



(above): Miss California (Salbach 1937)  
photo: Jean Richter

# Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Friday,  
March 25th, 2016  
7:30 p.m.  
**Hands-on Show Entry  
Practice!**  
*with expert advice*



*Friday, March 25th, 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 -- Hands-on Show Entry practice!** with expert advice on how to prepare your show entries. Stalks, containers will be provided -- feel free to bring your own stalk(s) if you have them!

*right: Volunteer kitties stand ready to help trim stalks*

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



# Doorprize iris!



left top: Who Needs a Prince (Schreiner 2013)

left middle: Velvet Valentine (Tasco 2015)

right top: Celtic Tartan (Keppel 2015)

right middle: Hospitality (Ghio 2015)

right bottom: Golden Gaga (L. Painter 2012)

*[photos from hybridizers' websites]*



## *President's Message*

Our big news is that we received word from Oakland Parks and Recreation that a previous reservation had canceled, so we are able to have this year's show at the Garden Center rather than the Sailboat House! Please help get the word out - setup is Friday, April 15, and the show is April 16-17.

In anticipation of the show, we'll have a good time practicing our iris display skills at our March meeting. Stalks and containers will be provided (though you're welcome to bring your own stalks if you have some). We'll have plenty of experts on hand to help you out - even if you've never entered an iris in a show, give it a try - it's fun!

-- Jean

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

March 25	7:30 pm	Hands-on Show Entry Practice
April 15	7 pm	show setup at the Garden Center (not the Boat House)
April 16-17		SBMIS show & sale (at the Garden Center)
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 AIS Convention
July 22	7:30-9:30	Bearded iris sale & auction
August 26	7:30 pm	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  
For amounts, please see 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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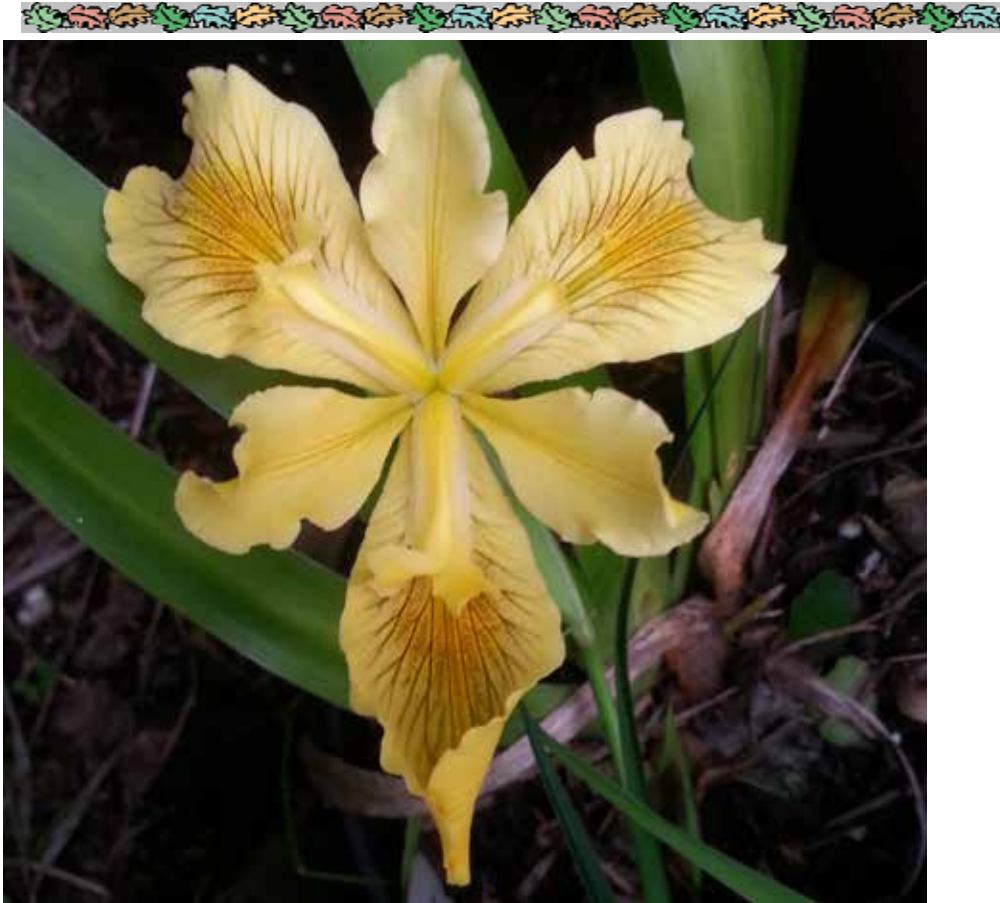
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Global warming is here—you know what to do  
SBMIS Newsletter -- Gesine Lohr  
1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501

*below: Iris douglasiana selection by Loretta Figueroa 'New Yellow'*



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

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*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: Iris confusa Sealy (collected by J. R. Sealy, 1937, China) (blooming recently!)photo: J. Richter*