



# Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

(photo above) Doohicky (G.Sutton 2009) IB, rebloomed Dec. 2010 for Riley. Riley wrote: "Merry Christmas! Shirley and I had a great Christmas present today from our garden to us. We had five different irises in bloom today."

Friday, February 25  
8:00 p.m.  
Riley Probst will  
present a slideshow on  
**Reblooming Iris**



Friday, February 25th, 2011  
is the date of our next meeting at  
Lakeside Park Garden Center  
666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland

Doors open at 7:30 p.m.,  
Meeting at 8:00 p.m. Program after brief business. Meetings are free &  
open to the public, all are eligible for door prizes.



**Program** -- Hybridizer Riley Probst will present a program on  
**Reblooming Iris**. Riley's slideshows are always full of wonderful photos,  
and he brings a deep knowledge of iris to his presentations. Thanks for  
coming, Riley! Riley is a regional director of the Reblooming Iris Society.  
[www.rebloomingiris.com/gallery.shtml](http://www.rebloomingiris.com/gallery.shtml)  
[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com), search on "Reblooming Iris Society" for group  
& page!

**Refreshments** -- anyone who can bring refreshments to share, please do so (iris  
cake on the horizon!).

## Doorprize Iris!

**‘Kachina Dancer’** (Fred Kerr 2010) Tall Bearded 35” tall. “Midseason bloom ((Lena Baker x (Fresno Frolic x Dear Jean)) X Next Millennium)

This wonderful zonal is a sibling of Kathy Chilton and it seems appropriate to develop the Southwest theme by the name I chose. Sunshine yellow standards that are nicely ruffled. The falls are dark red with a narrow rim of lighter brownish edge, edged again by a dark red rim. The dark yellow zone around the beard has brownish red veins. Beards are yellow. Moderately fast increase”.

<http://rainbowacres2.homestead.com/2010INTRO.html>

**‘Kachina Dancer’** (Kerr 2010) *(photo: Kerr website)*



**‘Smoky Shadows’** (Tasco 2010) TB 34”, Mid-to-late season. Parentage = Solar Fire X Secret Service *(photo, above: <http://home-and-garden.webshots.com/photo/2185601590032621402fPFdgo>)*

**‘Uptown Lady’** (Keppel 2010) TB, 33” (84 cm), L-VL. Standards light lavenderblue (M&P 41-B-5/6) deepening to violet blue (41-EF-9) toward base; style arms lavender blue; falls light lavender-blue changing to silvery lavender-blue (41-A-4/5) center, slightly deeper (41-E-7) shading in throat; beards blue white. ‘French Lilacs’ X 99-118C: (96-45J, ‘Crystal Gazer’ sib, x 96-35C, ‘Adoregon’ sib). *(photo, right: [www.keithkeppeliris.com/gallery\\_2010.html](http://www.keithkeppeliris.com/gallery_2010.html))*



**‘Gentlewoman’** (M. Smith 2008) Deeply ruffled clear smooth peach. *(photo, left)*



**‘Going Green’** (Mego by Aitken 2008) White stds. w/ olive wash, ruffled olive green falls. *(photo, back page)*

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## **Regional Headquarter Hotel**

Homewood Suites Telephone: 707-863-0300  
4755 Business Center Drive, Fairfield, CA 94534  
\$109.00 per night

### **Sister Hotel (Offering slightly lower rates)**

Staybridge Suites Telephone: 707-863-0900  
4755 Business Center Drive, Fairfield, CA 94534  
\$ 99.00 per night

Yes, they have the same address -- different phone number.

If you have any questions regarding the hotels please contact  
Betty Ford: 707-938-5296 or irisbetty@aol.com.

## **Schedule of Events**

### **Friday evening, April 29** - (Homewood Suites)

5:00 – 8:00 p.m. - Set up for sanctioned iris show  
6:00 p.m. - Registration begins  
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. - R14 Board of Directors Meeting-  
All are encouraged to attend

### **Saturday, April 30**

7:00 – 8:30 a.m. - Show set up  
8:30 a.m. - Show judging  
8:00 – 9:00 a.m. - General Meeting:  
10:00 a.m. - Carpool departure to Napa Country Iris Garden,  
9087 Steele Canyon Road, Napa, CA 94558  
Phone: 707-255-7880  
Time To Be Announced - Blind Judging at garden  
12:30 – 1:30 p.m. - Box lunch and beverages served  
3:30 p.m. - Return to Hotels for JT Session and Silent Auction.  
6 - 7:30 p.m. - Dinner on your own  
7:30 p.m. - A variety of evening activities are planned at  
Regional Headquarters: Homewood Suites  
Coffee, tea, desserts and wine with cheese and/or  
chocolate will be served at no extra cost to those attending

•••**Special guest for this Regional is AIS President and  
AIS Judges' Training Chair. -- Judy Keisling** •••

Media Instructors: John Jones, and Joanne Jones

### **Sunday, May 1**

Open gardens

**TBA**

**AIS Region 14 Spring Regional**  
**Sponsored by AIS Region 14**  
**April 29<sup>th</sup> – May 1, 2011**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Person \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliate(s) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Confirmation \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration is \$55.00 per person if postmarked by March 29, 2011.**

(No credit cards please).

**After March 29, 2011 the price is \$65.00.**

Registration includes: Garden touring of Napa Country Iris Garden, Saturday, in-garden box lunch;

Judges' Training; Sat. evening activities & refreshments including guest speaker, media-instructors; and Sunday open gardens.

Board Meeting Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Judges' Training Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Box lunch sandwich choice: Turkey \_\_\_\_\_

Ham \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

May 1<sup>st</sup> open gardens Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_



San Joaquin Iris Society will be the 2011 Regional Registrar.

Please make checks payable to SJIS.

Send to: Lorraine Nicholson 209-578-4184

P.O. Box 578668

Modesto, CA 95357

Pin may be ordered at additional charge of \$4.00

# of pin(s) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$4.00: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> registrant \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 2011 **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  
\$10.00 single annual, \$12.00 dual annual.  
www.hips-roots.com

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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List of SBM Officers:

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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

[www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Sydney-B-Mitchell-Iris-Society/116888028332187?ref=ts](http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Sydney-B-Mitchell-Iris-Society/116888028332187?ref=ts)

The **SF Flower & Garden Show** will be held March 23-March 27 at the San Mateo Convention Center. Members of Region 14 staff the booth and answer questions from the public about iris. If any of your society members would like to work a shift in the booth, please have them contact me asap. Carolyn Craft 408 266-0945 [theladygardens@aol.com](mailto:theladygardens@aol.com)

We work two people in the booth for a 3 hour shift and they get into the show for the entire day free. We are only allowed to have that many people free each day. They are free to enjoy the show for the rest of the day before and or after their working shift. The booth is very professional looking and we have information available about all of the societies in Region 14 for anyone who wishes to join a society in their area.

*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  
*below: 'Going Green' (Mego by Aitken 2008)*

