

NEWSLETTER

REGION 15

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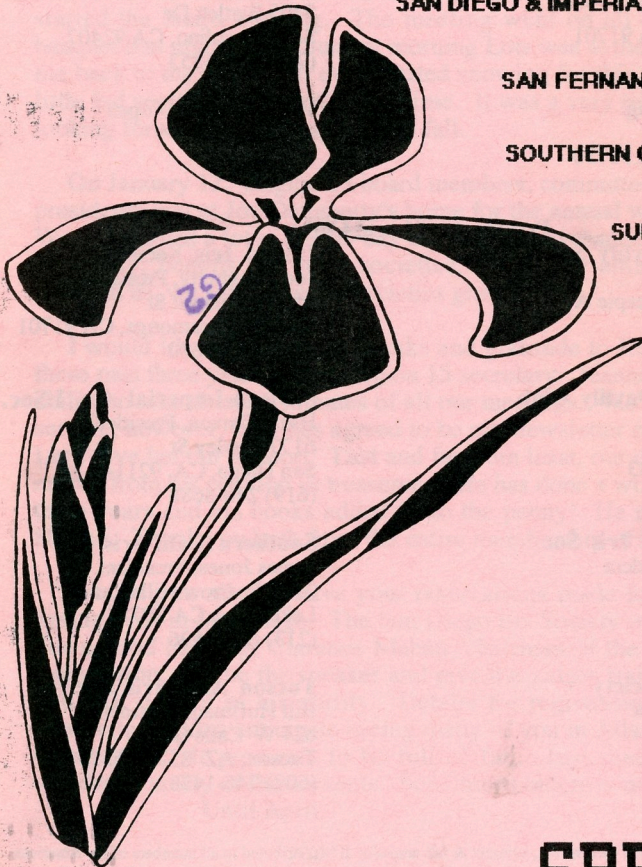
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A MESSAGE FROM THE REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

I would like to extend Don's and my sympathy to Cal Boswick for the loss of his beloved wife Mona.

It is the beginning of my second year as your RVP. It is a privilege and a challenge to represent Region 15. I regret that I have not been able to attend all the club meetings at least once this past year. Time and expense have been factors. Hopefully I can do better this year.

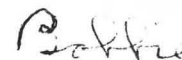
I attended the AIS Fall meeting in Indianapolis. The "hoosier" hospitality was wonderful. Lois Jones was our personal chauffer. She met Carol Warner and myself at the airport, and took us to the hotel where we checked in and freshened up. Soon Lois was waiting for us at the front door again to take us to a "pitch-in" - the hoosier version of our western pot luck. The food was wonderful as well as the hospitality. We returned to the hotel and started the board meeting. The meeting went on all day Saturday, with a banquet that night. Early Sunday morning Lois was at the door to take Carol and me back to the airport. It even started snowing for this desert rat! I felt like a little kid seeing Santa for the first time. It was a very rewarding trip. I will be looking forward to Kansas City this fall.

On January 12, Region 15 board members, committee chairmen and society presidents met at Joe Daugherty's home for the annual working board meeting. We accomplish a lot at this all-day meeting and exchange a lot of ideas that will, hopefully, benefit the other societies. With our ability to exchange ideas between us, we can make the societies grow.

I would like to extend my thanks and gratitude to Jeanne Plank for serving these past three years as our Region 15 secretary. Jeanne is well known for her ability to take detailed minutes of all our meetings. We are not losing Jeanne's service, however. She has agreed to be our newsletter editor for the next year. Let's give her our support. Last and far from least, our dear Pete De Santis has retired from his position as treasurer. Pete has done a wonderful job for the past three years and his books added up to the penny! He never once detoured to Hawaii. Thank you both from the entire membership of Region 15.

I hope you all will have your reservations made for the 1990 Region 15 Spring Trek in San Diego. The San Diego Iris Society is working hard to make this a good meeting. Clarence Mahan, chairman of the 1991 Washington DC Convention, will be the speaker and give the judges training for us. I am sure you will delight in his ability. Details for registration are included in this newsletter. I also anticipate seeing many of you in Atlanta at the national AIS Convention. It promises to be full of fun. Just seeing all your friends is wonderful at any of these events. Sometimes bloom is not everything!

Until April,



GENERAL MEETING

Hilton Hotel
Ontario, CA

Inland President Joe Daugherty welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM. He introduced Fall Meeting Chairman Betty Cole, who after extending her welcome and offering a brief outline of the day's schedule, turned the meeting over to Regional Vice President Bobbie Shepard.

RVP Shepard asked for corrections or additions to the minutes as printed in the fall Newsletter. There being none, the minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurer Pete De Santis gave the treasurer's report. The Region General Fund has a balance of \$6,063.16 and the Regional Vice President's Fund has a balance of \$6,969.10 as of the date of this meeting. The treasurer's report was accepted and put into the record.

RVP Shepard reported on the results of the 1991 symposium for Region 15. She expressed her pleasure that 105 symposium ballots were voted this year in comparison to 63 ballots voted in 1990. She read the list of the 26 varieties which received at least 20 votes.

RVP Shepard reported that in their session held earlier today, the executive board had reviewed the Region 15 requirements for all levels of judges. Although changes were made, most requirements were approved without change and the entire package was approved as revised. Bill Rinehart, membership chair, will have these requirements printed for distribution to Region 15 members.

Bill Rinehart took the floor to express his delight at the turn out for the additional judges training session held the previous night (Friday night) and to thank everyone who attended the session for coming. RVP Shepard echoed Bill's remarks and asked the group for an expression of opinion regarding Region 15's holding judges training sessions on Friday night as well as Saturday morning at fall meetings. The new approach received a rousing round of applause.

RVP Shepard announced that the executive board has effected some changes to the rules and regulations which apply to the purchasing of Region 15 auction irises. One such change is that only tall bearded iris will be purchased for Region auction.

RVP Shepard announced that an invitation has been received from Region 20 to join a tri-state regional trek. A tri-state trek has been organized for this year with the idea that it could become an annual event between Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona (RVP Shepard thinks this should/could easily include the So. Cal. portion of Region 15 as well, although the original invitation was specifically aimed at the Arizona portion of Region 15). June 5 - 7 1992 are the dates set aside for this trek, which will be held in the Denver area. Information will be included in the Spring issue of the Region 15 Newsletter.

RVP Shepard called attention to the increase in AIS membership dues, which will be go into effect in January 1992. She recommended paying AIS dues in 1991 before they go up. Triennials are recommended.

RVP Shepard reminded everyone that Region 15 history books are still available for \$3.00.

Hazel Carson announced that the 1992 Spring Trek will take place on April 24 - 25 in San Deigo.

Ralph Strane will conduct a special Region 15 benefit raffle, which will include an iris patterned china service for eight, A.I.S. R & I books and other items to be added later. Ralph will accept any contributions, iris related or not, that someone might care to donate to the raffle.

RVP Shepard thanked outgoing Secretary Jeanne Plank and outgoing Treasurer Pete DeSantis for serving in these offices during the past three years. She then gve the floor to former RVP Ralph Strane, nominating committee chair for 1992. Ralph thanked his committee: Sarah Holk, Peggy Carpenter and Jim Day, with extra thanks to Sarah Holk.

The slate for 1992 is composed of the following:

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Region Vice President: Bobbie Shepard
Assistant RVP: Bill Rinehart
Secretary: Hazel Carson
Treasurer: Cal Boswick

It was moved and seconded that the slate of officers be accepted by acclamation.

Motion carried.

The newly elected officers for Region 15 were welcomed with a round of applause.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Clay Plank, Secretary

AIS REGION 15 January 11, 1992
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Home of Joe Daugherty
Rancho Cucamonga, CA

Attending:

Bobbie Shepard, RVP
Bill Rinehart, Ass't RVP & Judges Training
Hazel Carson, Secretary & SDICIS Rep.
Pete De Santis, Out-going Treasurer
Ralph Strane, Past RVP
Vickie Day, Membership
Jeanne Clay Plank, Newsletter Editor
Sarah Holk, Ass't Newsletter Editor
Olle Rust, Youth Chairman

Not Represented:

Tucson Iris Society
Represented:
Hi Desert Iris Society: Pat Gird
Inland Iris Society: Joe Daugherty
Orange Co I & D S: Gene Strawn
SFVI S: Tanya Lamoreaux
So Cal IS: Jim Jones
Sun Country IS: Maudie Brown

The meeting was called to order by RVP Shepard. She thanked Joe Daugherty for the use of his home and hospitality then asked the board members to introduce themselves.

Minutes from the last meeting were read by outgoing secretary Jeanne Plank and were approved as read.

Bill Rinehart brought up a question regarding the changing of standing rules. A discussion followed. The Board was in agreement that the language in the standing rules should be clarified. This will be brought before the next general membership meeting.

Treasurer Pete De Santis handed out printed copies of the Treasurer's report. (Ed: A copy of that report is printed elsewhere in this newsletter.) As of January 1, 1992, the Region 15 General Fund checking and CD accounts total \$6,683.66 and the RVP Fund saving and CD accounts total \$7,058.27.

Following a discussion on where to have Region 15 money invested for the best income return, it was decided to delay any action until the new Treasurer was able to take office. Cal Boswick, incoming Treasurer, has been unable to assume the duties of Treasurer due to the grave illness of his wife.

Joe Daugherty moved, Jeanne Plank seconded that Pete De Santis continue to act as Treasurer until Cal Boswick can take over, or until the Spring Meeting at which time the office would be declared vacant and the election of a new treasurer would be held. Motion carried.

Gene Strawn moved, Jeanne Plank seconded that acting Treasurer Pete De Santis be instructed to roll over the CD for another ninety days when it matures in February. Motion carried.

RVP Shepard gave her report on the AIS Director's Fall meeting held in Indianapolis, IN. She reported that there were more RVP's present at this year's meeting than ever before. She sees no serious problems ahead for achieving the goal of getting voting representation for RVP's on the AIS Board of Directors.

Very special news brought back from Indianapolis by RVP Shepard is that Region 15 hybridizer Bernard Hamner has been awarded the Hybridizers Medal for 1991.

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RVP Shepard announced that the 1939 checklist has been reprinted in paperback, is selling for \$10.00 and can be purchased through AIS Publications.

Bill Rinehart passed out printed copies of judges training requirements. A discussion followed on the AIS rules on judging. Bill announced that Region 15 has 14 student judges; 2 apprentice judges, 36 accredited judges, 11 active master judges; 10 retired master judges; and 3 emeritus judges. RVP Shepard asked Bill to mail training requirements to all judges.

RVP Shepard handed out Region 15 AIS membership lists to club representatives along with Application for Affiliation forms which need to be filled out and returned by the end of January.

Vickie Day is retiring as editor of the Region 15 Newsletter. Jeanne Plank has agreed to edit the newsletter for one year.

Hazel Carson gave the report from SDICIS on the Spring Trek. Ralph Strane will have an article in the spring Newsletter on the Region 15 raffle to be held at the Spring Trek. Bill Rinehart discussed the possibility of having progressive judges training in the gardens during the Spring Trek. Information on this will be distributed at a later date through the local clubs.

RVP Shepard brought up the problem of setting up a schedule for fall and spring regional meetings. After much discussion a tentative schedule was put together to be sent to Region clubs for their approval. (Ed: The proposed Regional meeting schedule maybe found printed elsewhere in this newsletter.)

Meeting adjourned for lunch.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM. Ralph Strane was thanked for the really fine lunch of chicken breasts in sauce, rice pilaf, vegetables, salad and a dessert of warm persimmon pudding with lemon sauce that he cooked and served.

It was announced that Monty Byers passed away the Monday before Christmas.

RVP Shepard announced that in her 20 years of attending Fall Meetings, this past Fall Meeting was by far the nicest one she has ever attended. We all agreed with her that the Inland Iris Society chairperson and crew did an outstanding job.

Pete De Santis presented the AIS Region 15, 1992 proposed budget. (Ed: 1992 Proposed Budget is printed along with 1/1/92 Treasurer's report elsewhere in this Newsletter.)

Jeanne Plank moved, Joe Daugherty seconded that the budget be accepted as proposed. Motion carried.

Pete De Santis recommended that club presidents encourage their members to participate in the Region Auction since, right now, this is the only source for Region income. He also recommended that societies start the bidding at half catalog price when auctioning region irises.

RVP Shepard discussed having a boutique for Region 15 fund raising at spring and fall regional meetings.

Pete De Santis presented SDICIS President Hazel Carson with a check for \$150.00 from Region 15 to help defray the costs of the '92 spring Trek.

RVP Shepard asked that following adjournment, club presidents meet together in one room while committee chairmen convene in another to exchange ideas and to discuss special interests, needs and problems more efficiently.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Hazel Carson, Secretary



REGION 15 - STUDENT JUDGES:

George C. Bange	Patricia M Brendel	Thomas Brown
Nancy Burrows	Peggy Carpenter	Ron Conway-Smith
Sally Cooperman	Marion Gould	Shanti Conway-Smith
Georgia Gudykunst	Hayden W. Huffman	Theresa Huffman
Melania Kutz	Marjorie Larson	Elaine Monninger
Mike Monninger	John Reinschmidt	Mary Ann Spurlock

TREASURER'S REPORT

AIS REGION 15

January 11, 1992

Balance Sheet as of January 1, 1992

BEGINNING BALANCE (Oct. 7, 1991)

Checking Acc.	\$1,063.16	
Region 15 C.D.	<u>5,000.00</u>	
TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE		\$6,036.16

RECEIPTS

Donations Region Books \$	12.00	
Donations Region Auction:		
Tucson	242.00	
Inland Iris Soc	300.00	
Interest on Region C.D.	<u>66.00</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		620.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS & BALANCE		\$6,683.66

DISBURSEMENTS

None		<u>\$0000.00</u>
BALANCE (January 1, 1992)		\$6,683.66

A.I.S. REGION 15, R.V.P. FUND ACCOUNT

BEGINNING BALANCE (October 7, 1991)

R.V.P. C.D.	\$6,9696.10	
Interest on C.D.	<u>89.17</u>	
TOTAL BALANCE & RECEIPTS		\$7,058.27

DISBURSEMENTS

None		<u>0,000.00</u>
BALANCE (January 1, 1992)		\$7,058.27

A.I.S. REGION 15 - 1992 PROPOSED BUDGET

ESTIMATED INCOME:

Iris donations/auctions	\$2,110.00
C.D. interest	<u>350.00</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME	\$2,460.00

EXPENDITURES:

Spring Newsletter	\$500.00
Summer "	500.00
Fall "	500.00
Spring Meeting	150.00
Fall Meeting	150.00
Trophy for Spring Mtg	100.00
RVP expense acc.	350.00
Judges Training	100.00
Bank service charge	25.00
Miscellaneous	<u>75.00</u>

TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$2,460.00
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R.V.P. FUND PROPOSED BUDGET

ESTIMATED INCOME:	
Region Raffle income	\$300.00
C.D. interest	400.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME	\$700.00
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:	
R.V.P. Convention expenses	\$700.00

Submitted January 1, 1992
Pete De Santis, Treasurer



SAN DIEGO & IMPERIAL COUNTIES IRIS SOCIETY

In November we had a man tell us about a liquid product that is diluted, sprayed on the ground, and watered in well. This product, called *Desert Bloom*, works for one year to keep evaporation down to where you only water half as often. It biodegrades in three years.

On December 6 and 7 the City's "Christmas on the Prado" was held in Balboa Park. Our iris society was one of twenty organizations who decorated a Christmas tree indoors for the occasion. On Sunday, December 15 we held our Annual Christmas Party at the home of Bill and Claire Barr. The weather was lovely. We had a wonderful time in their delightful home sharing a Christmas potluck, exchanging gifts, and visiting with each other.

Our January speaker was called out of town so very quick-like we called to the State of Virginia and had slides of rebloomers sent to us. Two years ago when John Weiler showed slides and spoke on rebloomers, our own Fred Higginbottom brought several varieties from him. Fred kept a good record of the times they bloomed. Out of 50 irises, 38 bloomed consistently 2, 3, or 4 times a year. We enjoyed hearing of his experiences with them. He shared many rhizomes with us, enough for everyone to take home a door prize. The slides from the AIS covered airbreds and the wee little ones all the way up to the tall bearded and we enjoyed them very much.

In February we have our yearly birthday party. It will be held the third Saturday at the Seven Seas in Mission Valley. We are looking forward to Herb Holk's talk.

March brings Ralph Strane to us to share his thoughts on preparing for a show. He will be bringing some of the items to be raffled at the Spring Trek, to tempt us.

April is the time for us to wish for plenty of sunshine and rain for lots and lots of bloom for the Region 15 Spring Trek. We hope to see many of our Irisarians there.

On May 2 - 3 we'll have our iris show in Room 101 in Balboa Park. We're planning on selling iris rhizomes at the show.

Hazel Carson, SDICIS President

SPRING TREK, REGION 15 FUND RAISING RAFFLE

Region 15 will conduct a raffle at the 1992 Spring Trek.

The proceeds from the raffle will help with keeping the RVP Travel Fund from eroding away. Each year the Region does what it can to maintain the RVP Travel Fund by adding to it whatever year-end surplus funds may be available from the General Fund account. Much of what can be done depends upon the generosity of the local clubs when they account for their Region rhizome sale/donation. Traditionally these sales/donations are the sole source of operating funds for the Region. When Region rhizome sales/donations are lean, the funds available for operating are lean and the RVP Travel fund gets leaner since Travel Fund money is used each year and is not nurtured during lean years by any surplus from the General Fund.

Travel Fund money is a separate account to be used only to assist the RVP with the costs of traveling to and from the AIS Board of Directors meetings held twice a year. Vote representation for the RVP's on the AIS Board of Directors has been difficult to achieve, but it is about to happen. Because of this, it is more important now than ever before to have our RVP present at both of the AIS National meetings. This fund raising Region Raffle will help us to continue to send our RVP's to these important AIS meetings.

Separate tickets may be purchased for each of the items to be raffled. The person buying the raffle ticket(s) will have the option of dropping his ticket(s) into a box which will be placed in front of the item(s) of his choice. You need not run the risk winning something you do not now, nor ever would want.

Tickets will be on sale at raffle table.

Some items that will be offered:

- Service for eight in an iris pattern chinaware
- A 100% wool, hand woven iris wall hanging.
- Several hardback editions of AIS
Registration & Introduction books

It is hoped that additional donations of items for raffle will come in from around the region.

Items for the raffle will be accepted up to the day of the raffle.

If you have something you would like to contribute, Ralph Strane would love to hear from you. Call (714) 987-2835.

REGION 15 SPRING MEETING & GARDEN TOUR

Hosted by the San Diego/Imperial Counties Iris Society
April 24th and 25th, 1992

WHERE: Handlery Hotel & Country Club, 950 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108. Phone (619) 298-0511

Rate is \$ 65.00 per room per day. You may specify one King or two Queens as desired. Please make your own reservations prior to 10 April and, mention that you are with the Iris Society and the rate and we wont get too scattered about the building.

MEETING REGISTRATION: For all activities, \$ 50.00 if postmarked by April 9th, and \$ 60.00 thereafter. You may also register for only the Garden Tour, or only the Saturday Banquet, at \$ 25.00 for each. Mail all registrations and checks (made out to "SD/IC Iris Society"), to :

Dena Daugherty

53985 Robin Lane

Aguanga, CA 92536. Phone (714) 763-5184

SCHEDULE : (*Early arrivals-please feel free to contact George Bange at 571-1154 re: where to go & what to see in San Diego*)

FRIDAY EVENING :

4:00 PM Host club's info desk will open
Dinner on your own
5:45 > 6:45 PM Executive Board Meeting
6:45 > 7:30 PM Region General Meeting
7:30 > 9:00 PM JUDGES TRAINING (on Siberian Iris)

SATURDAY :

Breakfast on you own
~~7:30 AM~~ Host club's info desk will be staffed
8:00 > 5:00 PM Bus tour to two gardens, stop off for included sit-down lunch, and tour two more gardens.
6:00 > 7:00 PM Cocktails and Conversation
7:00 > ?? Region 15 Annual Banquet followed by SPEAKER.

Clarence Mahan (The Iris Pond, 7311 Churchill Road, McLean, VA 22101) (P.L. \$1.00) will give the judges training session and will speak on GOOD FORM IN IRISES. Clarence is currently a member of the AIS Board and President of the Historical Iris Preservation Society (HIPS). He is a past President of the Society for Japanese Iris and a former Editor of the Region 4 "Newscast".

His recent Tall Bearded introductions include: Suky ('91), and Violet Music ('91) a huge remontant that created much interest at the Omaha Convention where it appeared under seedling number (85-9).

REGISTRATION FORM

Please reserve _____ places in the names of _____
_____ representing _____ Iris Society

For _____ entire Convention (\$50.00), _____ Bus Tour & Lunch only (\$25.00)
_____ Banquet only (\$25.00)

(Signature)

Checks to : SD/IC Iris Society

Mail to: Dena Daugherty, 53985 Robin Lane, Aguanga, CA 92536

DESCANSO GARDENS

Descanso will celebrate its fifth bloom season in 1992. We now have well over 900 named cultivars in all classes of iris (except MDB's) as well as a modest number of species growing in our display beds. The Iris garden has become an important visitor attraction at Descanso in the spring.

Every plant in the iris garden will be receiving a new label before spring bloom. The long range durability of these new labels is still unproven, so we will need to pay close attention to their ability to stand up under garden conditions. The new labeling process has many advantages over the process used in the past, and the greater legibility & clarity of the print should make it easier for the garden visitor to take and make note of things he/she likes.

You are invited to visit Descanso this spring, if at all possible. Dynamic plans are in motion which will dramatically affect the iris garden. Next year, if things proceed according to plan, it is possible that the iris garden, in conjunction with the Descanso's "World Class Rose Garden" project, will be undergoing major renovation and redesign. This million dollar plus project is proposed to begin construction in the fall of '92, but will probably not reach completion until '94. Spring of '92 could be the last opportunity for a couple of years to see significant bloom in the Descanso iris and rose gardens. The new iris garden will still be in the same general area in which it is now located; however, the actual space available for iris plants will be larger than the current 4,000 plus sq.ft.. The lay-out of the bed area will be different and, wisely, the individual beds will be smaller, which makes for easier viewing as well as general grooming and care. Those of us who spend our Descanso volunteer hours in the iris area are excited and happy about this new design.

Descanso puts on an annual Spring Flower Show, which has long been widely acclaimed for its beautiful Spring bulb display (forty thousand tulips, daffodils and crocus). Currently, it is the only major flower show in the LA area. This year the Descanso Gardens Spring Flower Show will run from March 21st through April 19th, with a three day "in-garden" plant sale taking place on the weekend of April 10 - 12.

Spring bloom in the Descanso iris garden generally starts a little before the middle of March and runs past the middle of May with peak bloom coming about or before the 1st of May. Keep in mind that during the time when the iris garden is reaching peak bloom, following the official closing dates for the Spring Flower Show, much of that spring display throughout Descanso will still be there to enjoy. You are urged to visit the gardens often during this period if you can. One other note. **The third Tuesday of each month is "free admission day" at Descanso. During this year's iris bloom time, that date will be Tuesday, April 21.**

Jeanne Clay Plank
Volunteer Curator, Descanso Gardens Iris Garden



REGION 14 SPRING TREK

Sequoia Iris Society hosts the 1992 Spring Trek for Region 14 on April 11. Trek Headquarters will be the Radisson Hotel, 300 So. Court St., Visalia, CA 93291. Reservation fee before March 20 is \$41.00, after March 20, \$55.00. For reservations and more information contact:

Evelyn Hayes - 51 So. Byron Dr, Lemoore, CA 93245
Tel. (209)924-2984

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IRIS SOCIETY

Despite a smaller than usual attendance, our fall meeting presented one of the most spirited auctions in memory and emptied wallets to a total around the \$500 range for our treasury. In each of the non-bearded sections offered, bidding was proceeded by slides presented by Jeanne and Bob Plank to illustrate individual sections and whet the audience's appetite. It was felt that this kind of educational/bidding programming added interest to the proceedings. Vice President/Program Chairman George Sherman introduced a different auction procedure, which created a better flow and resulted in one of the best moving auctions in memory.

Our January meeting guest speaker was noted hybridizer and Dykes Medal winner Joe Ghio, who gave an illustrated program on his 38 years of hybridizing bearded and pacifica iris series. Attendance for this meeting was outstanding. 78 people turned out to hear Joe. Six of the eight clubs in our region were represented.

For many years, SCIS has held two Spring flower shows: The Early Show, held at the LA Arboretum in late March - very early April, and The Mall Show, held at the Santa Anita Fashion Mall in late April during peak TB bloom time. Due to a special function at the Arboretum this year, the Early Show dates had to be changed. Taking into consideration factors such as available dates, bloom times, man power, Easter, the Region 15 Spring Trek, the AIS National Convention, and other local Region club shows, it became apparent that only one SCIS show would be feasible this year. Therefore, **the only SCIS Spring Show in 1992 will be held April 11-12 at the Santa Anita Fashion Mall.**

Our next regular meeting will be held at the Arboretum on March 28th (speaker to be announced). All our meetings feature a pot luck beginning at 11:45 AM with our program following at 1:00 PM. Bring a favorite dish and come join us. We enjoy having guests from around the Region and the rest of the iris world!

Jim Jones, S.C.I.S. President

SUN COUNTRY IRIS SOCIETY

January is the month when we at Sun Country are very busy planing our agenda for the new year.

One of the highlights to start off our year is scheduled for March 3. Our guest speakers are Mary Jo Wall, Kay Marting and Bunny Gladhart. They are all artistic judges. They will be doing a demonstration on "Artistic Arrangements for Shows." Needless to say, this promises to be a very exciting program for us.

On April 7, we will have our trial exhibit show. This annual mock show refreshes our memory on the requirements of grooming and displaying our entries.

Another exciting event is our Spring Iris Show. It always gives us the chance to show off our prize irises as well as to encourage the general public to grow them. **Our Spring Show will be held at Christown Mall on April 10 - 11.**

In summary, we're going to be busy every minute and loving it.
Maudie Brown, Sun Country President

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IRIS SOCIETY

After the wonderful Holiday Party hosted by SFVIS, our year got off to a wonderful start with our first speaker. Dave Niswonger, the hybridizer of EVERYTHING PLUS, spoke on the Pains and Pleasures of Hybridizing. We had sixty-four people in attendance and they were all mesmerized by the charm and style of our speaker.

In February, we are going to have Louella Danielson speak on arilbreds. Mrs. Danielson will be coming to our meeting from New Mexico and it will be interesting to contrast her gardening tips with ours.

Our Spring Show is set for April 17 - 18 at the Northridge Fashion Center, 9301 Tampa Avenue, Northridge, California. The theme of this year's show is "Rediscover America."

Details for the March and April meetings have not been confirmed; however, one meeting will be a "hands on" demonstration in preparation for the show. Members will be able to stage their stalks in the actual containers which will be used at the show. There will be experts available to give hints on the best way to display the bloom stalks. For those who enter artistic arrangements, there will be guidance provided from our talented members. This type of program was initiated last year by Iris Larson and it was such a success it is being repeated.

In May we will have a slide presentation of our trek gardens.

June will feature our potluck and the election of officers. There will also be a slide presentation of the national.

Tanya Lamoreaux, SFVIS President

INLAND IRIS SOCIETY REPORT

Again this year we have planned judges training sessions in our monthly meetings. Irene Benton is our society program chairperson, and she has scheduled two judges training sessions. The first session, conducted by Terry Aitken on median irises, will be offered on Sunday, February 2 at the Sheraton Riverside Hotel. The following month, on Sunday, March 1 Jim McWhirter will conduct a training session on exhibition judging. You may contact Allis McCullough at (714) 686-7982 to make reservations for this session.

We began this program of presenting judges training in conjunction with our meetings three years ago. We had a bumpy beginning until we became familiar with the AIS requirements. I feel we've accomplished the preliminary requirements and have done a good job getting all the details ironed out. The point of having these judges training sessions is to provide judges training to those potential judges who are struggling to get their judges training completed. We also notify the other iris clubs of our impending training sessions so that all members in Region 15 will have the opportunity to benefit from these training sessions. I hope that other iris societies will offer judges training sessions throughout the year. We feel that this program is beneficial to those who are in need of completing their training requirements, as well as educating members who are not aspiring to become judges in the technical aspects of growing and showing.

Joe Daugherty, IIS President

ORANGE COUNTY IRIS AND DAYLILY CLUB

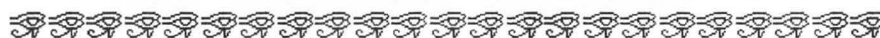
During the second half of 1991, our club hosted three potlucks, held our best-ever in club rhizome sale, acquired upwards of 100 iris rhizomes to grow in pots for the 1992 "Green Scene" plant sale at the Fullerton Arboretum, and planted 20 pre-1950 irises at the Kellogg House, a restored turn of the century residence at the Discovery Museum in Santa Ana.

Speakers at our regular meetings included Marilee Gray, of the Pomona Valley Camellia Society, Ralph Strane, club member and part Vice President of Region 15, and Bill Rinehart, currently Assistant Region 15 Vice President. We will begin the new year with speaker Jimmy Jones, president of the Southern California Iris Society. Club members attended the Region 15 "Golden Trek" in April, as well as the Fall Meeting in October.

In November, the club honored three long-time members with life memberships in our club and their choice of life membership in the American Iris Society or the American Hemerocallis Society: Herman Ulrich, who this year begins his eight year as club treasurer; Martha MacFarlane, who helped found the club and was its secretary for three years; and Nancy Webb, who was vice president for three years, president for four years and who as Plant Sale Chairman in (almost!) perpetuity has been largely responsible for the healthy state of our treasury.

We ended the year with 75 members on our mailing list, and look forward to 1992 with Gene Strawn continuing as President, Jay Conklin, Dian Brannen and Frank Castello as Vice President/Program Chairman, and Herman Ulrich as Treasurer. Our meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM at the First Presbyterian Church, 11832 Euclid, Garden Grove (except July and August).

Ruth Greiner, OCIDC Secretary

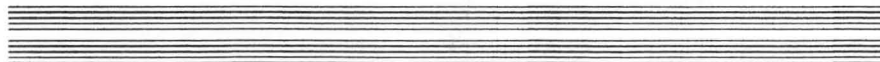


A "THANK YOU" NOTE TO REGION 15

To All members of Region 15 who remembered me on my 80th birthday with cards, letters and phone calls, I want you to know how much I appreciated them.

This is a somewhat traumatic time for me as my doctors tell me I have cancer and I am undergoing a seven-week series of radiation treatments from the linear accelerator. They report that they have caught it early enough to be confident of success in eliminating it.

Floyd W. Wickenkamp



HI- DESERT IRIS SOCIETY

A Tribute to an Irisarian Lady

Mona Boswick died on January 16, 1992

I met my wife, Mona Boswick, 47 years ago. We were married in April 1949, 44 years ago. It was not long after that she interested me in iris.

She was very knowledgeable about iris and had a green thumb. She grew them even in Manhattan Beach, where we lived near the ocean and iris really didn't like all the fog - much preferring sunshine.

We moved to the valley in 1951 and her iris display garden soon became a five acre commercial iris garden which we operated for about ten years.

Mona and I often talked about the need to have an iris club in this area and we did a lot of planning about making this a reality. But her health began to fail and she could no longer work in the garden anymore. Then her eyesight failed her too. For a time it looked like our dream of having a club here would have to be forgotten. But just at this crucial moment, Beulah Robinson arrived from Seattle and she wanted to see the development of iris here too. Beulah and I put our heads together and with the encouragement and support I received from Mona, Hi-Desert Iris Society was born. Although Mona was only able to attend one meeting of the organization Beulah and I put together, she was one of the first three charter members of the club and was a dues paying member to the end.

In addition to our club, she has been a member of the American Iris Society, except for a couple of years in the 1970s, continuously since 1952. In addition to our club, she also had been a long time member of the Southern California Iris Society.

I will miss my wife dearly and the iris world has lost a true blooded Irisarian.

Cal Boswick



PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR ROTATING REGION 15 SPRING AND FALL MEETING HOSTS

Year	SPRING	FALL
1992	- SDICIS	Tucson IS
1993	- Hi-Desert IS	SFVIS
1994	- Orange Co I & DC	Inland IS
1995	- Tucson IS	So Cal IS
1996	- SFVIS	Sun Co IS
1997	- Inland IS	Hi-Desert IS
1998	- So Cal IS	SDICIS
1999	- Sun Co IS	Orange Co I & DC

A TRIBUTE TO MELBA HAMBLÉN

Infinite Grace

The skies of irisdom are a little less bright as a star has dimmed with the passing of Melba Hamblen on January 17, 1992 in Roy, Utah.

Winner of the Hybridizer's Medal (1961), The Distinguished Service Medal (1973), the Foster Memorial Plaque (1981), and co-author of The World Of Irises, Melba was a friend and inspiration to all who shared her love of iris.

Her introductions spanned a period of over 35 years, and she will always be remembered for varieties such as GLITTERING AMBER ('57), ORANGE PARADE ('61), LILAC CHAMPAIGN ('65), CHARMAINE ('67) which were among her early string of successes, as well as for the newer LOVELY KAY ('80), SUNSET SONATA ('80), RON ('81), CAPRICIOUS ('81) RUFFLES AND LACE ('82) AND EXTRAVAGANT ('83). Melba won many AMs and EXTRAVAGANT was runner-up for the Dykes Medal in 1991.

Melba was a pioneer with her crosses of blue iris with pink iris which added the tangerine factor to blue iris lines with ENCHANTED VIOLET ('58), VALIMAR ('58) and FASHION SHOW ('59)

Many notable bicolors were among her introduction, some of which are BETTY SIMON ('76), HEAVENLY HARMONY ('78), SUGARPLUM FAIRY ('80), INFINITE GRACE ('81), FRANCES GAULTER ('83), AND KAREN ('84). A particular favorite of Melba's were the burnt sienna and henna colored beards as seen in DANCE AWAY ('88) AND ADVENTURESS ('85).

One goal on which Melba was working was to get a blue bearded pink iris. Progress was being made with SOPHISTICATION ('84) and GIFT OF DREAMS ('87). These iris brought her full circle back to those first tangerine bearded violet-blue irises of many, many years ago.

Jim Puckett

SHOW SCHEDULES FOR REGION 15 AFFILIATES

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HI-DESERT	May 2-3	SFVIS	Apr 17-18
INLAND	Apr 17-18	So Cal IS	Apr 11-12
OCI & DC	-	Sun Co IS	Apr 10-11
SDICIS	May 2-3	TUCSON	-

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION FOR 1992:

There will be three editions of THE REGION 15 NEWSLETTER:

EDITION	DEADLINE	DELIVERY
SPRING.....	Jan 30.....	March 1
SUMMER.....	MAY 10.....	June 10
FALL.....	AUG. 10.....	Sept. 1

We urge you to send us news from your club and/or from around the region and the iris world outside the region. Please make note of deadline dates. Send to: 8426 Vinevalley Dr., Sun Valley, CA 91352

IN MEMORIAM

Joe Gatty

Died 1/29/92

Region 14 hybridizer. Served as RVP for Region 19 before moving to CA. 1980 AIS Hybridizer's Medal winner. Sass Medals & Cook/Douglas Medal winner, along with countless HMs and AMs. Among his many notable intro's: FLIRT ('60), VAMP ('72), WHITE LIGHTNING('74), LIZ ('74), STARRY EYED('75), PARADISE('80), RARE EDITION('80), BOLD PRINT ('82), JEAN HOFMEISTER('83), BOLD GOLD('89).

(We learned of Joe's death just before going to press or there would be a more detailed memorial).

Richard Cherry

Died 1/28/92

AIS Life Member, Inland Iris Society,
AIS Garden Judge.

Melba Hamblen

Died 1/17/92

Region 12 hybridizer
(See "Tribute to Melba" in this Newsletter).

Mona Boswick

Died 1/16/92

Charter Member Hi-Desert
(See "Memorial" under Hi-Desert column).

Monty Byers

Died 12/23/91

Region 14 hybridizer specializing in space-age and reblooming irises, such as MOONLIT('86), LURID ('87) and OPEN ARMS ('89). Monty won HM's for HOWDY DO ('86), BLOWTORCH ('86) PAGAN PINK ('88), EASTER LACE ('88), THORNBIRD ('89) and CONJURATION ('89). Monty's first introductions appeared in 1986. He worked with all classes of bearded irises and with an enthusiasm for the beauty of irises that seemed boundless. Monty was co-owner with Bill Gibbs of Moonshine Gardens. Monty's catalog for Moonshine Gardens along with the bloom from his iris creations were eagerly awaited each spring.

Walt Luihn

Died Fall 1991

Region 14 hybridizer, 1986 Dykes Medal winner for SONG OF NORWAY, 1984 AIS Hybridizer's Medal winner, 1963 CG White Award winner for MOHRNING HAZE. Among the many notable intro's from his hybridizing career which began in the 1950's: DUSKY DANCER('66), SOLANO('73), MARINER'S COVE ('83), CHICO MAID('85), AUTOGRAPH('86), BLACKOUT ('86).

Lily Gartman

Died Fall 1991

Region 14 hybridizer noted for her beautiful tall bearded pinks (FEMINIST '83; NATURAL BEAUTY '84), creams (CLASSICO '84) and orange/corals (SMOOTH TALK '82; STATUS SEEKER '90). Lily began introducing her creations only 10 years ago. She won HMs for SMOOTH TALK, FEMINIST, and CLASSICO.

AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY CERTIFIED JUDGES

REGION 15

APPRENTICE JUDGES:

Hazel Carson

Jane Troutman

ACCREDITED JUDGES:

William Barr
C.S. Boswick
Mary Bruner
Jay Conklin
O.J. Daugherty
Charlene Errigo
Sara Holk
James H. Jones
Ray Kary
Vern McCrosky
Gary Miller
Kenneth Mohr
Jeanne Plank
Bill Rinehart
Dorald Shepard
Winona Solomon
Caroline Sutherland
John Wight

Irene Benton
Bob Brooks
Maytie Cherry
La Verne Conrad
Vickie Day
Herbert Holk
Debbie Humphries
Ardi Kary
Peggy McCrosky
Lynn McIlwain
Judy Mogil
Dr. Edward Murray
Jim Puckett
Bobbie Shepard
Ray Solomon
Ralph Strane
Jack Weber

ACTIVE MASTER JUDGES:

Polly Anderson
Thelma Carrington
Ralph Conrad
Mrs. Leroy Duval
Kathleen Frey
Beulah Robinson

Claire Barr
Janice Chesnik
Beverly Dopke
Duncan Eader
Eleanor McCown
Kay Tearington

RETIRED MASTER JUDGES:

Penny Bunker
Ruth Goodrick
Celeste Hamner
Genevieve H. Jasper
Mrs J.W. Turner

Doris Foster
W. J. Gunther
Charles R. Hopson
Grace Newman

EMERITUS JUDGES:

Dr. Ray C. Allen
Marion R. Walker

Archie Owen

Each Region 15 affiliate has received two copies of the above list; one for the club president and one for the club show chairman. The list they received is complete with addresses and telephone numbers. Should you need to contact one of the Region 15 AIS judges listed above, your local club president or show chairman should be able to give you all the necessary information .



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