



Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Our 54th Annual Iris Show and potted iris sale

Saturday April 20, 1:00-5:00 pm
&
Sunday April 21, 10:00-5:00 pm

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

(above): Decked Out (Burseen 2015)
photo: Jean Richter (blooming now)

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 - 9:00 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: Candy Basket (Harris 2016) MTB

photo: Jean Richter (blooming now)



President's Message

It's show time! We need your help to make our show a success.

Here are some ways to help out:

- Help with the show setup Friday evening (7:00 - 9:00 p.m.).
- Bring a dish for our potluck judges' luncheon. One of our judges has requested low-carb food, so those dishes would be especially appreciated.
- Bring potted iris for the sale table. If you *let me know ahead of time* what iris you'll be bringing, I can print out pictures, which greatly help the iris sell.
- Help staff the sale/info table, especially on Sunday. I will be setting up the AIS convention most of Sunday, so we need extra help that day for staffing and...
- Help tear down the show (5:00 - 6:00 p.m.).
- Most importantly, bring iris to show! We don't have a show without them. Experienced folks will be on hand to show you the ropes if you've never entered iris in a show before. If you don't know the names of your iris, you can enter an arrangement - the artistic theme this year is "Easter Joy."

I hope to see you this weekend! ~ Jean

photos by Jean Richter: (all are blooming now)

left: Goldbeater (Kleinsorge 1944)

middle: Caterina (Foster 1909)

right: Ballerine (Vilmorin 1920)



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 2019 **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
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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SBMIS Newsletter -- Gesine Lohr

1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501

below: Pure Majestic (Annand by Marshall 2015)

photo: Jean Richter (blooming now)



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!