



# Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Annual Potluck, & Judges' Training:  
~ Panel discussion on  
Judging Ethics ~

**\*\*At the Sail Boat House!\*\***

Kitty Loberg, Riley Probst, Alleah Haley  
Saturday Jan. 16th, 2016

11 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

*At the Sail Boat  
House!!*



*Saturday January 16th, 2016*

*Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society & Friends*

*Doors open 11:00 a.m. ~ lunch served at noon*

*~ Judges' Training 1:30 - 3:00 ~*



**Saturday, January 16 at the Sail Boat House**

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

**Noon Potluck Lunch begins -- (bring place setting & a dish to share)**

**1:30 p.m. Judges' training**

Judges' training will be a panel discussion on judging ethics, featuring Emeritus Judges Kitty Loberg and Riley Probst, and Master Judge (and new Region 14 Judges' Training Chair) Alleah Haley.

All Region 14 members and friends are welcome to attend; this is always a fun event.

**\*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.** Please bring your contributions for the potluck luncheon to the 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! I hope you'll be able to join us at our January potluck, which will be on Saturday, January 16 at the Sail Boat House. Looking a little further ahead, we will also be holding our show at the same location, April 15 - 17.

I'm excited to share the news that we are in negotiations to have a booth selling potted iris at the Alameda County Home and Garden Show, which will be held in Pleasanton February 12 - 14. We're hoping this will be a great opportunity to raise funds for our club. I will be pass-

ing around a signup sheet at the potluck - please sign up for a shift if you would be willing to help out at the sale table. We must have someone present in the booth for the entire show. Also, please let me know if you can donate potted iris for this sale!  
Jean  
[Expect to pay \$5.00 at the Lake Merritt Park toll booth to park, as always on weekends]

Proceed to the Sailboat House, just up the road from the Garden Center -- park in their small parking lot or on either side of the road. We hope you can come - everyone is welcome!

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	TBA
February 12-14	tentative SBMIS booth at	Alameda County Home & Garden Show
March 25	7:30 pm	TBA
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	TBA
July 22	7:30-9:30	Bearded iris sale & auction
August 26	7:30 pm	TBA
Sept. date TBA		Potluck
Oct 28	7:30-9:30 pm	Beardless iris auction & sale



Bob Canning receiving the Larry Gaulter Award.

**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](mailto:aismemsec@irises.org)  
\$25.00 single, \$30.00 dual.  
See [www.irises.org/](http://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](http://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: [judy@msinter.net](mailto:judy@msinter.net)  
\$10.00 single annual, \$12.00 dual annual.  
[www.historiciris.org](http://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: Teasing Tiger (John Painter 2012) [photo: Riley Probst]*



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](http://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!*