



Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Friday,
February 26th, 2016
7:30 p.m.
**The Incredible
Wild Iris!**
Stan Morgan

*(above): Leave the Light On (Riley Probst
2013) photo: Riley Probst*



*Friday, February 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 -- Stan Morgan will present a slideshow of
The Incredible Wild Iris!

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

Doorprize iris!



left top: Berry Fulfilling (Schreiner 2013)
left middle: Dramatic Encounter (L. Painter 2014)

right top: Free as the Wind AB (Tasco 2015)
right middle: Gentle Soul (Ghio 2015)
right bottom: Marrying Kind (Keppel 2015)

[photos from hybridizers' websites]

on page 1: Leave the Light On IB (Probst 2013)
photo: Riley Probst



President's Message

Iris are waking up early at our house - Crimson King has bloomed already, I. confusa is about to open, and we have a stalk on Miss California. Exciting!

We had a successful sale at the Alameda County Home and Garden Show last weekend, and will consider selling there again in September if we have sufficient plants after our July sales.

Come join us at our February meeting for a talk by Stan Morgan on wild iris - should be very informative!

-- Jean

2016 Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society Calendar ~ All meetings are at the Garden Center, **except for January potluck/judges' training, April show, July sidewalk sale and September potluck.**

February 26	7:30 pm	Stan Morgan on "The Incredible Wild Iris."
March 25	7:30 pm	Hands-on practice: entering iris in a show
April 15	7 pm	show setup at Boat House
April 16-17		SBMIS show & sale
April 29, 30, May 1:		Spring regional
May 15	11-3:30	SBMIS Potted iris sale at Heritage Rose Show
May 23-28		AIS convention
May 27	7:30 pm	TBA
June 24	7:30 pm	Jean Richter - highlights from the AIS convention
July 22	7:30-9:30	Bearded iris sale & auction 7:30 pm
August 26		Gesine Lohr - loving old iris!
Sept. date TBA		Potluck
Oct 28	7:30-9:30 pm	Beardless iris auction & sale

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
\$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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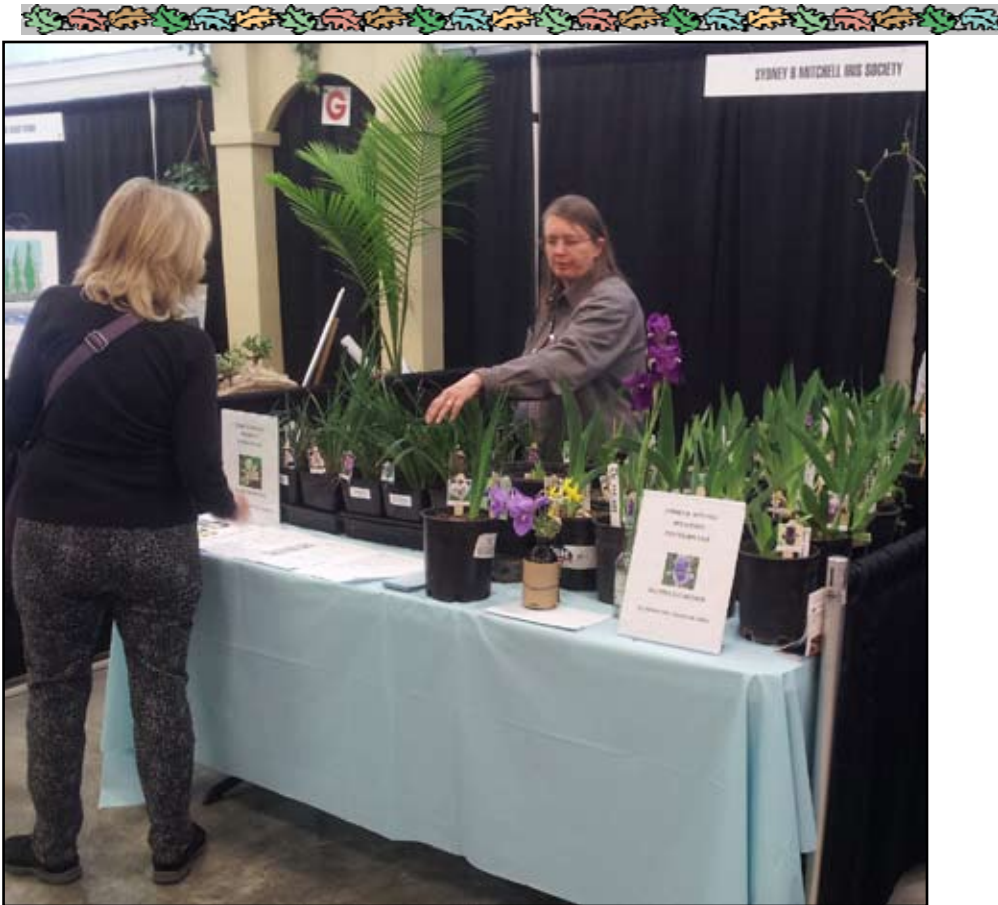
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Global warming is here—you know what to do

SBMIS Newsletter -- Gesine Lohr

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below: At Alameda County Home & Garden Show



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



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: Milo, a very fine cat