



(above): **Oriental Glory** (Salbach 1952)

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Friday,
February 27th, 2015
7:30 p.m.

Old Iris We Love!
Gesine Lohr



*Friday, February 27th, 2015
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 of Old Iris We Love!

This will have photos taken in the 2014 bloom season, including a number of historic iris who we've not been able to photograph before (climate change is shifting who's in bloom, when we make our yearly visits!).

Refreshments -- anyone who can bring refreshments to share, please do so! *right:* **Honey Chile** (Salbach 1940)



President's Message

Our first regular meeting of the year features Gesine Lohr giving a talk on historic iris. I'm sure it will include many beautiful pictures!

Our unusually warm and dry winter has woken up some of my iris early, as I have bloom stalks on several TBs and even a Louisiana! I've found that consistent water is necessary for good bloom, so if Mother Nature doesn't provide, consider giving your

iris a drink from time to time.

Region 14's Spring Regional -- March 25th is the last date to send in your registration, at the lower price.

Mark your calendars for our show, which will be held April 25-26 at the Garden Center.

Jean Richter

2015 Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society Calendar

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

February 27	Gesine Lohr, old iris
March 27	Jean Richter - Lloyd Austin iris
April 17-19:	Spring regional
April 24	show setup
April 25-26	SBMIS show
May 18-23:	AIS convention Portland
May 22	Bonnie Petheram
June 26	Ken Walker - growing beardless iris
July 24	Bearded auction & sale
July 26	sidewalk sale
August 28	Riley Probst
Sept. date TBA	Potluck
Oct 23	Beardless auction & sale



2 above: **Golden Gleam** (Miess R. 1950, I. 1952)

Doorprize iris!

Photos from:

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

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

SUTTON: Sutton's facebook page

TASCO: https://www.facebook.com/superstitionirisgardens/photos_albums

American Original (Tasco 2014) TB, 41", EM.
parentage = Spice Lord X 05-TB-05-17 (Innirishow X Temporal Anomaly)



Border Skirmish BB (Ghio 2014) BB, 26" (66 cm).
Early midseason bloom. Standards orange; Falls orange base washed red to an almost solid red edge; beards tangerine.



Duplication (B. Sutton 2011) TB, 35" (89 cm), Early, Midseason, late and rebloom. Standards medium blue-violet, ice blue edge; style arms ice blue; Falls dark blue-violet, white luminata spot veined pale violet at beards, pale violet edges; beards yellow; ruffled; pronounced sweet fragrance.



French Lessons (Kerr 2014) Tall bearded 36"
Midseason There are too few yellow patterns in tall bearded iris but French Lessons adds one more. The pattern is not easy to describe. The inside of the standards is white with a yellow edge, while the outside of the standards is yellow with an inner edge of white and an outer edge of yellow. The pattern on the falls challenges the describer even more. The falls are mostly yellow with an inner edge of white and a wire edge of yellow. There is a white blaze from the end of the beards almost to end of the falls. The white blaze has some heavy yellow veins. Sometimes there are narrow blue veins in the center of the fall. Garden effect is a happy sunny variety that could add interest to any garden. *[photo next page]*

Doorprize iris! continued...

French Lessons (Kerr 2014)



Greatest Show on Earth (Kerr 2010) Tall Bearded 36" Midseason bloom

Here is flash and dash in a sophisticated package. No one can ignore the Greatest Show OnEarth. Domed and well ruffled melon orange standards and style crests over velvet black falls which have a pink zone pattern around the tangerine tipped melon beards. Reddish black lines extend through the zone. Well branched with a good bud count. The pod parent is a reliable rebloomer. *[photo above right]*

Jazz Era (Keppel 2010) TB, 34", Mid-late bloom season. Standards and style arms hydrangea pink (M&P 2-7-E); falls dark red purple (darker than 56-C-12), partially velvet, with 1/16" paler edge and darker wire rim, upper portion of petal pinkish white (1-C-1), amethyst (45-J-8) bleeding and veining into white area; beards french vermillion (2-J-12).



Sapphire Lace (Kerr 2013) TB 29" E-M. Parentage lost. I have been working on an Emma Cook pattern with lace for several years. Although the exact parentage has been lost, this seedling doubtless comes from 'Alpine Lace' crossed with 'Queen's Circle' lines. Rather short with strongly flaring falls. The strong lacing is difficult to photograph, but will please lace fans.



American Iris Society (AIS) Dues can be mailed

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\$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 2015 **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.historiciris.org

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: **Kazak** (Craig 1957)



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

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!



above: **Bronze Bell** (Schreiner 1957)