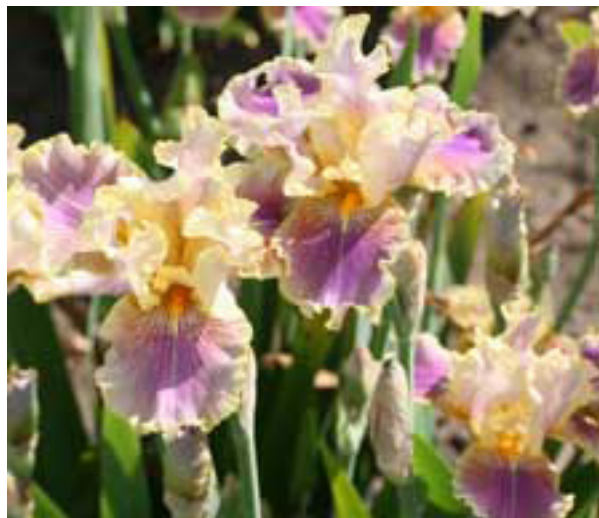




Glorious medians at Mid America, during Terry Strathman's trip to iris paradise

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Friday, August 22nd

is the date of our next meeting.

Four Days In May -- a slide show from a trip to iris paradise! will be presented by Terry Strathman.

Doors open 7:30 pm. Meeting 8:00 pm. Program after brief business
Meetings are free and open to the public, all are eligible to win doorprizes!

Lakeside Park Garden Center ~ 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland

(see page 3 for directions)

PRESENTATION: Now Rescheduled to:
Friday, August 22, 2008 at 8 PM

IB Limonanda at Keppel's

Four Days in May: a slide show from a trip to iris

paradise! In the area north of Salem Oregon are several iris hybridizers. One way to satisfy your craving for this short-seasoned flower is to visit these gardens in the spring. Terry Strathman, our web-master, made such a trip and has many photos to share, including a peek at Scheiner's famous gardens, a look at Keith Keppel's luminatas, and photos of early season intros and seedlings at Mid America Iris Gardens.





Volunteer needed to represent Sydney B on the Board of the OEBGC ~ Chuck Dekker is stepping down as our representative for SBMIS on the Board of the Oakland East Bay Garden Center. We need a volunteer, preferably someone residing in Oakland. OEBGC meets once a month for 1 hour (9-10 am) on the 3rd Monday. It's a well-run organization which is gradually remaking and modernizing the formal gardens (fenced area) at Lake Merritt. Anyone interested, please call Chuck Dekker for details of activities and responsibilities. (510) 525-6536



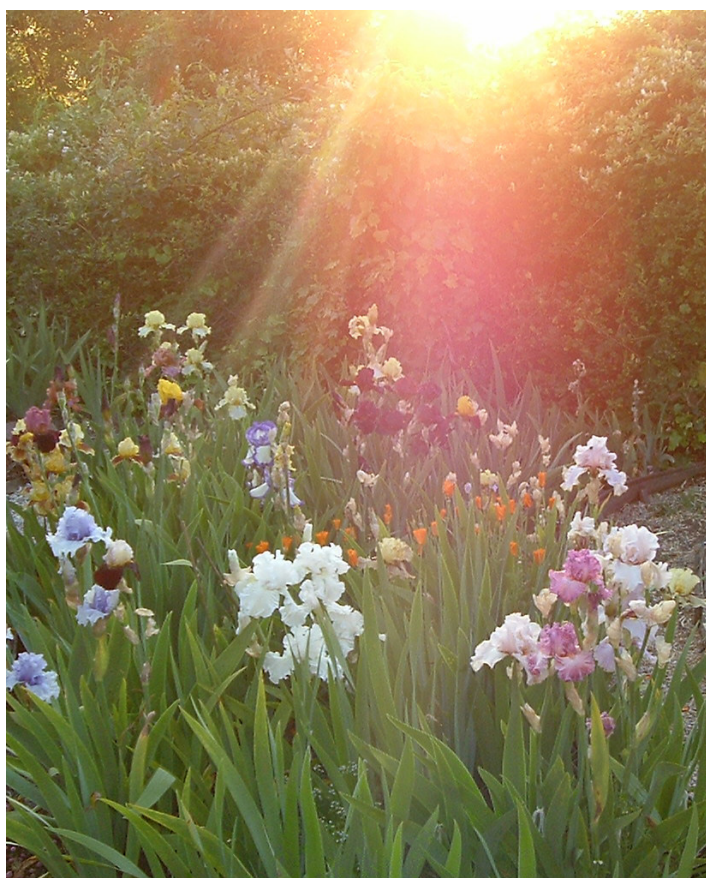
DOORPRIZE IRIS!

China Maid (Milliken, 1936) TB 36" E S7L, Schreiner's Iris Lover's Catalog 1944: "A snatch of grace beyond the reach of art, this lovely iris is extremely hard to describe. Practically a self of soft mallow pink enhanced by an intriguing blending of golden buff at the haft and edges of the petals. Of rare charm it is one of the finest pinks having with us the fault of not always standing up in hot, windy weather. It is delicately scented." (Mauna Loa x Dauntless), HM 1938, AM 1939.

Tea Rose (Whiting, 1942) TB 36" M S7L, Cooley's Gardens catalog 1949: "A blend of rose and pale gold, well on the way to true pink. It is a seedling of Matula crossed with China Maid. The color is strong and warm enough to be seen across the garden and yet clear and delicate as a rose." (Matula x China Maid), HM 1945

Real Delight (Waters, 1960) TB 36" M, From 1965 Schreiners: "A new pleasing color combination of blush-pink on buffy cream standards and falls a delicious apricot or peach sherbet color intensifying toward the haft and reflecting as it were, the tangerine beard. A very subtle iridescent iris full of exquisite nuances." (Frances Kent X Top Flight), HM 1960.

Arabi Pasha (Anley, 1951) TB 30" M B1M, Eden Road catalog 1959: "Bright cornflower blue self with a blue-tipped beard. Form is smooth and tailored yet it has a jaunty air due to the dip in the center of the flaring falls. A beauty from England." (Mirette x Blue Ensign), British Dykes Medal 1953.



American Iris Society (AIS) Dues can be mailed to Tom Gormley,
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 \$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

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 \$3.00 at the toll booth to park. Show your parking stub for a \$2 rebate on your iris purchases]

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

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SCHEDULE OF SBM MEETINGS and other events for 2008

See Sydney B. Mitchell's own website! at www.bayareairis.org (looking good, Terry!)
www.aisregion14.org/reg14calendar.html

Friday August 22nd <i>Terry Strathman</i>	open 7:30 p.m program 8:00 p.m.	<i>Four Days in May:</i> <i>slide show from a trip to iris paradise!</i>
September - a Sunday in late September -- BBQ!	5 pm -- 8 pm	BBQ! details later!
October 17 Friday & 18 Saturday -- Fall Regional!	TBA	Fall Regional cohosted with Mt. Diablo Iris Society
Friday October 24th SBM Beardless Iris Auction & Sale!	Sale 7:30 - 8:30 pm Auction 8:30-10 pm	SBM Beardless Iris Auction & Sale!
January 2009 Region 14 Budget Meeting		We host the Region 14 Budget Meeting & Potluck
February 2009		Alan Robbins slideshow, including fascinating material from Adele and Lewis Lawyers' iris estates.



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Cut iris at Schreiner's, during Terry's iris trip

