



Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Friday,
June 27th, 2014
7:30 p.m.

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will give a hands-on workshop
on **How to Dig & Divide Iris**
(*getting ready for our bearded
iris rhizome sale!*)

(above): Enchanter's Spell (Tasco 2013) OGB
(1/2 aril)



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*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 -- Alan Robbins: "How to Dig & Divide Iris"

A hands-on workshop!
& getting ready for our Bearded Iris rhizome sale!

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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ~

Alan will give our program, on how to dig and divide iris for next month's sale. This month we have a cavalcade of door prize iris!

I was saddened to hear of the passing of longtime SBMIS member LaRue Boswell. LaRue was a wonderful lady whom I'll remember not only for her prominent place in the iris world, but also for her love of and service on behalf of cats. She will be greatly missed.

~ Jean

I remember talking about rescue cats a number of times with LaRue. To the right are two of our rescue cats, placed several years ago.

Good overview on TNR (trap neuter return, to stabilize existing feral cat colonies) -- http://www.neighborhoodcats.org/OVERVIEW_HOW_TO



Community Concern for Cats

<http://www.communityconcernforcats.org/about/> is a rescue/TNR group that LaRue was involved with. Any TNR group can always use volunteers, and donations; feral cats are often overlooked while people focus on tame cat rescue, and while tame cats need rescue too, TNR reduces shelter intakes and is win win for everyone.

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

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	Program TBA
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

Farewell to LaRue I. Boswell
July 14, 1926 - June 10, 2014
Resident of Concord



LaRue Boswell passed away Tuesday, June 10, 2014 in Rocklin, Ca at the age of 87. She was born on July 14, 1926 in Manti, Utah to her loving parents Iretta and Lytle Merriam. She was an only child and was very shy in her school years. As a young woman during the war,

she worked in a parachute factory making parachutes for the paratroopers.

She met her husband Carl Boswell in Walnut Creek while visiting her cousin one summer. They were married on September 17, 1949 at her parents home in Manti, shortly after she moved to Walnut Creek. They spent 61 wonderful years together until Carl passed in 2010.

She was a gracious friend, loving wife and mother, and spent her years as a housewife taking care of her three boys. The youngest, Dennis died at the age of seven. She became very ill in the boys' younger years and had to send Michael and Timothy to her mom and dads for a year and a half. This was upsetting to her but gave her a strong push to get better so her little boys could come home. She continued to have health problems through out her life but never let it slow her down.

LaRue and Carl shared the love of Iris, they were very active members of the Mt. Diablo Iris Society and The Sydney B Mitchell Iris Society in Oakland. They were awarded many awards for their outstanding Iris. In their later years they became involved in the American Iris Society traveling to Regional shows and gardens all over the US. Their yard was full, mostly of Iris but many other flowers as well. It was on tour for many years when the Iris were in full bloom.

LaRue had another love, Cats! She took in strays and cats others didn't want, had them spayed/neutered and then found them homes. Not just any

home, the new owners had to pass her very particular conditions. She worked with the Community Concern for Cats for a few years, helping to trap feral cats to have them spayed.

She spent her last two years with Michael, Deanne and her granddaughter "Mikie" in Oroville surrounded by love and two cats, two dogs and lots of wildlife that she enjoyed to the fullest. She would watch Michael tend to his garden every day through the window during the day. At night she would sit with us and watch the Giants or other shows with a cat sleeping on her lap.

LaRue is survived by her sons, Michael (Deanne) Boswell, Timothy (Kathy) Boswell, her grand children Christopher Boswell, Michael-Ann Boswell, Steven Boswell, Terry (Francis) Thompson, T.J. (Sheri) Thompson and seven great grand children.

The service will be held at Moores Mission Funeral Home, 1390 Monument Blvd. in Concord, Ca at two o'clock on Wednesday, June 18, 2014. There will be a viewing on Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m.

Memorial Gifts may be made to The American Iris Society (A.I.S.). c/o Donna James, 887 County Route 3, Hannibal, N.Y. 13074-2356

reprinted from:

http://www.mooresmissionfuneralhome.com/fh/obituaries/obituary.cfm?o_id=2570163&fh_id=14069

LaRue Boswell (Vernon Wood 1998)

photo:Schreiner's



Doorprize iris!

Photos from:

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

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

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

KEPPEL: http://www.keithkeppeliris.com/gallery_2013.html

TASCO: https://www.facebook.com/superstitionirisdgarden/photos_albums
<http://www.willowbendirisfarm.com>

All Revved Up (Betty Wilkerson 2005) TB/RE S. white, stippled and edged subdued lavender, style arms greyed burnt red; F . white blushed palest yellow, purple 1/4 “ band and center line; beards white tipped orange, orange throat. *(photo AIS WIKI Jan Lauritzen)*



Autumn Explosion (Tasco 2013) RE *(photo page 8)*

Civility (Ghio 2013) *(photo above right)*

Enchanter's Spell (Tasco 2013) OGB (1/2 aril) *(photo page 1)*



Fancy Lace (Kerr 2013) (a 2nd rhizome of this one) 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)*



Doorprize iris! continued...

New Found Glory (Kerr 2013) (a 2nd rhizome of this one) 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



River Pearl (Cy Bartlett 1998) TB S. lightly ruffled milky blue white; F. flushed cerise near beard; style arms pale milky blue white touched cerise, beards very dark blue bronze. *(photo upper right)*

<http://www.malevil-iris.com/images1/river%20pearl.jpg>

Shouting Match (Keppel 2013) TB, 34" (86 cm). Midseason late bloom. Standards apricot buff (M&P 9-D-6/7), pink (9-B-6) cast in center; style arms apricot buff; Falls black plum (47/48-J-9) with partial velvet sheen, 1" peach apricot (9-C-5) spot below beard; beards solid firecracker (1-H-12). *(photo right)*



Doorprize iris! continued...

Spring Awakening (Kerr 2013) *(photo below)*



Sunset Punch (Sutton 2011) (a second rhizome) TB, 36" Early, midseason, late bloom and rebloom. Standards and style arms dresden yellow; Falls yellow ground bleeding into purple band, yellow tan rim; beards pale yellow base, hairs tipped orange, yellow at end, fuzzy pale yellow horns; ruffled; pronounced sweet fragrance *(photo lower left)*

Time of Magic (Kerr 2013) Lively with high contrast and a great garden varieties that will draw the viewer for a closer look. It's a gud'un. *(photo below)*



Stop Flirting (Blythe 2002) TB S beige grey, lavender midrib flush; F beige grey, vibrant electric violet spreading blaze; beards tangerine orange. *(photo above right)*



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: **Autum Explosion** (Tasco 2013) RE



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



*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!*