



Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

'Madam President' (Thurman 2001)

The Region 14 January Budget Meeting will again be held at the Lakeside Park Garden Center in Oakland, on Saturday, January 23, 2010. The regional meeting, followed by a potluck luncheon and speaker, is always a fun event. Doors will open at 9:00 a.m. and the Budget meeting will take place at 9:30 a.m. Doughnuts, coffee, tea, and juice will be available. After the meeting and luncheon, Riley Probst will present a slide show on miniature tall bearded iris.

Saturday January 23rd 2010
We host the Region 14 Budget Meeting &
Potluck
Doors open 8:30 a.m. -- free pastries, juice &
coffee!
(\$5.00 parking fee)
9:00 a.m. Budget Meeting
Potluck lunch (bring place setting & a dish to
share)
Guest speaker -- **Riley Probst** will present a
slide show on **miniature tall bearded iris.**

Everyone is welcome to attend the Budget Meeting, or just come early and enjoy visiting with fellow irisarians. **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 with the group.**

Please bring your contributions for the potluck luncheon to the large kitchen (stove & refrigerator are available). Lunch will be served at 12:00. Please bring your own plates, silverware and cup. The society will provide napkins, hot drinks, rolls, and a ham. Local Sydney B. Mitchell 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.

Directions to the Garden Center:

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.

Expect to pay \$5.00 at the toll booth to park. Proceed to the Garden Center, park on either side of the road. We hope you can come - everyone is welcome! Jean Richter, President

President's Message ~ Happy New Year! I hope you had an enjoyable holiday season. I'd like to thank you for your continued membership in the Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society, and let you know that your society needs you! We are facing a difficult time, and I need everyone's help to keep SBMIS active and flourishing.

Our fundraising activities in the previous year have fallen short of expectations, and we need to come up with new solutions to bring our revenues back to what they've been in the past. I would welcome your suggestions on new ways to bring in funds for SBMIS, or new methods to increase attendance at our fundraising events. In particular, we are in need of a new person or team to handle publicity for our show and sales – won't you consider helping out?

SBMIS relies on you, the members, to keep our society going. We can't do it without you. Everyone has their own individual commitments and constraints, but please consider doing a little more for SBMIS in the coming year – whether it be growing iris for our sales, helping put on our show, bringing a snack to a meeting, buying a few extra iris at one of our sales to give to a friend, or simply coming to a meeting. "Many hands make light work," as they say, and if we all pitch in a little more, our society will greatly benefit.

I'd really like to know what improvements you'd like to see in SBMIS – do the meeting and sale times work for you, or would other times be better? What sort of programs would you like to see at our meetings? Please write, call, or email me with your suggestions.

Best wishes for a happy, prosperous, iris-filled 2010!

Jean Richter, President, SBMIS



AIS Bulletin Tables Of Contents Scanned!

Jack Finney has scanned the complete TOC from the first bulletin, June, 1920 thru October 2009. Searchable in either the MS Word or PDF file. [This is a labor of love! -- Gesine]

A note from Jack -- Dear Friends,

I have just completed a project that has literally been years in the making. I scanned the tables of contents (TOCs) of all the American Iris Society Bulletins with Optical Character Recognition software so that you can use the Search function in Microsoft Word to look for articles on a particular subject. The software wasn't very good, so some of the formats got weird, and I had to almost retype a lot of the first 80 or so TOCs because the paper

had deteriorated so badly. It was a chore, and the result is not pretty, but it is serviceable. The scholar in me just couldn't stand for all the wisdom in the Bulletins not to be readily accessible to those who wanted to use it.

Of course, the AIS's official indexing project continues, and someday it will offer much more than my work provides. HIPS will eventually be making the scanned TOCs available to all who want them, but I thought I would try to give back to you who have helped me along the way by getting the file to you ASAP.

John R. "Jack" Finney, PhD
<http://kciris.org/News.html>, then
Right Click or Option Click to download file.
AISB 001 to 355.doc AISB 001 to 355.pdf

American Iris Society (AIS) Dues can be mailed

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AIS Membership Secretary
10606 Timber Ridge Street
Dubuque, IA 52001-8268
Telephone and Fax - 563-513-0504
E-mail: aismemsec@earthlink.net
\$25.00 single, \$30.00 dual.
See www.irises.org/

Please pay your 2008 **SBM 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
\$10.00 single annual, \$12.00 dual annual.
www.hips-roots.com

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[On weekends only -- Expect to pay \$5.00 at the toll
booth to park. Show your parking stub for a \$2 rebate
on your iris purchases]

AC Transit Bus -- AC Transit bus #12 runs on Grand
near the entrance to the park

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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

<http://historiciris.blogspot.com/>
has some very neat stuff!

2010 AIS Iris Calendars!

\$5 to members -- hopefully we'll have them at the Budget Meeting/Potluck! See Bonnie Petheram.

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!



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

below: 'Somewhat Quirky' (Riley Probst 2001)

