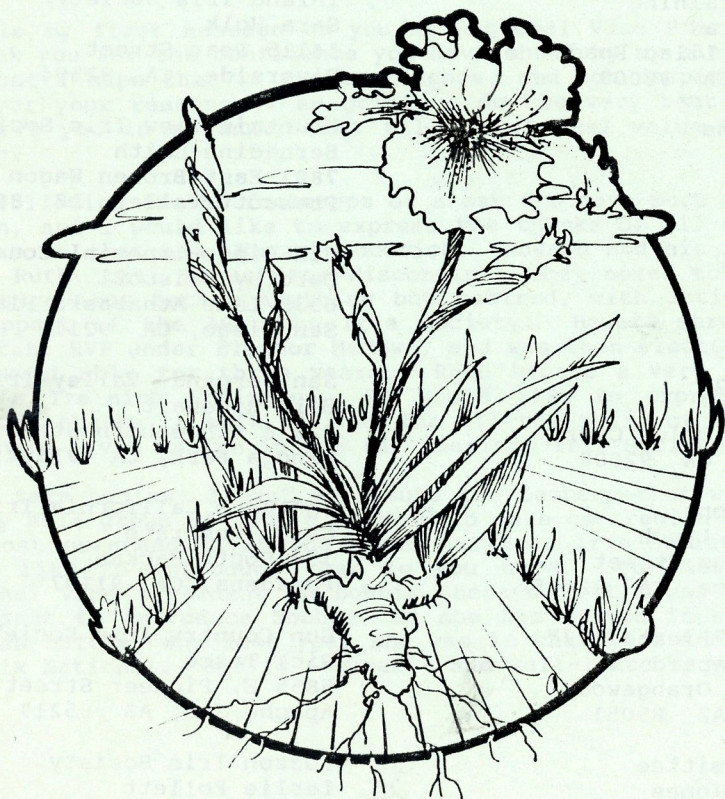


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**THE REGIONAL
VICE PRESIDENT'S
REPORT**



This is my first message to you as Regional Vice President. I thank you for the confidence you have shown by my election. At least I hope that is was confidence, and not desperation. Whatever your reasons, I am going to do the very best I can to serve you in a manner that will be of real value to the Region.

I am following in the footsteps of a man who gave much to the Region, and I would like to express the thanks of all of our members to that man, Howard Goodrick. Howard and his lovely wife, Ruth, came to us from Wisconsin. They moved to Hemet to retire, but became anything but retired, with activities in support of the American Iris Society. Howard served as Assistant RVP under Eleanor McCown, and was then elected RVP. He served ably for three years. Ruth became a very active Judge's Training Chairman. We would like to express our profound thanks to both of them for all the years of support they have given Region 15 and the American Iris Society.

As my term begins, I want to assure the members that we have a very able group of people working to make our region one of the most outstanding in the whole American Iris Society. I would like to introduce them to you here. Our Assistant Regional Vice President is Bobbie Shepard. It seems almost redundant to introduce Bobbie, as she has served in several offices before, and last year she was in charge of the super Phoenix National. She is a capable and well-liked lady.

Our Secretary is Jane Feldman of Escondido. This is Jane's first Region 15 office, and she is proving to be a valuable member of the team.

Vickie Day is also a well known team member. Vicki, who is from Glendale, Arizona, has served as Treasurer for two years. She is a reliable and creative person in finding the correct ways for the Region's funds to be handled.

The Editor of our Region 15 Newsletter is Janice Lynch. She is working very hard to make ours one of the outstanding newsletters in the country. Help her out with news and articles that can be used in the letter. This is our primary means of communication, and is, therefore, very important.

Judge's Training is vital to any region. Ralph Conrad, an American Iris Society Master Judge, has accepted the post of chairman of that committee. He is here to help our interested members become and remain valuable judges.

I will introduce you to the rest of our team in the next RVP letter. We are going to make "Service" our watch word. We are a team here to serve you, the members. We hope to encourage programs which will help all members, not just judges or officers. For a while, a very little while, I hope, we will be feeling our way, so we hope that members

will feel free to let us know what we need to do to better serve you. If you have a problem concerning the American Iris Society, the Region, or regarding the iris in your garden, call on us. Only if we are able to serve you, will we be of the value we sincerely want to be.

RALPH G. STRANE
REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

BALANCE SHEET AS OF JANUARY 26, 1988

BEGINNING BALANCE

Checking Account	5813.22	
2 Certificates of Deposit	1284.15	

TOTAL		7097.37
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RECEIPTS

Iris Auction Receipts		
Inland Iris Society	250.00	
Tucson Iris Society	300.00	
Subtotal Iris Auction Receipts		550.00

Interest		
Checking Account	57.63	
Certificates of Deposit	77.56	
Closed CD	129.59	

TOTAL RECEIPTS	264.78	814.78
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DISBURSEMENTS

Newsletter		
Fall '87	190.27	
Howard Goodrick '87 RVP Exp.	250.00	
Ralph Strane '88 RVP Exp.	250.00	
Fall Meeting	150.00	

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		840.27
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BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 26, 1988		7071.88
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Checking Account	1994.32	
1 Certificates of Deposit	5077.56	

TOTAL		7071.88
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Submitted 1-30-88
Vicki L. Day, Treasurer

SOONER STATE '88
 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
 The Annual Convention of
 THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY
 May 3-7, 1988

Convention Headquarters
HOLIDAY INN AIRPORT WEST—HOLIDOME
 I-40 at Meridian
 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73108
 Phone (405) 942-8511

Rates: Single, Double, Triple, or Quad \$46 per 8% tax
 Reservations: A reservation card will be included with the acknowledgement of your registration, or you may contact the hotel directly. Do NOT use an 800 number. The Holidome will hold a block of rooms until April 18, 1988. After that date, rooms will be on a first-come, first-served basis, if available. Although the hotel has nearly 500 rooms, not all are available to AIS. *Please register early.*

Registration fees: Received by March 15 \$85.00
 Received March 16 to April 15 \$95.00
 Received after April 15 \$105.00
 Youth 18 and under \$65.00

Make checks payable to "1988 AIS Convention."
 Mail to: Wilma Bryant
 500 W. Lockheed Drive
 Midwest City, OK 73110

Partial registration rates will be available on request for advance registrations only. No registrations will be accepted for the *awards banquet or welcome dinner only* after April 15. To attend either of these functions will require registration for other convention functions after that date. PLEASE REGISTER EARLY.

Airport Transportation: Courtesy van service is available from Will Rogers World Airport to Holiday Inn West. Be sure to learn whether the Holiday Inn van goes to the correct motel. Cab fares will probably be from \$10 to \$15. The Committee is negotiating for additional courtesy transportation.

**NATIONAL COWBOY HALL OF FAME AND
 WESTERN HERITAGE CENTER TOUR**

The Sooner State Iris Society has arranged a special tour of this tribute to the Old West. Seventeen western states sponsor this exhibit of painting, sculpture, and memorabilia as a tribute to the men and women who tamed the West. The magnificent "end of the Trail" is spectacular enough to warrant the admission price.

Buses will depart from hotel headquarters at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3. If enough people register, another bus will leave the hotel at 3 p.m. A fee of \$5.00 per person will cover the cost of the bus and admission to the Center. No visit to Oklahoma City is complete without a visit to Persimmon Hill to view the Hall of Fame.

You may include your fee for the tour with your regular registration fee. Please indicate if you prefer the 2 p.m. or 3 p.m. tour and add \$5 per person to the regular registration fee.

TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE

- Tuesday, May 3**—Registration opens 12 noon—AIS Board of Director 2 p.m.—National Cowboy Hall of Fame Tour—RVP Meeting, AIS Foundation, Section Boards, Robin Reception, and other meetings as requested.
- Wednesday, May 4**—Registration opens 7:30 a.m., AIS Board of Directors, Section Meetings morning and afternoon—Welcome Dinner at 7 p.m.
- Thursday, May 5**—7:30 a.m. Garden tours to Norman, Choctaw, and Nicoma Park, Lunch in Midwest City or at Oklahoma University in Norman. Dinner on your own, Judges Training sessions from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. (2 hours)
- Friday, May 6**—7:30 a.m. Garden tours to Newcastle and Oklahoma City gardens. Lunch at Will Rogers Park Garden Center. Dinner on your own. Evening free
- Saturday, May 7**—7:30 a.m. Garden tours to Edmond and Oklahoma City gardens. Lunch at Central State University in Edmond. No Host Social Hour 6:30 p.m. Awards Banquet 7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL AIRLINE RATES

American Airlines will make available Meeting Saver fares to Oklahoma City equal to a 40% discount off the full day coach fare in effect on the date tickets are purchased. The tickets must be purchased seven (7) days in advance based on "B" class availability from points within the 48 contiguous states.

The special discount is available only by contacting the American Airlines Meeting Services Desk at the Toll Free Number 1-800-433-1790 and referring to Star File Number S-5300.

* DETOUR THRU ALBUQUERQUE *

If you plan to attend the 1988 American Iris Society Convention in Oklahoma City, the Albuquerque Iris Guild and Albuquerque Aril Society cordially invite you to stop in Albuquerque and attend the Aril Society Show on April 30, 1988 (open from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.), and the following day, May 1, 1988, to attend a judges' training session on Medians in the garden at Arilian Acres from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The training will be conducted by Dr. John Weiler of Fresno, California, and three hours of training credit is being offered. There will be no registration fee for out-of-region attendees. You can see quantities of Arils, Arilbreds, Medians, and Tall Bearded within the same week! For directions, if driving, and for transportation, if flying, contact Howard or Irene Shockey at 4611 Rio Grande Lane, N.W., Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87107. Telephone 505-345-0119.

* OR TULSA *

You are cordially invited by the Tulsa Area Iris Society to attend before or after the AIS Convention in Oklahoma City their scheduled shows:

First Show

Saturday, April 30, 1988 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 1, 1988 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Kensington Galleria
71st & S. Lewis

Second Show

Saturday, May 14, 1988 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 15, 1988 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tulsa Garden Center
2435 S. Peoria

For more information contact:

Mr. Paul W. Gossett
4107 East 2nd Place
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74112
(918) 834-8914

* REGION 15 FALL BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 10, 1987 *

The Fall meeting of Region 15 was called to order by RVP, Howard Goodrick, at the Sportmen's Lodge Hotel, Studio City, California, on Saturday, October 10, 1987.

Members were referred to the Fall Newsletter for the minutes of the Spring meeting, which were recorded by Ralph Strane. The minutes were approved.

RVP, Howard Goodrick, thanked the San Fernando Iris Society for hosting the meeting, and also thanked special guests Mrs. C.C. (Rocky) Rockwell, Jr., who led the very interesting and helpful judges' training session, and John Weiler, a Professor at California State University, Fresno, and President of the Reblooming Iris Society, for his lecture and slide program on reblooming iris.

Vicki Day presented copies of the Treasurer's Report and read it to the meeting. The Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

Judges Training Chairman, Ruth Goodrick, reported on the Symposium Ballot.

Bobbie Shepard, Liaison "FIESTA '87," reported on the success of Fiesta Phoenix: All monies advanced to them by Region 15 have been repaid totalling \$7,488.32. Auction profits from the rhizomes distributed throughout Region 15 resulted in profits of \$2,236.00 for Region coffers. The Boutique brought in \$1,400.00, and the Raffle earned \$500.00.

Bobbie Shepard announced that Sun Country Iris Society wishes to establish a fund, based on the interest accruing yearly on a \$7,000.00 Certificate of Deposit which will provide \$700.00 per year to support the yearly travel expenses of the RVP to two AIS Board meetings and to the annual AIS Convention. Their purpose is to insure that capable people will be able to accept the position of RVP.

It was moved and seconded that Sun Country's yearly travel expense fund for Region 15's RVP be accepted. Motion carried.

Assistant RVP, Ralph Strane, reported on the possibility of Region 15 renting a booth at the Los Angeles County Fair.

Gale Westrate, President of the Southern California Iris Society, reported on her ongoing research regarding insurance coverage.

Vicki Day, on behalf of Region 15, thanked Janice Lynch, Editor of the Region 15 Newsletter, for her very excellent

work on the Fall edition of the Newsletter.

Pete DeSantis reported for the Nominating Committee. The nominees for Region 15 are: RVP - Ralph Strane; Assistant RVP - Bobbie Shepard; Secretary - Jane Feldman; and Treasurer - Vicki Day.

RVP, Howard Goodrick, asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There being none, it was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed. Motion carried. Election was by acclamation, and one vote for the slate was requested to be filed by the Secretary.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JANE FELDMAN,
Secretary, Region 15

REVISED SCHEDULE FOR REGION 15 MEETINGS

	<u>Spring</u>	<u>Fall</u>
1988	Southern California Iris Society	San Diego-Imperial Counties Iris Society
1989	Inland Iris Society	Tucson Iris Society
1990	San Fernando Valley Iris Society	Southern California Iris Society
1991	Sun Country Iris Society (suggested)	Inland Iris Society
1992	San Diego-Imperial Counties Iris Society	San Fernando Valley Iris Society

REGION 15 WINTER BOARD MEETING, JANUARY 30, 1988

The Winter Board Meeting of Region 15 was called to order by newly elected RVP, Ralph Strane, at the home of LaVerne and Ralph Conrad in Bonsall, on Saturday, January 30, 1988.

Vicki Day read the Treasurer's report and handed out copies to the Board members who were present. Region 15 shows total disbursements of \$840.27 as of January 26, 1988, with a balance on hand of \$7,071.88.

RVP, Ralph Strane, discussed some of the goals of the new Board for the coming year. First and foremost among these is to serve and support the local clubs as much as possible, and to help boost Region 15 programs and membership.

There was a discussion regarding providing local clubs with a list of guest speakers and possible programs that are available. Bobbie Shepard, Assistant RVP, will contact local Program Chairmen for any recommendations they may have.

There was a discussion regarding iris clubs that are not affiliated with AIS, with the goal of encouraging them to become affiliated with AIS and Region 15.

Ralph Conrad, Judges Training Chairman, moved that Region 15's local rules and regulations regarding judges training be suspended, and only AIS rules and regulations on judges training be followed, pending a review by the Board of the local rules. These approved Region 15 rules and regulations will then be added as a separate page(s) to the AIS Judges Training Handbook. The motion was seconded by Bill Rinehart. Motion carried.

There was a discussion regarding having each local club appoint a Judges Training Representative, who must be an AIS judge in good standing. These representatives will meet with Ralph Conrad during the Region 15 Spring meeting.

It was moved and seconded that Janice Lynch, Editor of the Region 15 Newsletter, be provided with \$400.00 to cover the cost of printing, collating, and stapling the Spring Newsletter. Motion carried.

Gale Westrate, President of the Southern California Iris Society, reported on the availability of insurance coverage through Aetna, via membership in the California Garden Club. She provided local Presidents with the form to use if they are interested in this insurance plan.

It was moved and seconded that RVP, Ralph Strane, present outgoing RVP, Howard Goodrick and his wife, Ruth, with theatre and dinner tickets, to express Region 15's

appreciation for their service to Region 15 and AIS. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that buying the gift for the departing RVP will be a duty of the Assistant RVP. Motion carried.

It was agreed that the local club hosting the Spring Trek be advanced \$300.00 from Region 15 two years ahead of their scheduled hosting of the Spring Trek, in order to allow sufficient time for good increase of the iris for the Region 15 Auction. A list of the varieties purchased and the price should then be forwarded to the RVP.

It was moved and seconded that the RVP will retain Chairmanship of the Membership and Exhibition Committees, pending the consent and appointment of a permanent Chairman, with the elected Region 15 Board to act as the Committee. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

JANE FELDMAN,
Secretary, Region 15



RVP Strane at a San Fernando Valley Iris Society meeting.
The hard life of a Regional Vice President!

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FROM THE YOUTH COMMITTEE TO THE YOUTHFUL GHOSTS OF REGION 15

Are the youth of Region 15 still active iris growers? I believe they are, as they do enter our exhibition shows. However, when requested to respond to the Youth Committee Chairman's plea to contact him, very few wrote him.

Lack of communication prevents organizing in any manner the planning of a youth program or the exchange of ideas and concerns geared towards your interests.

Region 15's Youth Committee Chairman is also on the American Iris Society's national Scholarship Selection Committee. It would be nice if he could recommend someone from our region for one of the annual scholarship awards.

Wouldn't it be nice for a Region 15 student to receive \$2,000.00 as Jerald Scott Bricker of Arizona State University recently received?

Do contact James H. Jones, Youth Committee Chairman, at 2213 Sparrow Hill Lane, Lakewood, California, 90712.

EDITOR'S NOTE: ★

As the twig is bent, the tree's inclined. This applies to iris lovers as well. Parents, do share your love of the iris with your youth, and encourage them to experience the pleasures which you have had with the iris. It was recently mentioned in my discussion with Mr. Jones that it is even possible for youth to get started by growing rhizomes in tubs on the back breezeway or walkway, should they not have garden area. What about flower arranging? Certainly this is an activity our youth can engage in and enjoy. What better experience for a profitable profession in the future perhaps. Any youth wishing to get started in raising iris should contact Mr. Jones. They do not have to have the money to buy rhizomes. If they will also contact me, I will personally see that they are sent a generous selection of a variety of different irises - but they must join Mr. Jones' Youth Committee and stay actively involved. Incidentally, Parents, have you explained the joys of exhibiting iris with your youths? And what about hybridizing? It seems to me that most hybridizers that I have heard lecture indicated that their real love for the iris was indelibly affixed by the time they were teenagers.

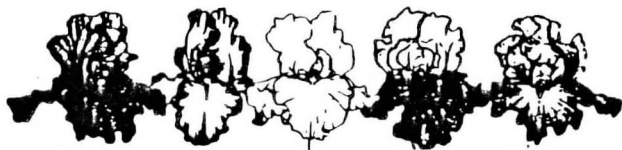
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NEW APPRENTICE JUDGES

Ralph Conrad, Region 15 Judges Training Chairman, has announced that the American Iris Society has reported to our Regional Vice President that the following individuals from Region 15 have been awarded the special title of Apprentice Iris Judge of the American Iris Society:

OLEN J. DAUGHERTY
VICKI DAY
CHARLENE ERRIGO
ARDI KARY
RAY KARY
JANICE M. LYNCH
GARY E. MILLER
MRS. DAVID MOGIL
D. L. SHEPARD
RAYMOND H. SOLOMON
MRS. RAYMOND H. SOLOMON
RICHARD A. TASCO
JACK WEBER

The Region extends its heartiest congratulations to these individuals, and wishes them much success as they continue to meet the qualifications of becoming Accredited American Iris Society Judges. They should stand up and take a bow, as the rest of us "give them a hand."



IN MEMORIAM

S. AUGUST PHILLIPS

August 30, 1908 - October 26, 1987

The Centinela Valley Iris Society (a small group of iris lovers from the South Bay area) were holding their iris show at Sportsman's Park. Everyone pitched in whenever needed, and the results always pleased the public. It was at this show that John and I met August and Myra Phillips, beginning a long friendship. They were so interested that they joined, and the rest in iris activity is chronicled in our historical records. Soon they took on the show chairmanship and pushed for more arrangements, even involving children. Myra preceded August in death many years ago.

August's interest in iris encouraged him to join the Southern California Iris Society, Aril Society International, American Iris Society, Society for Pacific Coast Iris, and others. He held many positions with these groups, including President of SCIS and the second President of SPCNI. He was show chairman on numerous occasions and Exhibition Chairman for Region 15 for several years.

He took classes in flower arrangement and entered in most of the shows, winning many awards. As Exhibition Chairman for the Region, he set as many as fifteen shows a year.

He had a special love for the Pacificas, did hybridizing, and won the Mitchell Cup for his "Native Warrior." None of us who knew him will forget him, particularly as we view arrangements and remember those he developed and entered in shows.

He will be sorely missed by his many iris friends.

Submitted by KAY TEARINGTON



by: Lillian Champion

Because of the vigorous and traveling nature of Louisiana ired, choosing perennials to grow with them is a bit different than it is with the bearded iris cultivars. The plants must be either vigorous enough to compete with the Louisianas or cheap enough to easily replace.

Although there are not a lot of plants as vigorous as Louisianas, some that should do quite well are Campanula, rotundifolia, Physostegia, Lythrum, Daylilies, Monarda, and various species of Veronica, especially some of the lower ground-cover types. All of these also germinate readily from seed, which is a very economical way to cover a large area. Because many of the seeds are very small, germination will be poor if you sow directly on the ground.

I always start my seeds in flats, and then transplant to small pots (yogurt containers are ideal for this; just punch a hole in the bottom for drainage), and then out to the garden in mid to late Spring. Many seeds germinate better if sown in the Fall or winter outside where the cold will break their dormancy. Cold frames are ideal for those of you in harsh climates.

Some perennials which are extremely easy to germinate from seed and thus can be replaced easily if they get crowded out are Linum perenne, Lychnis chalcedonica, Geums, Dianthus varieties, Polemonium caeruleum, Pyrethrum, Salvia species, Gerbera daisies, Budbeckia, perennial Asters, Oriental poppies, and Coreopsis. Many seeds, notably Gerbera, must be fresh to germinate well. It is possible to get over 90% germination with fresh Gerbera seed, but within a couple of weeks the seed is nearly worthless. Bedding types of Dianthus can be started from seed in January and be blooming with the Louisianas in April. Dianthus seeds are very long lived.

A lovely border in partial shade can be made to accompany the Louisianas with the following perennials: Campanula persicifolia, Geums, Adenophora species, Physostegia, Daylilies, Columbines, Polemonium, Digitalis mertonensis, Trollius, Geranium pratense, Geranium "Johnson's Blue," Thalictrum, the taller growing Primula species and the shrubby clematis, C. heracleifolia davidiana. The border can be edged with shorter perennials such Primroses, shorter Campanula species, Geranium species, violets, Potentilla nepalensis "Miss Wilmott," which comes true from seed, and Lychnis viscaria with short grass like leaves.

I am extremely interested in hybridizing many kinds of perennials, with a special interest in Louisiana irises. We had run out of room at our old place and had just moved to a new place with some acreage in April.

I am planning on starting a perennial nursery here. There are not many perennials other than tall bearded irises and daylilies grown in the area. I will be specializing in Louisiana and Japanese irises, but I will be growing many other perennials as well.

I have put everything on a drip system and in ditches, which will help to conserve water, while at the same time assuring that everything will have adequate water needed for optimum growth. The drippers come in three sizes: 1/2 gal. per minute, 1 gpm, and 2 gpm.

I was very fortunate in that the land I had purchased was on the acid side (which is very rare in this part of the country). Even my Japanese irises love this soil! I have found the Louisiana irises very accommodating in regards to soil, tolerating a wide range of conditions.

I would encourage anyone interested in hybridizing Louisianas to join one of the Robins. I have found this source of information to be extremely helpful. As a newcomer to hybridizing I was very pleasantly surprised at how generous these people are with their knowledge.

There are a lot of exciting new developments coming up now such as edgings, halos, new colors, and ruffling, and I am eager to take part in these exciting endeavors. I am anxiously awaiting next Spring when many of my seedlings should bloom for the first time.

Ms. Champion is a member of the Inland Iris Society. Her article first appeared in the LOUISIANA IRIS SOCIETY OF AMERICA bulletin, Volume 9, No. 1.



* GROWING JAPANESE IRIS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA *

by: Bill Gunther

(The following is a response by Mr. Gunther to Dr. McEwen's request for information to be used in preparing the forthcoming book on Japanese iris. It was forwarded for publication to the Society for Japanese Irises because of the material of interest to other members, and in the hope of soliciting additional information and comments regarding the subject. The main part of the letter went as follows:

Dear Dr. McEwen,

". . . Yes, I still grow those Japanese irises I had several years ago; I still have four ponds of them, maybe 100 plants, but the labels on most of them are either too faded to read or else are missing. But no harm here - because I have two copies of Kuribayashi Motojiro and Hirao Shuichi's book THE JAPANESE IRIS, published in Japan in 1971, which includes 346 color plates of Japanese and American varieties of Japanese irises. Whenever one of my plants is in bloom and a visitor asks the name of it, I simply flip the pages of that book to find a picture which duplicates the iris in question, and with the picture is the name - which simultaneously satisfies and impresses my visitor. (Too bad that many hybridizers do not have a copy of that book - because now, as well as previously, many hybridizers are introducing varieties which are indistinguishable by picture from varieties already introduced years ago.)

Back to my Japanese irises; the reason I still have all my Japanese irises is that the water supply to my home and garden is treated. The treatment consists of the incoming water flowing between rather closely spaced plates of copper and magnesium, then thru a sand filter. This equipment is provided by the Ejax Company, whose employees change the plates monthly (by which time they are highly eroded) and who also backflow the resulting big collection of white grains of solidified calcium from the filter. In addition to solidifying and collecting the calcium from our basically very hard city water supply, the equipment in some way neutralizes the deleterious effect of all the chlorine which is added to the city water supply to keep bacteria under control. With this treated water, and with my Japanese irises growing in plastic pots, the lower several inches of which are continuously, year round, submerged in water, (the water retained by plastic vice cement, to eliminate seepage of lime into the water from the cement - particularly from new cement), my Japanese irises continue to live.

Their blooming pattern, however, is markedly different from that of Japanese iris growers who live to the north and/or

east of here. Instead of a short season of peak bloom, my irises bloom erratically, without a sharp peak, for almost six months each year - and with an occasional bloom during the remaining six months. The size of each blossom is smaller, and the height of each bloomstalk is shorter, than that achieved by Japanese irises grown north and east of here, in a season of more sharply defined winters. The climate of Del Mar is far more mild than most climates because (1) Del Mar is located farther south in latitude than most cities in the USA, so much so that it never freezes here, and (2) Del Mar is at sea level right on the Pacific Ocean, the prevailing sea breezes moisten the atmosphere and also keep our summers cool and reduce the amount of diurnal fluctuation in our temperature. I think that it is this continuously mild climate which confuses my Japanese irises into not knowing for sure just when to bloom - for which reason they bloom somewhat indecisively over a long period rather than in the traditional short season which is typical elsewhere.

One other unusual characteristic of my Japanese iris blooms is that they tend to be more branched than the typical bloomstalks which pertain further north and eastward from here. I have no idea why this is true, but on occasion, I have a stalk with three open blossoms simultaneously, each topping a different branch, in the fashion of a prize-winning Tall Bearded iris. Some years ago, with one of these, I won Queen of Show at a local iris show - but because my bloom season is so spread out, it usually is true that I don't have Japanese irises in bloom on the day of the local shows.

I have not been in Japan during the Japanese iris season there, but I have not read that they have notably branched stems there either. From photographs, I know that their Japanese iris season is short and concentrated.

So far as I know, the peculiar behavior of my Japanese irises would be duplicated in any Japanese iris garden in this locality of Southern California. There is no real proof of this - for the reason that so far as I know there are no other Japanese iris gardens in this locality. The reason for that is that persons without treated water cannot grow Japanese irises here - so they don't have them. The peculiar weather and water conditions in extreme southern California are NOT typical of the entire State. California is very large, and Ben Hager's Japanese irises, in Stockton, are perhaps 600 miles north of here and perhaps 100 miles inland from the Ocean. His climate is more like typical USA climate. He has freezes, and hot summers, and less alkali and less chlorine in his water supply; his Japanese irises perform more like your than like mine.

My guess is that since there is no confirmation of my observations available locally, you might at least like

comment from other members of the Japanese Iris Society before publishing any of this information in your forthcoming book. With that possibility in mind, I am sending along a spare copy of this letter to you; you are authorized to send it to the publication of the Japanese Iris Society, and the Editor of that publication is authorized to edit it and extract portions desired for publication, with request for comments from members, for your use.

Mr. Gunther is a member of the San Diego-Imperial Counties Iris Society. His article first appeared in THE REVIEW OF THE SOCIETY FOR JAPANESE IRISES, Volume 24, No. 2.

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ARE YOU MISSING A TOUCH OF THE EXOTIC?

THE REVIEW OF THE SOCIETY FOR JAPANESE IRISES publication recently listed only 49 members in the State of California, and at least three of these were affiliate clubs of the American Iris Society - and we have how many iris lovers in this State?

If you haven't tried growing Japanese irises, perhaps it is time to meet the challenge. Talk with some local members who raise Japanese irises, and you will find that success is possible in a variety of ways, from pampering with controlled water, to raising in two gallon pots in wading pools, to growing in well-watered rows in the garden. This "water gardening" reaps great satisfaction, and blooms that are unique and unsurpassed for their beauty.



INLAND IRIS SOCIETY

Following a successful iris auction and catered dinner in August, 1987, members of the Inland Iris Society turned their efforts to the October rhizome sale in Sunnymead. Two work days were scheduled at Cal-Dixie Gardens for members to prepare the iris donated and dug by Herb and Sara Holk. As an experiment, this year's sale was for one day, rather than two, but with a double sales force. Although profitable, it was not as lucrative as past sales.

November began the regular program year with Pete DeSantis of Reseda speaking on spurias. He traced the species from its discovery in 1753 to its modern development, primarily in Southern California, using slides to illustrate that historical sequence. The handsome pictures could well have convinced members to add spuria to their iris collections.

Our Program Chairman, Irene Benton, arranged to expand our programs by inviting Bill Maryott of San Jose to speak at the December 7, 1987, meeting. Dinner began the evening at the Park Inn International in Riverside, and it was well attended. Bill narrated an extensive slide presentation, showing the direction of his hybridizing program, and included slides of selected seedlings of a few other hybridizers. Small wonder the viewers were tantalized into taking notes!

In January, 1988, we went back to the nitty-gritty of gardening, with Herb Holk giving a detailed and exacting talk on pests and diseases of irises. With his specific background, Herb was able to carefully cover the chemicals used to fight these pests. Additionally, he provided copies of the information in chart form to spare his audience the note-taking that is so susceptible to error.

February, 1988, resumed the dinner-meeting format at the Park Inn International, with Ray Schreiner coming from Salem, Oregon. This third-generation member of the well-known iris-growing family was accompanied by his delightful wife, Colleen. His slide show of new introductions and prospective introductions was well-accepted by the audience that included guests from San Diego and San Fernando. We all began to yearn for both blooming and buying seasons to arrive.

Future meetings this program season will be aimed at preparing for our flower show to be held this year the weekend of April 30 and May 1, 1988. This is a week later than usual, to accommodate the Regional meeting. The show will again be held at the Riverside Mall on Central Avenue, and all our iris-loving friends in the southland are invited to enter.

Submitted by CORRINE BROMBERGER

INLAND IRIS SOCIETY IS GIVEN HISTORY OF SCHREINER'S GARDENS

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Schreiner's Iris Garden began as a hobby during World War I by F. X. Schreiner at Saint Paul, Minnesota. Upon his death in 1931, his son, Robert, took up the business and was later joined by his sister, Connie, and brother, Bernard. (Bernard is better known as "Gus.")

Starting in 1935, the three tested many areas for iris growing. In 1935, they started some planting at Grants Pass, Oregon, and three years later had their first iris garden in the Salem, Oregon, area. However, at that time, they were also investigating Texas, California, Washington, and Tennessee for a suitable location. It was in 1945 that they moved to their present location on Quinaby Road between Salem and Brooks, Oregon.

Each of the three had a certain part of the business for which he or she was responsible. Robert wrote the catalog and took care of the advertising. He and Gus hybridized. Both selected seedlings for release. Robert was in charge of shipping. Gus was production and field specialist and in charge of the annual harvest. Connie was the office manager and assumed considerable amount of the financial responsibility of the business. When there was a difficult decision in selection, it was Connie who added the final word.

Connie passed away in 1971. Gus passed away in 1982. Both are missed very much. Robert is going strong and still very active in the business.

Presently, the third generation of Schreiners have started carrying on the work with iris. Robert and David, Robert's son, and Tom Abrego write the catalog and ads and work as well in the photography and various phases of the office. Ray, Gus' son, is in charge of the hybridizing, with input from Robert and David. Ray also has charge of the production and field culture. Steve, another of Gus' sons, runs the annual flower show and also helps Ray manage the seasonal crew of 100 who work at the shipping and planting season.

Ellen Schreiner Abrego, Robert's daughter, manages and cares for the seed harvest from germination to transplanting.

Although we raised Iris in Grants Pass, Oregon, from 1935 to 1937, and in the Keizer District, near Salem, from 1938 to 1945, we didn't move to Oregon permanently until 1946. We have been in the Quinaby District north of Salem, Oregon, for the past forty years. This country is a happy choice for iris growing, and the plants grown here have reaped files of letters of praise from our thousands of customers. One of our most cherished possessions is this file of letter from

customers, gathered over the years. We have found people who are interested in flowers, and who buy and grow them as a hobby, are usually fine people, and many steadfast friendships have developed over the years.

Iris blooming season in Oregon is the month of May, with peak generally coming about the 20th of the month. We get about three good weeks of bloom, the early varieties starting around the 10th, and the late varieties winding up the season around Memorial Day.

Iris orders are booked for shipping, which starts about July 1, and continues into October, for the southern States. August is our transplanting month. Extensive advertising is done in flower publications such as ORGANIC GARDENING, HORTICULTURE, FLOWER & GARDEN, and home magazines such as BETTER HOMES & GARDENS, SUNSET and FARM JOURNAL. Our mailing list is thus kept fresh and active. We ship to every State in the United States except Florida and Hawaii. Shipments to foreign countries include Canada, Chile, Argentina, Columbia, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Africa, Italy, France and other European countries. Our catalog lists about 450 varieties of iris.

Each year we try to attend the annual meeting of the American Iris Society and, in addition to seeing the new iris of the section in which the meeting is held, we see how the old standard kinds grow there. Last, but not least, we meet many of the people who are customers and with whom we have corresponded. It is a hobby with us, as well as a business.

As related by RAY SCHREINER



SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IRIS SOCIETY

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The dilemma faced in writing such a report is whether to look backward at all the successful events between issues, or to look forward to those activities to be enjoyed in the months just ahead.

The San Fernando Valley Iris Society would rather be typed "forward looking," so this accounting will be of those events and occurrences which we would like to share with members of Region 15, and particularly with those AIS and local society members within practical commuting distance of our valley. These individuals we would like to invite to any of the many activities we will host in the next calendar year. We pledge our every effort to make you feel welcome.

We feel our monthly meetings provide a balance of information, fellowship, and entertainment, which make the sacrifices necessary to ensure your participation worth the effort. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Canoga Park Women's Club, corner of Valerio and Jordan in Canoga Park.

Our annual trek to members' gardens within the San Fernando Valley is scheduled for Saturday, April 9, 1988. We usually schedule five to seven gardens, and try to include some gardens never before visited each year.

You are also invited to enter our show which will be staged Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 15, 16, and 17, 1988. If you don't choose to enter, drop by the Promenade Mall on Topanga Canyon Boulevard in Woodland Hills. Weather permitting, we guarantee that your "want list" will grow.

For details, send \$5.00 for a membership which will bring our Irisarian on a monthly basis, or telephone Bill Rinehart (818) 346-1912. The address for membership applications or written inquiry is 22218 Schoenborn Street, West Hills, CA, 91304.

Members of our other AIS affiliates, please feel that you can visit without pressure to become one of our members.

Submitted by BILL RINEHART

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JIM WEINSTOCK DESERVING WINNER OF
THE DAVID T. ROSS MEMORIAL SERVICE AWARD

One of the most demanding responsibilities in the San Fernando Valley Iris Society is that of editing the Irisarian. Few societies provide a newsletter on a monthly basis. Regions don't; the American Iris Society doesn't. The San Fernando Valley Iris Society expects a lot of their editor; the pressure of putting out a monthly Irisarian never lets up. Few of the members provide their own copy. Jim writes more for each issue than he should have to. Jim Weinstock took on this task after having been a member for only a year. Four years later he is still bringing his expertise and enthusiasm to the task, and his fellow society members are grateful.

But this is not the only area in which Jim serves. In 1987 he also served as Horticulture Chairman for the Spring Show, and shared his expertise in flower arranging in the program for the March general meeting. Jim provides his truck in transporting club property, and his time and presence in all club activities.

The SFVIS is not alone in claiming Jim's time and talents. He is active in the Southern California Iris Society, the Southern California Hemerocallis and Amaryllis Society, the American Hemerocallis and Amaryllis Society, (is registrar of Amaryllis Clones), the Bromeliad Society, the American Plant Life Society, the Southern California Horticulture Institute, and is a member of the Los Angeles Arboretum Foundation, the Southern California Botanist, Theodore Payne Foundation, and American Horticultural Society. These interests are reflected in his extensive and demanding garden. Not to mention that he has a family?

This award is not bestowed lightly. Jim's name is added to the list of recipients of this award without reservations. He is a special person.

Submitted by BILL RINEHART



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SAN DIEGO *

IMPERIAL COUNTIES



We had some very interesting meetings this past Fall. In September, 1987, Janice Lynch presented the program, with highlights from the Inland Iris Society Mini-Trek held in May, 1987, and slides of the gardens visited. October brought the Fall Regional Meeting. Our hosts, the San Fernando Valley Iris Society, did themselves proud with an excellent program, both morning and afternoon. This meeting will probably be covered elsewhere in the newsletter. For our November meeting, Claire and Bill Barr shared experiences and slides from their tour of English Gardens taken in the Spring in Great Britain - made everyone hope to join the next tour. Our annual Christmas Party was held at Maggie Galdarisi's lovely home, with great food and good conversation.

We started the year with a program on "Weeds, Insects and Diseases in the Garden" presented by Cynthia R. Drake who is a professional in these areas. Our Silver Anniversary Birthday Party was held on February 20, 1988, at the Seven Seas Lodge, San Diego. Guest speaker was Pete DeSantis, always a colorful and interesting addition to any gathering of iris lovers. For March, we have some garden judges' training lined up, with the whole Region welcome to attend-judges or not. Doris Foster's garden will have arilbred judges' training, and Ralph and LaVerne Conrad will share their garden with us for Pacifica training. April, of course, is the busiest and most exciting month of the year. Visiting of gardens on the Spring Trek sponsored by the Southern California Iris Society is being anticipated by our group, and also our annual Spring iris show. This year's show will be on April 30 and May 1, 1988, at Balboa Park, San Diego, Room 101, as usual. The theme for this year's show is "Voices of Spring."

Submitted by DOROTHY DRISCOLL


The San Diego-Imperial Counties Iris Society celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary on February 20, 1988, with a dinner meeting in the Patio Room of the Seven Seas Lodge, San Diego, California. The celebration was well attended by thirty-five iris lovers and guests.

Guest speaker for the evening was Pete DeSantis, who, in honor of the milestone occasion, gave an enjoyable and informative presentation on "The Development of the Iris - 1963 to 1988," showing slides on old and current favorite iris varieties. (Quick: Which iris won the Dykes Medal in 1963?)

1963 charter members and Past Presidents to date were remembered, and those who were present were recognized and thanked.

A birthday cake was cut, and door prizes distributed. Lovely floral arrangements were provided by Hazel Carson and Thelma Carrington.

CONGRATULATIONS SAN DIEGO-IMPERIAL COUNTIES IRIS SOCIETY, and best wishes as you begin your next twenty-five years.



EDITOR'S NOTE

Many thanks to Gayle Westrate for the beautiful art work for the cover of this issue, and to Sharla Coutras, of my office, for her assistance in assembling this newsletter.



SUN COUNTRY

SPRING TREK * * *
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IRIS SOCIETY

The Southern California Iris Society is pleased to make an initial announcement of the 1988 Sprink Trek for Region 15, which we will host. It is set for Friday and Saturday, April 22-23, 1988, with headquarters at the Holiday Inn in Monrovia. Ron Mullin will be the featured banquet speaker on Saturday evening, with judge's training being given on Friday evening.

The trek will feature four home gardens, plus the newly installed iris beds at Descanso Gardens. The four home plantings are diverse, both as to growing conditions (location, climate, soil) and the philosophies of the gardeners. The two gardens in north-central Los Angeles County are both in hillside (but accessible) locations, but the nature of the neighborhoods and growing conditions vary. The two gardens in northern Orange County are also quite different, although not far apart. One is small, but intensely cultivated to make best use of the available space, while the other is larger and uses a wide range of unusual plants. The beds at Descanso have been designed to demonstrate to the public the wide range of options available in choosing and growing iris.

Transportation between the trek sites is by chartered bus, with lunch provided at the halfway point.

Because it is the intention of the host society to keep participation in the trek to a manageable size (thus insuring the best possible experience for all attending), early registration is urged. Detailed information on the registration fee, hotel accommodation arrangements, and judge's training will be forthcoming soon. Participants will find that logistics have been planned to provide maximum enjoyment and learning.

We are alerting you and your members to set aside these dates as you lay out your calendar of events for 1988. You will not want to miss what promises to be a rewarding and educational experience for all, from long-time growers to members new to the world of iris!

GEORGE SHERMAN
TREK CO-CHAIRMAN



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Scheduled guest speaker for the February 2, 1988, meeting was Luella Danielson, of Chaparral, New Mexico. Her program was on "Arils and Arilbreds."

Ms. Danielson related to the Sun Country Iris Society that she began hybridizing in 1974. Thus far, she has introduced 9 arilbreds and 19 pure arils. Seven of her recent introductions were guests in their Fiesta Phoenix convention gardens. At home in Chaparral, New Mexico, the Danielsons have their own commercial venture, "Pleasure Gardens." In 1985, Lu and Henry were honored as "Members of the Year" by the Aril Society International. When asked about the key to success of their garden, Lu stated that their sharing is one of their greatest accomplishments. His ideas, my ideas--we've tried a lot of new ideas. His garden, my garden -- we do compete against each other. But our secret is simple; "What's yours is yours, what's mine is mine -- but if you want it, it's yours too." That's how our garden runs. Lu is a life member of the Aril Society International and the AIS. She is currently Judges Training Chairman for Region 17. She has conducted programs at both the National and Regional level, as well as local society meetings.

Our first big event of the season will be the Aril/Arilbred exhibit at the Desert Botanical Gardens on March 26 and 27, 1988.

Sun Country's annual show will be held April 15 and 16, 1988, at Chris-Town Mall. Theme for this year's show is "Jewels of the Desert," which was suggested by Gloria Beatty.

Sun Country recently asked members who are hybridizing to share with the group how they got started, and what they had established for goals. Future issues of our newsletter will contain comments by these hybridizers. Our February issue ran articles by Gary and Janet Meeker, and Gary Miller.



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SOCIETY FOR LOUISIANAS
ANNUAL MEETING AND SHOW

The Society for Louisianas will hold its annual meeting and show at the University of Southern Louisiana Garden Center at Lafayette, Louisiana, April 15, 1988, through April 17, 1988.

Schedule is as follows:

April 15	6:30 a.m.	Cash Bar Slide show and auction
April 16		Entering of exhibits
	11:30 a.m.	Informal lunch
	1:00 p.m.	Business meeting
	3:00 p.m.	to 5:00 p.m. Flower show
	6:30 p.m.	Cash bar
	7:00 p.m.	Awards banquet and auction
April 17	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Flower show

In addition to the above schedule, the gardens of Haymon, Duhon, Arney-Goula, Arceneaux Pond, Barbara Nelson, Durio, and Elaine and Russell Bourque will be open for tours to iris lovers.

Reservations should be made immediately with any of the following hotels/motels:

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Travel Lodge Executive Ctr	318-235-0858
Hotel Arcadian	318-233-8120
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Reservations for Society meals should be also made in advance. For further information, write Aileen Arcenoux, Secretary, P. O. Box 40175, USL, Lafayette, Louisiana, 70504.



1988 JAPANESE IRIS CONVENTION

Kalamazoo, Michigan will host the Japanese Iris Convention on July 1-3, 1988. This is the opportunity of the year for those interested in Japanese iris to get together for touring gardens and making or renewing friendships with others interested in these increasingly popular flowers. For those wishing to make early travel or flight arrangements, the preliminary schedule of events will be:

Friday, July 1. Our annual Japanese Iris Show will be set up at The Crossroads Mall, Portage, Mich. 12:00 to 7:00 pm. We will welcome you at this inviting setting for registration. Dinner will be on your own; transportation will be provided to and from the motel headquarters, airport and show. An informal get together will be held at the motel about 7 pm with a scheduled slide show and speaker about 8 pm.

Saturday, July 2. Bused tour of gardens and judges training. Gardens on tour will be: Ron and Anna Mae Miller's; Jim, Jill, and Jimmy Copeland's; Dick and Eileen O'Melay's; and Bob Bauer and John Coble's (Ensata Gardens). Each garden will have guest beds with seedlings and cultivars sent in by major hybridizers. The gardens have hundreds of named and labelled cultivars as well as thousands of seedlings. Saturday night will be our Banquet, Speaker, and Auction of iris.

Sunday, July 3. The guest gardens will be open for return visits, with an informal brunch served at one of the gardens. Transportation will be provided for these garden visits and your travel arrangements.

Bus and motel/banquet arrangements are not yet finalized. Full details will be listed in the Spring 1988 REVIEW. If you would send us a note of your interest to attend this convention, we will send you the final schedule of events, registration fee, and motel arrangements as soon as it is completed this winter; plus it will help us decide whether we will need to reserve two or three buses for the week-end. We are planning and working for a large and successful Japanese Iris Convention.

Please address all inquiries and pre-registration intentions to:

Robert Bauer
9823 E. Michigan Ave.
Galesburg, MI 49053

THERE'S MORE IRIS - "DOWN UNDER"

The IRIS SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA offers the following preliminary information about the 1988 Australian Iris Convention:

In 1988 Australia will be celebrating its Bi-Centennial, and, because of this, there will be a large number of special events organized Nation wide.

As the IRIS SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA's contribution to these celebrations, it is organizing an Iris Convention to be held in both Sydney and Melbourne. During the Sydney part of the convention, the inaugural judging of the Sydney Louisiana Iris Spectacular will take place.

If you are considering a trip "Down Under," what better time to come than in our Bi-Centennial year, and also the chance of participating in an Iris Convention held in Australia's two major cities. Another good reason to come is the extremely good exchange rate on the Australian dollar.

For those who also like horses, on the Tuesday after the close of the Iris Convention, the world famous Melbourne Cup will be run.

The dates to remember are as follows:

Sydney part of the Convention:

Thursday, the 20th of October, 1988
to
Monday, the 24th of October, 1988

Melbourne part of the Convention:

Tuesday, the 25th of October, 1988
to
Saturday, the 29th of October, 1988

The Melbourne Cup (horse race):

Tuesday, the 1st of November, 1988

By arranging your trip around the above dates, you will be able to participate in our Iris Convention and Bi-Centennial.

If you would like to be kept informed about the Convention, please write to the Convention Organizer as shown below:

Iris Society of Australia
TERRY R. NISBET, Convention Organizer
12 Normdale Road
East Bentleigh
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San Diego-Imperial Counties Iris Society

Third Sunday, each month, 1:00 p.m.
Quail Gardens, Encinitas
(619) 463-6700 for information

Southern California Iris Society

Five times a year
L.A. State and County Arboretum, Arcadia
(818) 449-4977 for information

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AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

October 15 - November 10, 1988

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