



(above): **Dogrose** (Insole 1930)

# Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Friday,  
August 26th, 2016  
7:30 p.m.

**Old iris I love**  
*a slide presentation by*  
**Gesine Lohr**



*Friday, August 26th, 2016*

*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 on old iris she loves (“this one’s my favorite; no, this one’s my favorite!”).

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

*right:* **Faustine** (Lémon 1859)



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ~

Please welcome our newest members, Edgar Antonio and David Ellison of Berkeley. They have been helping Gordon Piper with his public garden projects, and we're happy to have them as part of SBMIS!

Gesine Lohr will give a program on historic iris at our upcoming meeting, with more of her wonderful photographs. We will have instant-gratification door prize iris at the meeting - you'll be able to take the rhizomes home with you!

~ Jean Richter



above: *Evolution* (Cayeux 1929)

left: *China Maid* (Milliken 1936)

## Calendar of Iris Events for 2016 - 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	August 26	7:30 pm SBMIS	Gesine Lohr - Historic iris
Sunday	September TBA	SBMIS potluck barbeque!	<b>SBMIS potluck BBQ</b> -See your newsletter for details and location
Friday	October 28	7:30 - 9:30 PM SBMIS	<b>SBMIS Beardless Iris Auction and Sale</b>



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## Doorprize iris! ~ will hand out at meeting this month!



**Blame It On Rio** (M. Sutton 2016) 37”  
Early to mid season bloomer.  
Intense colors make this iris pop in the garden! Serrated cantaloupe standards have a slight peach pink flush at the midribs. Bright white falls bleed into a red violet band which blends into a plum band with a tan edge. 9 buds with great bloom and vigorous growth habits. Seedling # B-11-A: U-227-A: (Aurelie x Spot On) X W-2713-B: (Fall Enterprise x Jazz Band)  
<https://www.suttoniris.com/collections/introductions/products/blame-it-on-rio?variant=14163196291>



**Carrot Cupcake** (M. Sutton 2013) 36”  
Mid-to late season bloomer. Reblooms!  
Pristine white standards and falls are wide, ruffled and serrated. Bright and glowing carrot orange beards jump out of the throat. 7 buds with symmetrical placement on strong stalks. Late rebloom in our gardens. Seedling # W-193-D: Orange Juice X Orangelo.  
<https://www.suttoniris.com/products/carrot-cupcake?variant=928159179>



**Chivalrous** (Ghio 2016) 35 inches, ML.  
The first of the lovely new grape-pink coloring. Light shade of grape-pink, deepening at the midrib. Rose pink spills from the heart of the bloom to the shoulders with light texturing from there over the rest of the falls. Full form with serrated bubble ruffling around all the petal edges. Well branched with blue tipped brick tangerine beards. From planned crosses, but unfortunately labels lost”  
[Bay View Gardens catalog]

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**Exploding Galaxy** (Ghio 2016) 30 inches, EM.  
“The darkest luminata around: Very dark wine-purple with a black velvet overlay on the falls. The petal edges are biscuit and nicely ruffled. Light yellow dotting from the throat to the shoulders. The styles are also biscuit with bright yellow beards that stand out like beacons in the night. Wavy ruffling with purple tinted well branched stalks.” [Bay View Gardens catalog]  
[https://www.facebook.com/Bay-View-Gardens-291485554485/photos/?tab=album&album\\_id=10153801781914486](https://www.facebook.com/Bay-View-Gardens-291485554485/photos/?tab=album&album_id=10153801781914486)



**Flash Mob** (Keppel 2016) M 37” (Tuscan Summer X Class Ring) Dark rose ebony standards, only a trace of yellow showing at base. Bright chrome lemon falls carry a solid 3/4” band to match color of standards. Beards mustard, violet, and white. Accent here is on flash! #07-189C



**Tropical Treasure** (L. Painter 2016) Average Bloom Height 36” EL Bloom Season Peach-apricot standards are tinted rose on the midribs. Style arms are peach and mauve. Falls are peach blended orchid-mauve; lightening at beards and edges. Deep rose-mauve shoulders highlight the coral beards.  
<http://www.napairis.com/store/proddetail.php?prod=16054>

*[photos from hybridizer’s or introducer’s websites, Facebook pages]*





**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 2016 **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  
\$13.00 single annual, \$15.00 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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Hot off the presses

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registration  
rate for the fall  
regional will  
be \$70 until  
September 15

# Something's Always Blooming Somewhere

American Iris Society Region 14  
2016 Fall Regional – October 14-15, 2016  
Alden Lane Nursery

981 Alden Lane Livermore, CA 94550

We have reserved guest rooms at: Extended Stay America - Airway/Livermore  
2380 Nissen Dr. Livermore, CA 94550

Contact the hotel directly for room reservations at 1-877-701-3383

To receive the group rate, use the name AIS when making your reservation by AUGUST 15, 2016  
\$99.00, single or double occupancy, one bed; \$109 two beds, double occupancy; \$114 triple occupancy, \$119 for four  
There are pet friendly rooms for an additional \$25

Registrant 1: First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Registrant 2: First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Iris Society \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee paid BY September 1, 2016 \$ 70.00 X person(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee AFTER September 1, 2016 \$ 75.00 X person(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to MDIS or Mt. Diablo Iris Society

Send registration to: Kent Lincoln

752 Laurel Drive Walnut Creek, CA 94596

For more information: [Fallregion14@gmail.com](mailto:Fallregion14@gmail.com) Phone – (925) 828-2192

Refunds before September 15, 2016 require a \$10.00 per person handling fee. No Refunds after September 15, 2016

FRIDAY We will have a Rebloomers Iris Show. Will you be bringing bloom stalks?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

3:30-5 PM Iris preparation MDIS will provide containers and entry tags. Please bring your own grooming equipment.

We would like to encourage participation this year by offering several new events on Friday:

We invite past and present SHOW CHAIRS to meet to exchange ideas. Will you attend? How many \_\_\_\_\_

4 – 5 PM We invite past and present PROGRAM CHAIRS to meet to exchange ideas. Will you attend? How many? \_\_\_\_\_

5 - 8 PM Mocktails and small plates. Will you be joining us for the Meet and Greet? How many? \_\_\_\_\_

5:30 PM Stan Morgan will present, "The Incredible Wild Iris – A Specie Overview"

7:00 PM Dr. Carol Wilson, research botanist, will be our very special Guest Speaker. She is currently at UC Berkeley while continuing her affiliation with Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden. She has traveled extensively researching and collecting wild iris. Her presentation will include pictures of her travels and stories about her collecting experiences. Don't miss this!

## SATURDAY

8:00 AM Continental breakfast

8:30 AM Region 14 business meeting

10 AM Coffee break followed by the conclusion of the business meeting

NOON Lunch

1:30 – 3:30 Judges' Training - Division V Artistic with Dr. Anna Cadd Will you attend? How many? \_\_\_\_\_

We would appreciate you sharing with us any food issues so we may plan a menu for all to enjoy.

Vegetarian \_\_\_ Vegan \_\_\_ Diabetic \_\_\_ Gluten-Free \_\_\_ Dairy \_\_\_ Nuts \_\_\_ Seafood allergy \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Global Global warming is here—you know what to do  
SBMIS Newsletter -- Gesine Lohr  
1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501

below: **Voltigeur** (Cayeux 1934)



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) 205-9895

*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!*