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### THE REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This second RVP Report to you comes fresh on my return from the National AIS Convention in Washington DC. I was most proud of the fact that Region 15 had the second most mumbers attending the National. The host Region 4 beat us with members attending! I applaud the members who attended and hope more of you can join us in Atlanta next year.



I still feel any region has a long way to go to beat Region 15's Fiesta Phoenix, but Region 4 did a wonderful job of organization and their gardens were just wonderful. To this desert rat, just the landscape alone made a large impression. Some of the trees. were so big around and so tall, I felt like an ant looking up at the top. Several gardens had many old varities. mostly TB's. We try to keep our own garden updated, but I found myself walking clear across the garden to see what I found out. was an old friend. The new cultivars are beautiful, but we often discard iris that should remain in any true iris lovers garden. Many of the iris in the Rebert garden were way before my iris time. felt like I was seeing the ancestors I had always heard about, but never met.

I was very pleased that so many joined us in Phoenix for the celebration of Region 15's Golden Anniversary. I think the celebration was well planned and the gardens were beautiful. The bloom wasn't quite peak, but there was enough to be enjoyed. As always, I feel these Region meetings are meant to see iris, but more important, they are meant to be a time for old friends to reacquaint and new friendships to be born. My compliments to Ardi & Gloria and their committee members for a wonderful Region meeting.

The Region 15 history booklet given as a table favor at the Regional Spring Trek is still available. The booklet is available through your local president for \$3.00. The proceeds will benefit Region 15 treasury. If needed, I have more of the booklets available.

The Fall Region meeting will be held on October 12th, hosted by Inland Iris Society. The meeting will be located at the Maruko Hotel, San Bernardino, Ca. More information will be available in our next newsletter.

Our motto for this summer: Sign up a new AIS member

Bolling



### REGION 15 MEMBERSHIP

I am concerned. In updating the current membership listing, I have been pleased to add 10 new members to the Region 15 AIS membership. BUT I have also had to delete 33 members. That percentage is not exactly what I consider equal.

Why are we loosing these AIS members? Did we each do our part to make them feel welcome in our societies and in the American Iris Society?

Please help me to keep each of our members satisfied and happy to be part of "the family". Perhaps we can gather even more members into the AIS family.

May God be with those members we have had to say a final farewell to: Howard Goodrick, Bob Hubley, Jack Fitzgerald, Helen Oefstos, Don Dopke and Mary Hoskins.

Bollio Shepard

#### NEW AIS MEMBERS TO REGION 15

We hope that the local club Presidents will contact these new members if they are not already members of a local club.

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### REGION 15 GOLDEN TREK

As befits a 50th anniversary, the 1991 Region 15 Spring Trek and meeting was indeed golden.

Sponsored by the Sun Country Iris Society, the April 12-14 gathering had more highlights than a one-armed paper hanger has problems.

Headquarterd at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Scottsdale, the three-day event furnished many memorable moments.

If one did not have the urge to travel, the hotel was an outstanding base from which not to operate. Other than two morning bus trips (one of which included a luncheon at Monti's La Casa Vieja), to half a dozen outstanding gardens, you could enjoy the pool, fine room facilities, and in-house food services without seeing the outside.

Days began with the buffet breakfast...as much as you could eat (and more) in the douwnstairs dining area, where days also tapered off with a late afternoon happy hour which, like the early morning meal, was complimentary.

Evening meals often found trekkers elevatoring upward to the Fourth Floor Grille and Sports Lounge, where meals were accompanied by generous southwestern hospitality, which further enhanced the trek. That is not to say that anyone needed to be restricted to the hotel. An art show was across the street, galleries, shops, restaurants, and many other attractions were easily accessible.

As for the iris, they were indeed there, not only in six gardens to which trek participants were bused on Saturday and Sunday but in another quartet of optional gardens available for Sunday afternoon visits with the added incentive of golden coupons redeemable for rhizomes.





LEFT: VISITORS AT THE BROWN GARDEN RIGHT: ON-LOOKERS AT HALL BRADSHAWS

Hall Bradshaw's Tempe garden, a schizophrenic experience with its double devotion to roses and iris, was something of a jealousy trip for water-thristy Southern Californians who had a chance to see what flood irrigation can accomplish. Superbly maintained, it was obvious how the owner manages to be competitive at both iris and rose shows.

The Phoenix garden of Tom and Maudie Brown provided an outstanding example of the efficient use of limited space. By tiering the front yard and tightly spacing the cultivars, they managed a mass of color in a pleasant garden setting...which was also part of the casual atmosphere in the back yard, which with its shade and waterfall providing something of a refuge from the busy street outside.

Spacious is the way the Larson garden in Tempe might be described. Because it is located on an acre, you hardly are aware that more than 300 iris varieties are present. It also carries out a nice southwestern theme from house architecture to interior decoration and even planting. A nice drip irrigation system also is in place.

At the Kary Garden, Ray and Ardi have expanded the planting since the AIS Convention, but the featured arils still predominate and include some outstanding seedlings. Here is efficient planning of relatively limited space, which gives the impression of a much larger landscape because of the skillful manner in which the area is divided.





LEFT: KARY GARDEN INSPECTORS
RIGHT: CHARLES JENKINS AND PETE DESANTIS
AT THE SHEPARD IRIS GARDEN

Don and Bobbie Shepard did it again...coaxed some peak bloom out of the iris at their commercial garden in Phoenix. There were more than 1000 registered cultivars performing beautifully. Of special iterest here was the impressive show of spurias along the fence line and in the large bed at the rear of the garden which featured the hybridizing of Charles Jenkins. Here too, were Terry Aitken and Bernard Hamner admiring their introductions in bloom...and on the patio, a stalk of a massive Hamner seedling due for later introduction.

Sun City was the destination because here is situated the garden of spuria specialist Floyd Wickenkamp. The spurias did not really cooperate, but the garden did have a nice display of arilbreads, a wealth of cactus and some nesting birds.

As a matter of fact, the flora in gardens was frequently supplemented by fauna, both domestic and wild. These included a large variety of birds (quail, canaries, doves, parrots, parakeets, cockatiels, cactus wrens) dogs of several types, cats, fish, and even a horse.



SOCIALIZING AT FLOYD WICKENKAMP'S

Another common denominator was the variety of annuals and perennials which gardens contained. Especially impressive were some sensational stands of sweet peas.

As for trek bonuses, the following might be noted: (1) the welcome baskets at registration time (2) the attractive garden banners with the Sun Country logo, which was also given guests in the form of a Golden Anniversary magnet (3) a copy of the Region 15 history, "the First Fifty Years", prepared by Bobbie Shepard with the help of contributors.

There were, too, a pair of informative and interesting judges training sessions presented by Terry Aitken and Ralph Strane.

The registration prize, a lovely hand-crocheted afghan, was won by Judith Gasser of the San Fernando Valley Iris Society. Several raffle items with iris themes were also presented.

Sunday afternoon, gardens of Georgia Gudykundst, Diane Miles, Peggy Morphew and Boyd and Catherine Olson were like frosting on a delicious, iridaceous cake.

Trek Chair Ardi Kary, her co-chair Gloria Beatty, the remainder of the committee, and the entire Sun Country Iris Society membership deserve the credit and thanks from the entire region for staging a great golden anniversary event.

Jim Weinstock San Fernando

### SPRING TREK IRIS AWARDS

## Best Introduced Iris by a Region 15 Hybridizer

ist	-	Macho Hombre (Hamner '88)	5 votes
		Purple Pirouette (Hamner '88)	5 votes
2nd	-	Cheerful One (Hamner '89)	4 votes
		Griffin's Pride (Shepard '89)	4 votes
3rd	-	Chief Redskin (Hamner '84)	3 votes
		Inland Princess (Hamner '88)	3 votes
		Struttin' High (Hamner '91)	3 votes

## Best Seedling by a Region 15 Hybridizer

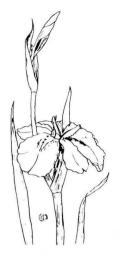
1st	-	87-18 (TB) Tasco	20 votes
2nd	-	91N8703(LA) Shepard	9 votes
3rd	-	AK91-10P(AB) Kary	8 votes
		86-24-01(TB) Tasco	8 votes

## Best Iris by an Out-of-Region Hybridizer

1st - Kissing Circle(Stevens '90)TB 14 votes
2nd - Silent Tears(Peterson '91)AB 13 votes
3rd - Cranberry Crush(Aitken '86)TB 7 votes

## Favorite Irises in Tour Gardens

Tall Bearded:	Cranberry Crush	8	votes
	Purple Pirouette	6	votes
	Kissing Circle	4	votes
Aril/Arilbreds:	Silent Tears	26	votes
	Kuza Nama	7	votes
	Mohr Pretender	4	votes
Medians:	Blackbeard	12	votes
	Batik	7	votes
	Double Banded	4	votes
Louisianas:	Corabelle	9	votes
	Clyde Redmond	8	votes
	Professor Ike	6	votes
Spurias:	Baby Chick	9	votes
	Jubilant Spirit	8	votes



### GROWING LOUISIANAS IN ARIZONA

In Arizona we have good growing weather even in the winter. Even when we hit our all time high of 122 degrees this past summer, the LAs seem to put their energy into the root system. The foiliage yellows during the winter, but the root system never seems to stop.

When we first started growing Louisianas in large quanities 14 years ago, we thought that they should be planted in full shade because of the Arizona heat. Over the years we have gradually moved the Louisiana beds into a lot of sun.

Location of beds is very critical to proper growing conditions. The proper mixture of sun and shade must be right for good production. When we were growing in mostly shade, we had fair growth, but with more sun we have sturier plants with much better growth. When more sun is used, you have to make sure to keep the beds wet or damp all the time. Now all LA's have morning sun until about 2 P.M. and then they have some sun break for the rest of the day.

For Arizona and for our commercial garden, we have found watering with drip irrigation makes for better growth, less rot and better usage of the water because of less evaporation. In addition the water soaks into the ground where it belongs. When flood irrigating in rows, water does not reach the end of the row or it breaks through where it doesn't belong. We feel the irrigation can control your water consumption better. It is real luxurious to set the timer and have your beds watered automatically. It used to take us 10 days to drag hoses and flood irrigate all the beds. Now it takes about 12 hours during the night. If you wish to change your water cycle, simply reset the timer system.

Our drip irrigation hoses are placed in the beds about 16" apart. We have I gallon emitters placed 12" on center. This means they drip I gallon of water per hour. All of our beds are flat soil, but wheather they go up hill or down, the entire bed gets watered properly. A 2500 SQ. FT. bed can be watered in about 30 to 45 minutes when the ground is dry. Fertilizer can be run through the drip irrigation system. This same water system is used on all the bearded iris and spurias.

Drip hose like we use can be rolled up or pulled back in the summer to allow the beds to be reworked. This hose is rated to lay on top of the soil and guaranteed for five years, even in our Arizona heat.

This is not the only way to water or irrigate, but we find it saves us time, water and money with better results in growth. Everyone is looking for better growth and less problems. CAP irrigation water is used on the Louisianas every two weeks through out the summer. The irrigation cuts to once a month November thru March. This irrigation water is also used to water grass and tree areas.

Feeding LA's is started in late February on the light side every two weeks until bloom time. One heavy feeding is done after bloom.

We have been hybridizing since 1964. There are a lot of beautiful seedlings coming along. It takes several years to multiply enough rhizomes for commercial release. The last 3 years we have been working with some TET's. Joe Mertzweiler and Valera Chenoweth have been generous enough to share some of their TET seedlings to use for hybridizing. This year several TET babies are germinating. It is always a child's Christmas morning when our seedlings start blooming every spring.

We enjoy the plants and bloom and all the people we meet. There is always green growth winter and summer.

Dorald (Don) Shepard Shepard Iris Garden

### HI-DESERT IRIS & DAYLILY SOCIETY

Hi-Desert Iris & Daylily Society held its third annual Iris show on April 21 - 22, 1991 in Palmdale, California.

Due to unusual weather, iris grown in the region were two to three weeks late in blooming this year. As a result, many members had no iris in bloom at show time. Nevertheless, we had 23 exhibitors and 165 entries.

Best specimen of the show was won by Cal Bostwick with "Dresden Gold"; Most Worthy seedling was by Duncan Eader; Silver Medal - Bille DeHaas; Bronze Metal - Fern Owen and Best Artistic Arrangement - Jan Borg.

Cal Bostwick
Show Chairman

### INLAND IRIS SOCIETY'S 1991 SPRING SHOW

The Riverside Plaza was the site of the 1991 Spring Iris show. From April 26th to the 28th a beautiful display of irises graced the main hall of the Plaza. The show was noteworthy for the variety of types of irises shown. Besides the usual fine specimens of bearded irises there was an outstanding display of non-bearded irises. It has been a long time since Inland has had so many Pacific Coast Natives and Siberian.

The Cal Dixie Gardens and Hamner's Iris Gardens had both added a "for display only" exhibit that was worth the trip to see by itself. The club thanks both gardens that have supported Inland for many years.

The sales crew enriched the club coffers for another year with a very successful rhizomes sale.

Inland wishes to thank the judges and all of the many who assisted in making this one of its most outstanding shows.

Ralph Strane Show Chairman

# **SPRING SHOW RECAP**

CLUB	QUEEN OF SHOW	EXHIBITOR	BEST SEEDLING	HYBRIDIZER	SILVER METAL	Bronze Medal
Hi Desert Inland	Dresden Gold AB Lurid TB	Cal Bostwick Betty Cole	C-84-5-4D PCN 89-27 TR	Duncan Eader Bernard Hamner	Billy DeHaas Joe Daugherty	Fern Owen Carol Morgan
San Diego	Lovely Louise TB	Valera Chenoweth	M-84-925A TB	Mary Dunn	Bob Brooks	F Higginbotham
San Fernando So. Calif.	Scandia Delight TB Rustler TB	Jan Lauritzen Lynn McIlwain	HB-88 TB	Betty Squires	Pete DeSantis George Sherman	Janet Tosches Lynn McIlwain
Sun Country	Gigolo TB	Janet/Gary Meeker	LA88006 and 8435E TB	Dorald Shepard Dorald Shepard		Carole Spiess
Tucson	Eastertide LA	Bert Detweiler			Sally Cooperman	Gail Barnhill

CLUB	BEST ARTISTIC	ART. SWEEP.	YOUTH
Hi Desert	Jan Borg	Mary Duvall	Angela Field
Inland	Carol Morgan	Irene Benton	
San Diego	Pat Brendel		
San Fernando	Janet Tosches	Janet Tosches	
So. Calif.	Wini Conklin	Eileen Fiumara	Melissa Gilbert
Sun Country	Joyce Newton	Joyce Newton &	
	•	Goldie Bauer	
Tucson	Ruth Cely	Gail Barnhill	

# FALL MEETING

October 12, 1991

Maruko Hotel, San Bernardino, CA

Hosted by Inland Iris Society

Guest Speaker: Phil Williams

Look for the Fall Newletter for more details and registration information.

## San Diego - Imperial County Iris Society

The 26th Annual Spring Show of the San Diego-Imperial County Iris Society had the theme "Irises The World Over". Regardless of crazy weather we really had a great whow with some from almost all varieties except the Japanese (they're later in season). There were 33 lovely arrangements.

Awards not included in the Region Recap are:

Best Blue TB Good Morning America

(Ruth Bryce)

Best Pink Iris Designer's Gown

(Hazel Carson)

Best Red Iris Melon Time - LA

(Valera Chenoweth)

Best White TB Winter Olympics

(Thelma Carrington)

Best Yellow TB Solano

(Pat Brendel)

Best Plicata Port Roayl

(David Vier)

Best Louisiana Lovely Louise

(Valera Chenoweth)

Best Spuria Dena'a Delight

(Peggy McCroskey)

Best PCN Cupertini

(Bill Barr)

Educational Exhibit by Thelma Carrington



Penny Bunker Show Sec. & Awards Chair

Southern California Iris Society

SCIS has had a successful season. We have had:

- 1) An early show "Joy of Spring" at the Los Angeles County Arboretum on Easter weekend, March 30-31. Best Speciman was "Pippi Longstockings" a SDB exhibited by George Sutton. Silver Medal went to George Sutton and Bronze to Duncan Eader. Best Design of the Show was exhibited by Eileen Fiumara with Artistic Sweepstakes going to Elizabeth Lassanyi. Youth Award went to Shawn McIlwain.
- 2) An Educational Bus Trek (free to SCIS members) to view the Pacific Coast Native iris at LaVerne and Ralph Conrads' Bonsall home.

- 3) A Late Show "Spring Rhapsody" at the Santa Anita Fashion Park Mall on April 20 and 21st.
- 4) We had a booth publicizing iris, the different clubs in the area and a potted-plant sale in the First Horticulture Fair at Descanso Gardens on April 27 ad 28.
- 5) On June 22 at the Los Angeles County Arboreturm we will have our pot-luck meeting at 12:00. Our program will be "Interesting Irids" presented by University of California Irvine. Election of officers for next year will also be held.

Jimmy Jones, President



Santa Anita Fashion Park Mall Show - April 20-21 Sponsored by Southern California Iris Society

The weather seems to play tricks on us every year. This year the bloom seemed slow in coming. We still were able to put on a large showing. Types of iris exhibited were: tall bearded, border bearded, intermediate bearded, standard dwarf bearded, arils, spurias, siberians and species. No pacific coast natives, japanese, or louisianas were entered. We had 19 exhibitors entering 136 horticulture specimens and 23 artistic arrangements. Best arrangement of the show went to Wini Conklin, for a lovely arrangement using wood and featuring I' iris Emerald City. We also had a youth arrangement by lelissa Gilbert winning a blue ribbon. Sweepstates went to Eileen Fiumara with her numerous exquisite arrangements. The silver medal was won by George Sherman with 10 blue ribbons. The bronze medal was won by Lynn McIlwain, tieing with 10 blues but falling short on second place ribbons. Best Plicata went to Gloria Selby for Smoke Rings and she wins the Barbara Serdynski gold plate. Gloria also won Best Beardless with a spuria Golden Chocolate. Best Aril or Arilbred went to George Sherman for Sheik. Best Tall Bearded and Oueen of Show went to Lynn McIlwain with Rustler. A total of 36 blue ribbons were awarded in the horticulture divisions.

Submitted by Lynn McIlwain

## SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IRIS SOCIETY

As every one is Irish on St. Patricks'
Day, so every one is a Gardner in Spring.

Our Spring got off to a great April with nine garden on the Spring Trek. Each garden was a preview of the show to come. The Spring Show at The Fashion Plaza was one of our most successful Spring shows. Over 400 members of the public signed up asking to be advised of the dates for our future Shows & Sales.

The May meeting will give us all a chance to set back and to enjoy a slide show of the May Show that we all worked so hard on. The very professional Beb Plank & Jim Weinstock captured every nuance on Cam Cord and slides.

June gives us one of the years most busy meetings. Our annual Pot Luck dinner is enhanced by the April Show Awards presentation and our annual election of Officers.

July is scheduled to reprise the National Convention in Washington D.C. for those who couldn't make the trip and those that, now rested, want to relive it.

August planning is a slide show & lecture titled, unbeliveably, "From the ground up". A refresher course on fall planting.

September gives us one of the very few lecturers who was not a hybredizer. The Garden Editor for the L.A. Time will be our guest.

October - Iris Bingo! Enough said!
November is our Fall Treat, Terry Aitken
"The developmental Iris".

December of course is HO HO HO and the annual Christmas party to end the year..

Have a great 1991 !!



### SUN COUNTRY IRIS SOCIETY

Sun Country had a ball hosting the Region 15 Trek in April. Congratulations to Chairwomen Ardi Kary and Gloria Beatty and their helpers. We enjoyed the lovely gardens, friendship, cool tmperatures and sunshine in abundance that we offered you. Thanks so much for coming! Special thanks to those of you who visited the optional gardens. Your interest made them very, very happy!

Our early exhibit, chaired by Larry Johnsen, was held on March 30-31 at the Valley Garden Center. We had 64 horticultural entries and ribbons were awarded by People's choice.

The Spring Show "Desert Rainbows" chaired by John Comer, was held on April 20 at Maryvale Mall with 180 horticultual entries and 14 artistic exhibits. Queen of Show and Best Tall Bearded was won by Janet and Gary Meeker for Gigolo. Section awards went to Carole Spiess - Lavendar Lemon AB; Hall Bradshaw - Chicasaw Sue, Median; Peggy Morphew - Highline Coral, SP; Joyce Newton - "Desert Song" Artistic Design; Dorald Shepard took the honors for best seedlings LA 88006, LA and A435, TB. The awards banquet was held on May 7.

A bus trip on May 4 took members on a visit to 6 gardens of members of the Tucson Area Iris Society. We were thrilled to be invited and entertained by such friendly folks. Our tour guide, Tucson President, Bill Huffman did a great job!

Peggy Morphew, President



## THE ORANGE COUNTY IRIS & DAYLILY CLUB

At our April meeting our quest speaker was Houston Knight who charmed us all with his discussions of begonias, plant propagation techniques and the use of polymers in water conservative gardening. We also held a "Mini" Iris Show. On display were Louisiana iris. "Sweet Butter" and TB's "That Scentsation", "Fancy Work", "High Ho Silver", "Piety", "Heather Cloud", "Valhalla", "Ruth's Love", "Adams Black", "Dr. Alf", "Designer Gown", "Mountain Violet" and "Boy Friend". Jay Conklin, AIS judge, discussed each specimen as it would be judged in an AIS-sanctioned cultivar show, each variety judged against itself, with regard to grooming, color, branching, substance, spacing, etc. In the popularity poll, "Mountain Violet" collected the most votes, with "Designer Gown" and "Dr. Alf" tied for second, followed by "That Scentsation".

Our May meeting will feature Wendell Williams of the Metropolitan Water District, who will discuss water conservation and bonsai gardening. We will also have a secon "mini" iris show with Jay Conklin once again judging along with Jim Puckett of Blooming Fields Iris Farm.

> Ruth Greiner Recording Sec.

## TUCSON AREA IRIS SOCIETY

Our annual show was a rousing success. Our judges were: Virginia Walters, Jean Irwin and Vivian Schmidt, who judged the Artistic Division. Horticulture judges were Jack Weber, Gary Miller and Pam Turner.

We had a local Garden Tour on March 21st that was a lot of fun for all. We only regret that time constraints did not allow for including everyone's garden! We will try again next year.

One May 4th, we hosted the Phoenix folks and took them on a garden tour that we hope will become an annual affair.

Bill Huffman, President

REGION 15 BYLAWS. REVISED APRIL 20, 1990

Article I. Name

Section 1. This organization shall be designated as Region 15 of the American Iris Society and shall in all instances be governed by the bylaws as established by that society.

Section 2. 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.

Section 3. 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 Americal 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.

### Article II. Purpose

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

### Article III. Membership

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

### Article IV. Officers

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

Section 2. The Elected Officers of this region shall be a Regional Vice President, an Assistant RVP, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

Section 3. The four elected officers shall be elected annually with the Regional Vice President being subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the American Iris Society. No officer of chairman shall be elected or appointed to the same office for more than three consecutive years. Newly elected officers shall assume office as of January 1st. All officers and chairmen shall transfer their material to their successors by December 15th.

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

Article V. Duties of Officers

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

Secion 2. The Assistant RVP shall perform the duties of Regional Vice President in the event of the latter's absence and assist him in all regional activites. he shall maintain a list of available programs for the use by affiliated clubs.

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

Secion 4. The Treasurer shall be custodian of all monies belonging to the Region or under its control. He shall pay all bills properly incurred by the Region and keep accurate records of all financial transactions. at each meeting he shall report all receipts and disbursements since the last meeting. He shall submit the annual report including the itemized budget for the coming year to the Regional Vice President and Editor before February 15th for publication in the Spring Regional Newsletter.

Secion 5. The four elected officers shall prepare the annual budget before February  $15\mathrm{th}$ .

Article VI. Executive Committee

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

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

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

Article VII. Regular Meetings

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

Section 2. The Annual Meeting shall be held prior to the Fall Meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Iris Society, but preferable the second Saturday in October, for the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before it.

Section 3. The Spring Meeting may be held in connection with the Annual Regional Trek.

Article VIII. Nominations and Elections

Section 1. At the Spring Regional Meeting, the Regional Vice President shall appoint a Nominating Committee, one of whom shall be a member of the Board, at least one of whom shall be from Arizona and the other three shall be representatives from three other affiliated clubs. They shall elect their own chairman.

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

Section 3. Additional nominations may be made from the floor by any A.I.S. member of the assembly at the Fall Meeting.

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

Article IX. Committees

Section 1. The RVP shall appoint an auditor in time to audit the Treasurer's records before January 1st. The Auditor's report shall be approved at the Spring Meeting.

Section 2. The Exhibition Chairman shall select his own committee to work with him. They will (1) encourage and assist accredited iris sections within their shows, (2) aid in the preparation and secure A.I.S. approval of show schedules, (3) secure sufficient accredited A.I.S. judges for such show.

Section 3. The Judges Training Chairman shall select his own committee. They will (1) supervise judge's training activities throughout Region 15, (2) plan, provide and approve the judges training programs, (3) maintain adequate records of the training of each student, apprentice, accredited and master judge within the region.

Section 4. The Membership Chairman shall select his own committee. They will (1) develop interest and prompt membership in the American Iris Society, (2) contact delinquent members.

Section 5. The Publications Chairman shall select his own staff. They will (1) edit, publish and distribute the Spring and Fall issues of the Regional Newsletter, (2) publish any other items authorized by the Executive Committee.

Section 6. The Special Committee Chairman shall select their own staff members.

Article X. Amendments

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

Article XI. Rules of Order

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

### Standing Rules

- The Assistant Regional Vice President shall be responsible for contacting affiliated club presidents regarding their responsibilities on the Region 15 Board.
- The Newsletter shall have two issues a year with the issues to be published at key times for the Spring and Fall Meetings.
- The policy for the Publications Editor for the Regional newletter shall be to include articles about regional functions, judges, clubs and other appropriate topics.
- 4. The Regional Vice President shall appoint a Purchasing Committee or chairman to buy irises to be grown in the spring tour gardens. These irises are to be dug and returned to the Regional Vice President to be distributed to the affiliated clubs for sales. The grower may keep one of each cultivar.
- 5. The Regional Board shall advise local clubs four years in advance of their responsibility to host the Spring or Fall Meetings. The clubs must express either their willingness or inability to accept three years before the scheduled meeting. The schedule is to be printed annually in the Regional Newsletter. The Secretary shall send the invitation to the club at the proper time.
- 6. Region 15 will contribute \$150 to help defray speaker expenses for each club hosting a Region 15 meeting. Notice of the meeting shall be printed in the Newsletter. Local clubs shall absorb the possible remaining expenses above the Registration Fees.
- 7. The Region shall provide an amount not to exceed \$25 for each year of service to the Region, to purchase a gift for the outgoing RVP.
- 8. Clubs in the Region but not affiliated shall be encouraged to send a representative to Board Meetings for information. All members of these clubs are welcome at Regional Meetings.
- 9. These Standing Rules may be changed at any time by a majority of those present at a regular meeting.



## AIS REGION 15 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING April 12. 1991, Embassy Suites Hotel

Attending: RVP: Bobbie Shepard

Hi Desert: Beulan Robinson

Inland: Sara Holk

Orange County: Gene Strawn San Diego: Hazel Carson San Fernando: Don Cunningham So. California: Jim Jones

Sun Country: Peggy Morphew

Tucson: Bill Huffman
Past RVP: Ralph Strane
Treasurer: Pete DeSantis
Secretary: Jeanne Clay Plank

Newsletter: Vicki Day

Asst. Newsletter: Sarah Holk Youth Chairman: Ollie Rust

The meeting was called to order by RVP Shepard at 3:10 pm. Minutes of the last two meetings were read and approved.

Treasurer Pete De Santis gave his report. He asked permission to roll both CD's over for 90 days. It was so moved and approved.

RVP Shepard reported for Bill Rinehart on the Judges Training Program. Bill is working on improving forms to make them easier. He has also received notice from National that one-on-one garden training will no longer be considered eligible for credit effective November 1991.

Vicki Day reported that it costs \$.80 per issue to produce the newsletter. She asked for a non-member subscription rate. A motion was made and carried that the rate be \$5.00.

In order to stimulate interest by Region 15 youth, Ollie Rust, Youth Chairman, was instructed to formulate rules and regulations for a Region 15 youth contest.

Bobbie reminded everyone that Inland Iris Society will host the next Fall Meeting to be held on October 12, 1991 at the Maruko Hotel in San Bernadino.

RVP Shepard accepted reports from each club's representative on their club activities.

In order to encourage new hybridizers a motion was made to sponsor two trophies to be ordered by the host club and purchased by the Region at a cost not to exceed \$100 which will be awarded each year during the Spring Trek for "Best Introduced Cultivar by a Region 15 Hybridizer" and "Best Seedling from a Region 15 Hybridizer". Motion carried.

RVP Shepard and Sun Country reconstructed the history of Region 15 and put together a memorial booklet in celebration of Region 15's 50th anniversary. It was moved that Region 15 buy the excess historical booklets from Sun Country and offer them for sale to the local clubs for \$3.00. Motion carried.

RVP Shepard appointed Ralph Strane to head the nominating committee for next year. The names of the nominees will be printed in the Fall Newsletter.

Bobbie asked that clubs with video recordings of various speakers who have spoken at Region 15 clubs, send a list of those tapes to her so that we might compile a catalog of available tapes. It will be necessary to get a release from the speaker to send their tape out of region.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Repectfully submitted.

Jeanne Clay Plank, Secretary



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES APRIL 12, 1991 Embassy Suites Hotel, Scottsdale, AZ

Meeting was called to order at 8:20 pm by RVP Bobbie Shepard who welcomed the large turnout from California.

The minutes were approved as last printed in the Newsletter.

Treasurer Pete DeSantis gave his treasurer's report. (Reprinted in this Newsletter).

RVP Shepard explained that Assistant RVP Bill Rinehart was absent due to emergency surgery. Bill is in charge of the Judges Training Program and anyone needing information on their status should contact him.

There will be three issues of the Newsletter this year.

A discussion took place about having a Fall meeting in Arizona as a means of balancing the Spring/Fall meeting distribution among clubs in California and Arizona.

Ralph Strane was appointed Chairman of the Nominating Committee for next year. The offices of Treasurer and Secretary will be open.

RVP Shepard thanked Sun Country for hosting the Spring Regional. Her expression of thanks was emphasized by a round of applause from the membership.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Jeanne Clay Plank, Secretary

#### ALS REGION 15 GENERAL FUND

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BEGINNING BALANCE AS OF 1/2/91		
Checking Account	2172.99	
Certificates of Deposit	5000.00	
TOTAL	3000.00	7172.99
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RECEIPTS		
Tucson Iris Society	300.00	
Interest on CD	82.51	
TOTAL -		382.51
TOTAL CASH & RECEIPTS		7555.50
DISBURSEMENTS		
Secretary Expenses	5. 18	
Sun Country - Spring Trek	150.00	
Exec. Board Expense	162.39	
Spring Newsletter	500.00	
Printing Labels	9.59	
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		827.16
BALANCE AS OF APRIL' 11, 1991		6728.34
Checking Account	1728.34	
Certificate of Deposit	5000.00	
TOTAL		6728.34
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Cert. of Deposit Interest	464.64	
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