



(above): Miogem (McKee 1947)

# Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Friday,  
February 28th, 2014  
7:30 p.m.

**Adventures with Old Iris of  
the 1940s**

a slideshow by  
Gesine Lohr



*Friday, February 28th, 2014  
is the date of our next meeting at  
Lakeside Park Garden Center  
666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland*

*Doors open at 7:00 p.m.,*

*Meeting at 7:30 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  
**Adventures with Old Iris of the  
1940s.**

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

(photo right): Mulberry Rose

(Schreiner 1941)

(photo far right): Chantilly (Hall 1943)



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ~

I hope you can come to this month's meeting to see Gesine's new program on iris of the 1940s. Spring is nearing, and iris are starting to wake up. As you tend to your gardens, keep in mind that we need

potted iris for our show and the old rose show. If you need empty pots to pot up iris, please contact me. Our sales of potted iris are an important source of revenue for our club, and we appreciate your donations of pots for our sales! ~ Jean

### Calendar of Iris Events for 2014 - All SBMIS Events FREE and Open to the Public.

Events at the Oakland Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland,  
unless otherwise noted.

For 7:30 PM events, doors open at 7:00 PM

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| Friday                         | February 28<br>2014  | 7:30 pm SBMIS  | <b>Gesine Lohr: "Historic Iris"</b>  |
| Friday                         | March 28             | 7:30 pm SBMIS  | <b>Program TBA</b>   |
| Saturday                       | March 29             | at Alden Lane Nursery<br>12:00 - 5:00 pm   | Mount Diablo Iris Show & Plant Sale<br>at Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore.<br>Info: Mary Sindicic (925) 606-0355.<br><a href="http://www.aldenlane.com/event.html">http://www.aldenlane.com/event.html</a>               |
|                                | April 5 -10,<br>2014 | AIS Convention   | AIS Convention, Dallas (deja vu!)<br>American Iris Society Convention, Dallas, TX<br><a href="http://www.irises.org/Member_Services/Conventions_Activities.html">http://www.irises.org/Member_Services/Conventions_Activities.html</a> |
| Friday                         | April 25             | 7 pm set-up  | <b>Setup for SBMIS Show!</b>   |
| Saturday,<br>Sunday            | April 26, 27         | SBMIS Iris Show!<br>Public view and sale:<br>1-5 p.m. Saturday,<br>10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday | <b>SBMIS Show &amp; Sale of potted irises!</b><br>Bring entries 7:30-9:30 a.m. on Saturday morning.<br>Judging on Saturday at 10 a.m.  |
| Friday,<br>Saturday,<br>Sunday | May 2, 3, 4          | Region 14<br>2014 Spring Regional  | Region 14 Spring Meeting, Santa Rosa<br>For details: <a href="http://www.aisregion14.org/">http://www.aisregion14.org/</a><br><a href="http://www.aisregion14.org/sp_regional.php">http://www.aisregion14.org/sp_regional.php</a>      |
| Friday                         | May 23               | 7:30 pm SBMIS  | <b>Riley Probst: "2014 AIS Convention"</b>   |
| Friday                         | June 27              | 7:30 pm SBMIS  | <b>Alan Robbins: "How to Dig &amp; Divide Iris"</b><br>A hands-on workshop!<br>& getting ready for our Bearded Iris rhizome sale!  |
| Friday                         | July 25              | 7:00-9:30 PM SBMIS   | <b>SBMIS Bearded Iris Sale and Auction</b>   |
| Friday                         | July 26              | 9 AM-2 PM SBMIS  | <b>SBMIS Bearded Iris Sidewalk Sale, location TBA</b>  |
| Friday                         | August 22            | 7:30 pm SBMIS  | <b>Program TBA</b>   |
| Sunday                         | September<br>TBA     | SBMIS potluck barbeque!  | <b>SBMIS potluck BBQ</b> -See your newsletter for details and location   |
| Friday                         | October              | 7:00 - 9:30 PM SBMIS   | <b>SBMIS Beardless Iris Auction and Sale</b>   |

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# Doorprize iris!

<http://www.montereybayiris.org/ghio13.php>

<http://rainbowacres2.homestead.com/2013intros.html>

<http://www.suttoniris.com/category/introductions>

## **Core Values** (Ghio 2013)

TB, 38 (97 cm). Early, midseason, late bloom.

Standards bright gold; Falls gold, mahogany blended edge; beards gold (*photo below*)



**Fancy Lace** (Fred Kerr 2013) TB 40" M. ((Alpine Lace x Queen's Circle) X (Haute Couture x (Magic Raiment sib x Magic Raiment))) I have worked this laced line for three generation and with this introduction have gotten what I wanted. Big in all its parts and great garden effect. (*photo below left*)

**Got the Look** (Fred Kerr 2013) TB 38" M. ((Dear Jean x Starring) X Decadence)) Sophisticated flower on strong stalks with great branching and bud count. Wonderful red bicolor that has been a favorite with garden visitors. (*photo below*)



**Grapenut** (Sutton 2013) Border Bearded 24in Unusual and intriguing color combination! Smokey tan falls are blushed purple at the midribs. Dark violet, near black falls are slightly lighter at the edges. Proportionate stalks carry 7 buds. Beach brown beards add additional interest. Seedling W-999-A: Secret Service X Midnight Thunder (*photo next page*)

# Doorprize iris! continued...

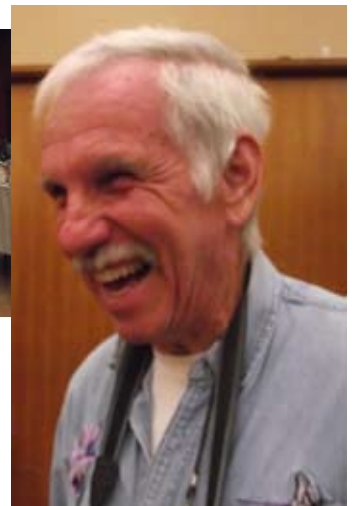
**Grapenut** (Sutton 2013) (*photo below left; description, page 3*)



**New Found Glory** (Fred Kerr 2013) TB 36" M-L. (Bold Vision X (Ghio 98-3F x Kathy Chilton sib)) Bicolors with standards edged in a contrasting color are a relatively new pattern in the bearded irises. The edge color in his example ranges from near black through dark chocolate to milk chocolate depending on the temperature of the season. The width of the edge tends to be wider with cooler temperatures. A color bonus is the yellow coloring of the style crests (*photo left, below*)



(*Below, photos from our January meeting! John Jones' presentation, Riley, Shirley en guard with cake server*)





# "A Carnival Carousel of Iris"

May 2 - 4, 2014

## Schedule of Activities



### FRIDAY - May 2

In Napa: 10am - 5pm : Open Garden : Napa Country Iris (John & Lesley Painter)

At the Flamingo: 4pm - 8pm : Registration

4pm - 7pm : Seedling show set-up

4pm - 7pm : Silent auction items/baskets

7pm - 9pm : Iris Carnival Games

7:30pm - 8:30pm : Judges Training at the hotel

(1 hour - Staging Iris for Showing & Show Bench Judging -  
Jim Begley and Ross BeVier)

### SATURDAY - May 3

At the Flamingo: 7am - 9am : Registration

7am - 7:30pm : Seedling show set-up

7:30am - 8am : Seedling show judging

8am - 9:30am : Business meeting

In Sonoma: 10am - 11am : Open Garden - Betty Ford

10am - 2:30pm : C&L Vineyards Guest Iris Garden

11:30am - 12:30pm : Lunch at C&L Vineyards

1pm - 2pm : Judges Training at C&L Vineyards - Fred Kerr

(1 hour in the garden on Tall Bearded Iris)

In Santa Rosa: LBA&GC: 2:30pm - 4:30pm : Guest Iris Garden (Also open Sunday 9am - 11:00am)

At the Flamingo: 5:30pm - 6:30pm : Cocktails - No-host bar

6:30pm - 7:30pm : Banquet

7:30pm - 8:30pm : Speaker

8:30pm - 9pm : Baskets

9:30pm : Silent Auction closes

### SUNDAY - May 4

In Santa Rosa: LBA&GC: 9:30am - 10:30am : Judges Training : Heather Pryor

(1 hour in-classroom training on Louisiana Iris)

At Jim Begley's Garden: 12pm - 2pm : Open Garden

12:30pm - 1:30pm : judges training with Jim Begley

(1 hour in the garden on judging seedlings)

In Napa: 10am - 5pm: Open Garden : Napa Country Iris (John & Lesley Painter)

### \*\*\* Locations are as follows:

Flamingo Conference Resort & Spa - 2777 Fourth Street, Santa Rosa

LBA&GC - Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center - 2050 Yulupa Avenue, Santa Rosa

Betty Ford's Garden - 1383 E. Napa Street, Sonoma (less than 5 minutes from C & L Vineyard)

C & L Vineyard - 1595 Denmark Street, Sonoma

Jim Begley's Garden - 980 Scenic Avenue, Santa Rosa

Napa Country Iris Gardens - 9087 Steele Canyon Road, Napa

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American Iris Society Region 14 ~ 2014 Spring Regional May 2nd, 3rd & 4th  
“A Carnival Carousel of Iris”

Guest Speakers – Heather & Bernard Pryor, Australia

Hosted by Santa Rosa Iris Society

Conference Hotel -- Flamingo Conference Resort & Spa, 2777 Fourth St., Santa Rosa, CA

**\*\*Contact them directly for room reservations at (800) 848-8300 or (707) 545-8530 \*\***

To receive the group rate, mention Santa Rosa Iris Society when making your reservation.

Rates & rooms are available until April 1st, 2014. Rooms are subject to availability after April 1st. NON SMOKING PROPERTY. NO ELEVATOR EXCEPT IN ONE WING.

Room rates plus taxes per night are as follows for a single or double occupancy:

\$119 - Deluxe Room / \$129 - Superior Room / \$139 - Executive King Room (elevator) / \$219 - Suite /

\*\*Handicapped-access rooms are available.

Registrant 1 First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Registrant 2 First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail for confirmation \_\_\_\_\_

Iris Society affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration includes lunch and banquet dinner on Saturday & all judges' training sessions.**

Registration fee if paid by April 1st 2014                      \$85.00 x person (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

if paid after April 1st 2014                                      \$105.00 x person (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Dinner choice person 1:**

Flat Iron Steak \_\_\_\_\_  
Marinated Chicken Breast \_\_\_\_\_  
Baked Lemon Pepper Salmon \_\_\_\_\_  
Roasted Vegetable Plate \_\_\_\_\_

**Dinner choice person 2:**

Flat Iron Steak \_\_\_\_\_  
Marinated Chicken Breast \_\_\_\_\_  
Baked Lemon Pepper Salmon \_\_\_\_\_  
Roasted Vegetable Plate \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Santa Rosa Iris Society and mail to:

Joe Lawrence, 1595 Denmark St., Sonoma, CA 95476 / email: [clvineyard@aol.com](mailto:clvineyard@aol.com)

Please indicate the number of people attending each session (please see the schedule):

|   | Person 1          | Person 2 |
|---|-------------------|----------|
| Friday - Staging Specimens & Show Bench Judging | Will attend _____ | _____    |
| Saturday -- Judging Tall Bearded                | Will attend _____ | _____    |
| Sunday - Louisiana Iris                         | Will attend _____ | _____    |
| Sunday -- Judging Seedlings                     | Will attend _____ | _____    |

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**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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| Historian/scrapbooker     | <b>**need a volunteer!</b> |                |                           |
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Global warming is here—you know what to do  
SBMIS Newsletter -- Gesine Lohr  
1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501  
*below: Three Oaks (Whiting 1943)*



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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)

**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!*