



Riley Probst wrote: This is PLATINUM (M. Byers 1994) blooming today Dec. 24th Christmas Eve in Fleur De Lis Garden in Modesto, CA Zone 9. Today is Platinum's 87th day of rebloom this year since it started on August 10th.

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Annual Potluck,
Presentation on **Reblooming Iris**,
& Judge's Training on
Reblooming Iris
by Riley Probst
(open to all! free!)
Saturday Jan. 17,
11 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.



Saturday January 17th, 2015

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society & Friends

*Doors open 11:00 a.m. ~ lunch served at noon ~ Presentation 1:30 ~
~ 2:15 pm One-hour judges' training on reblooming iris*



Saturday, January 17 at the Oakland Garden Center

11:00 a.m. Doors open and kitchen available

Noon Lunch begins

1:30 p.m. Riley Probst gives a brief general presentation on reblooming iris

2:15 p.m. Riley Probst gives a one-hour judges' training on reblooming iris

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. 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). **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, and welcome to 2015! I hope you have a wonderful year, with health, happiness, and lots of iris!

Our annual January potluck will be Saturday, January 17 at the Garden Center. In addition to providing a chance to socialize with both our own club and other Region 14 members, we will have two presentations from hybridizer Riley Probst on reblooming iris: a brief general-interest presentation, and then a one-hour judges' training. All are welcome to attend both presentations.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

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.

Even if you're not a judge, you may find it interesting to learn about reblooming iris, from a judge's viewpoint.

Best wishes for a great 2015,

-- Jean

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

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 TBA

April 24 show setup

April 25-26 SBMIS show

May 22 Bonnie Petheram

June 26 Riley Probst

July 24 Bearded auction & sale

July 26 sidewalk sale

August 28 Jean Richter

Sept. date TBA Potluck

Oct 23 Beardless auction & sale

April 17-19: Spring regional

May 18-23: AIS convention Portland



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 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: Riley Probst wrote: Merry Christmas! This is PRISCILLA OF CORINTH (B. Miller 1994) blooming today at Fleur De Lis Garden in Modesto, CA Zone 9. This is the 32nd day of rebloom for this iris this year.



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

Reblooming iris links --
<http://www.rebloomingiris.com/Culture/>
<http://www.schreinersgardens.com/reblooming-iris>



*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!*

left: Autumn Rosycheeks(Lloyd Austin 1963) Re