



Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Our 53rd Annual Iris Show
and potted iris sale

Saturday April 21, 1:00-5:00 pm
&
Sunday April 22, 10:00-5:00 pm

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

(above): High Desert (Keppel 2015), blooming today
(photo: Gesine Lohr)

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

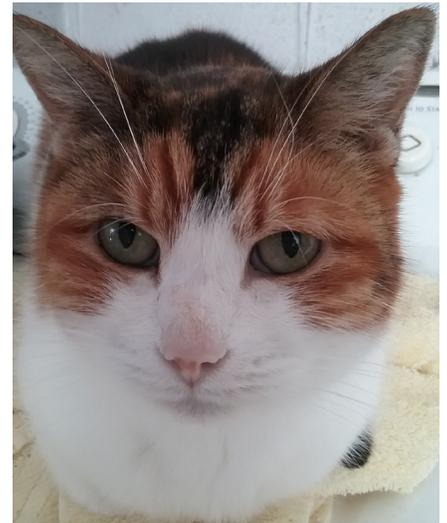
Do enter the show! If you've not entered a show before, we'll be happy to coach you!

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: Summer Junior has discerning eyes to help!



President's Message

Our annual show is this weekend, and we need your help to make it a success!

There are many ways to help out, including

- helping set up the show Friday night,
- bringing an item for the potluck judges' luncheon on Saturday,
- helping staff the sale table,
- bringing pots to sell,
- helping take down the show Sunday afternoon,

or, most importantly,

- entering iris in the show!

Don't have names for your iris? You could use them in an arrangement. Our artistic theme this year is "Spring Frolic."

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.

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.

Friday April 20:

setup for SBMIS show

Saturday/Sunday April 21-22:

SBMIS show

right: Magnolia (Stevens 1939)

photo: Gesine Lohr



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

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Global warming is here—you know what to do

SBMIS Newsletter -- Gesine Lohr

1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501

below: Fairy Dawn (Scheffy 1953) photo: Gesine Lohr



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!