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The Regional Vice President's Report



Eleanor McCown, RVP, Region 15

Spring will soon be here in the Southwest and with it the iris will start to bloom. Already Spuria seedlings planted in October are two inches tall, and the older clumps are a mass of tall green leaves. Where did the winter go?

After the regional meeting in Claremont this fall, I learned one of my first duties would be to appoint committee chairmen. I feel fortunate in having secured the assent of the following very able members to fill these chairs. Membership—Mary Martin, Exhibitions—August Phillips, Judges Training—Janice Chesnik, Publications—Bob Brooks.

A few days after the Regional meeting, I left on a tour with the American Horticultural Society to New Zealand, leaving Janice still carrying on with RVP duties until my return. It was a grand trip, starting in Auckland on the north island and ending practically on the southern tip of south island. The soil of most of the country is very fertile volcanic ash. With the plentiful rainfall, such shrubs as Rhododendrons, Azaleas, and Camellias thrive and were in full bloom in the spring of the year "down under."

We visited many private and public gardens and forest reserves. Wherever possible, I looked for iris. Most plentiful were several species and California na-

tives in full bloom. I found a small planting of Louisianas in bloom but unlabeled in a private garden. It was not until we were on south island that I found a section of a public garden planted and maintained by the local iris society. A few tall bearded were in bloom. The large plantings of Louisianas and spurias were not yet showing buds but were obviously thriving. Unfortunately, they were unlabeled and I did not have the pleasure of meeting any local irisarians.

Upon my return, I found my first duty would be to get all the societies affiliation reports checked and mailed to the AIS chairman before January 15. The Hopsons graciously opened their house and served a gourmet's lunch for a special board meeting the last day of January in San Clemente, a centrally located spot. A good representation of all of the clubs was there with the exception of Phoenix and Tucson. I also had the pleasant duty of mailing out the judges cards to all the judges in Region 15. In doing so, I noted that we are very short on apprentice judges and long on Master Judges, formerly called Senior Judges. We need new judges in our region and I encourage every member to attend the

COVER DRAWING: If you attended the joint meeting of Regions 14 and 15 in the spring of 1981, the cover drawing may look familiar. It was the cover of the meeting program booklet.

judges training classes and act as clerks at shows to learn more about becoming a judge. Judging is really a fun job and your appreciation of the beauty of irises will grow as you visit gardens.

The Sun Country Iris Society is planning a great trek and regional meeting in April. The gardens, I know, will be outstanding and an interesting judges training session is planned. You will be receiving special invitations for the meeting. I hope everyone who can will attend.

In spite of the cool weather, the weeds are beginning to get the upper hand. I must chop this report short and get into the garden. I just hope we've had enough cool weather to kill off the White Fly (a form of aphid) that did so much damage to farm crops and my garden. We have not yet had a killing frost and tomatoes are still hanging on.

In closing I extend an invitation to anyone driving through the valley to stop and visit. The address is 2550 E. Harris Road, a few miles north of Holtville. My peak bloom will probably be around the middle of April.

Eleanor McCown, RVP, Region 15

Antique Iris Wanted

I very much want to get hold of some W. R. Dykes rhizomes. Hopefully, some of our Region members who grow antiques will be able to help me. CARITA CULMER, 5707 N. 13th Place, Phoenix, AZ 85014

Regional Minutes

The fall board meeting of AIS Region 15 was held at Claremont, California, on October 17, 1981. The meeting was opened by RVP Janice Chesnik at 9:45 AM. The minutes and treasurer's report as printed in the Newsletter were approved.

Under old business, the question of convention donations to be made by the individual chapters to Region 15 for the RVP to travel to the convention in the future was brought up. It was finally recommended that the question be brought before the membership meeting (following) to be voted on. Only the travel expenses would be covered by donations, and the RVP would cover the balance of the expenses individually.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Membership—Bob Brooks discussed the problems of maintaining AIS membership records. Exhibitions—August Phillips suggested that we try to incorporate Iris Sections in general Garden Club Shows in the area. He gave the necessary qualifications: there must be at least 30 specimens from at least 3 exhibitors; the schedule must be approved by AIS, and there must be at least one AIS Judge for the Iris section. Publications—The Editor of the newsletter, Ralph Conrad, spoke, and it was finally decided that we recommend to the membership for a vote that we will issue two complete bulletins and one or two short newsletters, just giving dates and information regarding forthcoming events.

Also, it was decided that Standing Rules must be adopted at the beginning of each year setting forth guidelines for the new year, particularly with reference to the fact that Presidents of the various local chapters should be responsible for sending in articles for the Bulletins about the activities of the local chapters.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Esther Kraines, Acting Secretary

Regional Minutes

A special meeting of the board of region 15 was held at the home of Jennie and Russ Hopson in San Clemente, California, on January 31, 1982. Attending were Eleanor McCown, Howard Goodrick, George Hood, Mary Martin, August Phillips, Janice Chesnik, Bob Brooks, Betty Cooper, Herbert Holk, and Jennie Hopson.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM by Eleanor McCown. The secretary read the minutes of the fall board meeting. On a motion by Bob Brooks, the minutes were corrected to read, "The minutes and treasurer's report as printed in the Newsletter were approved."

A motion was made by Jennie Hopson that a separate interest bearing bank account be established for the funds to pay the travel expenses of the Regional Vice President to the National Convention. The motion was seconded and approved. It was noted that initial funds were from Barbara Serdynski's donation.

Herbert Holk moved that the four standing committee chairmen selected by the Regional Vice President be approved. The motion was seconded and approved.

Eleanor McCown read a letter from Bobbie Shepard announcing the Spring Meeting to be held in Phoenix, Arizona, at the Rodeway Inn in the Metro Center. Acting on a suggestion by Bobbie Shepard, the board agreed to meet on the Friday afternoon (April 10) before the Spring Meeting.

The following dates were established for future meetings: Spring 1982, April 16 & 17, Sun Country Iris Society, Phoenix. Fall 1982, October 9 (tentative), San Diego. Spring 1983, April 22 & 23, Southern California Iris Society. The Fall 1983 and Spring 1984 meetings are not firm.

A general discussion of standing rules resulted in the approval of the following standing rules: 1—The president or his designee shall be the representative of each affiliated society on the regional Board of Directors. 2—A supplement to the spring and fall newsletters shall be published each June. The purpose is to give timely news of the spring meeting and to report on the affiliated societies' shows. 3—The Regional Vice President shall appoint a purchasing committee to buy irises to be grown in the spring tour gardens. These irises are to be dug and returned to the Regional Vice President for sale. The grower may keep one of each cultivar.

Janice Chesnik reported that there will be a judges meeting on May 15, 1982, at Sara and Herb Holk's home. There will also be a judges' meeting (by invitation only) at Sanford Roberts' house on April 10, 1982.

August Phillips discussed the requirements for accredited shows. A minimum of 30 cultivars and at least 3 exhibitors are required for accreditation by the American Iris Society.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM.

George Hood, Secretary



**Russ & Jennie Hopson
Host January Board Meeting**

Spring Meeting April 16, 17, 1982

The Region 15 Spring Trek will be in Phoenix headquartered at the Rodeway Inn located in the Metro Center area right on I17. The Judges Training Session will be conducted Friday night by Mary Dunn, Marilyn Holloway, Katie Romero and Ron Mullin. With all that knowledge, we have to absorb some of it. Saturday morning we will load buses at 7:30 to take us on tour of seven gardens around the Phoenix area. A lot of work has been done on all these gardens and they will be beautiful. We have been fortunate to receive about 500 guest iris from around the country. They are a good mixture of varieties—TB's, Louisianas, Spurias, Arils, and a few Medians. After a busy day of touring gardens, a delicious lunch, and a lot of good people, you will return to the Rodeway Inn to ready yourself for the banquet. Ron

Mullin is our speaker. He will be coming all the way from Oklahoma to be with us and has promised to make his program light, lively and short, but very worthwhile.

A separate mailing with all the registration information will be in the mail about the first week of March. Please return your reservations by April 1st. The cost of \$35 will cover the entire Spring Meeting. Partial event costs will be given on request. Remember if your spouse does not wish to take part in the garden tour or any other part of the trek, we will be located within walking distance of many activities he or she can take advantage of. Children will find plenty to keep them busy too. It is a beautiful time of the year here in the desert and we promise you will enjoy your visit with us.

Bobbie Shepard, Chairman



Shepard Garden February
Wait 'til spring!

Phoenix Gardens On Tour

Don & Beverly Dopke garden: This is one of the most beautiful back yards I have seen in a long time. They have done so much with a small space. As you enter the gate your eyes fall on the beds circling the fence all edged with railroad ties. The beds are full of iris with a mixture of seasonal bedding plants. No matter which season, there is always color in this yard. Don't miss the hanging stained glass lamp on the patio. It is hand made by Beverly and Don and of course has iris on it.

Floyd and Betty Wickenkamp garden: A desert oasis in the heart of Sun City is this garden. Floyd hopes that his spuria seedlings will be in bloom. Of course spuria iris are his favorite but a good many arilbred, Louisiana and Tall Bearded varieties will be seen also. Tulsa caused the median fever to hit, so these were added last year. Be sure to see all the various cactus around the edge of this garden. All of them are labeled. It's better than going to a botanical garden.



Dopke Garden February

Jerry and Carole Spiess garden: This is a new garden, as Carole and Jerry just moved last fall. The front yard is a collection of iris beds. A good variety of tall bearded, spuria and Louisiana iris are planted in their own beds. Beautiful boulders in interesting textures and colors line some of the beds. A wishing well hides the irrigation culvert very effectively and makes a landmark to announce the iris garden.

Helen Oefstos-Jules Reidel garden: The home and property belong to Helen who has generously donated space to Jules to plant. Quite a concentrated planting of iris are all over the back yard. Spurias line the back fence and make a beautiful background. Be sure to see, as if you could miss them, the rose bushes. Helen has close to 50 roses in all hues of color.



Johnsen Garden February

Larry and Frankie Johnsen garden: The back yard has been developed into a resort vacation spot right at home. The spacious patio floored with red brick leads you into a yard filled with lined beds of iris in all varieties. Aril and arilbred iris are Larry's first choice and he has a beautiful planting of them, but he hasn't left out the spuria, Louisiana and tall bearded varieties. Larry is very proud of his new introduction "North Sea," a BB being put on the market for 1982.

Mary Scheidler garden: We all know that Mary loves the beardless iris. She has expansive plantings of Louisianas and numerous spurias. The arilbreds are well in evidence. Be sure to look in every nook and cranny as Mary hides plants in every spot she can get. It is a challenge for her to grow the unusual plants, trees and bushes. She is very successful in doing it too.

Dorald (Don) and Bobbie Shepard: Shepard's Iris Garden is the only commercial garden in the state of Arizona. Over $\frac{3}{4}$ acre of planting contains over 700 varieties of Tall Bearded, Arils, Arilbreds, Medians, Spurias and Louisianas. The Louisiana plantings are the largest that will be seen on the tour, including a test garden from Charles Arny. Because of the local garden visitors, one may see some older varieties of all iris, but these are the ones that are tried and true in the Valley heat. The good growers give novice grower confidence to get into the newer varieties that are usually more expensive. Beside one of the built up Louisiana beds you will find a restful rock garden leading you on to the large greenhouse. The rock garden is a mixture of succulents, small cactus and drought resistant trees and shrubs. The greenhouse is full of unusual houseplants, succulents and orchids.

See Auction Iris In Phoenix Trek Gardens

Do you want to see those new iris before they are auctioned at the club meetings this summer? If so, come to the Phoenix regional meeting. The hybridizers have really been generous with the extras. Most are tall bearded but there are several arilbreds, a Louisiana, a border bearded and an intermediate bearded. Here they are! Make your notes and plan to bid! Brilliant Excuse, Dainty Delight (BB), and Beyond from Jim Gibson. New Tomorrow and Good Morning America from Neva Sexton. Pleated Gown, Star Wars, Sea Pilot, and Copper Classic from Al Roderick.

Arctic Blond, Trousseau Lace, Color Burst, and Baja Bandit from Bernard Hamner. Highness, Indian Territory, and Replay from Joe Ghio. Az Ap (IB) from Allan Ensminger. Broadway, Theater, and Cashbah from Keith Kappel. Pacific Grove, Fire Creek, and Pink Jamboree from Walt Luihn. Ginger's Girl, Rebecca's Veil, Gene's Little Secret, Dorcas, and Moon Over Shiraz, all arilbreds, from the Aril Society International. Bel Canto (TB), Cool Oasis (AB), Dune (AB), and Dark Tide (LA) from Melrose Gardens.

Floyd Wickenkamp

AIS President To Speak April 19

All interested irisarians are cordially invited to the San Fernando Valley Iris Society April 19th membership meeting. Dr. Harold L. Stahly, President of the American Iris Society, will be guest speaker. Fran McGrath, Program Chairwoman, advises that festivities will begin at 7:30 PM with a champagne welcome for Dr. Stahly. It will be held at the usual meeting place, the Canoga Park Woman's Club on the corner of Valerio and Jordan Avenue in Canoga Park. From the Ventura Freeway, take the Topanga Canyon off-ramp north to Sherman Way. Turn right on Sherman Way and go 2 blocks to Jordan Avenue, turn left on Jordan and go about 3 blocks to Valerio—clubhouse on northwest corner. Y'all come!

Dorothy Loomis



Dorothy Loomis, a long time member of Region 15, passed away in the summer of 1981. Although she lived far out in the desert northwest of Victorville, Dorothy regularly made the trip from home in Oro Grande to the Inland Iris Society meetings in Riverside. Her smile was a familiar sight at AIS national conventions and she participated in the iris society trip to Australia in 1974. Dorothy was especially interested in growing spuria and reblooming irises, being an active member in the robin program of both groups.

Region 15 By-Laws

REVISION APRIL 1979

ARTICLE I. NAME

This organization shall be designated as Region 15 of the American Iris Society and shall in all instances be governed by the bylaws as established by that Society.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

SECTION 1. The purposes of this organization shall be to encourage the growing of irises in Region 15 and to foster an appreciation of the better irises. To this end the members shall support the objectives of the American Iris Society.

SECTION 2. This organization shall promote a spirit of cooperation and good fellowship among its members, and between its members and those of other regions, specialized iris societies, and the American Iris Society.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Any member of the American Iris Society residing within the limits of the region as established by the American Iris Society shall be a member of Region 15.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The governing body shall be a Board of Directors, also known as the Executive Committee, comprised of the four elected officers and a representative from each affiliated club in the region and the four standing committee chairmen. They shall be expected to attend all board meetings and exercise voting privileges. (All affiliated clubs must apply for affiliation and be approved annually by the A.I.S. Chairman of Affiliates.)

SECTION 2. The Elected officers of this region shall be a Regional Vice President, a Vice Chairman, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

SECTION 3. The four elected officers shall be elected annually with the Regional Vice President being subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the American Iris Society. No officer shall be elected to the same office for more than three consecutive years.

SECTION 4. The representative of each affiliated club shall be the club president or his appointee.

ARTICLE V. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The Regional Vice President shall preside at all regional meetings and at all meetings of the Executive Committee. He shall exercise general supervision over all standing committees and over all special committees. Within thirty days of taking office, the Regional Vice President shall appoint, with the approval of the Executive Committee, the four standing committees: (1) Exhibitions, (2) Judges Training, (3) Membership, (4) Publications. He may create and appoint special committees as the need arises.

SECTION 2. The Vice Chairman shall perform the duties of the Regional Vice President in the event of the latter's absence, and assist him in all regional activities. He shall maintain a list of available programs for use by affiliated clubs.

SECTION 3. The Secretary shall record the minutes of official meetings and of all meetings of the Executive Committee. These minutes shall be kept as a permanent record. He shall send written notices of Executive Committee meetings to all officers, affiliated club representatives, and committee chairmen at least ten days prior to such meetings. He shall conduct official correspondence and mailing under the direction of the Regional Vice President.

SECTION 4. The treasurer shall be the custodian of all monies belonging to the region or under its control. He shall pay all bills properly incurred by the region and keep accurate records of all financial transactions. At each meeting he shall report all receipts and disbursements since the last meeting, and he shall submit an annual report including the itemized budget to the Regional Vice President and Editor by or before August first for publication in the Fall Regional Newsletter.

SECTION 5. The four elected officers shall prepare an annual budget.

ARTICLE VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1. A majority of the entire Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 2. The Executive Committee shall meet at least two times annually at a time and place designated by the Regional Vice President.

SECTION 3. Special meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at the call of the Regional Vice President, or upon written request of three members of the Committee. Notice of these meetings shall be mailed or made by personal contact to each member of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII. REGULAR MEETINGS

SECTION 1. There shall be two regular meetings of Region 15 members each year. Additional meetings shall be held when deemed necessary by the Regional Vice President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, or upon petition by ten percent of the members of the region not more than six percent being from one affiliated iris society. Notice of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting shall be mailed to each member at least thirty days in advance of such meetings.

SECTION 2. The Annual Meeting shall be held prior to the fall meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Iris Society, but preferably the first Saturday in October, for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before it.

SECTION 3. The Spring Meeting may be held in connection with the Annual Region Trek.

ARTICLE VIII. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. At the Spring Regional Meeting, the Regional Vice President will appoint a Chairman and two Presidents from Affiliated Iris Societies to serve on the Nominating Committee. At least one resident of each state within the region must be appointed.

SECTION 2. The Nominating Committee shall present a single slate of officers to the Regional Vice President prior to August first for publication in the Fall Regional Newsletter.

SECTION 3. Additional nominations may be made from the floor by any member of the assembly at the Fall Meeting. To be elected a nominee must receive a majority vote of the members present. In the event of more than one nominee for any office, election shall be by secret ballot.

SECTION 4. No one shall be nominated who has not signified willingness to serve and all nominees shall be members of the American Iris Society in good standing.

ARTICLE IX. COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. Two Region 15 members shall be appointed annually to audit the Treasurer's books and report their findings to the Executive Committee at the Fall Meeting.

SECTION 2. The Exhibition Chairman shall select his own committee to work with him. They will (a) encourage and assist groups to include accredited iris sections within their shows, (b) Aid in the preparation and secure A.I.S. approval of show schedules, (c) secure sufficient accredited judges for such shows.

SECTION 3. The Judges Training Chairman shall select his own committee. They will (a) supervise judges training activities throughout Region 15, (b) Plan and provide the judges training program for the Fall Meeting, (c) Maintain adequate records of the training of each student, apprentice, accredited, and senior judge within the region.

SECTION 4. The membership chairman shall select his own committee. They will (a) develop interest and promote membership in the American Iris Society, (b) contact delinquent members.

SECTION 5. The publications chairman shall select his own staff. They will (a) edit, publish and distribute the spring and fall issues of the Regional Newsletter, (b) publish any other items authorized by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

The Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular meeting, provided all members have been mailed a printed copy of the proposed amendments fifteen days prior to voting.

ARTICLE XI. RULES OF ORDER

Roberts Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern this organization unless otherwise provided for in these Bylaws.

STANDING RULES (Adopted January, 1982)

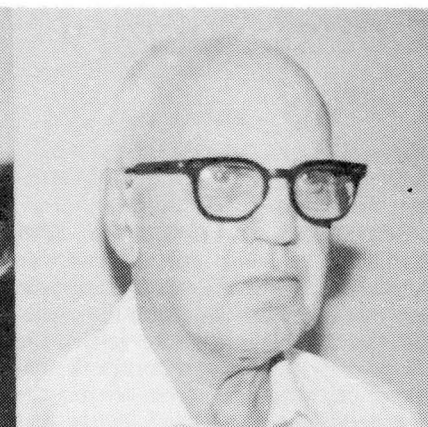
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Exhibitions Chairman



Mary Martin
Membership Chairman

Photos: George Hood

Local Society News

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IRIS SOCIETY held our annual picnic/sale August 16. It was enjoyed by long-time and new members alike with the excitement of the highest bidder getting the iris as lady auctioneer Corrine Bromberger did a fine job of challenging the members. The auction of Region and SCIS purchased newer iris racked up a total of \$630.75. In addition, Barbara Serdynski and a few other donors filled the table with recent introductions. As it turned out, it was Barbara's last request that the proceeds from this plant sale table (\$200) be presented to Region 15 to start a special fund to support the RVP's travel expenses to the Annual Convention.

On October 3, Barbara resigned her SCIS Board position and donated the rest of her iris to the society. Only once in a lifetime does one meet such a dedicated, generous irisarian who could bring joy, laughter, and kisses to her many friends. Members of SCIS were left with heavy hearts with the loss of "Our Barb" but memories of her unique personality will bring serenity and a comforting sense of pleasure to have known her.

In support of the Region's desire to increase the number of arrangements in shows discussed at the Fresno meeting, we invited some young people and their parents to a Seminar Workshop in Flower Arranging the morning of our January meeting. Inez Webster presented steps of preparation of materials needed and guided each child in successfully making an arrangement. Jennie Hopson presented an outline of the Principles of Design and how to use them through evaluating pictures of arrangements and plant material. Parents asked questions about where to secure materials and types of plants best suited to arranging.

Children and parents were so pleased that they wanted another workshop in March.

We have been pleasantly amazed with two fine photographic programs. In October, Ron Lissner gave a unique presentation of slides using dual cameras synchronized to observe the depth and beauty of iris. In January, Dr. Charles Eugene Gail, a dentist who enjoys mountain climbing and wet knee photography of nature's beauty, showed slides of the most unusual still life groupings which nature can produce in a given space. Each one was a perfect photographic study that stimulated a feeling of peace and tranquility for the viewer.

Spring is a fun time for our members with each week of April crammed full of iris activities. Hope to see many of you on the way!

Jennie Hopson, President

ORANGE COUNTY IRIS AND DAYLILY CLUB now active. A nucleus of iris lovers met at the Newport Beach home of Patti Shirley in May, 1980. We gathered to see her beautiful irises, especially Beverly Sills, and discuss the possibility of having an iris club in Orange County. The ten of us were enthusiastic, but the club was not really organized until August, 1981. At that time it was decided to include daylilies because so many of us grow both perennials. We had some getting acquainted to do so our officers were not elected until November, 1981. By-laws were adopted at the same time. The stated purpose of the club is "to encourage the cultivation of iris and daylilies and other compatible garden flowers and to promote friendship." The friendship, so far, has been the most rewarding feature of our club.

The club meets every month on the second Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., at the Presbyterian Church, 11832 Euclid, Garden Grove. That is one block north of Chapman. Dues are \$3.00 for a single membership and \$5 for a family membership (two or more). We have a plant

exchange table and a specimen table at every meeting, and "show and tell."

Officers for 1982 are Cliff Black, Tustin, president; Nancy Webb (Mrs. Norman), Garden Grove, vice president and program chairman; Estelle Trammell (Mrs. Everett), Santa Ana, treasurer; and Martha MacFarlane (Mrs. John), Santa Ana, secretary, historian and membership chairman.

We have no shows or plant sales definitely scheduled, pending an increase in membership. We most certainly welcome visitors and new members. For further information, write me at 2015 West 15th Street, Santa Ana, 92706, or phone (714) 542-3408.

Martha MacFarlane, Secretary

SUN COUNTRY IRIS SOCIETY will have our annual Iris Show on April 2nd and 3rd at the Chris Town Shopping Center. Because of the early show date, we expect this show to feature primarily Aril and Arilbred cultivars but it is certainly open to all classes of iris. Last year some of our members had Louisianas blooming before the Arilbreds. Of course our big event is the Region 15 Spring Trek in Phoenix on April 16th and 17th. The members have put a lot of time and effort into making this trek an eventful time for all of us. You will be receiving special invitations to the meeting.

Summers are very busy for SCIS. The June meeting will be the auction of club iris we have purchased to auction to the members in order to raise money for the club and to give our members the opportunity of purchasing a good, newer iris for their garden. July will be the auction of the Region 15 iris rhizomes to earn money for the region. Either in August or September we will auction the beardless iris grown for SCIS. September usually finds us enjoying a pot luck dinner as our regular meeting. We have a lot of good cooks, so it is always a lot of fun.

Our meetings are the first Tuesday of every month, including the summer months, at the Valley Garden Center in Phoenix at 7 PM. We are always pleased

to have visitors and new members. For further information on meetings you can contact me at 841-1231.

Dorald Shepard, President

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IRIS SOCIETY has a calendar full of interesting activities for spring and summer. Members of other iris societies are cordially invited to attend the Spring Garden Trek on April 10th. A full day tour of selected members' gardens is scheduled with luncheon being served in the Zeldins' garden, home of co-chairman of this event, Helen and son Loren. Additional information and driving instructions to the gardens are available. Please phone the Zeldins at (213) 886-4047.

Dr. Harold L. Stahly, President of the American Iris Society, will be guest speaker at the April 19th Membership Meeting. (*More information on the meeting appears elsewhere in this publication. ED.*)

Spring Show, April 23-25, Promenade Mall, Oxnard Street and Topanga Canyon Boulevard, Woodland Hills. Anyone wishing to enter the Horticulture Division should contact Robin Rice at (213) 464-0325. Deadline for reservations for the Artistic Division is April 16. Call Joanne Anderson (213) 340-6084 for reservations. A show schedule is available upon request.

Joanne Anderson, Reporter

IRIS JUDGEHIPS AVAILABLE

Region 15 is still short the number of judges allowed by membership quota. Anyone who has been a member of A.I.S. for three years and interested in becoming an accredited judge should contact Janice Chesnik.

Hints To Judges From a Hybridizer

Authored by Georgia Hinkle, the hybridizer of Symphony, Helen Keller, Eve and many other iris of the past, this timely classic has been reprinted many times by various iris editors.

Spring means many things to many people but to the hybridizer it means seedlings and Judges! Before many weeks now we'll have our ears to the ground listening for the hoof-beats, waiting and hoping that they will show up, praying that a wind, rain or hail-storm will not play havoc with things before they get there. We're hoping they'll give some little hint to let you know whether they like what they see and asking yourself, "Should I act as friendly as I feel or will it be mistaken for "politikin." The garden Judge who has a patch of his own will have gone through the above emotions.

If this is your first trip to this garden, introduce yourself as a judge. This will save the poor gal or guy some agonizing minutes of trying to figure out if you are a judge or garden visitor and will be their clue to take you to the seedlings. Ask the hybridizer to point out the seedlings he's interested in and if your opinion or criticism is asked for, give it. And if in your opinion what you see isn't quite in-

troductory material then say so, gently. DON'T make a block buster out of it as he or she is probably a nervous wreck by now. After all the flower is his baby whether it's a dog or a future "Dykes" so talk about it, pointing out the good qualities as well as the less desirable ones; both judge and hybridizer learn through discussion.

Have a notebook or pen in plain sight when you enter the garden, whether it's the first trip or not and use it if you only write down a favorite recipe or directions to a duck blind. When a judge enters a garden with a glum look and with his hands in his pockets, you'll know you've had it, before he utters a word!

Please don't visit a garden when you're short of time or in a hurry; no one can dash in and out of a garden and do an adequate job of judging seedlings or named varieties in a few minutes. After waiting months for bloom, take time to enjoy it, visit awhile with others who might be in the garden. This will really make your visit worth while.

Barbara Serdynski

The American Iris Society, Region 15, and irises in general lost one of their staunchest champions with the death of Barbara Serdynski on October 24, 1981. As a life member and Honorary Judge of the American Iris Society, she gave willingly and unstintingly. In 1963 "Barb" was appointed an Accredited Garden Judge. She was secretary of the Aril Society International during 1962 and 1963; took over duties of the President of the Southern California Iris Society in February of 1963 and continued through 1964. She worked with the national robin program for about seven years and in the meantime managed to

hold down the job of membership chairman for Region 15. Her first term as RVP started in 1966. In addition to her executive duties, she edited the regional newsletter and continued to do so through the spring of 1971. She then served as national publicity chairman of the American Iris Society. In 1973 Barbara once again came to the aid of the region accepting another three year term as RVP during which time she guided us through the 1975 national convention in San Diego.

We will miss her charm, her kisses, and above all, her generous love for all.

Region 15 Favorite Iris

Here are the favorite tall bearded iris as voted by you, the members of Region 15. Now is the time to look for these iris in the gardens. Would you vote for them? To be a true opinion poll we need the vote of every member. Make your notes this spring and vote when the ballot arrives in your summer AIS Bulletin. The number of votes is in parentheses. Gypsy Belle (38), Entourage and White Lightning (37), Bordello (36), Mystique (35), Orange Empire and Solano (32),

New Moon and Skylab (29), Vanity (28), Heather Blush (27), Going My Way (26), Mary Frances (25), Beauty Crown and Bride's Halo (24), Kilt Lilt and Temple Gold (23), Victoria Falls (22).

Compare Region 15 results with the AIS Symposium on pages 7-9 in the January, 1982, Bulletin of the American Iris Society. If more of our members would take the time to vote, national results could be different.

Janice Chesnik

First Iris Show Of Year



PAUL ACOSTA
Youth winner
Grandma's Attic

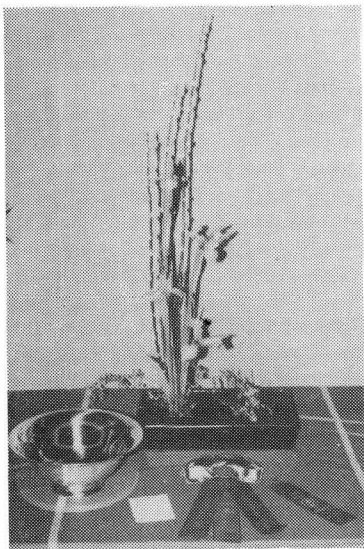
Although the showing in the horticulture division was small, the thirty-three entries were enough to qualify for an accredited AIS show. The San Fernando Valley Iris Society winter show was staged at the Promenade Mall in Woodland Hills for three days, January 23-25, 1982, with the theme of "Something Special."

Queen of the Show was DENEBA, a Louisiana iris entered by Pete DeSantis. Other top winners were CASCADE PASS, Founder's Trophy for best TB entered by Eleanor Samuel; BROADWAY, Marvyn Harbert Cup for best TB introduced within the last 5 years entered by Barbara McCardle. Myrna Pollock also won her own trophy for best little fellow with BOLD LASSIE.

The Artistic Arrangements Division was something to behold. There were 80 arrangements entered by 27 exhibitors. The California Garden Club judges remarked on both the size of the show and the high quality of workmanship. Best in show was won by Claire Hood for her entry in the "Iris" class. Artistic Sweepstakes for the most blue ribbons went to Pete DeSantis as well as the Theme Trophy for his "Grandma's Attic" entry.

Robin Rice served as Show Chairwoman for the event. Joanne Anderson was in charge of the Artistic Division.

Joanne Anderson, Reporter



CLAIRE HOOD
Best in Show
Iris

Shows And Coming Attractions

- April 2, 3 Sun County Iris Society show at Chris Town Shopping Center, Phoenix, Arizona.
- April 3, 4 Aril Society International early Iris Specialty Show featuring all types of iris except tall bearded. Los Angeles State and County Arboretum, Arcadia, California. Foothill Freeway (I 210) south on Baldwin Avenue or San Bernardino Freeway (I 10) north on Baldwin Avenue.
- April 10 San Fernando Valley Iris Society Garden Trek. See local news for details.

- April 16, 17 Region 15 Spring Meeting, Rodeway Inn, Metro Center at I 17, Phoenix, Arizona.
- April 19 Dr. Harold Stahly, President of the American Iris Society, will speak at San Fernando Valley Iris Society meeting, 7:30 PM, Canoga Park Woman's Club, corner of Valerio and Jordan Avenue, Canoga Park.
- April 23-25 San Fernando Valley Iris Society show, Promenade Mall, Oxnard Street and Topanga Canyon Boulevard, Woodland Hills. Ventura Freeway north on Topanga Canyon Boulevard.
- April 24-25 Southern California Iris Society show and plant sale, Santa Anita Fashion Park mall, Baldwin Avenue at Huntington Drive, Arcadia. Foothill Freeway (I 20) south on Baldwin Avenue or San Bernardino Freeway (I 10) north on Baldwin Avenue.
- April 24, 25 Inland Iris Society show, Central City Mall, San Bernardino.
- April 24, 25 San Diego Imperial Counties Iris Society Show, Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, San Diego. From downtown San Diego take 12th Avenue or Park Boulevard north to first traffic signal past Balboa Navy Hospital. Turn left into park. Casa Del Prado is on northwest corner where street ends.
- April 24, 25 Tucson Area Iris Society show, Tucson Botanical Gardens, 1250 N. Alvernon Way, Tucson, Arizona.
- May 15 Judges annual meeting, 12:00 noon potluck at Herb & Sarah Holk's Cal-Dixie Garden, 15115 Pear Street, Riverside, CA 92672.

Join Or Visit A Local Club

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IRIS SOCIETY, Los Angeles State and County Arboretum Lecture Hall, Arcadia, Potluck 12 noon, 4th Saturday of January, March, June and October. Picnic and plant sale in August.

ORANGE COUNTY IRIS AND DAYLILY CLUB, Presbyterian Church, 11832 Euclid, Garden Grove. 2nd Tuesday every month at 7:30 PM.

SUN COUNTRY IRIS SOCIETY, Valley Garden Center, Phoenix, Arizona. 1st Tuesday of every month at 7 PM.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IRIS SOCIETY, Canoga Park Woman's Club, northwest corner Valerio and Jordan Avenue, Canoga Park. 3rd Monday at 8 PM.

INLAND IRIS SOCIETY—contact President for date and location.

SAN DIEGO-IMPERIAL COUNTIES IRIS SOCIETY—contact President for location. 3rd Sunday of month at 1 PM.

TUCSON AREA IRIS SOCIETY—contact President for location. Second Sunday of February, March, April, May, August, September (sale), and October.

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