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On February 10th the Board of Region 15 met at my house for the Winter planning meeting. All of the club Presidents were present except for Inland and Tucson. It was a productive meeting as was to be expected with the fine people serving you on the Board. This is the last such meeting I will chair as my term is drawing to a close. It is amazing how quickly years go by as you get older. I can still remember when three years was a lifetime. At 64 it is the blink of an eye. It has been three very pleasurable years. This is a wonderful group of people and make being an officer a joy.



The Region 15 Spring Trek, which this year is a joint trek with Region 14, is going to be outstanding. The San Fernando Society is Region 15 sponsor and is doing a fantastic job of planning a trek that will not soon be forgotten. We hope that many of our members will join those coming from Region 14 to enjoy all of the activities they have planned. Plan on being there Friday and Saturday if you want to enjoy it all. Our thanks to all of those working so hard to make this a success.

This Spring promises to be a very busy time for iris people. Besides the trek there are at least eight shows and several iris rhizome sales. To get the most from your iris hobby be a part of many of these activities.

I have one more President's Report to write for the Fall Newsletter. At that time new officers will be installed. I hope that you will give them the fine support that mine have received.

Ralph

Due to first-class mailing and space limitations, the minutes and treasurer's report were omitted.

Our region congratulates its new accredited judges, so appointed individually via a letter by the chairman of the Judges Committee of A.I.S. They are: Olen Joe Daugherty, Jeanne Clay Plank, Charlene Errigo, Ray Kary, Richard Tasco and Jack Weber. The last five are members of the Sun Country Iris Society of Phoenix.

One time Region 15 RVP Janice Chesnik was raised to Master Judge status in recognition of the many years she has served as an accredited judge.

Six of the current apprentice judges are set to complete their requirements this year.

Hazel Carson was appointed an apprentice judge. She is a long time member of the San Diego-Imperial Valley Iris Society and one time president of that group.

Several student judges are working their way through the requirement of becoming apprentice judges.

As noted in the A.I.S. report of minutes appearing in the January Bulletin, the executive board of the national organization has voted a change in the Master Judges rules, creating an "Active Master Judge" and "Inactive Master Judge" position for Master Judges. As of next year the active group will be required to attend three training sessions every three years and submit an activity report each year.

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

In order to comply with the requirements of the California Franchise Tax Board we must modify our by-laws to include the following:

- The organization is organized for non-profit purposes and individual members will not derive profit there from.
- No substantial part of the activities of this organization shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statement) on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- The property of this organization is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purpose and no part of the net income or assets of this organization shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person.

Upon the dissolution or winding up of the organization, its assets remaining after payments, or provision for payments, of all debts and liabilities of this organization shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes, mainly The American Iris Society, a non-profit incorporated institution. The alternate, if the American Iris Society is dissolved, is The University of California in Los Angeles, Horticulture Department.

This year the Descanso Gardens Iris Garden experiences its fourth season of spring bloom since being redesigned and completely replanted in 1986 with all newly-acquired irises.

If you have never visited Descanso Gardens in La Canada-Flintridge, California, or if you have not visited it since before the Spring of 1987--the first bloom season for the 'new' Iris Garden--we hope you will take the opportunity to do so this year.

Descanso is not one of the scheduled tour gardens on this year's Region 14-15 Joint Trek, but with its location of less than twenty miles from Trek Headquarters in the San Fernando Valley, it is an easy side trip well worth taking a little extra time to see. At Trek time, not only will the 'new' Iris Garden at Descanso be in full bloom, but also a notable tulip and spring bulb display for which Descanso is famous throughout Southern California should still be vibrant. Extensive bulb plantings have always been a featured part of Descanso's spring garden show, this year entitled "A Spring Festival of Flowers" and scheduled to run from April 1 through April 24.

For your iris viewing pleasure at Descanso you will find over six hundred different cultivars representing most major divisions of the genus iris that grow reasonable well in Southern California. While it is true that the largest number of cultivars we grow are TB's, the Iris Garden has a collection of Louisiana and Spuria cultivars (about 3 dozen varieties of each), which we plan to enlarge as the years go by. There is one bed devoted to a planting of 36 selected Dykes Medal winners but non-Dykes Medal winning irises of historical note can be found growing in various locations throughout the collection. The collection currently grows over three hundred cultivars from all categories that are 1980-or-younger introductions. While cultivars developed by hybridizers from across the USA and around the world are included in our planting, we have tried to make sure that most major hybridizers from the West Coast, past and present, are represented with at least one (but generally more than one) cultivar.

The new Iris Garden at Descanso has developed a loyal following in its short existence, and it is rewarding to have people coming to various rhizome sales in Southern California, and of course to the Fall plant sale at Descanso itself, with lists of cultivars they want to buy because they had seen them in bloom at Descanso.

Descanso is one of the most beautiful gardens in the United States. It is noted for its camellia "forest" (14,000 camellias grow under a marvelous stand of native valley oaks). It has an extensive modern and old fashion rose garden, a native plant section, a beautiful Japanese tea house and garden, a collection of lilacs--unusual for Southern California--and now we hope we have added to this list of notables an extensive modern and historical iris collection.

Please come and see us! Descanso is open every day of the year (except Christmas) from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM (later as the days lengthen). A tram ride is a delightful way to get an overview of all the Descanso has to offer and it runs right in front of the iris.

Although we can still be called the new kids on the block, Hi-Desert Iris and Daylily Society has come a long way since it was founded by Beulah Robinson and Cal Bostwick, a year and a half ago.

We have had a number of very interesting monthly speakers at our meetings, which included slide presentations as well as practical demonstrations on gardening, plant culture, displaying flowers and tips on a range of subjects. Some of our speakers have been Bill Rinehart, Pete DeSantis, Jeanne Weber and Ralph Sissons.

In an upcoming meeting we will be hearing from Jeanne Plank, who will tell us about the creation of the iris beds at Descanso Gardens. A future goal of our club is to establish a display reserve garden in our area and we are working with the Park department of the cities of Palmdale and Lancaster to see if this can be located in one of the several new parks planned for our area. The meeting should be very interesting to us, for this reason alone.

In October, we hosted the Region 15 Fall Meeting and we felt this turned out well.

During 1989, we were able to get a regular meeting place in the Palmdale Cultural Center where we meet the last Saturday in the month. We have still not solved the problem of getting all our members together at one time because our area covers a lot of territory and some of our member live more than a hundred miles apart. We usually have a reasonable turnout at our meetings. At our picnic and Christmas Party the turnout of members has been very good.

Our second annual Iris show "A Desert Fantasy in Flowers" will be held in the Palmdale Senior Citizens building in Curson Park on Sunday, April 22. It is a one day show, open to the public from 12, noon to 5 p.m. We hope many region members who attend the combined Region 14 - 15 Trek on Friday and Saturday will stop by and see our show.

This year we have been invited to be on the City of Palmdale's annual Lilac Festival Board as the advisors on the Daylily and Iris section of their show. This show is held March 31 and April 1 and we expect to have our first plant sale of the year at this show as well as man a membership and information table on iris.

Our March meeting, one week before the Lilac Festival, will be a show seminar. We will have speakers demonstrating how to get entries ready for a show, a garden expert to demonstrate how to make good arrangements and a California Garden Judge who is going to take our show schedule and explain what the judges will be looking for in judging the artistic section and tips for mistakes that should be avoided. We plan to open this seminar to the public to get them ready for the Lilac show as well as our own Iris Show.

Cal Bostwick

SPRING TREK

If you haven't requested a "wake-up call" for the 1990 iris bloom season, do so immediately. You won't want to be too late registering for the Combined Regions 14/15 Spring Meeting and Garden Trek hosted on April 20-22 by the San Fernando Valley Iris Society in Van Nuys, California.

Region treks as hosted by the SFVIS take on new dimensions. The '79 trek headquartered at Universal City was termed a "mini-national" by participants. The '85 trek featured an invitation to the public to enjoy the garden tour. Consequently 300 persons (six busloads) shared the "blooming" experience.

In keeping with the new decade, the '90 trek will maintain the best of past practice and incorporate some ambitious additions. Chief among these is the partnership with Region 14. The cooperation of RVP Jim McWhirter, Trek Liaison Bryce Williamson and a number of others has been outstanding. Their sense of responsibility and their enthusiasm have been motivational to their co-hosts.

New to the agenda will be a full-blown AIS sanctioned Horticulture Show on Friday afternoon. Non-SFVIS irisarians in both regions are urged to bring bloomstalks to the exhibition and to have them in place with all paperwork complete in time for judging at 3:30 p.m. Seedlings are particularly welcome in keeping with the theme "A Peek Into the '90s".

Actual selection of Best in Section and Best Specimen in Show will be the basis of the Judges Training Session at 7:45 p.m. Among the most eminent experts in the World of Iris have agreed to serve as judges in this hands on, laboratory instruction.

TIME SCHEDULE FRIDAY
APRIL 20, 1990

Eight gardens, all within the San Fernando Valley will be the focus of the tour on Saturday. The location of the gardens permits busses to return to the Airtel Plaza for a full-course luncheon as a part of the tour package.

The banquet Saturday will include the announcement of the honors awarded by tour participants to outstanding cultivars. Climax of the agenda will be a slide presentation by Ray Schreiner, partner in charge of the hybridizing activities of Schreiner's Garden of Salem, Oregon, featuring cultivars which may become the "must haves" of the new decade.

Interest in this upcoming event began to swell as long ago as the Memphis convention. Leaders, nationally as well as those in involved regions, wanted to contribute to innovative ideas. Then they expressed an interest in observing and participating in the actual experience.

Consequently, as of the first week of February, checks have been received from Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas and Washington. Names of early registrants that will be familiar to AIS members include: Herb and Sara Holk of Cal-Dixie, Jim McWhirter and Virginia Messick of Cottage Gardens, Bill Maryott of Maryott's, Ben Hager and Sid DuBose of Melrose, Monty Byers of Moonshine, Jean Erickson of Portable Gardens, John Weiler of Rialto Gardens and Bobbie and Don Shepard of Shepard's Iris Gardens. Other hybridizers are Nancy Bartlett, Dr. John Durrance and Larry Lauer. The names of those whose "check is in the mail" is mindboggling.

Do they know something you don't? Maybe you should check out the enclosed registration form? Check it out and then check in!!!!!!

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| <u>12:00 - 5:00</u> | REGISTRATION (again Saturday A.M.) |
| <u>12:00 - 1:30</u> | SHOW SET UP |
| <u>1:30 - 3:30</u> | HORTICULTURE ENTRIES RECEIVED (including seedlings) |
| <u>3:30 - 5:00</u> | SHOW JUDGED |
| <u>5:00 - 6:30</u> | ADDITIONAL SEEDLINGS RECEIVED |
| | DINNER ON YOUR OWN |
| <u>6:30 - 7:30</u> | REGION MEETINGS |
| <u>7:45 --</u> | JUDGES TRAINING |

SCHEDULE OF CHARGES

REGIONS 14 AND 15
OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY

ANNOUNCE A JOINT

SPRING MEETING AND
GARDEN TREK

HOSTED BY THE

*San Fernando Valley
iris society*

ON FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY
APRIL 20 - 22, 1990

THE MEETING WILL BE HEADQUARTERED AT THE

Airtel Plaza Hotel

SHERMAN WAY AT VAN NUYS AIRPORT

7277 Valjean Avenue
Van Nuys, California 91406-3425

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| ALL EVENTS | |
| BEFORE APRIL 1 | \$50.00 |
| AFTER APRIL 1 | \$60.00 |
| PARTIAL PARTICIPATION | |
| GARDEN BUS TOURS | \$40.00 |
| (breakfast, lunch, bus) | |
| LUNCH | \$16.00 |
| BANQUET | |
| BEFORE APRIL 1 | \$25.00 |
| AFTER APRIL 1 | \$35.00 |
| HOTEL (Single or Double) | \$65.00 + tx |
| (make arrangements with hotel) | |

mail forms and checks payable to SFVIS to:

Bobee Rinehart
22218 Schoenborn St.
West Hills, CA 91304

NAME(S) _____

STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE _____ DATE _____

ALL EVENTS _____ BUS TOUR _____

LUNCH _____ BANQUET _____

please indicate choice of banquet entree

SALMON _____ PRIME RIB _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____ REGION _____

SIGNATURE _____

TIME SCHEDULE SATURDAY
APRIL 21, 1990

6:00 - 7:00 REGISTRATION
7:30 - BUS DEPARTURE
8:00 - 11:55 TOUR FOUR GARDENS
12:00 - 1:15 LUNCH AT AIRTEL PLAZA
1:15- BUS DEPARTURE
1:40 - 5:35 TOUR FOUR GARDENS
5:35 CAST BALLOTS FOR AWARDS
6:30 - 7:30 NO HOST BAR IN BANQUET ROOM
7:30- BANQUET

ADDITIONAL GARDENS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR VISITATION ON SUNDAY, APRIL 22

In the Spring on 1988 Caroline Sutherland, Bill Rinehart and I sat down and worked out a request form in quest of guests. We were particular, we wanted their most promising progeny. We didn't want to accept clones that were older than '85, but wanted seedlings projected for possible introduction before 1993. We said to the hybridizers, "we want to give trek patrons a peek into the '90s, a preview of the very best cultivars available in the present and the near future". We knew we had asked a lot, but we wanted to get their attention. Judging from the tremendous response I would have to say we did. When the last UPS truck delivered the last box of rhizomes our list of guest iris numbered 531 from at least 40 hybridizers.

Our eight trek gardens have planted guests from the following hybridizers:

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| Aitken | Daling | Gatty | Maryott | Nelson J. | Shepard |
| Anderson | Denney | Gaulter | McWhirter | Nichols H. | Weiler |
| Annand | Dunn M. | Ghio | Mohr D. | Niswonger | Wickenkamp |
| Bartlett | Dunn B. | Hager | Mohr K. | Osborne | Williamson |
| Boswell | Ernst | Hammer | Monroe | Plough | Wood |
| Brown | Foster | Keppel | Moores | Roderick | |
| Byers | Gartman | MaGee | Nelson I. | Schreiners | |

In 1989 a progress report, in the form of a questionnaire was given to each of the eight trek gardeners. The questions had to do with the growing habits of the guest iris that had been observed for one year. Here's a sampling of that report.

Dorothy Appleby: Peach Bisque (Maryott 87) "I liked this very much. It held up well in hot sun. Great substance, beautifully ruffled flower, great!"

Don Cunningham: Golden Galaxy (Weiler 89) Don reported that this deep yellow beauty with orange beards had excellent vigor, produced three stalks on six increases and was still blooming in December.

Peter De Santis: Coral Joy (Niswonger 89) bloomed May 19th. The plant had dark green foliage and six increases. "A very good iris, good color, vigorous, a must in every garden." Peter expressed similar good feeling about Gourmet Touch (Ernst 87) and Summer Magic (McWhirter 88). About Harbor Cruise (Hammer 87) a blue neglecta, he reported: "It had seven increases, dark wide foliage, two bloom stalks in the first year, well branched with flowers that last, another must have."

Judy Mogil: Mystic Warrior (Dunn b) 89) Judy reported that this plum blend had all the good qualities one could hope for, and was a big hit with garden visitors. Paris Blues (Dunn M. 90) A very nice blue! It bloomed 4-29 thru 5-25/ Good in all aspects and very popular with garden visitors. M80-701A (Dunn M.) was a wine and white plicata. It had produced a total of 12 increases at the time of the report and drew a definite thumbs up from garden visitors. VW-86-4A (Wood V.) An aril seedling, was described as having rosy violet on the magenta side standards with rose overlaid in red falls. A dark signal and very nice.

Jeanne Plank: Creator of the new Desanso Gardens Iris Display accidentally recorded over her tape recorded notes on the guest iris. Jeanne did say of Peach Bisque (Maryott 87), "Bought it for Descanso!"

Jan Lauritzen: Raspberry Fudge (Keppel 89) Beautiful form, very ruffled flower, grew and increased well. A colorful plicata. Special Feature (Osborne 88) about this blue flounced spaceager Jan commented, "Fantastic Flower!"

Bill Rinehart: Of Urgent (Nichols H 92) A hot salmon orange he said, "fantastic color and vigor!" He showed a special liking for Hollywood Blonde (Gatty 89) he said she was built with a show stalk. Inland Princess (Hammer 88) "one of my favorite guests, good color pattern and certainly beautifully ruffled". The Princess has spanish orange standards above white falls edged spanish orange. Alice Goodman (Roderick 88) this bright pink iris produced seven increases, had broad dark green foliate and two bloom stalks in the first year. "I like this one very much."

Betty Squires: M86-980A (Dunn M.) A striking fiery orange seedling with great appearance and good form. Glory Story (Weiler 88) a dark blue violet, had strong vigor, good increase, tall foliage, ruffles and gave a striking appearance in the garden. Role Model (Denney 88) a rosy-tan combo is a very strong, tall plant with very pretty large flowers. Treasured Love (Hammer 86) a coral peach beauty rated in the favorite category, while Juris Prudence (Ernst 86) and Cycles (McWhirter 86) received much praise.

This joint trek will be especially fun so don't miss it!

Peggy Carpenter

EIGHT BEAUTIFUL PRIZES

The Region 14 and 15 Trek Raffle has grown to eight. The latest addition is a painted 8-1/4" Iris Plate from the BANBURY collection, donated by DORTHY APPLEBY. For those of you who don't know what the other seven prizes are, here is the list:

- 1- An Iris QUILT purchased by the S.F.V.I.S.
- 2- A 22" X 26" glass framed Iris Photo donated by DUNCAN EADER.
- 3- A 32" X 35" glass framed, limited edition entitled THE LAVENDAR QUEEN, donated by NANCY BARTLETT.
- 4- A 32" X 24" glass Iris Print donated by RICK ERNST of Cooley's Gardens.
- 5- A 25" X 36" glass framed original painting by MARY ANN McCOOL, who does the covers for Pacific Coast Hybridizers catalogs.
- 6- A pair of Silver Iris Design Earrings donated and designed by CAROLINE SUTHERLAND.
- 7- A 14" X 18" Oak framed mirror etched with Iris, donated by JAN LAURITZEN.

The tickets are \$5.00 each, which comes to 62-1/2 cents per prize. Not a bad investment and the lucky winner need not be present to accept his or her prize, but I hope you join us on April 20 & 21. See your society ticket seller for tickets.

Region 15, at this time, is way behind Region 14 in ticket sales so lets get going and buy buy buy some tickets. I know you won't let me down.

See you all at our combine Spring Region Trek in April.

Peter De Santis

We tried something a little different this year at Inland Iris Society. We brought in two speakers from out of state. Steve Varner of Siberian Iris fame visited us in November and Joseph Mertzweiller of Louisiana Iris fame visited us in January.

Mr. Varner shared with us some of his expertize on hybridizing Siberians which he began in the early 50's. He also gave us judge's training on Siberians. Where can you get more authoritative information on Siberians than from someone's whose name is practically synonymous with Siberians. Mr. Mertzweiller gave us a very enthusiastic and interesting presentation on the different Louisiana Irises. He held your attention throughout the meeting. Mr. Mertzweiller also gave us some judge's training on Louisiana Irises. I am sure that all of those who attended will all agree that we certainly got our money's worth.

As most of you know, you can get real bargains when you purchase airline tickets far in advance; such as \$300 to New York, non-stop or Dallas for \$146, Phoenix for \$38; all round trips. If you are not aware of it, you can get unbelievable prices on airline tickets by purchasing them well in advance. The advance time varies depending on the airlines. Some say two weeks while others say thirty days. I try to book three months in advance and I get all of the choices such as departing times and arrival times. Some bargains are yours by flying on a weekday and staying over a Saturday. Seniors get an additional discount. We shared the cost for flying Mr. Mertzweiller from New Orleans with the San Diego Iris Society, who also had him as their guest speaker the day before, we did for under \$100.

Another aspect of keeping costs down, is to have several hotels directly competing for your business and not miss an opportunity to ask for a discount. We negotiated luncheons at the Hilton and the Maruko hotels, all first rate for \$7 per serving. Everyone at the luncheon was pleased with the meal and service.

The best way to get the best prices is to start early. We negotiated the Hotel prices approximately four months in advance. I am convinced that any of the local iris societies can present first quality iris meetings at prices far below what you would expect and probably for less than is now spent without first rate speakers. I recommend that your program chairman consider bringing in guest speakers from out of state in addition to your current programs.

Members usually attend iris meetings with the idea of learning something about irises, as well as socializing. By offering programs that include well known authorities on irises, we feel we are giving our membership the information that they are looking for as well as getting to know a well known hybridizer up close and personal.

Joe Daugherty



Our deepest sympathy to Joe Daugherty, who lost his wife Odi to Leukemia Saturday, February 24th. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

SAN DIEGO-IMPERIAL COUNTIES IRIS SOCIETY

To bring you up to date as to happenings in Region 15 San Diego-Imperial Counties Iris Society, let me report that we have been busy.

On September 17, 1989 Walter Gorrell presented a delightful talk and slide program on the past Spring Trek.

On October 21st we were in attendance at the Regional meeting.

November 19th Don and Bobbie Shepard presented a talk on culture and hybridizing. The talk was backed up with some beautiful slides.

On December 10th Bob Brooks opened up his beautiful home to our Iris Society for our Christmas party. We had a delightful pot luck luncheon. We exchanged gifts. We had a slide show of the Popularity Poll of Favorite Irises as reflected by the 1990 AIS Symposium.

On January 6, 1990 Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mertzweiler presented a delightful program. This was an all day session. In the afternoon Joe talked about Louisiana Iris, hybridizing them and growing them.

February 10th we celebrated our 25th Anniversary as a member of the AIS. John Weiler and his wife will be our guests. John will talk on reblooming bearded irises - "A Revolution for the Future of Irisdom".

On March 18th Claire Barr will give a program on grooming and show preparation. Glenn Haugh will give a short design demonstration.

On April 28 - 29 we will have our annual Iris Show at Balboa Park.

On May 20th there will be a meeting. The program is still to be announced.

I hate to end this on a sad note but last November we lost a truly great friend, Jack Fitzgerald. He was a wonderful friend, a tireless worker and a real irisarian. He will be missed by all.

I believe this just about brings you up to date. We hope to have a good representation at the Spring Trek.

William Barr

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IRIS SOCIETY

The San Fernando Valley Iris Society is determined that responsibility for the Combined Regions 14/15 Spring Meeting and Garden Trek for 1990 would not cause other important priorities to be set aside. A look backwards at 1989 reveals that growth and maturation continue at an accelerated rate.

Goals for 1989 were to maintain an average attendance at monthly meetings in the 50s, to grow toward a membership of 200, and to raise sufficient funds to sponsor a dream spring meeting at fees within the means of the region membership. All expectations were met and exceeded.

Program highlights of the past few months included Keith Keppel in November, a nonpareil holiday meeting, and Bill Maryott in January. In February, Joe Grant of Roris Gardens will be our Valentine as we meet on the 14th. Hooker Nichols, Oklahoma hybridizer, will be our March guest.

Our local membership grows as well as the out-of-valley subscribers to our Irisarian. The dedicated support of members guaranteed that Ways and Means efforts were supremely successful. Income for '89 exceeded expenditures for the period by \$10,000. Obviously, financial support for all programs, including the spring trek, is available.

In '90 we again have appointed a chair person to reinstitute our popular series of field trips and look forward to these new opportunities.

With all the activities our surveys show that we exist primarily to support the cultivation of iris. All of our meetings, with the possible exception of the December session, are planned with this as our top priority.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IRIS SOCIETY

SHOW TIME



EARLY SPRING IRIS SHOW

Saturday March 31 1:00 - 4:00 PM
Sunday April 1 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

At the Los Angeles State & County Arboretum,
301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA.
in Ayres Hall

Featuring early blooming iris and flower arrangements
Potted iris plants for sale

Further information contact John Wight (818) 810-8580



50th Annual Spring Show

Saturday April 28 12:00 - 6:00 PM
Sunday April 29 12:00 - 5:00 PM

At the Santa Anita Fashion Park Mall,
400 S. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA.

Show and rhizome sale

Further information contact Lynn McIlwain (818) 332-8354

Entries for both shows accepted Friday night 7-9 PM
and Saturday morning 7-10 AM

Greetings from Sun Country

Here it is, a new year starting
with all kinds of resolutions
and goals. Sure hope we can keep
them all.

Our rhizome sale wasn't as
profitable as last years, but was
still declared a success by all who
worked it. One member donated over
1000 rhizomes for our major fund
raiser and many others emptied their
gardens to provide us with those much
needed rhizomes. Our own club members
are always some of our best customers.

Our Christmas party entitled "The Magic
Of Christmas" had over 70 people in
attendance with our special guest, James
Strachan, a very talented magician, who
treated us all to an exciting show. Our
decorating committee was ably assisted
by our junior members, who did a great
job on our tree and tables. Everyone
attending was invited to bring a gift
for a child. Fifty five gifts and
\$25.00 in cash was later delivered
to the Crisis Nursery.

Hopefully, everyone will find the rest of
the year as exciting. We have an early
exhibit planned for March 31st and April
1st at the Valley Garden Center and a one
day sanctioned show on April 14th at Maryvale
Mall. We also have an all member bus
trip planned for May. As yet the location
has not been decided for that.

So you can see we plan a full rest of the
year, and if any one of you find yourselves
in our area, we would love to have you visit
one of our meetings or our show. Just give
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