



(above): **Sacramento** (Mohr-Mitchell 1929)
photo: Jean Richter

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Friday,
May 22nd, 2015
7:30 p.m.

**Sydney B. Mitchell
and His Iris
Bonnie Petheram**



Friday, May 22nd, 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 -- Bonnie Petheram will present a slideshow of Sydney B. Mitchell and his iris. Sydney B. had a fascinating collaboration with William Mohr, introducing many of Mohr's iris after Mohr's death.

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

*right: **Alta California** (Mohr-Mitchell 1931)*



President's Message

The Mt. Diablo Iris Society PCI trophy has gone missing! Loretta Figueiroa won it for their 2015 show (belated congratulations, Loretta!), and it's possible that a SBMIS member may have offered to bring it to her (and then forgotten to do so). If you have any knowledge of the trophy's whereabouts, please contact Stan Morgan, Bob Canning, or Ken Walker.

Some of you may get this newsletter in time for our potted iris sale at the Celebration of Old Roses in El Cerrito this Sunday - please stop by if you can, it's a great event. (And say hi to Bonnie and Loretta, who will be staffing our sale table.)

Gesine and I (and a number of other members) will be away at the AIS convention in Portland and will miss our meeting, unfortunately. For those of you who will attend, Bonnie Petheram has a very interesting program on our club's namesake, Sydney B. Mitchell. Bonnie's research took her to UC Berkeley's Bancroft Library, which has a Sydney B. Mitchell document collection (he was head librarian at Berkeley for many years, in addition to his iris activities).

Because of people being gone for the convention, we have postponed giving out the trophies for our show until the June meeting.

The Bluebird Haven trip was fun!

~ Jean

2015 Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society Calendar

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

May 17	Potted Iris Sale at Celebration of Old Roses!
May 18-23:	AIS convention Portland
May 22	Bonnie Petheram ~ Sydney B. Mitchell!
June 26	Ken Walker - growing beardless iris
July 24 July 26	Bearded auction & sale sidewalk sale
August 28	Riley Probst
Sept. date TBA	Potluck
Oct 23	Beardless auction & sale

2015 Show Winners

Best in Show, and Best Bearded Other than Tall	'Backlit Beauty' (Tasco 2010)(IB) Eileen Roark
Best Beardless, and Best Pacific Coast	'Violet Vixen' (Vern Wood 2004) Meredith Endsley
Best Spuria	'Breezy Day' (Anna & David Cadd 2004) Bob & Janet Canning
Best Artistic	"Carnival of Color", Marilyn Kaplan
Best Tall Bearded	'Sweet Kisses' (Blyth 2012/13) Eileen Roark
Best Historic	'Lady Friend' (Ghio 1981) Marilyn Kaplan
	Silver medal: Eileen Roark
	Bronze medal: Linda Woods

Doorprize iris!

Amber Rainbow (Fred Kerr 2014) Tall Bearded, 36", Midseason. (Sibling to Lynn Williams (F. Kerr 2013)) Medium sized flower with pinkish amber standards with red-lavender flush from the base. Style crests are amber and the falls are pinkish amber, darker at the hafts. Center of the fall is blue lavender. Good growth habits and terrific branching with seven or more buds.

photo: below

Dandelion Smile (Cadd 2005) Spuria. 38-40", M S. creamy white, delicate yellow lines, darker yellow in center; style arms creamy yellow, darker midrib; F. creamy yellow, large gold signal blending to color of F., three darker center lines, ruffled.

photo: above right



Peacekeeper (Keith Keppel 2014) TB, 37", M

S. pallid pink (M&P 9-A-2), slight lavender (43-C-2) shading at base; style arms pallid pink, lavender lip; F. blended pallid pink, pale lavender (42-B-2) and cream (9-B-1); beards pink-red (1-D 11/12). Paris Fashion X Parisian Dawn. Keppel 2014.

photo: next page, above left

Sapphire Lace (Fred 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.

photo: next page, middle left

Doorprize iris! con't:



Peacekeeper (Keith Keppel 2014)



American Original (Tasco 2014)--TB, 41", EM.
parentage = Spice Lord X
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Temporal Anomaly)
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Sapphire Lace (Fred Kerr 2013)

Photos & info from:
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American Iris Society (AIS) Dues can be mailed

to Tom Gormley - AIS Membership Secretary
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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
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below: **San Francisco** (Mohr-Mitchell 1927)



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!

right:
Purissima
(Mohr-Mitchell
1927)

