



Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Saturday,
January 20th, 2018
11:00 am - 3:30 pm
**Yearly Potluck and
Judges' Trainings**
~ Riley Probst: MTBs
~ Jean Richter: Judging
historic iris at shows

(above): Holiday in Mexico

photo: Riley Probst



Saturday, January 20th, 2018

is the date of our next meeting at Lakeside Park Garden Center

666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland

Doors open to public 11:00 a.m.

11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. - Judges' training on miniature tall bearded iris by Riley Probst

12:15 - 1:30 p.m. - Lunch

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. - Judges' training on judging historic iris at shows by Jean Richter

Meetings are free & open to the public, all are eligible for door prizes.



The SBMIS winter potluck will be on Saturday, January 20 at the Garden Center.

Doors open at 11:00 a.m.

(If you want to help with setting up tables you can arrive as early at 10:30 a.m.)

Please bring a dish to share if you can. SBMIS will provide a ham, rolls, and hot beverages.

You are welcome to attend the trainings even if you are not a judge.

President's Message

Happy New Year! I hope the coming year is a pleasant one for you, filled with happiness, love, and of course many beautiful iris!

Our first event of the year is on Saturday, January 20, our annual winter potluck. This year we have **two judges' training sessions**: one on miniature tall bearded iris by Riley Probst and one by myself on judging historic iris at shows. We will also have a **silent auction** at the potluck - if you have items (iris plants or iris-related items) you'd like to offer for the auction, please contact me.

Doors open to the public at 11:00 a.m. - if you'd like to help set up tables you can show up as early as 10:30.

I hope to see you there!

Our next event will be selling potted iris at the Alameda County Home and Garden Show on February 16 - 18. If you can help out with staffing our sale table (even an hour or two is helpful) please contact me.

~ Jean

2018 Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society Calendar ~ All meetings are at the Garden Center, **except for July sidewalk sale and September potluck.**
<http://bayareairis.org/calendar.html>

January 20, 2018 -- Potluck and Judges' Training ~

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.



**Region 14 Spring Regional Event
“Butterflies in the Mountains”**

**Co-sponsored by Region 14 and San Joaquin Iris Society
Guest Speaker – Rick Tasco, Superstition Iris Garden**

**Conference Hall
Bootjack Stomper’s Hall
4462 Mormon Bar Crossing
Mariposa CA**

HOTEL

See website for hotel choices.

To receive the discount rate, use the name Regional Iris Society when making your reservation.

The room rate is available until April 10, 2018 at Best Western and Monarch Hotels

See website for hotel choices.

Registrant #1 First Name _____ Last Name _____

Registrant #2 First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail for confirmation _____

Local Iris Society _____

Registration fee if paid by April 10th 2018 \$ 80.00 x person (s) _____ Total \$ _____

if paid after April 10th 2018 \$90.00 x person (s) _____ Total \$ _____

(No refunds after April 30th 2018)

Registration includes lunch and dinner on Saturday

Please indicate registrant # 1 or #2 for lunch choice

Lunch:

Roast Beef Sandwich _____

Ham Sandwich _____

Turkey Sandwich _____

Veggie Sandwich _____

Dinner Buffet includes: Catered Mexican cuisine

Please make checks payable to Region 14.

Please send registration to: Kathy Braaten 10288 Kenwood Dr Grass Valley CA 95949

E-mail katbrat@cebridge.net Phone 530 477-2811

Judges Training Sunday May 13th 9am Kanarowski’s Garden

Will attend Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Iris Show Friday May 11th Bootjack Stomper’s Hall

Will enter Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Iris Entries accepted Friday 2:00-4:30pm Judging at 5:00pm

Carolyn Hoover Show Chair--yischoover@sti.net

Meeting Region 14 Board/General meeting Friday, May 11th, 2018, 7:00 pm

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____



Fleur-de-Gras

AIS and SLI National Conventions • New Orleans 2018

AIS: Sunday, April 8 – Friday, April 13

SLI: Wednesday, April 11 – Saturday, April 14

REGISTRATION "A LA CARTE" – You select the events you wish to attend!

How the registration form (on page 2) works:

A – Choose your Basic Registration Fee (everyone attending is required to choose A1 or A2). Total A

B – Add Tours; choose the tours you wish to take. Total B

C – Add Meals; choose the meal you prefer at the dinners you want to attend. Total C.

Total A1 or A2, B, and C. That's what you pay. Include that amount via a check, or pay by credit card.

Note: **The Basic Registration Fee** includes the convention booklet and admission to all the classes, JTs, and to many other activities during the entire week. It does not include bus rides, meals, or the Geek Dinner.

The Youth Registration Fee includes the convention booklet and admission to all the classes, JTs, bus rides, meals and to many other activities. It does not include the Geek Dinner.

Please complete and mail the **REGISTRATION FORM** on page 2 so that it arrives **no later than March 31, 2018**. Registrations will be acknowledged by e-mail. You will receive a packet with additional information, name tags, and event tickets at check-in.

Send Registration & Payment to: Ken Fuchs
710 N 11th Street
Temple, TX 76501-3016
(254) 721-6217
kenfuchs42@gmail.com

NO CANCELLATIONS AFTER APRIL 1, 2018 unless there are reasonable extenuating circumstances. Cancellations after March 21, 2018 but before April 1, 2018 are at the discretion of the Convention Committee.

CONVENTION HOTEL RESERVATION

Hilton New Orleans Airport Hotel
901 Airline Drive
Kenner, LA 70062
Phone: 504-469-5000

Reservations can be made online: <http://group.hilton.com/American-Iris-Society>
or by calling 1-800-872-5914 Extension 1.

Use the group code AIS.

Hotel cut-off date is Saturday, March 17, 2018.

Hotel room reservations are separate from Convention Registrations!

GEEK DINNER: Registration for the Geek Dinner on Wednesday, April 11, should be made to Joanne Prass-Jones, 35572 Linda Drive, Fremont, CA 94536. joanne@usjoneses.com

Visit the AIS-SLI Convention website for more information: <http://www.2018irisconvention.org>



REGISTRATION FORM



PLEASE PRINT – Fill out one form per person attending.

Name to appear on name badge: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ AIS Region _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

2018 AIS-SLI Convention Registration Form		Price			
A. BASIC CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE		By	Feb 1 -	AFTER	
The Convention Registration Fee is Required. Please choose one.		Jan 31	Mar 17	Mar 17	
A1: Adult Both AIS and SLI (Sun-Sat)		\$45	\$55	\$65	=
A2: Youth (Sun-Sat)		\$120	\$140	\$160	=
B. TOURS (Wed, Thurs & Fri Tours include lunch.)					
Wed Garden Tour (City Park, Sculpture Garden, Longue Vue Garden)		\$48			=
Choose your sandwich:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Smoked Ham					
<input type="checkbox"/> Smoked Turkey					
<input type="checkbox"/> Tomato with Mozzarella Cheese					
<input type="checkbox"/> Vegan Salad					
Thurs Garden Tour ("A Louisiana Pond," LSU Hammond Research Ctr.)		\$48			=
Fri Garden Tour (Baton Rouge Bot. Gard, Burden Museum & Gard.)		\$48			=
B. TOTAL FOR TOURS:					
C. MEALS					
Tuesday AIS Welcome Dinner - Choose one:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Andouille Chicken Roulade		\$46			=
<input type="checkbox"/> Mardi Gras Pasta		\$46			=
<input type="checkbox"/> Bone-In Pork Chop		\$46			=
<input type="checkbox"/> Fettuccini Pasta (Vegetarian)		\$46			=
Thursday SLI Welcome Mixer (included in Registration Fee; check the box to the right if attending.)		<input type="checkbox"/>			
Friday AIS Awards/SLI Hybridizers Show Dinner - Choose one:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Piccata		\$46			=
<input type="checkbox"/> Cajun-style Stuffed Pork Loin		\$46			=
<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian		\$46			=
Saturday SLI Awards Dinner - Choose one:					
<input type="checkbox"/> London Broil		\$46			=
<input type="checkbox"/> Sautéed Fresh Catfish Almondine		\$46			=
<input type="checkbox"/> Pasta Primavera (Vegetarian)		\$46			=
C. TOTAL FOR MEALS:					
GRAND TOTAL = Registration Fee (A) + Total for Tours (B) + Total for Meals (C)					

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:

_____ Gluten Free _____ Lactose Intolerant _____ Diabetic _____ Vegan

Other: _____

Payment Method: CHECK - Make Payable to **AIS-SLI Convention 2018**
CREDIT CARD (VISA, MasterCard, Discover, American Express)
CC# _____ MM/YY _____ CVV _____

Send Registration & Payment to:

Ken Fuchs, 710 N 11th Street, Temple, TX 76501-3016, (254) 721-6217, kenfuchs42@gmail.com

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 2018 **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

List of SBM Officers:

President	Jean Richter	(510) 864-7962	jeanrichter@berkeley.edu
Vice-President	Gesine Lohr	(510) 864-7962	Gesine.Lohr@gmail.com
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Library Chair	Gesine Lohr	(510) 864-7962	Gesine.Lohr@gmail.com
Publicity	**need a volunteer!		
Historian/scrapbooker	**need a volunteer!		
Immediate Past Pres.	Ray Vickers-Traft	(510) 277-4200	new# wndwsillorchids@aol.com
Once and Future President	Chuck Dekker		

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

below: Minnesota Mixed up Kid
(Unknown origin, ca. 1970; delayed R. 2003 by Worel)

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



above: Horned Dragonfly (Austin 1965)
photo: Jean Richter

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!