



Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Our 52nd Annual Iris Show
and potted iris sale

Saturday April 29, 1:00-5:00 pm
&
Sunday April 30, 10:00-5:00 pm

see below for how to enter the show!
**Entry time is 7:00 am-9:30 am
Saturday**

(above): Diva Dreams (Kerr
2014) photo: Jean Richter

Shows/sales are free and open to the public -- all are eligible to enter iris!
Lakeside Park Garden Center ~ 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland
(see page 3 for directions)

Setup: 7:00 - 9:30 pm Friday night
Show entries: 7:00 - 9:30 am Saturday
Show is open: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Saturday
10:00 am - 5:00 pm Sunday
Cleanup after 5:00 pm Sunday

All are welcome to enter iris -- we'll show you how! Free donuts and coffee! And you can also just bring blooms, and not enter them, have them on display

Do enter the show! If you've not entered a show before, we'll be happy to coach you!

Bring your **POTTED IRIS** to sell! Potted iris with photos sell much better than those without -- if you can, please send Jean Richter a list of the potted iris you'll be bringing, and we'll print out photos to affix to the pots at the show. Either email or phone call is fine: <jeanrichter@berkeley.edu> (510) 864-7962

Show your \$5 parking stub for a \$2 rebate on your iris purchases!

And while you can buy rhizomes at our July rhizome sale, buying potted iris will give you a head-start on next year's bloom!

right: these are cat approved!



President's Message

Our show is coming up this weekend, and we need your help to make it a success! We need help with setup on Friday evening and teardown after the show on Sunday. We are also in need of another clerk during judging Saturday morning. Please bring dishes for our potluck judges' luncheon on Saturday, and bring potted iris for our sale during the show. (If you could send me the names of the potted iris you'll be bringing, I can print out pictures of them, which really helps sell the pots to the public.)

Most importantly, please bring iris to the show! Entries are accepted from 7:00 - 9:30 a.m. on Saturday. Don't worry if you've never entered before - experienced members will be on hand to give advice on how to best display your iris. If you don't know the names of your iris, you can always enter them as an artistic display.

We will also be selling potted iris at the Celebration of Old Roses at the El Cerrito Community Center on May 21. Please contact me if you can help staff the sale table for a shift.

Thanks for helping make our club's events successful!

-- Jean

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.

April 28: setup for SBMIS show

April 29-30: SBMIS show

May 21: Potted iris sale at Celebration of Old Roses, El Cerrito

May 23-27: AIS convention, Des Moines, Iowa

May 26: SBMIS meeting, topic TBA

June 23: Riley Probst program on AIS convention

July 21: Bearded iris rhizome auction and sale

July 23: Bearded iris rhizome sidewalk sale (location TBA)

August: potting party (date TBA)

August 25: Gesine Lohr program on historic iris

late September: SBMIS barbeque (date TBA)

October 27: Beardless iris auction and 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 2017 **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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| Historian/scrapbooker | **need a volunteer! | | |
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Global warming is here—you know what to do
SBMIS Newsletter -- Gesine Lohr
1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501

below: Path to Heaven (Ghio 2016) photo: Jean Richter



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!



above: My Generation (Lauer 2009) photo: Jean Richter