



Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Friday,
March 28th, 2014
7:30 p.m.
**Space-Age Iris:
Old and New**
a slideshow by
Jean Richter

(above): Flounced Premiere (Lloyd Austin 1961)



Friday, March 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 -- Jean Richter will
present a slideshow on
Space-Age Iris: Old and New

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

(photo right): Pink Unicorn
(Lloyd Austin 1960)

(photo far right): Magic Rosette
(Lloyd Austin 1966)



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	March 28	7:30 pm SBMIS	Jean Richter -- Space-age Iris: Old and New!
Saturday	March 29	Mount Diablo *early* show! at Alden Lane Nursery 12:00 - 5:00 pm (entries 7-9:30 view 1-5)	Mount Diablo Iris Show & Plant Sale at Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore. Info: Mary Sindicic (925) 606-0355. http://www.aldenlane.com/event.html (our sister club!!)
	April 5 -10, 2014	AIS Convention	AIS Convention, Dallas (deja vu!) American Iris Society Convention, Dallas, TX http://www.irises.org/Member_Services/Conventions_Activities.html
Saturday	April 12	Mount Diablo *later* show! at First Baptist Church (entries 7-9:30 view 1-5)	Mount Diablo Iris Show & Plant Sale First Baptist Church, 2336 Buena Vista Ave., Walnut Creek
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 7:30-9:30 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

Doorprize iris!

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

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

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

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

Anchor Bay (Sutton 2013) *(photo below)*

35in M-L & RE. Wonderful growth and bloom habits. Ice white standards are well shaped with ruffled and serrated edges. Violet blue falls have a white zonal spot around the yellow beards. Consistent fall rebloom in our gardens. 7 to 9 buds on spring bloom 9 to 11 buds on fall bloom. Seedling V-378: Spot On X Mountain Sunrise



Art Glass (Keppel 2013) *(photo top right)*

BB Glaciata border from 'Soft Word' (glaciata IB) x 'Entangled' (luminata TB from Joe Ghio)

Other Side of Heaven (Ghio 2013) *(photo right)*

SPRING AWAKENING (Fred Kerr 2013)

Sdgl. No. 05-033-13. TB 42" M. (Spring Bliss X ((Dazzling Jewel x ((Astrid Cayeaux x Christiana Baker) x Schreiner 203-A)) x (((Neptune's Lantern x (Gypsy Woman x Condottiere)) x (Gypsy Woman x Condottiere)) x Queen's Circle)) Another big, tall iris that attracts the eye and gets our admiration.



TIME OF MAGIC (Fred Kerr 2013)

Sdgl. No. 03-107C. TB 32" M. Parentage Lost. Lively with high contrast and a great garden varieties that will draw the viewer for a closer look. It's a gud'un.

(see Kerr iris photos next page!)

Doorprize iris! continued... SPRING AWAKENING (Fred Kerr 2013)



TIME OF MAGIC (Fred Kerr 2013)



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ~

I will be giving the program for this month's meeting, with pictures of space age iris from the era of Lloyd Austin up to recent introductions. This topic always brings to mind Glenn Corlew, and his often-voiced dislike for space-agers - Glenn, you (and your opinions) are sorely missed!

My iris have woken up early this year, and we have some tall beardeds blooming alongside the standard dwarfs. Let's hope some of them hold off on blooming until our show! Speaking of the show, this will be the 50th SBMIS show, so the theme for artistic entries this year will be "Golden Anniversary." [See 'San Gabriel' (Dean 1921) below]

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



Spring Regional -- change in room types available

This information is for all of those attending the Spring Regional and staying at the Flamingo Conference Resort & Spa: The Flamingo is undergoing renovations in the wings that had the Deluxe Rooms. They are offering the Superior Rooms (listed as \$129) for \$ 119, which was the price of the Deluxe Rooms. The people taking reservations know about this change.

Sorry for any inconvenience, but I just found out about this last night. Please contact me if you have any problems. Anna Marie Hermansen, Santa Rosa Iris Society (415)681-7040 or (707)538-5932 armmah@ix.netcom.com



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: Horned Flare (Lloyd Austin 1963)



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



above: White Unicorn (Lloyd Austin 1962), detail

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!