



Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society

Saturday,
January 21st, 2017
11:00 am - 3:30 pm
Yearly Potluck and
Judges' Training
~ John Jones on
Awards and Ballots ~

(above): Alakazam (Tasco 2013)

photo: Riley Probst



Saturday, January 21st, 2017

*is the date of our next meeting at
Lakeside Park Garden Center
666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland*

Doors open at 10:00 am for setup, open at 11:00 for event

Lunch at noon ~ Judges' training at 1:30 pm

Meetings are free & open to the public, all are eligible for door prizes.



The SBMIS winter potluck will be on Saturday, January 21 at the Garden Center.

Doors open at 11:00 a.m.

(If you want to help with setting up tables you can arrive as early at 10:00 a.m.)

Lunch will begin at noon. Please bring a dish to share if you can. SBMIS will provide a ham, rolls, and hot beverages.

There will be a judges' training on AIS awards and ballots at 1:30 p.m., taught by John Jones. You are welcome to attend the training even if you are not a judge.

President's Message

I hope you will be able to join us at this Saturday's potluck lunch, which should be a lot of fun. If you have an iris or iris-related item to donate to our silent auction at the potluck, please contact me.

SBMIS will again be selling potted iris at the Alameda County Home and Garden Show, and we need help staffing our sale table. The show is open Friday, February 17, noon to 6:00 p.m., Saturday, February 18, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., and Sunday, February 19, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Please contact me if you can help out - even a couple of hours would be very helpful. Please also let me know if you have potted iris (or other plants) that we can use in the sale. These events are a great opportunity for our club to inform the public about the fun of growing iris (and bring in some much-needed revenue).

-- Jean

2017 Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society Calendar ~ All meetings are at the Garden Center, **except for July sidewalk sale and September potluck.**

January 21, 2017 -- Potluck and Judges' Training ~

All Region 14 members and friends are welcome to attend; this is always a fun event.

*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.

Please bring your contributions for the potluck luncheon to the kitchen (stove & refrigerator are available).

Please bring your own plates, silverware and cup.

The society will provide napkins, hot drinks, rolls, and a ham.

Local Sydney B. 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, if possible -- but bring what you can!

Expect to pay \$5.00 at the toll booth.

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 2017 **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
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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Global warming is here—you know what to do

SBMIS Newsletter -- Gesine Lohr

1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501

below: Celebratory (Ghio 2014) photo: Riley Probst



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!



above: Going Big Time (Ghio 2014)

photo: Riley Probst