



Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Our 52nd Annual Iris Show
and Potted Iris Sale!

Saturday, April 16, 1:00-5:00 pm
&

Sunday, April 17, 10:00 am-5:00 pm

See below for how to enter the show!

Entry time is 7:00 am-9:30 am Saturday

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 Saturday am
Show open 1:00 - 5:00 Saturday
10:00 am - 5:00 pm Sun
Cleanup after 5:00 Sunday

The ENTRY time will be 7:00 am - 9:30 am on Saturday! All are welcome to enter iris - *we'll show you how!* (Free donuts & coffee!!)(and you can also just bring blooms & not enter them, just to look at)

Do ENTER the show! *If you haven't entered a show before, we'll be happy to coach you.*

Bring your POTTED IRIS! All members with potted iris -- remember to bring them to the show to sell. Potted iris with pictures 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 pictures to affix to the pots at the show (either email or phone call is fine)

Jean Richter <jeanrichter@berkeley.edu>, (510) 864-7962.

Iris shows are a great way to see lots of different varieties of iris. If you grow irises, bring some in to share --and you might take home a blue ribbon! If you would like to enter your irises in the show, bring your flowers in on Saturday morning. **Show your \$5 parking stub for a \$2 rebate on your iris purchases.**

ALSO: **Potted iris for sale at low prices!** You can buy iris plants at the show. Some will bloom this spring; all will give you a head-start on next year's blooms! Bare rhizomes will become available this summer, but these potted beauties will be at least doubled in size by then.

President's Message

I hope you'll be able to participate in our show this weekend! Setup will happen Friday night, show entries will be accepted Saturday morning, and the show is Saturday afternoon and all day Sunday.

Please bring iris stalks to enter (any type of named iris is welcome), and potted iris to sell! If you let me know the names of the iris you'll be bringing to sell, I can make sure we have pictures of them, which makes them sell much more readily. We could use help with staffing the sale table throughout the weekend, and need potluck items for the judges' luncheon (especially salads, side dishes, and desserts).

I also wanted to let you know that the hotel for the spring regional (April 29 - May 1) is extending its special rate until April 15, so there is still time to register. In addition, if you register at the

regional hotel (the Beverly Heritage Hotel), Nola's Iris Garden will give out a \$50.00 Nola's Iris Garden coupon for all attendees booking lodging there. The respondent needs to send them the name under which they registered at the Beverly Heritage Hotel (one coupon per room). Their email is gprevost@walking-p-bar.com. They will either email the coupon or the attendee may pick it up while they visit the gardens.

You can book rooms at the hotel by either calling (408) 943-9080 or visiting this web page to book online:
<https://www.phgsecure.com/IBE/bookingRedirect.aspx?propertyCode=SJCBH&group=AISREGION14&arrivalDate=2016-04-29&departureDate=2016-05-01>

Use the group code AIS Region 14 to get the special rate of \$115.00 through April 15th.

Hope to see you at our show!

~ Jean Richter

2016 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.*

April 15 7 pm show setup at garden center

April 16-17 SBMIS show & sale

April 29, 30, May 1: Spring regional

May 15 11-3:30 SBMIS Potted iris sale at
Heritage Rose Show

May 23-28 AIS convention

May 27 7:30 pm Bonnie Petheram on William Mohr

June 24 7:30 pm Jean Richter on Novelty Iris

July 22 7:30-9:30 Bearded iris sale & auction

August 26 7:30 pm Gesine Lohr on Old Iris

Sept. date TBA Potluck

Oct 28 7:30-9:30 pm Beardless iris auction & sale



Yeti Again (Kasperek 2012) photo: Jean Richter

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 2016 **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

\$10.00 single annual, \$12.00 dual annual.

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: Louisiana iris. Princess Leia (Pryor 1997) (photo J. 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

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You've never entered a show before? come join in the fun - experienced members will be on hand to assist you. Any type of iris can be entered in the show.

Iris Showing how to's on the internet:

'Preparing Irises for Exhibition at Iris Shows' by Sheldon Butt can be seen at www.irises.org/aistoolbox/Preparing%20Irises%20for%20Exhibition.pdf

www.dvis-ais.org/iris-prep.html has Delaware Valley Iris Society's info on preparing iris for showing.

The AIS' page for how to display info, is www.irises.org/Member_Services/ais-toolbox-hort-display.html

left: Iris tectorum (photo: Jean Richter)