



Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Annual Potluck, *Auction*,
& Judge's Training:
Awards & Ballots
presented by John Jones
(open to all! free!)
Jan. 12, 2014
11 a.m. - 3 p.m. *Sunday!*



The Dykes Memorial Medal -- won in 2013 by THAT'S ALL FOLKS (William Maryott by Joseph Ghio). Photo by Magic Valley Iris Society's Photos, <http://theamericanirissociety.blogspot.com>



Sunday January 12th, 2014

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society & Friends

Doors open 11:00 a.m. -- lunch served at noon -- Presentation 1:30 - 2:30



Potluck lunch (bring place setting & a dish to share)

All Region 14 members are welcome to attend, and friends. This is always a fun event. Doors will open at 11:00 a.m. Lunch begins at noon. And, a special treat -- there will be an **AUCTION** of valuable iris-related books (thanks to a generous donation from LaRue Boswell)! Then at 1:30 pm John Jones will present a **judge's training on Awards & Ballots**.

Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy visiting with fellow irisarians. ***You are invited to bring items of historic interest, memorabilia, or photos about irises or irisarians -- there will be a display table to share these items with the group.***

Please bring your contributions for the potluck luncheon to the large kitchen (stove & refrigerator are available). Lunch will be served at 12:00. **Please bring your own plates, silverware and cup.** The society will provide napkins, hot drinks, rolls, and a ham. Local Sydney B. members will bring warm dishes. More distant members & guests, please bring appetizers, salads, desserts, or other beverages. Your dish should be suitable for at least 10 people, if possible -- but bring what you can!

Expect to pay \$5.00 at the toll booth to park. We hope you can come - everyone is welcome! Jean Richter, President

President's Message

Happy new year! Here's hoping for a bit of rain and a great bloom season.

Please join us for our annual potluck lunch at the Garden Center this Sunday.

We have a great lineup of events --

Doors will open at 11:00 a.m. (in case you need to heat up your dish in the kitchen), and lunch begins at noon.

We will have an auction of valuable iris-related books (thanks to a generous donation from LaRue Boswell).

At 1:30 p.m. John Jones will give a judges' training on awards and ballots.

Even if you're not a judge, you may find it interesting to learn about what all those different AIS awards mean.

Hope to see you there, and don't worry - we'll keep you apprised of the 49ers score!

Best wishes for a great 2014,

-- Jean

[Expect to pay \$5.00 at the Lake Merritt Park toll booth to park, as always on weekends]

2014 Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society Calendar

All meeting dates are at the Garden Center, except for the July sidewalk sale and September potluck.

- 1/12/14: Potluck and judges' training
- 2/28/14: Meeting - speaker TBA
- 3/28/14: Meeting - speaker TBA
- 4/5-10/14: AIS convention, Dallas (deja vu!)
- 4/25/14: Setup for SBMIS show
- 4/26-27/14: SBMIS show & sale
- 5/2-4/14: Region 14 spring meeting, Santa Rosa
- 5/23/14: Meeting - speaker TBA
- 6/27/14: Meeting - speaker TBA
- 7/25/14: Rhizome auction & sale
- 7/26/14: Sidewalk rhizome sale
- 8/22/14: Meeting - speaker TBA
- Sept. 14: potluck
- 10/24/14: Beardless auction & sale



Dauntless (Connell 1929) (Dykes Medal 1929)

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: 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

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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

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

Potlucks are fun!

