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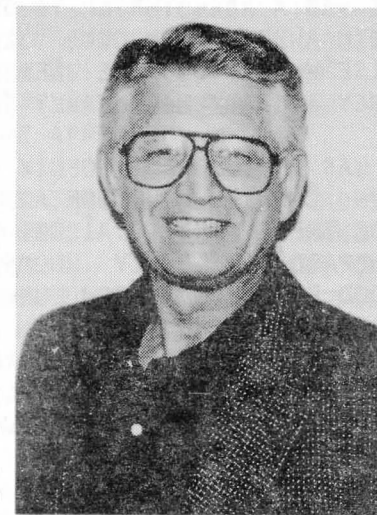
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THE REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

IT DOESN'T SEEM POSSIBLE THAT IT IS ALREADY TIME FOR THE SECOND RVP MESSAGE, BUT IT IS. THIS HAS BEEN AN EXCITING SUMMER. STARTING WITH THE GREAT TREK PRESENTED BY SCIS FOR THE REGION, AND THEN ALL OF THE SHOWS IT HAS BEEN ONE IRIS ACTIVITY AFTER ANOTHER.



THANKS TO THE SUPPORT OF SUN COUNTRY IRIS SOCIETY WHICH GRACIOUSLY SET UP A FUND FROM THE PHOENIX NATIONAL RETURNS TO SEND THE RVP TO THE NATIONAL AND TO THE FALL BOARD MEETING, I WAS ABLE TO ENJOY SOME WONDERFUL BLOOM AT OKLAHOMA AS WELL AS ATTEND THE AIS BOARD MEETINGS AND RVP MEETINGS.

SINCE RETURNING FROM OKLAHOMA VISITING THE DIFFERENT SOCIETIES FOR THE REGION AND GETTING READY FOR THE REGION AUCTIONS HAS TAKEN MOST OF MY FREE TIME. AFTER A BIT OF MYSTERY SEARCH FOR THE REGION IRISES WE HAVE ENDED WITH A NICE SELECTION THAT IS EARNING US A GOOD SUPPORTING SUM FOR THE REGION AND ALSO ALLOWING THE MEMBERS TO GAIN SOME LATE INTRODUCTIONS FOR THEIR GARDENS. A VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO THE MOGILS AND WIGHTS FOR THE LOVING CARE THEY GAVE THESE RHIZOMES.

SAN FERNANDO WAS THE FIRST OF THE SOCIETIES TO HOLD THEIR REGIONAL AUCTION. PRESIDENT BILL RHINHART WAS A FIRST RATE AUCTIONEER AND MADE IT FUN TO GIVE UP MONEY FOR THE REGION. THIS AUCTION EARNED THE LARGEST AMOUNT FOR THE REGION TO DATE.

SAN DIEGO HELD THEIR AUCTION ALONG WITH A GREAT POTLUCK DINNER ON A BEAUTIFUL SUNNY AFTERNOON. I WAS SURE GLAD THAT THE AUCTION WAS FIRST, BEFORE DINNER BECAUSE I ATE SO MUCH THAT I WOULD HAVE FOUND IT HARD TO CARE MUCH ABOUT SELLING IRISES AFTER THAT

MEAL. MANY MEETINGS LIKE THIS AND I'M GOING TO OUTGROW ALL OF MY CLOTHES.

IT WAS A REAL THRILL TO GO OUT TO PALMDALE AND VISIT WITH A BRAND NEW CLUB (SEE MORE ABOUT THIS NEW CLUB ELSEWHERE IN THE NEWSLETTER). WHEN I WAS THERE THEY ALREADY HAD NEARLY 70 EAGER MEMBERS.

I WAS INVITED TO PHOENIX TO BE AUCTIONEER FOR THE SUN COUNTRY AUCTION AND TO GIVE A BIT OF A PROGRAM FOR THEIR MEETING. I GOT TO SPEND THE NIGHT IN THE SHEPARD'S LOVELY HOME AND THEN THERE WAS FOOD-FOOD-FOOD! FROM LUNCH TO SUPPER TO THE COCONUT CAKE AT THE MEETING IT WAS GREAT. THIS IS A WONDERFUL GROUP, BUT WE KNEW THAT WHEN WE ENJOYED THEIR WONDERFUL NATIONAL CONVENTION LAST YEAR. THEY MADE THE AUCTION GREAT FUN AS WELL AS PROFITABLE (AND FIFTY CENTS!!!).

AT THIS WRITING THERE ARE STILL MORE AUCTIONS TO COME AND IT IS VERY ENCOURAGING TO SEE THE REGION RECEIVING SO MUCH SUPPORT. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE HELPED WITH THIS EFFORT. BY THE END OF THE MONTH I WILL HAVE VISITED ALL OF THE SOCIETIES EXCEPT TUCSON. I CERTAINLY HOPE THAT THEY WILL HAVE ME SOON. THE MORE I VISIT WITH YOU THE MORE I REALIZE WHAT A WONDERFUL GROUP IRIS LOVERS ARE.

Ralph Strane

VISIT SAN DIEGO

ATTEND THE FALL REGIONAL MEETING

SEE THE CENTER FOLD

YOU'LL HAVE FUN! SEE YOU THERE!



MINUTES OF SPRING MEETING 1988

THE SPRING MEETING OF REGION 15 WAS CALLED TO ORDER APRIL 22, 1988 IN MONROVIA CALIFORNIA BY REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT, RALPH STRANE, AT 6 :45 PM. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AS PRESENTED IN THE 1988 SPRING NEWSLETTER, WERE APPROVED.

IN THE ABSENCE OF THE TREASURER, THE RVP READ THE TREASURER'S REPORT WHICH SHOWED A BALANCE ON HAND OF \$6439.04. LAVERNE AND RALPH CONRAD, AUDITORS, STATED THAT THEY HAD EXAMINED THE REPORT AND FOUND IT TO BE CORRECT. BILL RHINHART MOVED THE AUDITOR'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED. MOTION CARRIED.

REGIONAL JUDGES TRAINING CHAIRMAN, RALPH CONRAD, REPORTED ON THE NEWLY APPOINTED APPRENTICE JUDGES AND THE APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL SOCIETY JUDGES TRAINING COMMITTEE MEMBERS. THESE WILL ASSIST LOCAL MEMBERS WITH THEIR TRAINING.

BILL RHINHART ASKED THE APPROVAL OF \$43.00 IN ADDITION TO THE ALLOTTED AMOUNT FOR PACKING AND SHIPPING OF THE REGIONAL IRISES PURCHASED FOR THE 1990 TREK. RALPH CONFAD MOVED TO APPROVE THE ALLOCATION. MOTION CARRIED.

VALERA CHENOWETH QUESTIONED THE ABSENCE OF NON-BEARDED IRISES ON THE LIST AND AFTER SOME DISCUSSION DICK CHERRY MOVED THAT \$150.00 BE ALLOCATED FOR THE PURCHASE OF IRISES OTHER THAN TALL BEARDED FOR THE 1990 TREK. MOTION CARRIED.

A DISCUSSION FOLLOWED OF THE WAYS AND MEANS OF ATTRACTING MORE YOUTH MEMBERS.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:25 PM.

SUBMITTED BY ACTING SECRETARY, LAVERNE CONRAD



NEW SOCIETY ORGANIZED

FOR MANY YEARS THE HI-DESERT REGION OF CALIFORNIA HAS BEEN OUT OF THE MAIN STREAM AS FAR AS IRIS ACTIVITIES ARE CONCERNED. NONE OF OUR GARDENS HAVE BEEN ON A TREK AND FEW JUDGES HAVE VENTURED INTO THE AREA TO LOOK AT OUR SEEDLINGS. BUT TIMES HAVE CHANGED, AND THIS AREA IS NOW ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING AREAS IN THE STATE. PALMDALE HAS GROWN FROM 10,000 TO 45,000 PEOPLE IN THREE YEARS WHILE NEAR BY LANCASTER HAS GROWN FROM 45,000 TO 75,000 IN THE SAME PERIOD. A NEW CLUB TO SERVE THE AREA SEEMED TO BE A NECESSITY.

CAL BOSTWICK AND BEULAH ROBINSON GOT TOGETHER TO ORGANIZE THE NEW CLUB. BOTH ARE LONG TIME MEMBERS OF AIS AND HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN SEVERAL CLUBS BEFORE ORGANIZING THIS NEW ONE. IN MAY OVER 40 PEOPLE ATTENDED AN ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND THE HI-DESERT IRIS & DAYLILY SOCIETY WAS FORMED. SINCE THEN IT HAS GROWN TO 67 ACTIVE MEMBERS FROM ALL OVER THE HI-DESERT AREA.

IN JULY, AIS REGION 15 RVP, RALPH STRANE, INSTALLED THE NEW OFFICERS. THEY ARE:

PRESIDENT - CAL BOSTWICK
VICE PRESIDENT - BEULAH ROBINSON
SECRETARY - JULIE YARTER
TREASURER - JAN BORG

REGION 15 MEMBERS RESPONDED MAGNIFICENTLY TO THE CALL FOR HELP IN GETTING THE CLUB ON ITS FEET. THE FIRST PLANT SALE HAS BEEN HELD TO GET OPERATING MONEY IN THE TREASURY. DONATIONS OF PLANTS FROM VARIOUS REGION 15 MEMBERS MADE THIS POSSIBLE. DON CUNNINGHAM AND PETE DE SANTIS EVEN HELPED WITH THE ACTUAL SELLING. WE WILL ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL FOR THIS SUPPORT.

THE CLUB IS NOW CONDUCTING A DRIVE TO GET AS MANY OF ITS MEMBERS TO JOIN AIS AS POSSIBLE AND IS LOOKING FORWARD TO SOON BECOMING AN AFFILIATED CLUB IN REGION 15.

SUBMITTED BY CAL BOSTWICK, PRES. HI-DESERT I & DYS

GUILTY OF OMISSION!

LAST YEAR IN OUR FALL NEWSLETTER, THE NAMES OF THOSE HOLDING LIFE MEMBERSHIPS IN THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY WERE LISTED, ALONG WITH A NOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS. ONE WHO HOLDS SUCH A MEMBERSHIP HAS POINTED OUT IN WONDERMENT THAT AT LEAST TWO WERE MISSING. A CHECK OF THE COMPUTER READOUT THAT CONTAINED THE LIST REVEALS THAT QUITE A NUMBER WERE NOT LISTED, INCLUDING A FORMER PRESIDENT OF A.I.S. THEY ARE: MRS. NINA C. CHASE OF YUCAIPA, MRS. WILLIAM (IRENE) POSTON AND MARY HOSKINS OF BAKERSFIELD, KATIE ROMERO OF PRESCOTT VALLEY, ARIZONA AND MR. AND MRS. MARION WALKER OF VENTURA.

IT IS QUITE PROBABLE THAT TWO OTHER MEMBERS, NOW DECEASED, SHOULD HAVE BEEN INCLUDED; AUGUST PHILLIPS OF INGLEWOOD AND HOMER METCALF OF PHOENIX.

APOLOGY IS DUE THESE IMPORTANT MEMBERS, AND SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS, BELATED AS THIS IS.

SUBMITTED BY RALPH CONRAD

HISTORICAL IRIS PRESERVATION SOCIETY

A NEW SECTION, KNOWN AS H.I.P.S. - THE HISTORICAL IRIS PRESERVATION SOCIETY - IS BEING ORGANIZED WITHIN THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY.

ONE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION IS TO MAINTAIN AN INVENTORY OF GARDENS (BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, OPEN TO VISITORS), WHICH GROW THE HISTORICAL IRISES INTRODUCED PRIOR TO 1940. THIS LIST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO AIS MEMBERS AS A MEANS TO LOCATE AND PRESERVE THE OLD VARIETIES.

SEVERAL GARDENS ARE ALREADY LISTED WITH H.I.P.S., AND WE HOPE THE NUMBER WILL INCREASE SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE NEXT YEAR.

REGION 15 MEMBERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THIS PROJECT SHOULD WRITE TO: MRS. CAROLEE CLAY
P.O. Box 398; WAYLAND ACADEMY
BEAVER DAM, Wis. 53916

REGION 15 TO HAVE A GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

BY RALPH CONRAD

TWO YEARS HENCE, COME MARCH 9, OUR REGION 15 IRIS SOCIETY CELEBRATED ITS GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY AND AT LEAST SOME THINKING ON HOW TO CELEBRATE THE EVENT IS PROBABLY ON THE BACK BURNER OR SOON TO BE, TIME TO DIG AT THE ROOTS SHOULD BE IN ORDER.

A REVIEW OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IRIS SOCIETY'S BULLETIN No. 1 READS THAT IT WAS ORGANIZED "FOR THE BENEFIT OR IRIS AND IRID LOVERS" THAT'S RIGHT, "AND IRID".

LENA M. LOTHROP (REGION 15'S FIRST RVP) PRESIDED, AND J.N. GIRIDLIAN WAS SELECTED AS PRESIDENT. "OLD TIMERS" WILL REMEMBER JIM'S EXOTIC PLANT GARDEN IN ARCADIA ON FOOTHILL BLVD. (THAT GARDEN, AND ALSO THE MILIKEN IRIS GARDEN WERE BLOTTED OUT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FOOTHILL FREEWAY) IT SEEMS REASONABLE TO PRESUME THAT THE INCLUSION OF IRIDS WAS DUE TO THE EXOTIC LIST HE RAISED AND SOLD.

MEETING NUMBER TWO CAME SOON AFTER, ON MARCH 20, AND WAS HELD IN REDLANDS IN A MEMBERS GARDEN FOLLOWING A VISIT TO CLARENCE WHITE'S GARDEN TO INSPECT HIS ONCOCYCLUS SEEDLINGS. AT THIS MEETING THE NAME SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IRIS SOCIETY WAS ADOPTED AND "ANNUAL DUES WERE SET AT 50¢ PER CAPITA." THIS MEMBERSHIP STIPEND WAS TO REMAIN UNTIL 1948 WHEN IT WAS RAISED TO COVER AN EXPANDED IRIS NOTE NEWSLETTER. THERE WERE PERIODS IN BETWEEN WHEN DUES WERE HIGHER, BUT THIS INCREASE WAS TO COVER THE COST OF AN ANNUAL PUBLICATION, WHICH APPEARS TO HAVE NEVER SURFACED, DESPITE MANY ATTEMPTS TO GET IT UNDERWAY.

THE FOLLOWING JUNE FOUND THE SOCIETY, HAVING A "GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE PRESIDENT'S GARDEN. FOR THE FOLLOWING TWO YEARS AT, LEAST, MEETINGS WERE HELD IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS TO "COVER ALL OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA."

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IN OCTOBER THE GROUP MET AT THE JUNIOR COLLEGE IN SAN BERNARDINO AT WHICH TIME THE BYLAWS WERE ADOPTED. BOTH IRIS AND IRIDS WERE PROGRAM SUBJECTS. DUES WERE MAINTAINED AT 50¢ PER ANNUM BUT A SPECIAL CATEGORY OF SUSTAINING MEMBER AT \$5.00 A YEAR WAS ENCOURAGED.

THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY WAS LOCALE FOR THE JANUARY, 1941, MEETING AT THE LA JUNTA DEL ENCINO, 17000 VENTURA BLVD. 56 MEMBERS WERE PRESENT. IT WAS DECIDED THAT EACH MEETING SHOULD BE HELD IN A DIFFERENT SECTION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IN ORDER THAT "EACH LOCALITY MIGHT HAVE A PART IN THE PREPARATION OF AN INTERESTING PROGRAM DEVOTED TO IRIDS, THAT MORE PEOPLE IN THE DIFFERENT VICINITIES MIGHT BE INTERESTED, AND THAT ALL MEMBERS MIGHT HAVE CONVENIENT MEETING PLACES AVAILABLE TO THEM AT SOMETIME."

APRIL, 1941 MEETING BACK IN REDLANDS, THE SOCIETY'S SECRETARY REPORTED THE FIRST HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB IRIS SHOW A GREAT SUCCESS, "ATTENDANCE TWICE THE SIZE OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR IN SPITE OF A 25¢ ADMISSION FEE."

JUNE OF THAT YEAR THE YOUNG SOCIETY MET AT THE WISTERIA VINE GARDENS IN SIERRA MADRE. THE PRESIDENT, MR. GIRIDLIAN, SUGGESTED THAT "WE HAVE 'IN-BETWEEN' MEETINGS IN THE FORM OF SPECIAL TOURS, CARD PARTIES, OR PICNICS WHEN FLOWERS ARE INTERESTING, AND IN THIS MANNER MAKE FURTHER ACQUAINTANCE OF THE MEMBERS OF THIS FINE GROUP."

"HEADLINE..AND NOW FOR THE NEWS OF THIS YEAR'S DOINGS:"

THE DATE, OCTOBER 25, 1941

THE HOUR, 2:45 P.M.

THE PLACE, PLUMMER PARK, HOLLYWOOD

THE SPEAKER, MR. CECIL HOUDYSHELL OF LA VERNE, CA
HIS SUBJECT, SOIL PREPARATION AND THE PLANTING OF IRIDS (THERE'S THAT IRID THING AGAIN)

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ADDITIONAL NOTES REMINDED MEMBERS OF THE DECISION AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING TO HOLD A PLANT SALE, THE PROCEEDS TO "BENEFIT OUR ORGANIZATION." AND, ANOTHER REMINDER THAT "DUES ARE IN ORDER...ONLY 50¢ A YEAR. YOU MAY MAIL THEM TO OUR TREASURER, MR. FRED E. TAYLOR OR GIVE THEM TO HIM PERSONALLY AT THE MEETING. AND, IF POSSIBLE, DO ENROLL SOME, OR AT LEAST ONE SUSTAINING MEMBER AT \$5.00 PER ANNUM."

HERE, THE THREE PAGE MATERIAL ENDS. IT'S A MONTH AND A HALF UNTIL "THE DAY THAT WILL LIVE IN INFAMY," THE ATTACK ON PEAR HARBOR, THE START OF WORLD WAR II FOR US.

COPIOUS NOTES BY SCIS SECRETARY, GRACE MERTENSEN DURING EARLY WW2 LEAVE MUCH TO THE IMAGINATION. A.J. (ARCHIE) McLEAN (OWEN) WAS NOT ONLY AN OFFICER BUT DEEPLY INVOLVED WITH THE ORGANIZATION. (I HAVE IN MIND THAT ARCHIE, MARION WALKER AND POSSIBLY LURA ROACH WERE CHARTER MEMBERS AND ARE STILL WITH US) TREASURER'S REPORTS SEEMED NEVER TO REACH \$200 BALANCE; GROUP GARDEN VISITS BY CARAVAN WERE DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE WITH GASOLINE RATIONING. I'M VAGUE ABOUT THIS PERIOD DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES OF WARTIME, BUT SCIS BECAME AN UMBRELLA SOCIETY TO LOCAL SITUATIONS, SORT OF A MINI A.I.S., WITH REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS WHOSE DISTRICTS WERE LISTED AS GREATER LOS ANGELES, SAN BERNARDINO-RIVERSIDE COUNTY, SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, SANTA BARBARA-VENTURA COUNTIES AND EVEN NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY AND SOUTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY (WE WERE DIVIDED EVEN THEN!) THESE WERE CHANGED TO DISTRICT DIRECTORS AT A LATER DATE.

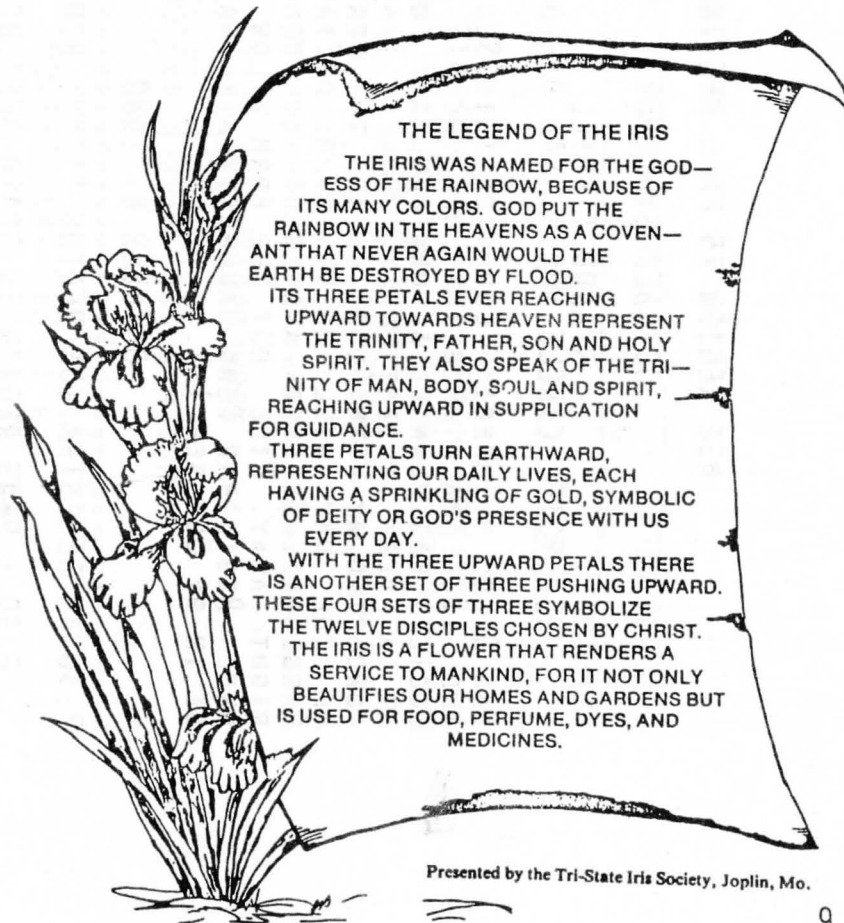
DRIVING DIRECTIONS FOR MEETINGS SOMETIMES INCLUDED "VIA PACIFIC ELECTRIC" AND WALKING SITUATION FROM THE NEAREST PASSENGER STOP, BRINGING MEMORIES OF THAT MAGNIFICENT SUBURBAN RAIL SYSTEM THAT WAS LATER ABANDONED IN FAVOR OF GASOLINE AND DIESEL POWERED BUSES.

A SCATTERING OF REGIONAL HISTORICAL MATERIAL SHOWS SCIS BECOMING A LOCAL SOCIETY, ITS REACH REPLACED BY LOCAL SOCIETIES.

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TO COME WERE ACCEPTANCE OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY AS THE "UMBRELLA", ARIZONA BECOMING PART OF REGION 15, SPLIT OFF FROM NEW MEXICO, A.I.S. TURNING FROM A TALL BEARDED SOCIETY (A MINOR REVOLUTION) TO INCLUDE SECTIONS WHOSE INITIAL GROWTH WAS SLOW BUT PERSISTENT. REGION 15 MEMBERS WERE TO PLAY IMPORTANT PARTS IN THIS DRAMA AND INCLUDED ERIC NIES, BEN HAGER, CARL MILLIKEN, CLARENCE WHITE, MARION WALKER AND OTHERS PERHAPS LESS INFLUENTIAL. AT THE VERY LEAST, THIS REGION WAS A MOST IMPORTANT COMMAND POST IN THAT BATTLE.

SPECIFICS OF THESE DIFFICULT YEARS WOULD BE A SEQUAL TO THIS PIECE AND SHOULD INCLUDE REASONS FOR ARIDS TAKING SUCH A BACK SEAT.



THE LEGEND OF THE IRIS

THE IRIS WAS NAMED FOR THE GOD—
ESS OF THE RAINBOW, BECAUSE OF
ITS MANY COLORS. GOD PUT THE
RAINBOW IN THE HEAVENS AS A COVEN—
ANT THAT NEVER AGAIN WOULD THE
EARTH BE DESTROYED BY FLOOD.
ITS THREE PETALS EVER REACHING
UPWARD TOWARDS HEAVEN REPRESENT
THE TRINITY, FATHER, SON AND HOLY
SPIRIT. THEY ALSO SPEAK OF THE TRI—
NITY OF MAN, BODY, SOUL AND SPIRIT,
REACHING UPWARD IN SUPPLICATION
FOR GUIDANCE.
THREE PETALS TURN EARTHWARD,
REPRESENTING OUR DAILY LIVES, EACH
HAVING A SPRINKLING OF GOLD, SYMBOLIC
OF DEITY OR GOD'S PRESENCE WITH US
EVERY DAY.
WITH THE THREE UPWARD PETALS THERE
IS ANOTHER SET OF THREE PUSHING UPWARD.
THESE FOUR SETS OF THREE SYMBOLIZE
THE TWELVE DISCIPLES CHOSEN BY CHRIST.
THE IRIS IS A FLOWER THAT RENDERS A
SERVICE TO MANKIND, FOR IT NOT ONLY
BEAUTIFIES OUR HOMES AND GARDENS BUT
IS USED FOR FOOD, PERFUME, DYES, AND
MEDICINES.

Presented by the Tri-State Iris Society, Joplin, Mo.

AIS REGION 15 FALL MEETING

OCTOBER 8TH 1988

STARDUST HOTEL
950 HOTEL CIRCLE NORTH, SAN DIEGO, CA 92198

SAN DIEGO - IMPERIAL COUNTIES IRIS SOCIETY WILL HOST THE 1988 FALL MEETING OF THE AIS REGION 15. THE SOCIETY HAS PLANNED A WONDERFUL DAY FOR IRIS LOVERS AT A VERY MODEST COST. JUDGES TRAINING WILL BE CONDUCTED BY RUTH GOODRICK AND THE FEATURED SPEAKER OF THE DAY WILL BE DR. HARROLD STALHEY, PAST AIS PRESIDENT. BE SURE AND SEND IN YOUR RESERVATION RIGHT AWAY. FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND SEND IT AT ONCE. REGISTRAR DENA DAUGHERTY ASK THAT RESERVATIONS BE IN BY OCTOBER 1ST.

OCTOBER 8, 1988

7:30 AM REGISTRATION BEGINS ***** \$20.00 PER PERSON

8:30 - 9:45 REGION 15 BOARD MEETING - POOL ROOM

10:00 TO 11:45 JUDGES TRAINING POOL ROOM - GOODRICK

12:00 LUNCHEON

BUSSINESS MEETING
GUEST SPEAKER-DR. HARROLD STALHEY
DOOR PRIZES

3:30 PM - ADJOURNMENT

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PHONE (619) 398-0511

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IRIS SOCIETY
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53985 ROBIN LANE, AGUANGA, CA 92302

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ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

INLAND IRIS SOCIETY

THE SOCIETY'S FIRST MEETING AFTER THE SPRING NEWSLETTER WAS IN MARCH WHEN WE WERE PLEASED TO HAVE VALERA CHENOWETH, NOTED HYBRIDIZER FROM LEMON GROVE, AS SPEAKER. HER PROGRAM ON LOUISIANA IRISES COVERED THE HYBRIDIZING HISTORY OF THE SPECIES AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON THE CARE AND CULTIVATION OF THIS NORTH AMERICAN NATIVE.

OF COURSE, THE BIG ACTIVITY OF SPRING FOR IRIS BUFFS IS THE FLOWER SHOW. IN PREPARATION FOR THIS EVENT, RUTH GOODRICK PRESENTED THE APRIL PROGRAM ON "HOW TO WIN BLUE RIBBONS". HER DEMONSTRATION-TALK FOCUSED ON CRITERIA FOR SELECTING SPECIMEN STALKS AS WELL AS GROOMING AND PRESENTATION.

THE UNSEASONABLY HOT SPRING HAD DEVASTATED THE BLOOM IN MANY GARDENS BY SHOW TIME. YET THE FAITHFUL MANAGED TO BRING IN 280 CUT SPECIMENS, 17 SEEDLINGS, AND TWENTY-SIX ARRANGEMENTS. THE BRONZE MEDAL WAS WON BY JOE DAUGHTERTY, CAL-DIXIE GARDEN WON THE SILVER MEDAL AND QUEEN OF SHOW WITH A TOWERING STEM OF PERFECT INTERLUDE, A HAMNER INTRODUCTION.

THE MAY MEETING WAS THE DAY FOLLOWING THE SHOW, GIVING US A CHANCE TO PAT OURSELVES ON THE BACKS, TAKE NOTE OF WEAK AREAS, AND DISTRIBUTE TROPHIES. IT WAS ALSO ELECTION NIGHT WHEN A NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS HEADED BY JAY CONKLIN WAS VOTED IN.

THE INLAND IRIS SOCIETY IS INACTIVE DURING THE SUMMER EXCEPT FOR A MAJOR MONEY RAISER: THE ANNUAL DINNER MEETING AND IRIS AUCTION. THIS WAS AUGUST 29TH AT THE HOLKS HOME IN RIVERSIDE. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED THE FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER BY THE ANNUAL RHIZOME SALE AT VON'S PAVILION IN MORENO VALLEY.

THESE TWO FUND RAISERS ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE SOCIETY'S PLANS FOR HOSTING THE SPRING MEETING AND TREK IN 1989. AN AUGUST BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING WAS GEARED TO FINDING WAYS TO UNDERWRITE A MAJOR PORTION OF THE SPRING TREK. WE THEORIZE THAT KEEPING DOWN COSTS TO PARTICIPANTS WILL INCREASE THE NUMBER OF

THOSE WHO CAN ATTEND. SO RESERVE APRIL 22, 1989 FOR THE REGION 15 MEETING. WHEN YOU READ DETAILS IN THE SPRING NEWSLETTER, YOU'LL FIND IT A BARGAIN TOO GOOD TO MISS.

SUBMITTED BY CORRINE BROMBERGER, INLAND IRIS SOCIETY



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IRIS SOCIETY

WE ORGANIZED COMMITTEES, DELEGATED RESPONSIBILITIES, PLOTTED ALL DETAILS, PLANNED ROUTES AND LUNCH SCHEDULES. WE PLANTED AND TENDERLY CARED FOR NEW IRISES DONATED BY HYBRIDIZERS AND CLUB PURCHASES. GARDENS READY - BUSES FULL - VIOLA! THE 1988 S.C.I.S. TREK!

THE MONROVIA HOLIDAY INN WAS OUR BASE. CLUBS FROM ALL CORNERS OF REGION 15 RELISHED THE VARIED GARDENS OF ESTELLE TRAMMEL, NANCY WEBB, DESCONSO GARDENS (IRISES BY JEANNE PLANK), GEORGE SHERMAN-KAY YEE AND JEANNE PLANK. ALL WERE PREPARED FOR THE INTERMITTENT SHOWERS.

PERSONALLY, MY FIRST ATTEMPT AT BEING A BUS CAPTAIN WAS A JOYOUS ONE. I GUESS ITS BECAUSE I WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE HALF OF THE SAN FERNANDO IRIS SOCIETY ON MY BUS! I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER DORIS EADER'S SMILING FACE AT DESCONSO, MAKING SURE ALL RECEIVED LUNCH, WHILE THE DIE-HARDS AND DUCKS INSPECTED THE IRISES GALLANTLY WHILE STANDING PROUDLY AGAINST THE ELEMENTS.

GLEN CORLEW CONDUCTED AN INFORMATIVE AND INTERESTING JUDGES TRAINING SESSION. OUR BANQUET'S FEATURED SPEAKER WAS RON MULLIN AND THAT ASSURED A GREAT EVENING FOR ALL.

EVEN BEFORE THE TREK, S.C.I.S. HAD BEEN BUSY, WORKING WITH THE ARIL SOCIETY TO PRODUCE THE ANNUAL EARLY SHOW, APRIL 1ST AND 2ND. IT WAS A BIG SUCCESS WITH MANY HORTICULTURAL EXHIBITS AND LOVELY ARRANGEMENTS ON DISPLAY.

WE ARE READY TO START THE NEW 88-89 YEAR WITH NEW OFFICERS. THEY ARE:

PRESIDENT - LYNN McILWAIN
VICE PRESIDENT - CLINT ZAUGG
RECORDING SECRETARY - PATRICIA SCHWARTZ
TREASURER - JEANNE PLANK
ADVISOR - DUNCAN EADER

WE ARE PLEASED WHEN OLD MEMBERS, NEW MEMBERS AND MEMBERS OF OTHER CLUBS ATTEND AND SUPPORT OUR MEETINGS AND AUCTIONS. WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL!

SUBMITTED BY LANA TRIPATHI, S.C.I.S. MEMBERSHIP C.



SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IRIS SOCIETY

MEMBERS OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IRIS SOCIETY HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY CELEBRATING IRIS SINCE LAST REPORTING IN THE SPRING 88 REGION NEWSLETTER.

ON APRIL 15-17 THE SFVIS SPONSORED THEIR ANNUAL SPRING SHOW IN THE WOODLAND HILLS PROMENADE MALL. WHILE THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES WAS DOWN BECAUSE OF UNFAVORABLE WEATHER, THE "PROFESSIONAL" PRESENTATION OF AVAILABLE BLOOM PROVIDED ANOTHER SMASHING SUCCESS. PEGGY CARPENTER WON QUEEN OF SHOW WITH HAMNER'S BEAUTIFUL ROYAL KINGDOM AND PETE DE SANTIS ADDED ANOTHER SILVER MEDAL, NUMBER EIGHT, TO HIS IMPRESSIVE COLLECTION. OUR MEMBERS SUPPORTED THE SHOWS OF OTHER CLUBS AND DID VERY WELL.

THE LOCAL TREK, AND ANNUAL AFFAIR, WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE SECOND WEEK OF APRIL. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY VISITS TO GARDENS ALL OVER THE SOUTHLAND AND WILL END ONLY AFTER THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONALS IN SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE WHICH WILL BE ATTENDED BY AT LEAST ONE OF OUR MEMBERS.

14 THE MAY 21-22 FOURTH ANNUAL GARDEN FAIR AT THE

SEPULVEDA GARDEN CENTER MARKED THE SECOND PARTICIPATION OF THE SAN FERNANDO IRIS SOCIETY AND THE FIRST ATTEMPT TO SELL RHIZOMES AT THIS VENUE. THE SOCIETY REALIZED \$800 AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP A NEW CLIENTELE. OUR MAJOR FUNDRAISER, THE RHIZOME SALE AT THE PROMENADE MALL IN WOODLAND HILLS WILL BE HELD 9/30 - 10/2. WE WILL ALSO SELL RHIZOMES AT DESCANSO GARDENS IN OCTOBER.

AT OUR JULY MEETING THE AUCTION OF RHIZOMES PROVIDED GENEROUSLY BY RVP RALPH STRANE AND THE HAMNERS NETTED \$85 FOR REGION 15. ON SEPTEMBER 14 OUR OWN UNIQUE RAFFLE/AUCTION WILL BE BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER AS MEMBERS AND HYBRIDIZERS GENEROUSLY PROVIDE AUCTION ITEMS. IN NOVEMBER WE WILL STAGE OUR FIRST EVER BEARDLESS IRIS AUCTION.

IN THIS FRENZIED PACE, WE HAVE FOUND TIME TO MAKE THE NECESSARY PREPARATIONS FOR THE REGION 15 1990 SPRING MEETING AND TREK. WE TAKE THE GREATEST SATISFACTION IN THE FACT THAT THIS PROGRAM IS GENERATING LOYALTY AND A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PROGRAM AND TO FELLOW MEMBERS. OUR MEMBERS ARE ATTENDING THE MEETINGS WITH OUTSTANDING LOYALTY AND HAVE EVEN RECRUITED 40 VALUABLE NEW MEMBERS.

YES, WE ARE PROUD TO BE THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IRIS SOCIETY.

SUBMITTED BY BILL RHINEHART, PRESIDENT SFVIS



SAN DIEGO-IMPERIAL COUNTIES IRIS SOCIETY

OUR ANNUAL IRIS SHOW IN APRIL WAS A GRAND SUCCESS. WE HAD 278 ENTRIES FROM 31 EXHIBITORS AND 23 ARTISTIC ENTRIES BY NINE EXHIBITORS. THE WINNERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

QUEEN OF SHOW-EXQUISITE LADY-ARCHIE OWEN
SILVER MEDAL-WON BY WILLIAM BARR
BRONZE MEDAL-WON BY BOB BROOKS
BEST SEEDLING-86-11 (SPURIA)-ELEANOR McCOWN
BEST ARTISTIC DESIGN-ELEANOR McCOWN

WE HAD A GREAT TIME AT THE JULY POTLUCK HELD AT THE 15

HOME OF HAZEL CARSON WITH GOOD FOOD AND LOTS OF IT THE ORDER OF THE DAY. RALPH STRANE, REGION 15 RVP, JOINED US AND DID THE HONORS AS AUCTIONEER FOR THE REGION IRIS AUCTION. DON MAURIZIO TOOK OVER FOR THE CLUB AUCTION. THE RHIZOMES WERE PARTICULARLY WELL GROWN THIS YEAR, AND EVERYONE WAS ANXIOUS TO TAKE A FEW OF THEM HOME. PENNY BUNKER, OUR SHOW SECRETARY, PRESENTED THE SHOW WINNERS WITH THEIR AWARDS AND TROPHIES.

WE ARE PLEASED TO BE HOST OF THE FALL 1988 REGION 15 MEETING AND MANY OF OUR MEMBERS ARE WORKING HARD TO BE SURE THAT YOU HAVE A MEMORABLE DAY. BE SURE AND SEE THE WRITE-UP AND REGISTRATION FORM IN THE CENTER OF THE NEWSLETTER.

SUBMITTED BY DOROTHY DRISCOLL, PRESIDENT OF SD-ICIS



SUN COUNTRY IRIS SOCIETY

SUN COUNTRY IRIS SOCIETY HAS HAD A VERY EVENTFUL 1987-88! IT HAS BEEN A YEAR OF GROWTH AND MEMBER INVOLVEMENT. OUR MEMBERSHIP CONTEST WAS SUCCESSFUL, BRINGING OUR CLUB ROSTER TO MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED. THE NEWSLETTER EXPANDED TO INCLUDE ARTICLES BY OUR MEMBERS AND ABOUT MEMBER'S INTERESTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

THE MARCH ARIL/ARILBRED EXHIBIT AND THE APRIL SPRING SHOW WERE WELL RECEIVED BY THE PUBLIC. BOTH EVENTS ALSO PROVIDED OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR JUDGES TRAINING PROGRAM. TWO OF OUR TEN APPRENTICE JUDGES COMPLETED THE REQUIREMENTS AND HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED FOR ACCREDITATION.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR WERE OUR GUEST SPEAKERS: KEITH KEPPEL ON PPLICATAS, JOHN WEILER ON REBLOOMERS, LUELLE DANIELSON ON ARIL/ARILBREDS, AND DAVE NISWONGER ON SPURIAS. ANOTHER FUN PROGRAM WAS "TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE PICTURE SHOW", COMPLETE WITH POPCORN. MEMBERS SHARED THEIR SLIDES AND PHOTOS OF FIESTA PHOENIX, SOONER STATE AND OTHER GARDEN VISITS.

NEW OFFICERS WERE INSTALLED AT OUR JULY MEETING:
PRESIDENT - GLORIA BEATTY
VICE PRESIDENT - CAROLE SPIESS
SECRETARY - JOYCE NEWTON

THE NEW YEAR IS ALREADY MOVING FORWARD. WE HAD A MOST DELIGHTFUL VISITOR AT OUR AUGUST MEETING - RVP RALPH STRANE. WHAT ENTHUSIASM! DEFINITELY CONTAGIOUS! AND QUITE THE AUCTIONEER FOR REGION IRISES!

SEPTEMBER IS ANOTHER BUSY MONTH FOR US AS WE HAVE OUR RHIZOME SALES. A NEW FEATURE HAS BEEN ADDED, OUR VERY OWN SUN COUNTRY CATALOG, ENABLING US TO OFFER ADVANCE SALES AT THE SPRING SHOWS. THE RESPONSE WAS GREAT.

THE FUTURE OF SUN COUNTRY HOLDS EVEN MORE EXCITING IDEAS AS WE BEGIN PLANS FOR HOSTING THE REGION 15 SPRING TREK IN 1991.

SUBMITTED BY GLORIA BEATTY, PRESIDENT OF S.C.I.S.



TUCSON IRIS SOCIETY

NO REPORT WAS RECEIVED FROM TUCSON FOR THIS ISSUE, BUT WE DO KNOW THAT THEY TOO HAVE BEEN HAVING THEIR IRIS AUCTIONS THIS MONTH.

NEXT ISSUE LETS HAVE A FULL REPORT FROM THIS IMPORTANT CLUB.

MOUNTAIN VIEW IRIS SOCIETY

THIS PRESCOTT VALLEY SOCIETY IS IN AN INACTIVE STATE AT THE PRESENT TIME. THIS IS A GREAT LOSS TO THE REGION AND WE MEMBERS SHOULD DO ALL THAT IS POSSIBLE TO GET THIS CLUB ON ITS FEET AGAIN. MEMBERS OF THE AIS WILL ENJOY THEIR MEMBERSHIP MUCH MORE IF THERE IS A LOCAL CLUB TO STRENGTHEN THEIR LOVE OF IRIS. 17

BALANCE SHEET AS OF APRIL 10, 1988

BEGINNING BALANCE

CHECKING ACCOUNT	1994.32	
2 CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT	<u>5077.56</u>	
TOTAL		7071.88

RECEIPTS

INTEREST		
CHECKING ACCOUNT	<u>14.54</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		14.54

DISBURSCMENTS

NEWSLETTER SPRING 88	400.00	
JUDGES TRAINING EXPENSES	32.13	
JANUARY MEETING EXPENSE	65.25	
SPRING TREK	<u>150.00</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		647.38

BALANCE AS OF APRIL 10, 1988 6439.04

CHECKING ACCOUNT	1361.48	
1 CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT	<u>5077.56</u>	
TOTAL		<u>6439.40</u>

SUBMITTED 4-23-88
VICKI L. DAY, TREASURER

A SPECIAL THANKS

REGION 15 WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUTGOING TREASURER, VICKI DAY FOR THE FINE JOB SHE HAS DONE IN MANAGING THE FUNDS OF THE REGION. THIS IS A JOB THAT REQUIRES A LOT OF WORK AND IS VITAL TO THE HEALTH OF THE REGION. VICKI HAS DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB AND WE THANK HER.

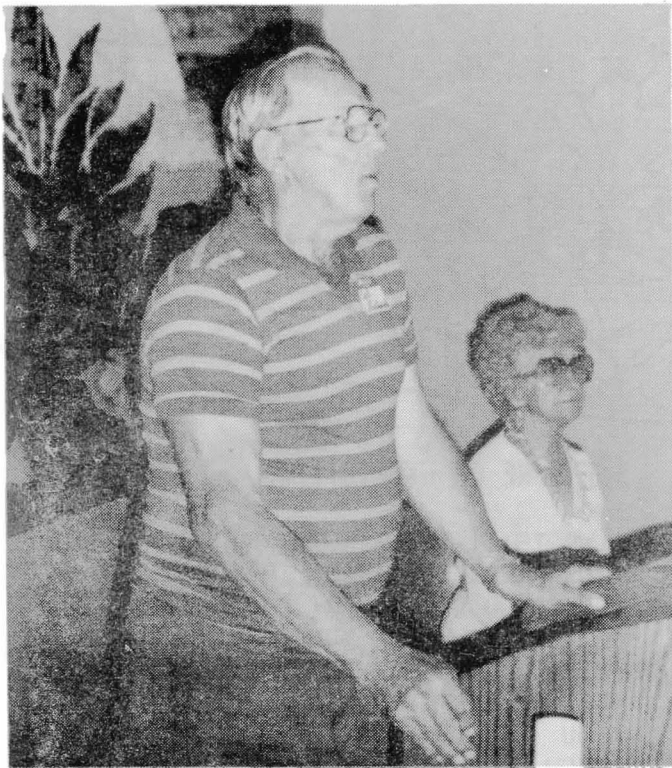


THE LURE OF HYBRIDIZING

"GENE HUNT ONCE WROTE: I THINK NOTHING CAN GIVE THE FLOWER GROWER MORE PLEASURE THAN THE GROWING OF IRIS; BUT WHATEVER YOU DO, NEVER, NEVER PLANT SEED FROM AN IRIS POD. IF YOU DO YOU ARE LOST. IRIS GROWING IS THEN NO LONGER JUST A PLEASURE; IT BECOMES A FASCINATION, AND THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT. YOU WILL NEVER HAVE SPACE ENOUGH AGAIN, NO MATTER HOW MUCH GROUND IS TAKEN OVER. OF COURSE, YOU ARE IN FOR THE SURPRISE OF YOUR LIFE, AND THEN THESE SURPRISES KEEP HAPPENING OVER AND OVER. FROM THE TIME THAT FIRST SEEDLING BEGINS TO OPEN YOU WILL FIND YOURSELF ANXIOUSLY WAITING FOR THAT SLOW SUN TO GIVE LIGHT ENOUGH FOR YOU TO SEE WHAT YOU AND THE POWERS-THAT-BE HAVE DONE TO CREATE SOMETHING ALL YOUR OWN. EVEN IF YOUR CREATION IS NOT A DYKES MEDAL WINNER, YOU MAY REST ASSURED THAT YOU HAVE SOMETHING THAT NOBODY ELSE IN THE WORLD HAS ONE LIKE.

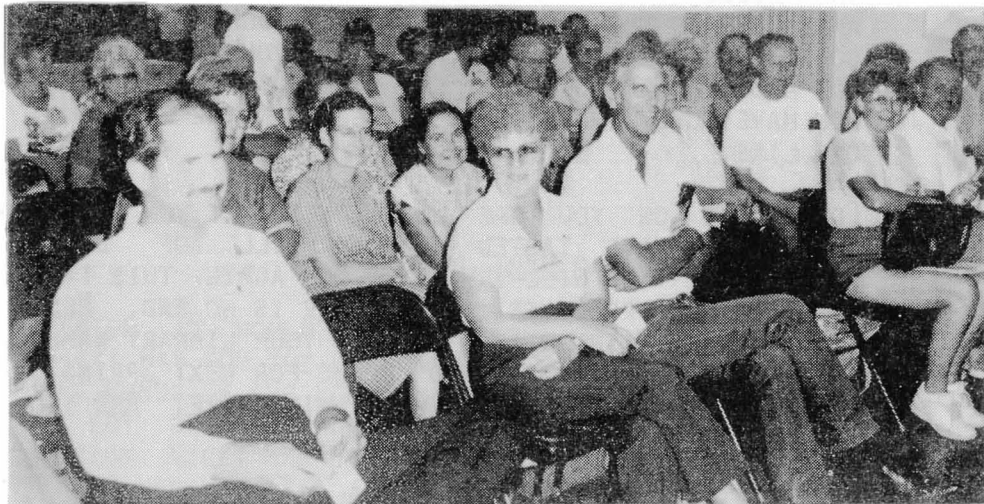
FROM HERE ON YOU ARE LOST INDEED. IT WON'T STOP THERE. YOU HAVE TASTED THE THRILL OF BEING CO-CREATOR. YOU WILL TRY AGAIN AND AGAIN, THIS TIME WITH OUR OWN SEEDLINGS -- AND THERE IS NO END. NEXT THING YOU KNOW THERE IS A BOOK IN YOUR LIBRARY NAMED THE IRIS CHECK LIST AND PLANS FOR NEXT SPRING'S CREATIONS CONTINUE BESIDE THE GLOWING FIRE. AND YOU ARE AT IT AGAIN."

EXCERPTED FROM SHARON McALLISTER'S ARTICLE
 "EUGENE HUNT'S LEGACY" REGION 22 NEWS JULY '86



HERE
AND
THERE

CAL BOSTWICK AND BEULAH ROBINSON, LONG TIME AIS MEMBERS, ARE NOW OFFICERS OF THE NEW HI DESERT IRIS AND DAY LILY SOCIETY



JIM DAY HAS JUST RAISED THE BID BY 50¢ AT THE SUN COUNTRY REGION 15 IRIS AUCTION



I WOULD RATHER HAVE ONE LITTLE IRIS
FROM THE GARDEN OF A FRIEND,
THAN TO HAVE THE CHOICEST FLOWERS
WHEN MY STAY ON EARTH MUST END.
I WOULD RATHER HAVE ONE PLEASANT WORD
IN KINDNESS SAID TO ME,
THAN FLATTERY WHEN MY HEART IS STILL
AND LIFE HAS CEASED TO BE.
I WOULD RATHER HAVE A LOVING SMILE
FROM FRIENDS I KNOW ARE TRUE,
THAN TEARS SHED ROUND MY CASKET
WHEN THIS WORLD I'VE BID ADIEU.
BRING ME ALL YOUR FLOWERS TODAY
WHETHER PINK OR WHITE OR RED,
I'D RATHER HAVE ONE BLOSSOM NOW
THAN A TRUCKLOAD WHEN I'M DEAD.

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