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THE REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Eleanor McCown, RVP, Region 15



Greetings Everyone,

I want to thank the San Fernando Iris Society for their thoughtful gift of a calendar at the Fall Meeting. So handy, since it went to June 1984, I could look ahead at all the scheduled events. No one apparently gives away calendars down here anymore or else I neglected to look for them.

The holidays always keep me on the run. Then I think I'll catch up with everything in January, but by the time I get my accounts over to the auditors, so I'll know how much I have to pay Uncle Sam the first of March, the weeds are getting knee-high. Now January is gone and I'm still behind like the old Pennsylvania Dutch saying, "The hurrier I go, the behinder I get."

I did find time to plant the seeds brought back from South Africa in October. Even most of the Protea have germinated, and the Felicia daisies (these are dark blue with a blue center) got so big I had to plant them out, although we could still get a killing frost. The sparrows immediately decided that those tender leaves were delicious, so I had to get some old screens over them. So far we have only had a few frosty nights, and unless we get more, I'll have to get my pruners out and whittle away at the tropicals or this place will become a jungle.

I'm looking forward to the Spring Trek that the Inland Iris Society has planned. I know it will be a good one. I hope as many as possibly can will come. There will be a judges training session and we need more judges to start training. We are top heavy with master Judges.

April never has enough days for me. I was in my own garden so little last year that I only made about a dozen crosses on the Spurias. Maybe it is time to let others take over, and then I can travel more. In the meantime I'll keep hoeing away and be on the look-out for the first iris blooms.

REGIONAL MINUTES

The Fall Meeting of the Board of Region 15 was held at the Odyssey Restaurant in Mission Hills, California, on October 8, 1983. In attendance were: Ralph Strane, Archie Owen, Bobbie Shepard, Doral Shepard, Lura Roach, Jennie Hopson, Penny Chism, Duncan Eader, Myrna Pollock, George Hood, Joanne Anderson, Howard Goodrick Eleanor McCown, and Janice Chesnik. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by RVP Eleanor McCown. The minutes of the Spring 1983 meeting were read by Joanne Anderson. The minutes were accepted as presented.

The Treasurer's report was read by Bobbie Shepard. The budget was reviewed with no changes. Jennie Hopson moved that the Region formulate guidelines for the Spring and Fall meetings. The motion was seconded and passed. The Treasurer requested that each society hosting a Regional meeting submit a copy of their cost accounting for inclusion in the guidelines. It was noted that societies who do not request funds that are budgeted will be given credit for a donation.

Judge's Training Chairman, Janice Chesnik, reported that there are nine new judges in the Region.

Regional Vice-President Eleanor McCown discussed delinquencies and

noted that the AIS does not send out delinquency notices. Presidents will be so notified.

Ralph Strane reported that when the Inland Iris Society hosts the 1984 Spring meeting, there will be a workshop in parallel with the judge's training session.

The existing Executive Board was re-nominated for the final year of the three-year term by the nominating committee. Doral Shepard moved that the slate be accepted; the move was seconded and passed.

It was announced that the Region will definitely host the 1987 national convention. Sun Country Iris Society will be the host society. The theme is Fiesta Phoenix. The convention will be held April 14 to 18, 1987. Ralph Strane moved that the Region loan Sun Country \$750.00 at no interest to start planning the national convention. The move was seconded and passed. A discussion of a Regional insurance policy was held. It was decided that each society is responsible for their own policies.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

George Hood
Secretary



See Auction Iris In Trek Gardens

Each year Region 15 budgets about three hundred dollars to purchase new irises to be grown and shown in the Spring Trek gardens before they are distributed to the clubs for summer auctions. This is the major budget-building activity for the Region and a popular one with members.

These twenty-eight irises will be planted in three tour gardens and will be identified on labels as Regional irises. Look for them while touring so you will know which favorites to bid for at the auctions.

Planted at the Hamner Garden in Perris are: Flaming Victory and Lemon Custard by Weiler, Spectacular Bid by McWhirter, Night Affair and Mariner's Cove from Luihn, and the Hamners' own Wild Jasmine and Melissa Sue.

In the Riverside garden of herb and Sara Holk will be Weiler's Azure Luster;

Clockwork Orange and Super Manuel of McWhirter; Keppel's Peccadillo (BB); three arilbreds from Shepard: Desert Embroidery, Sagebrush Honey, Emerald Fantasy; and Herb's own introduction, Grenadine Pacemaker.

Hoping that Ralph Strane's walled and warm garden in Rancho Cucamonga will promote early bloom to match the early date of the trek, a large share of the Region's irises have been planted there. These include: the ABs Desert Embroidery and Sagebrush Honey of Shepard; Maryott's Alice in Wonderland, Wind Surfer, and Hindenberg; Wight's Lemon Everglow, Iris Valentine, Latin Arts, and Mary Mahoney; Charles Castle from Jon Wight; Breakfast at Tiffany's by McWhirter; and All That Jazz and Baby Love (BB) of Denney.

Show Winners

The following is a list of the top winners of the San Fernando Valley Iris Society's Winter Show (Artistic Arrangements only) held at the Promenade Mall in Woodland Hills on February 4th and 5th.

Best Arrangement of Show	PETE DeSANTIS
Daisylyn's Theme Trophy	CAROLINE SUTHERLAND
Mahan/Moore Award (Sweepstakes)	MITZIE ELCHYSHYN
Borden Trophy (Best Youth Arrangement)	SONYA STITES
Bennett Trophy (Youth Theme)	SONYA STITES
Advanced Amateur	PETE DeSANTIS
Amateur	JAN LAURITZEN
Novice	HILDA MIYAMURA
Youth (Amateur)	PAUL ACOSTA
Youth (Novice)	SONYA STITES
Professional	ROBIN RICE

Iris Show

Iris specialists in southern California are being invited by the local members of the Aril Society International, a Region 15 affiliate, to participate in their Eighteenth Annual Specialty Iris Show on March 31 and April 1.

The show, while staged by the Aril Society, is open to all iris which may be in bloom at this early date, *except* the tall bearded iris. Besides arils, there are categories for medians, dwarfs, species, bearded or beardless, and even bulbous iris. If you have an early bloomer (non TB), there will be a place for it, so plan to enter it if you can.

There will be an artistic arrangement division and arrangers are particularly invited to participate. Because of limited space advance reservations are required for the Artistic Division. Show schedules and information on entry times and pre-registration may be obtained from Duncan Eader, 111 West Magna Vista, Arcadia, CA 91006, (818) 447-0033.

Held in Ayers Hall at the L.A. State and County Arboretum (301 N. Baldwin) in Arcadia, the show will open to the public from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 31, and from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 1. Even if you cannot enter, the variety displayed here is educational and interesting. It merits your attendance.

OPEN GARDENS

IN CLAREMONT:

Following the Spring Show of the Aril Society International at the Arboretum, Dr. Lee Lenz, Director of the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, has advised that their Experimental Garden (up on the Mesa) will be open to Aril Society and AIS members from 10 to 11 a.m. on Sunday, April 1, 1984.

The Experimental Garden includes most of Lenz's world-renowned developments in Pacific Coast Native Iris which will be in bloom. Also included here are a number of Lee Lenz's new PCN seedlings in bloom.

The Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden is located at 1500 North College Avenue, Claremont, California. Take Foothill Blvd. to College Avenue. Go north on College to the Garden's parking area. From there, follow the signs up to the Mesa.

IN RIVERSIDE:

During the afternoon of 1 April, Bob Hubley's Longview Iris Gardens will also be open for viewing, PCN sales, and seedling judging.

Longview Iris Gardens should be in peak bloom on April 1. In the three full-sun gardens, there are about 200 PCN's of blooming size — mostly PCN registrations and new PCN seedlings. In addition, the shaded gardens have a number of PCN's from Joe Ghio, Jack McCaskill, Richard Richards, the late George Stambach, and the late Barbara Serdynski.

Going east on the Pomona Freeway (60) or from the Riverside Freeway (91), take the Van Buren off-ramp. Go Van Buren to Colorado Avenue, then east on Colorado to 9230 Colorado.

ARRANGEMENT SHOW AT SPRING MEETING

At the spring meeting, we are having an Arrangement Show and Contest Friday evening, April 13, in the lobby of the hotel during the evening registration. You are invited to participate by bringing your own design and plant materials including iris of course. Arrangements must be in place before the Judges Training at 7 p.m. and will remain until the banquet Saturday evening. Everyone who registers for the Trek will have a ballot attached to their packet to vote

for their favorite arrangement after the Judges Training. A prize will be awarded. In order to make a more fair comparison, we request you design an average size.

We must plan for space, so if you will contribute to make this show an interesting part of Friday night's program, please notify:

Irene Benton
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Order from Jaymie Heathcock, Route 2 Box 238, Mounds, OK 74047. Make checks payable to AIS.

SPRING MEETING

INLAND IRIS SOCIETY

Cordially invites you
to the

1984 SPRING MEETING
and GARDEN TREK
of
Region 15
of the
AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY

April 13-15, 1984
at
QUALITY INN
1150 East University Avenue
Riverside, California

PROGRAM

Friday, April 13

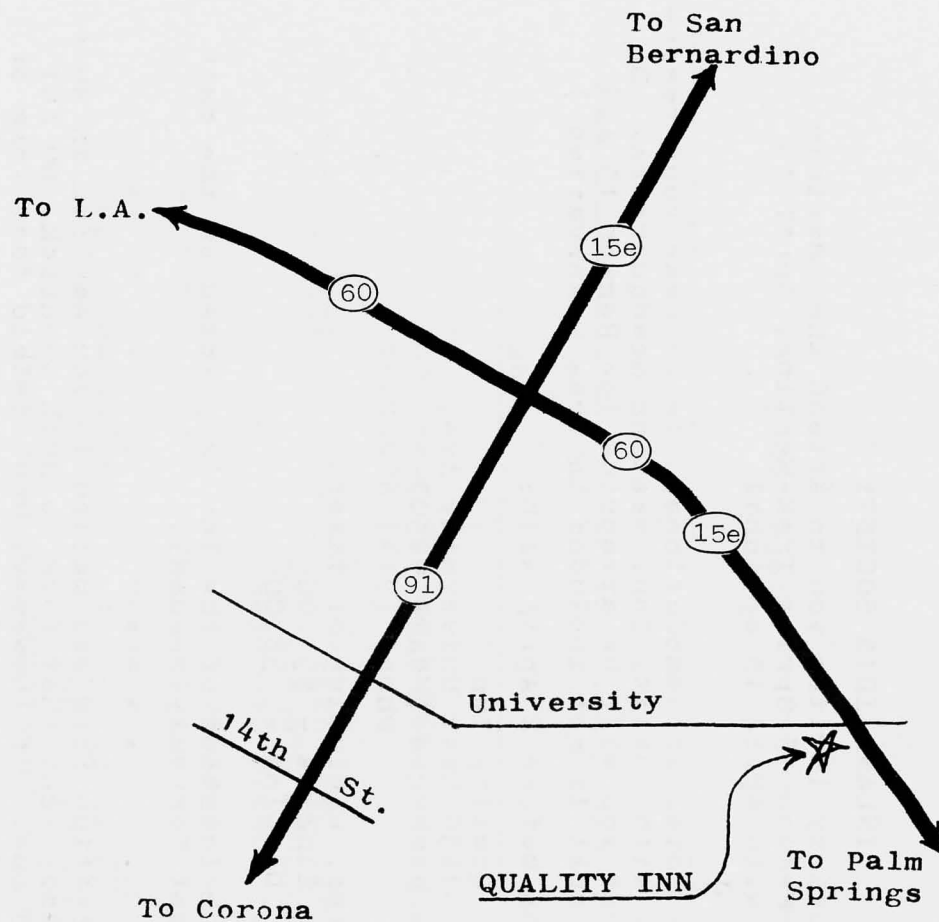
4:00 p.m. Meeting of Region 15 Board Members
5:00 p.m. Registration
7:30 p.m. JUDGING MADE EASY
Heritage Room
Judges Training by Mr. Joe Gatty
7:30 p.m. IRIS GROWING PROBLEMS IN
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
Seminar-Panel by the 4-H's:
Hamner, Hawkinson, Holden, and Holk

Saturday, April 14

7:00 a.m. Registration
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. BUS TREK to the Strane,
Kotner, Cherry, Cal-Dixie, and Hamner
Gardens
7:00 p.m. BANQUET in the Victoria Room
Program: PLICATAS
Speaker: Mr. Keith Keppel

Sunday, April 15

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Optional Garden Visits
(Own transportation)



QUALITY INN
1150 E. University Ave.
Riverside, CA 92507

INLAND IRIS SOCIETY

Inland Iris Society invites you to attend the American Iris Society, Region 15 Spring Trek-Meeting, April 13 and 14, 1984, with April 15 optional.

If you are using hotel accommodations, please make your reservations directly with Quality Inn, meeting headquarters. Be sure to state that you will be attending the Region 15 AIS Meeting. (Room cost is not included in Trek reservation.)

Make reservations before 2 April with:

Quality Inn
1150 East University Ave.
Riverside, CA 92507
Phone (714) 682-2771

Nightly Room rates, exclusive of taxes:

Singles - \$34.00
Doubles - 38.00

A map showing the location of the Inn is printed on the back of this half sheet for easy removal.

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A separate reservation form was mailed to you earlier in March. If you have already sent that form to Ruth Goodrick, DO NOT send this second one. If, however, you mislaid that form or have only now decided to attend, please use the form below.

DUPLICATE

RESERVATIONS FOR REGION 15 MEETING

Cost of April 13-14 meeting and trek:

\$40.00 before March 24; \$45.00 after March 24.

Deadline for reservations is April 2, 1984.

Please make checks payable to RUTH S. GOODRICK and send with the completed form below to

Mrs. Howard Goodrick
1700 Burr Oak Way
Hemet, CA 92343 Phone (714) 925-4474

Please make reservations for the Spring Trek for

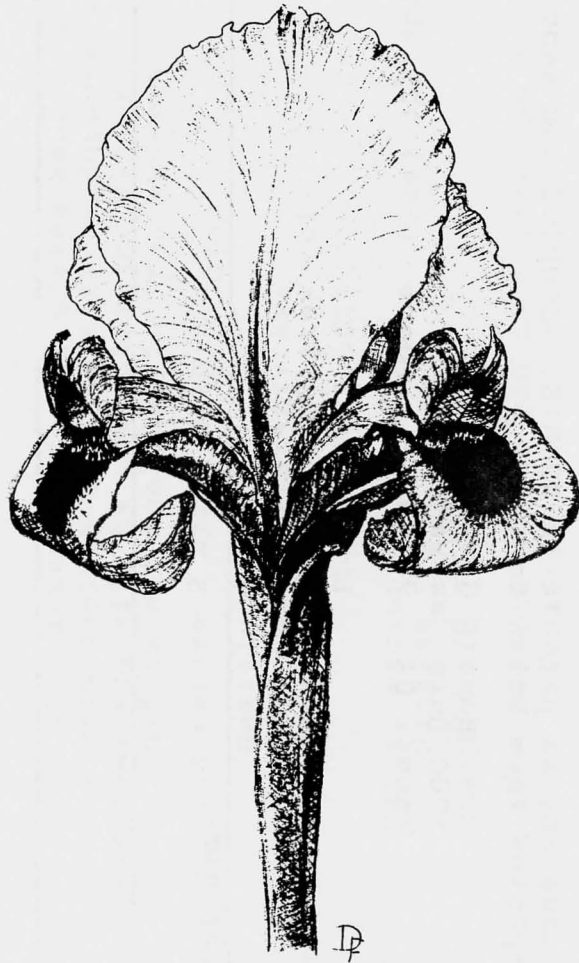
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Club

Number of persons _____

Total cost _____

Tour Gardens



An uncommonly late Easter date has prescribed an uncommonly early date for this year's trek. Many feared that only dwarfs and medians would be in profuse bloom by the second week of April. The prolonged warm, rainless weather, however, has produced so much late-winter bloom that the tour gardeners are eyeing each new bloom stalk with mixed emotions.

The five gardens chosen for the trek vary in altitude and in the amount of winter chill as well as in layout and content. So, no matter the spring weather, whether early or late, there should be flowers for viewing.

Reservations information for the meeting and for the hotel is to be found on the center insert of this newsletter. Deadline for meeting reservations is **2 April**; hotel reservations should be made as early as possible.

THE CHERRY GARDEN

In the five years since the Cherry family first caught iris fever, the garden have evolved through stages and has had as many as a thousand different varieties at one time. There has been considerable replanting as they experiment both with irises and with gardening a high hillside lot. Special beds have been laid out for this tour and to include the more than twenty-five guest irises.

The varied landscaping of the property, with palms, cycads, cymbidiums, and other exotic plants, is in considerable measure the work of the three young sons in the family. They are also iris buffs interested in the growing, showing, and arranging of iris. Indeed, the garden is sometimes called the C-Big Garden for the Cherry Brothers Iris Garden.

The Cherrys have lived in this spacious house designed by Dick for only six years and have altered the face of the hilly site. It is hoped that the tour day will be clear enough for guests to enjoy the spectacular view of the inland valley that is the extra enhancement of the setting.

THE HAMNER GARDEN

This garden, originally planted as a hobby, has become one of the best-known, small commercial gardens in the southland. A convenient garden layout plus a high concentration of new introductions and choice seedlings has made this a favorite site for judging sessions and for visiting groups.

In addition to the 100 new varieties planted annually, the garden this year displays over fifty guests as well as part of the auction purchases for both Region 15 and Inland Iris Society. Beyond the wood fence at the rear of the garden is the seedling bed with over 2000 first year seedling and hundreds of selected seedlings — a sight to dazzle the selector.

Bernard began hybridizing in the mid-sixties and introduced Stepchild in 1969 as his initial offering. Since then he has introduced nearly seventy irises which have garnered an ever-growing list of awards and citations. Quite a few Hamner introductions have genes for early bloom so that, even with an early trek, the garden should provide a good display of color.

THE HOLK GARDEN

The display area of Cal-Dixie Gardens is the intensively-planted half-acre about the house; the stock is grown on in a nearby field. Cultivation in this main garden reaches into every corner, and specialized beds are laid out for optimum ease in tending and viewing.

All the guest iris and purchase iris are planted in a long bed along the front drive. Here, too, is a group of guest seedling from Austin Morgan. Extensive seedling beds lie between the house and the road while current and newer introductions are clustered for easy viewing.

The vagaries of spring weather may limit some bloom, but they cannot leave the garden without color. Besides tall-bearded and airbred iris, there are dwarfs, medians, Louisianas, Spurias, and Siberians.

Cal-Dixie has operated from this location since 1978 following Herb's retirement from the Air Force. This is not just a retirement hobby garden for Herb is currently employed in Public Health work. Sara's hand is visible in the garden and business operations, but Herb does the hybridizing. He had his first introductions last year with two tall-bearded and two arilbred irises, and more will be forthcoming.

THE KOTNER GARDEN

At 3000 feet elevation, this is the highest of the gardens on tour. The weather here is colder than most of the valley, having some snow each year and temperatures in the high teens. This garden will be in a different stage of spring bloom, and although the main tall-bearded bloom is usually at the end of April there will still be lots in flower.

Guest iris in this garden are the SDB's, complementing those regularly grown here. Medians and daffodils can provide color even if the weather is uncooperative. Toby has a special fondness for tall-bearded iris, and the main bed has a high percentage of recent introductions. This area was an empty field when the Kotners moved here four years ago, and now nothing new goes in without something old coming out.

Toby specializes in iris and Irving in fruit trees, and they have divided growing areas to avoid encroaching. However, they share the decisions and the work on

the many roses, flowering shrubs, and bulbs that fill the remaining areas around lawn and pool. Gardeners who visit are intrigued by the variety in the plants that are tucked into corners and along fences. Here one should walk with a roving eye.

THE STRANE GARDEN

This garden was on the spring trek hosted last year by Southern California Iris Society, but you may not believe it is the same garden when you see it. Experimenting with the heat and sun patterns in this long lot, the industrious Stranes have built new beds and have moved many of the garden plants.

The large collection of roses is now consolidated in the front yard. More irises, including the many guests, have been added. There is another new bed now on the north side of the house planted with dwarfs, border iris, Louisianas, and Siberians. The protecting north wall almost insures an early bloom on the many interesting shrubs as well as on the iris.

There is a great deal more than flowers to catch one's attention here. From the 1908 Sears catalog house at the front of the lot, past the gasebo, lath house, orange-packing shed, on back to the bird cages, there seems to be something new to be found beyond each tree and around each bend in the path. With so many, varied attractions here, guests who dawdle may well miss seeing them all.



CALENDAR— SHOWS

Show information is listed more fully in this edition in hopes of encouraging broader participation. A club is fortunate if a quarter of its members help to stage a show, fortunate if another quarter participate or even attend. For the other fifty percent and for non-club members of A.I.S., this is to urge support of the iris activities in your area.

March 31 ARIL SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL early Iris Specialty Show featuring all types of iris except tall bearded. Los Angeles State and County Arboretum, 301 North Baldwin Ave., Arcadia between Foothill Freeway (I-210) and the San Bernardino Freeway (I-10).

April 14-15 TUCSON AREA IRIS SOCIETY show will be held at the Tucson Park Mall Shopping Center in Tucson. Entries will be received from 6:30 to 10 a.m., Saturday, 14 April. Early entry is appreciated from judging begins at 11:00 a.m. Show open to public from 1 to 5 p.m. both days.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

April 20-21 SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IRIS SOCIETY at the Center Court, Main Level of the Promenade Mall, 6000 Topanga Canyon Blvd., Woodland Hills. Theme: Salute to the Olympics. This is a split show: horticultural entries are to be on the tables before 10 a.m. Friday; artistic entries before 10 a.m. Saturday for one day only. The Mall is closed on Easter Sunday. On Saturday ONLY an iris plant sale will be held in connection with the show.

April 20-21 SUN COUNTRY IRIS SOCIETY will be at the Chris Town Mall in Phoenix. Theme: Spring Melodies. Entries can only be received on Friday morning from 6 to 9 a.m. Entry information available from Club president and from Bobbie Shepard, 3342 W. Orangewood, Phoenix.

April 28-29 INLAND IRIS SOCIETY will hold its fifth consecutive show in the Harris Company Court of Central City Mall, 2nd and E Streets, San Bernardino. Theme: Rainbow Splendor. Entries received 7 to 9 p.m. Friday (27th) and 7 to 9:30 a.m. Saturday (28th). Entries must be on the tables by 10:00 a.m.

April 28-29 SAN DIEGO-IMPERIAL COUNTIES IRIS SOCIETY in the Exhibition Room of Casa del Prado in Balboa Park, San Diego. Entries must be received before 9:00 a.m. Saturday (28th). The Show is open to the public from 1 to 5 on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

From downtown San Diego take 12th Avenue or Park Blvd. north to first traffic signal past Balboa Navy Hospital. Turn left into park. Casa Del Prado is on the northwest corner where the street ends.

Shows

- April 28-29 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IRIS SOCIETY Spring Show will be at the Santa Anita Fashion Park on Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia. Theme: Spring is in the Air. Entries received from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday (27th) and from 7 to 10 a.m. Saturday (28th). Horticulture will be on the ground level in front of Buffum's; artistic will be on the second level by Robinson's. Pre-registration is necessary for artistic entries. Information and schedules are available from Doris Eader, 111 W. Magna Vista, Arcadia, or (818) 447-0033.

And Coming Attractions

- March 31 - April 1 The March meeting of San Diego-Imperial Counties Iris Society will be held at 1:00 p.m., Sunday, at Quail Gardens in Encinitas.
- May 19-20 Orange County Iris and Daylily Society will participate for the third year in the "Green Theme" happening at the California State University at Fullerton Arboretum. Their plant booth will feature irises and daylilies but will sell other plants as well.
- For plant fanciers, this two-day event, sponsored by support groups of the Fullerton Arboretum, is a good source of information as well as plant materials.
- Sept. 8-9 Tucson Area Iris Society public Plant Sale will be held at the Tucson Botanical Garden at 2150 North Alvernon. Sale hours are 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday.
- September Orange County Iris and Daylily Society will stage their plant sale at the Huntington Beach Mall. For information on date and hours, contact the club president, Nancy Webb.
- Oct. 5-7 San Fernando Valley Iris Society's mammoth rhizome sale at the Promenade Mall, 6000 Topanga Canyon Road, Woodland Hills.
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- 1987 Please note a seeming change of site for the 1987 National Convention to the Point Tapatio, a western-resort type hotel, in Phoenix.
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DEADLINE FOR FALL NEWSLETTER

Copy must be in to the editor by August 31, but don't wait until the deadline. Plan now to send results of the spring shows so that names of winning irises can be published. Send dates of fall sales and winter events as soon as they are planned. This is supposed to be a NEWSletter, and your new items of personal and club activities is needed. Please participate.

Tentative Schedule

- 1984 Spring Meeting—Inland Iris Society
- 1984 Fall Meeting—Southern California Iris Society
- 1985 Spring Meeting—San Fernando Valley Iris Society
- 1985 Fall Meeting—Inland Iris Society
- 1986 Spring Meeting—San Diego-Imperial Counties Iris Society
- 1986 Fall Meeting—San Diego-Imperial Counties Iris Society
- 1987 AIS National Convention Region 15 hosting—Phoenix, AZ



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JOIN OR VISIT A LOCAL CLUB

The work of the American Iris Society is furthered by its affiliated clubs. A.I.S. members can support the goals of the Society by participating at the local level. If you are not now a member of a local group, you are invited to a meeting of one of the clubs listed below. Club presidents are listed inside the front cover if you want further information.

ARIL SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL, Los Angeles State and County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin, Arcadia, CA. Meetings on second Sunday of February, July, and November with potluck luncheon. Meeting hours vary.

INLAND IRIS SOCIETY, Glendale Federal Savings, Tyler Street across from Tyler Mall, Riverside, CA. 7 p.m. first Monday of January, February, March, April, May, and November. Other locations: potluck-auction in August, rhizome sale first weekend in October.

MOUNTAIN VIEW IRIS SOCIETY, meeting time and place varies; contact president.

ORANGE COUNTY IRIS AND DAYLILY CLUB, Presbyterian Church, 11832 Euclid, Garden Grove, CA. Second Tuesday every month at 7:30 p.m.

SAN DIEGO - IMPERIAL COUNTIES IRIS SOCIETY, third Sunday of some months at 1 p.m., location varies; contact president.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IRIS SOCIETY, Los Angeles State and County Arboretum Lecture Hall, 301 N. Baldwin, Arcadia, CA. Potluck at 12 noon, fourth Saturday of January, March, June and October. Picnic and plant sale in August.

SUN COUNTRY IRIS SOCIETY, Valley Garden Center, Phoenix, AZ. First Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

TUCSON AREA IRIS SOCIETY, generally on third Sunday of February, March, May, August, and October at 3 or 4 p.m. Show in April; sale in September. Place varies; check with president.



(ARRIVED TOO LATE FOR TYPESETTING)

1984 National Convention

The 1984 American Iris Society National Convention is to be at Seattle, Washington on May 27-31, 1984 with King County and Pierce County Iris Societies hosting.

OFFICIAL HEADQUARTERS: WESTIN HOTEL
1900 - 5th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101

Phones: (206) 624-7400 or 1-800 228-3000

Convention rates: \$70, single; \$80, double-twin.

Specify that you are attending the AIS convention.

A list of other nearby accommodations is available from the Registrar (see below).

REGISTRATION:	Before April 1	\$110.00
	April 1 to May 5	115.00
	After May 5	125.00
	Youths under 18	95.00

Make checks payable to "Seattle Convention AIS"

Send checks to: Margaret Fisher, Registrar
1321 South 260th Place
Kent, WA 98031
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TRANSPORTATION: Official Air Carrier is UNITED AIR-lines which is offering a 35% discount on fares to the convention. To obtain this special rate, call toll free 1-800 426-3575; tell them you want the special discount fare to Seattle for the A.I.S 1984 Convention. (The air carrier mentioned in the January bulletin of AIS is now defunct!)

From the air port to the hotel, one may take the Airporter Bus (about \$5.00 and 25 minutes) or the city's Metro Bus 174 (about \$1.00 and 1 hour with no baggage room). Taxis are not regulated, so be careful to get an agreed price before riding. Fare is usually \$20.00 for a single, and without a tip.

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