, location TBA
Friday	August 22	7:30 pm SBMIS	Kenneth Walker will present a program on "Iris Parts" - how flower parts, seeds, leaves, stems, rhizomes/bulbs, and roots vary between types of iris.
Sunday	September TBA	SBMIS potluck barbeque!	SBMIS potluck BBQ -See your newsletter for details and location
Friday	October	7:00 - 9:30 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 2014 **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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Global warming is here—you know what to do

SBMIS Newsletter -- Gesine Lohr

1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501

below: Jeanne Clay Plank (Kerr 2012)(in bloom now)



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.

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

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!