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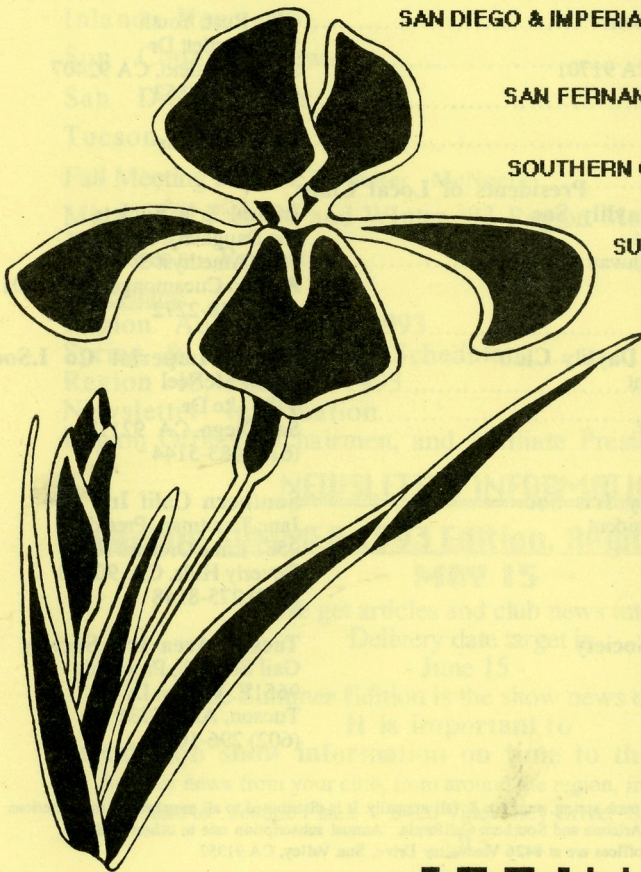
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NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Deadline SUMMER 1993 Edition, Region 15 Newsletter

- MAY 15 -

Please get articles and club news into me on time!

Delivery date target is

- June 15 -

The Summer Edition is the show news edition.

It is important to

send club show information on time to the Newsletter Editor

Send us news from your club, from around the region, from around the iris world.

Send to: Jeanne Plank - 8426 Vinevalley Drive, Sun Valley, CA 91352

A MESSAGE FROM THE REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

The Holidays have come and gone. I hope everyone had an enjoyable time. Now February is here and it is time to look forward to our '93 bloom season.

I think most of Region 15 members have had their share of rain. Here in our garden we have very happy iris! All this rain is really making them grow. We even have a spuria in bloom right now.

I represented Region 15 at the Fall AIS meeting in Kansas City. Each one of these AIS board meetings is a new experience. I always see old friends and meet new ones.

I must say Region 15 is well represented on the National Board. As all you all know, Claire Barr took her office as the first AIS woman president. She is going to be a wonderful leader. Jeanne Clay Plank has been appointed recording secretary. Congratulations to both of our Region 15 gals. I have the honor of chairing the RVP meeting in Ft. Worth and I am serving as chairman of the '93 Personnel Committee.

The long awaited *1989 Checklist* is now available. It has been done beautifully. I'm especially impressed with the printing. It is so easy to read, much clearer, even for these tired eyes! To make it even more enticing, the price to purchase the 10 year compiled registration book is only \$15. What a deal! It can be ordered through J.C.Lack, AIS sales director.

The Judges Handbook will be revised soon to reflect the new changes in the award system.

April will again be a very busy month. Besides all the society shows to be held, the Region 15 Spring Trek will be sponsored by Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society. It is scheduled for April 30th and May 1st in Palmdale, California. Details are included elsewhere in this newsletter. Let's all support region. This is your region and it becomes what you make of it! Hi Desert is planning a great time for all of us.

The Fort Worth AIS National Convention is ahead of us also. It will be April 20th through 24th. I am pleased that Don is going with me this year. I will enjoy it even more. If you are driving to Fort Worth, detour thru West Orangewood in Phoenix! We have two full acres planted now, chuck full of hundreds of tall bearded and spuria. Oklahoma invites us all to the "Median Spree in '93" on your road to Fort Worth.

The Region 15 Board strongly suggests that each affiliate of Region 15 donate to both the AIS Library fund and the fund for the new Wister Medal to be given for the tall bearded award.

May I end with a little preaching? I don't want sympathy. I am currently going thru treatment for skin cancer on my face, arms, hands and neck. I look like ----! Believe me folks this treatment is no picnic. I want



to urge all of you to protect yourself from the sun. Wear large straw hats, sun block cream, and long sleeves. I have caught most of my problems before they became malignant, but I have much more damage than even the doctor thought I had. Enjoy your iris gardening, but protect yourself while you are doing it!

My best to all of you. See you in Palmdale and Fort Worth!

Your RVP,

Bobbie Shepard

REGION 15 IRIS FOR AUCTION - 1993

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| ACOMA (Magee '90) | FUJI SKIES (Tompkins '90) |
| ATLANTIC MIST (Hedgecock '91) | HOT TO TROT (McWhirter '91) |
| AUSTRIAN GARNETS (Maryott '91) | JAZZ ECHO (Denney '91) |
| BIG BUCK (Hoage '91) | LIGHT SHOW (Keppel '91) |
| CHANGE OF PACE (Schreiner '91) | LIGHTED LANTERN (Magee '91) |
| CRYSTAL SPRING (Maryott '91) | LILTING (Byers '91) |
| COLORADO AMBROSIA (Magee '91) | LUMINOSITY (Byers '91) |
| COURTLY AFFAIR (Shoop '91) | MOHAWK BRAVE (Hedgecock '91) |
| CRAFTY LADY (Black '91) | ORANGE JEWELIUS (Miller '91) |
| DELICATE TOUCH (Hager '91) | ORETTA'S SHADOW (Durrance '91) |
| DIFFERENT WORLD (Ernst '91) | PACIFIC OVERTURES (Denney '91) |
| DESIGNERS RAGE (Black '91) | REGAL AFFAIR (Shoop '89) |
| DISTANT ROADS (Keppel '91) | RISEN STAR (Maryott '91) |
| ELEANOR KIRKPATRICK (Black '91) | UNFORGETTABLE FIRE (Schreiner '91) |
| FIELD OF DREAMS (Denney '91) | |
| FRAPPE (Byers '91) | |

Each of the seven participating Region 15 Affiliates will receive 1/7th of the irises listed above.

HI-DESERT IRIS SOCIETY

Hi-Desert will host, for the first time ever, the Region 15 Spring Iris Trek - on April 30 and May 1, 1993 at the Ramada Inn, 300 West Palmdale Blvd., Palmdale, CA. The Trek will feature six gardens on tour, and two hours of judges training, one hour of which will be a garden judging session held at the hotel. The main speaker at the banquet on Saturday evening will be Mr. Ray Schreiner from Schreiner's Iris Gardens, Salem, Oregon, who will treat us with slides of some of their new beauties.

We have been working for two years on a fund raising Raffle and Boutique for the Region and have been successful in putting together a very unique and interesting collection with an iris motif on every item. Separate tickets may be purchased for each item. Tickets for Raffle objects are available from the President of your club and at the raffle table on April 30th. Some raffle items are:

*Service for six in an iris pattern chinaware.

*A pink, single bloom iris water color, framed 20 1/2" x 24"

*Set of six iris coasters

*Japanese iris print

Tickets for the above items will sell at \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

*A set of four Van Gogh iris placemats

This set will be raffled separately. Tickets will be sold at \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00

*A woven wool, iris design wall hanging will be offered in another separate raffle.

Much more will be available in the Boutique.

Around the Palmdale Ramada Inn Trek headquarters, 500 rhizomes have been planted in beds by color. The purpose of this planting is to emphasize the landscape values of color and mass. These Ramada Inn iris are not part of the "trek guest iris." However, they will serve as the location for the Garden Judges Training class on Friday afternoon.

We are looking forward to your arrival and company as we share another iris bloom season. In the meantime we will pray for good and timely bloom and good weather.

Beulah Robinson, Hi-Desert, 1993 Trek Chair



Inspecting the new iris planting at the Tucson Botanical Gardens.



Socializing at Tucson in the private garden of Dr. and Mrs Paul Bessey

Schedule Region 15 1993 Spring Trek

Friday, April 30:

- 9 A.M. Preparation room open
- 3 P.M. Boutique open
- Hospitality and Registration
- 3:30 P.M. Executive Board meeting
- 5 P.M. Garden Judging session - Mary Duvall
- 6 P.M. Dinner on your own
- 7:30 P.M. General membership meeting
- 8 P.M. Judges' training session - Herb Holk

Saturday, May 1

- 7 A.M. Boutique open
- Hospitality and registration
- Breakfast on your own
- 8 A.M. Garden tours. Bus leaves from Ramada Inn
- 4 P.M. Return to Hotel
- 6:30 P.M. No-host social hour
- 7:30 P.M. Dinner. Ramada Inn
- 9 P.M. Guest speaker - RAY SCHREINER
Door prizes. Raffles

Sunday, May 2

- 7 A.M. Breakfast on your own
- 9 A.M. Open gardens on your own. Maps available

COME JOIN US FOR A HI-DESERT DELIGHT !

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IRIS SOCIETY

San Fernando Valley Iris Society has been fortunate to have had excellent speakers on a variety of topics over the years. Our good fortune continues in 1993. First, in January, we were able to host Olive Rice Waters and George Waters. Their names are prophetic as we had heavy rains the night of their presentation. They may be the only speakers who have had a cruise as part of their visit to SFVIS. Some may argue that it was just a good wade; however, the tides were cresting fairly high around the Canoga Park Woman's Club.

In February, Harold Stahly shared slides showing that crosses can create surprising results. The slides were beautiful, with the exception of one very graphic shot featuring a worm contentedly eating his way through a rhizome.

Our March meeting will be the first of two meetings devoted to Spring Show preparations.

The April meeting is scheduled to be the second show preparation program. It will feature use the mini-show format that has worked well for us in past years as a preparatory exercise for the real thing. With all this preparation, we are looking for full participation in our show, which will be held on the 16th, 17th, and 18th of April, at the Northridge Fashion Center on the corner of Tampa and Nordoff in Northridge, California.

We will have our Garden Trek on April 10th and we are looking forward to great bloom.

Our May meeting will feature the presentation of awards to the show winners as well as a recap of the SFVIS Club Trek and the National.

June will be a special celebration of our 20th anniversary. The election of officers will also be held.

There are two other major items of interest to SFVIS that will happen in October. Although they are only just around the corner, a little advance notice is not bad. Our Fall Sale will take place on October 2 - 3. We are going to be able to hold the sale at the Northridge Fashion Center and we have had phenomenal results in the past years at that location.

Then on October 8 - 9, SFVIS will be hosting the Fall Regional Meeting.

Remember SFVIS meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at the Canoga Park woman's Club. We appreciate having guests and welcome fellow AIS members from other parts of the region or the country to drop in should they be in the neighborhood.

Tanya Lamoreaux, President SFVIS

REGION 15 SPRING AND FALL MEETING SCHEDULE OF ROTATION

| Year | SPRING | FALL |
|------|---------------|----------------|
| 1993 | Hi-Desert IS | SFVIS |
| 1994 | So Cal IS | Orange Co IDC |
| 1995 | Inland IS | Sun Co IS |
| 1996 | Tucson IS | San Diego ICIS |
| 1997 | SFVIS | Hi-Desert IS |
| 1998 | Orange Co IDC | So Cal IS |
| 1999 | Sun Co IS | Inland IS |

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IRIS SOCIETY

Coming up soon are three important SCIS events to which all are invited: Sat. March 27 - Terry Aitken, noted hybridizer, Co-chairman of the 1994 AIS National Convention in Portland, Oregon, and proprietor of Aitken's Salmon Creek Gardens in Vancouver, Washington, will be guest speaker at our regular meeting to be held at the L.A. Arboretum. A potluck lunch begins at 12 noon, with the business meeting and program following.

April 10 - 11 Annual Spring Show held at the L.A. Arboretum.

April 18 "Practice Trek" and Picnic. In a practice run for next year's Regional, we will trek to three gardens: Betty O'Reilly's in Alhambra, Descanso Gardens in La Canada, and Mary Ann Spurlock's commercial garden, Rancho De Los Flores, in Moorpark where we will be served a picnic lunch. All are welcome. Ticket prices for the Trek bus trip and picnic lunch are \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Come join us!

Jane Troutman, President, SCIS

ORANGE COUNTY IRIS AND DAYLILY CLUB

We start 1993 with 75 members, and a new and enthusiastic president, Nathan Reed. August and September of last year were our potluck and plant sale meetings, with the added attraction in September of an iris rhizome auction, rhizomes provided by Jim McWhirter, of Cottage Gardens, our October speaker.

October found us at the Discovery Museum in Santa Ana, once again selling iris and daylilies and recruiting new members. Our iris procurement program continues to bring new introductions into club member's gardens, and we have given financial support to the UC Fullerton Arboretum and the Tree Society of Orange County, as well as the AIS Library Foundation. We also made memorial donations to AIS in honor of California hybridizers Monty Byers, Lilly Gartman, Joseph Gatty, and Walter Luihn.

Herb Holk, of Cal-Dixie Iris Gardens, addresses the club in February on the complete cycle of iris growing, and in March we will welcome Dr. Panayoti Kelaidis, Curator of the Rock Garden at the Denver Botanical Gardens, speaking on species iris.

Ruth Greiner, Secretary Orange Co I & DC

DESCANSO GARDENS

Descanso, like most of Southern California, is exceptionally green March begins. The measured rainfall at the Descanso gauge is more than 36". Also, like most of us in Region 15, instead of worrying about water, we have to worry about how we are going to be able to control the grass and weeds which have found this incredible El Niño weather so greatly to their liking. Getting out weeds without taking out newly planted and barely rooted iris is a big challenge for us these days. So far we haven't seen rot and destruction from the rain in our collection, but since the grass has grown so vigorously in our newly planted storage area, it could be because he just cant see down through all that vegetation to the soil and the developing irises!

On Tuesday, April 6, at 2:30 PM, I will be giving an "illustrated presentation" on irises - probably on reblooming varieties - as one of the lectures in the series Descanso offers annually as part of their Spring Festival of Flowers. I hope Irisarians will have time to attend. Your knowledge always adds a lot!

Jeanne Clay Plank, Curator, Descanso Iris Gardens

REGISTRATION FORM

AIS REGION 15 SPRING TREK, APRIL 30, MAY 1, 1993
PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA

HOSTED BY
HI-DESERT IRIS AND DAYLILY SOCIETY

NAME -----

ADDRESS -----

CITY -----STATE ---ZIPCODE -----

PHONE _____

FULL REGISTRATION FEE - \$50.00

ADVANCE REGISTRATION BEFORE APRIL 1 - \$50.00 \$ -----

AFTER APRIL 1, 1993 ----- \$55.00 \$ -----

SATURDAY TOUR AND LUNCH ONLY ----- \$35.00 \$ -----

SATURDAY EVENING DINNER ONLY ----- \$20.00 \$ -----

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED -----

DINNER MENU - CHOICE OF CHICKEN KIEV -----

OR STEAK TERIYAKI -----

PLEASE GIVE DETAILS OF ANY SPECIAL DIETARY OR OTHER REQUIREMENTS.

PLANNING TO ATTEND WORKSHOP FOR JUDGES AND JUDGES TRAINING -----

MAKE CHECK OUT TO : REGION 15 SPRING TREK 1993

MAIL TO REGISTRAR:

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\$45.00 PER ROOM. ARRIVAL 3PM DEPARTURE 12 NOON

EARLY REGISTRATIONS ARE REQUESTED.

** STATE THAT YOU ARE ATTENDING REGION 15 MEETING.

INLAND IRIS SOCIETY

Inland's final meeting in its Guest Speaker Series takes place on March 7, with Bill Maryott doing the honors. Bill's lecture can earn judges training credits for those enrolled in the judges training program, or for those needing continuing credits. The lecture and meeting are scheduled to be held at the Radisson Hotel in San Bernardino at 1 PM.

On April 17 and 18, our Annual Spring Show will be held at the Riverside Plaza.

We are scheduling a tour of the Cal-Dixie Gardens in April, however the date has not been set. Those interested in participating should contact President, Joe Daugherty, or Herb and Sarah Holk, proprietors of Cal-Dixie Gardens.

SUN COUNTRY IRIS SOCIETY

Greetings from Phoenix. I'm supposed to say SUN COUNTRY Iris Society but we haven't had much sun! It's been cloudy and wet these last three months. However, we have iris in bloom and the plants (and weeds look vigorous. I think we'll have good bloom this year.

We have had some outstanding programs this year thanks to our program chair, Dimetra Cecil. James McWhirter was here in November, a Christmas party in December, Bill Rinehart in January and AIS President Claire Barr last month. Jimmy Jones is scheduled for March.

We are all getting ready for the spring shows and treks. Anxious to see what's new and some of the old favorites. We meet the first Tuesday of every month - all are welcome. Give us a call when you're in Phoenix.

Ray Kary, President Sun Co.IS

SAN DIEGO & IMPERIAL COUNTIES IRIS SOCIETY

San Diego and Imperial Counties Iris Society celebrates its 30th birthday in 1993. Meetings programs and events for the coming year are scheduled as follows:

- March 6: Our postponed 30th Birthday Party for the club. Louella Danielson, guest speaker.
- March 21: Regular meeting at Casa De Campanis. Guest speaker: Pete De Santis (San Fernando) on show grooming.
- April 17 & 18 SPRING SHOW - Rm 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park.
- May 16 Regular meeting at Casa De Campanis with Bill Barr showing slides of the '93 Fort Worth National Convention.
- July Region 15 Rhizome Auction and Pot Luck luncheon. Exact date and location OPEN as yet.
- August: Annual rhizome sale at Balboa Park, date LATER.

Walter McNeel, President SD/ICIS

TUCSON AREA IRIS SOCIETY

1992 was a very good year for TAIS! In fact, the past TWO years have seen quite a growth for us in both financial terms and in getting involved with region activities again - thanks for which should go in large part to our outgoing president, Bill Huffman, and his executive committee.

We are very proud and pleased to have hosted the Fell Trek - our first since...? - and all seemed to go well, including an outstanding attendance of 79 registrants! We thank you for your attendance and hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Our thanks also to those in other clubs for lending their knowledge and experience about treks! We are now beginning to work on the Spring '96 Trek.

Our show this year will be April 17-18 at Park Mall. What with the wet and warm winter we're having (7.5" of rain as of January 15, and STILL coming!) we're not sure whether we'll have record or poor bloom, or if it will be early or late. Mother Nature -- such a help when you're planning on her doing the "normal" things, isn't she? Similar, but not QUITE as wet weather last year, produced an earlier and longer bloom and somewhat slender stalks in most gardens. Flowers themselves seemed just as nice and abundant...who knows.

We have increased our meeting budget for 1993 to include some iris speaking experts from around the region (not finalized as to whom, as yet) - something we're really looking forward to.

Our new officers and directors for '93-'94 are:

| | |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Gail Barnhill | President (tel. # (602)-296-1074) |
| Greta Dunnigan | Vice-President |
| Marshall Coyne | Treasurer |
| Linda Bailey | Secretary |
| Bea Sotomayer | Director ('93) |
| Bo Hitzke | Director ('93) |

Our meetings are the second Saturday of January, February, March, May and October, at 10:00 AM at a local public library (location determined meeting-by-meeting). Our Annual Potluck/Auction/New Intro Iris program is held at a member's home in August and our sale is typically the weekend after Labor Day in September, although we are considering moving this to later in the month due to hot weather and selling from an outdoor ramada!

I attended my first Region 15 Board Meeting at Jeanne and Bob Plank's on January 16. Quite educational as well as fun. I volunteered at that meeting to update the "Trek Manual" (didn't know there WAS one!) to assist the clubs in putting on treks - general guidelines are always helpful. I will be sending drafts out to club presidents for their input before it is finalized and copies to all clubs. Hopefully this can be completed by May.
Gail Barnhill, TAIS President

REGION 15 FALL MEETING

October 9 & 10 1992

Fall treks are always difficult to present as interesting, fun, and exciting under the best of circumstances. Iris, even those touted as rebloomers, just don't engender the enthusiasm that they do during the Spring treks.

This year, the task fell to our "new" area, the Tucson Area Iris Society and, by gum, they pulled it off! They showed us that, with able leadership and willing helpers, you need not have a single iris in bloom!

From the choices of Guest Speaker, Dave Niswonger, and of Judges Training Speaker, Louella Danielson, to selecting the Tucson Hilton East as headquarters, and the garden tours of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Bessey's home and the Tucson Botanical Garden, everything was first class and ran smoothly.

Hats off to Bill Huffman, TAIS Prexy; Melania Kutz and Peggy Anderson, Co-Chairwomen; Gail Barnhill, Marie Douberly, and the entire TAIS membership. You certainly made my day by making this Trek and Meeting a treat for your guests and, I hope, fun for those participating in its presentation.

Walter McNeel, President SD/ICIS



AIS Region 15 - EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - October 9, 1992

Tucson Hilton East Hotel, Tucson, AZ

Attending:

Bobbie Shepard, RVP
Bill Rinehart, AIS RVP & Judges Training
Cal Bostwick, Treasurer & Hi-Desert IC
Hazel Carson, Secretary & SD/ICIS
Jeanne Clay Plank, Newsletter Editor
Ollie Rust, Youth Chairman

Represented:

Inland IS: Sarah Holk
Orange Co I & DC: Jay Conklin
SFVIS: Jeanne Plank/ Tanya Lamoreaux
So Cal IS: Jane Troutman
Sun Co IS: Ray Kary
Tucson IS: Bill Huffman

Bobbie Shepard called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed in the *Newsletter*.

Treasurer Cal Bostwick handed out printed copies of the treasurer's report. [The complete treasurer's reports for both October and January are printed on page 15 of this *Newsletter*.] The Treasurer's report was accepted as printed. After a discussion on how to earn a better return on Region 15 money, and following Cal's recommendation, Jeanne Plank moved, Bill Rinehart seconded that for the present, no change be made in the way region funds are managed. Motion carried.

RVP Shepard introduced new presidents and called for committee chair reports.

Jeanne Plank reported that the *Newsletter* budget allowance had been insufficient to cover the costs of printing and mailing the three 1993 issues. Jay Conklin moved, Sara Holk seconded that the Board approve an override on the 1992 *Newsletter* budget in the amount of the difference. Motion carried.

Bill Huffman moved and Ray Kary seconded that \$750 be added to the amount budgeted for publishing the *Newsletter*. Motion carried.

Bill Rinehart announced that three judges had asked to be removed from the list of active judges - Eleanor McCown who has retired, and Ralph Strane and Cal Bostwick who have resigned.

RVP Bobbie Shepard reported that following the withdrawal of Orange County Iris and Daylily Club, the Southern California Iris Society has agreed to host the 1994 Spring Trek, pending membership approval at the October 24 SCIS meeting.

RVP Bobbie Shepard reported on the AIS Board meeting she attended at the Atlanta National Convention.

The January 16, 1993 board meeting for Region 15 will be held at Jeanne Plank's in Sun Valley. Jeanne will provide lunch for this meeting.

Cal Bostwick talked about the Spring Trek in Palmdale on April 30 - May 1, 1993. Meeting was adjourned.

AIS Region 15 - GENERAL MEETING - October 9, 1992

Tucson Hilton East Hotel, Tucson, AZ

Tucson President Bill Huffman called the meeting to order at 6:29 PM. He welcomed members, guests, and guest-speakers Dave Niswonger and Louella Danielson; outlined the events scheduled for Friday evening and Saturday; introduced his co-chairpersons Peggy Anderson and Melania Kutz, and then turned the floor over to RVP Bobbie Shepard.

The previous meeting's minutes were approved as printed in the summer *Newsletter*.

Cal Bostwick gave his treasurer's report [See page 15 of this *Newsletter*].

RVP Shepard thanked SD/ICIS for hosting the Region 15 '92 Spring Trek.

Bill Rinehart reported on judges training. Region 15 has three new Master judges: Bill Barr, Bob Brooks, and Ed Murray. Three judges have resigned or retired.

RVP Shepard discussed the need to budget more money for the *Newsletter*.

RVP Shepard gave a progress report on the new John Wister Memorial Medal for tall bearded iris (Dave Niswonger related some background on the Medal. The RVP also reported on the start of an AIS Library Project Fund.

RVP Shepard announced that she had been chosen Chairman of the RVPs and

introduced Claire Barr, our new AIS president.

Cal Bostwick invited everyone to the Hi-Desert Spring Trek on April. 30 - May 1.

The slate of officers for 1993 were offered and approved:

Reg. Vice Pres.: Bobbie Shepard Assistant RVP: Bill Rinehart
Secretary Hazel Carson Treasurer Cal Bostwick

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Hazel Carson, Recording Secretary.

AIS Region 15 - EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING -January 16, 1993

Home of Jeanne and Bob Plank, Sun Valley, CA

Attendance:

Bobbie Shepard, RVP
Bill Rinehart, Ass't RVP & Judges Training
Cal Bostwick, Treasurer & Pres. HDIDS
Jeanne Clay Plank, Editor
Gail Barnhill, Acting Secretary & Pres. TAIS

Representing:

Joe Dougherty, Exhibitions & Pres. IIS
Nathan Reed, Pres. OCIDC
Tanya Lamoreaux, Pres. SFVIS
Walter McNeel, Pres. SDICIS
Jane Troutman, Pres. SCIS
Ray Kary, Pres. Sun CIS

Absent: Ollie Rust, Youth Hazel Carson, Secretary Vickie Day, Membership

I. READING OF THE MINUTES:

Recording secretary Hazel Carson was not in attendance. No minutes from the last meeting were available. Gail Barnhill, Acting Recording Secretary, was asked to send Hazel a note, along with these meeting minutes, requesting copies of all 1992 minutes be sent to RVP Shepard for her records.

II. FINANCIAL REPORT:

See page 16 of the Newsletter for Treasurer's reports.

Investment of Funds An item carried forward from the last meeting's agenda was a decision on investing excess funds. Suggestions for low-risk investments pointed toward credit unions. It was moved and unanimously agreed that Cal and Bobbie are authorized to make the final decision on where to keep Region 15 money after receiving the necessary information on credit unions.

IRS/Corporation Status Cal has been in touch with the IRS regarding the fact that we are NOT a Corporation. We are on the IRS "Corporate" mailing list for forms by mistake.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Judges Training - Bill Rinehart: The current status of Judges in training was reported. To maintain our past number of judges we need to train seven new judges. Clubs should be inviting apprentice judges to supervise students at their shows. Bill will happily accept club invitations to explain the judges training program in detail.

2. Newsletter - Jeanne Plank: Trek Coverage -In order to simplify things, Jeanne will expect a "trek report" from an assigned member of the club which sponsored the previous trek. For example, TAIS (host of the Fall '92 Trek) will submit a report to her on the Hi-Desert Spring Trek '93; Hi-Desert will report on the SFVIS Fall Trek '93; and so on.

3. Membership - Bobbie Shepard (for Vickie Day): AIS Membership Status Report forms were distributed to each club by Bobbie along with a list of "delinquent" AIS membership dues and with instructions on what action these two reports require. She noted that we had a net loss of thirteen AIS members in our region during the past year. Bobbie distributed copies of the list of Region 15 Officers, Clubs & Committees. Bobbie asked that the club presidents send her updated membership (including AIS membership) lists on a quarterly basis.

4. Youth - Ollie Rust did not attend and sent no report. Youth membership is strongly encouraged, on all levels of AIS. AIS youth memberships cost \$3.00 w/o *The Bulletin*, and \$4.50 with *The Bulletin*.

5. Exhibitions - Joe Daugherty said he had no report at this time.

IV. CLUB PRESIDENTS' REPORTS were presented by the presidents or club

representative in attendance. [The information reported at this meeting, and detailed in the Acting Secretary's minutes has been deleted from this edited reproduction to save space. The information presented at the meeting may be found in the individual club reports printed in this issue. ED]

V. TREK REPORTS - Bobbie distributed copies of the revised Region trek scheduling "wheel."

1. Spring '93 - Hi-Desert Cal Bostwick displayed raffle items that will be available at the Trek and distributed Trek information and raffle tickets to each of the club presidents.

2. Fall '93 - SFVIS Tanya reported work has just begun. Trek dates are Oct. 8 - 9.

3. Spring '94 - So Cal IS - Jane said most of the guest irises for this trek are already planted. The trek will be held April 14 - 15, 1994.

4. Trek Guideline Handbook Gail will update the existing handbook, sending a draft to all club presidents for input, with hope of distributing final copies by May.

VI. AIS PROJECT DONATIONS RVP Shepard reported on the

1. Wister Medal This award will be strictly for tall bearded irises in the hopes that all varieties of iris will have a better "shot" at the Dykes Medal in the future. The cost of the medal design and production is expected to be \$5,500 - 6,000. The AIS is accepting donations and has collected \$1,500 to date. Send donations to Marty Schaefer, 337 Acton St., Carlisle, MA 01741.

2. AIS Library Bobbie noted that donations are also requested toward finding a good permanent location and upkeep of the AIS library records and information. Also, anyone with information about possible locations please contact Clarence Mahan, 7311 Churchhill Rd., McLean, VA 22101

It was agreed that donations to these two funds should be made by the region's clubs, and not the region itself, for the time being.

VIII. 93 BUDGET

| <u>INCOME</u> | '92 Budget | '92 Actual | '93 Budget |
|--------------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Auction | 2,400 | 5,000 | 2,400 |
| Interest | 200 | 100 | 200 |
| Trsfr from savings | | | <u>1,350</u> |
| | | | 3,950 |

EXPENSE

| | | | |
|--------------------|-------|--------|-----------|
| Newsletters | 1,500 | 1,720. | 1,800 |
| Trek Assistance | 300 | 150. | 1,000 |
| Auction Iris | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| Spring Trk Awards | 100 | 26 | 100 |
| RVP operating Exps | 350 | 350 | 350 |
| Judges Training | 100 | 30 | 100 |
| Bank Serv. Chgs | 25 | - | 25 |
| Misc. | 75 | 60 | <u>75</u> |
| | | | 3,950. |

The proposed budget was formulated and unanimously approved. All agreed that as a result of such an outstanding year, part of the excess funds should be spent as follows:

1. Trek Assistance To help keep registration costs down for members, the amount budgeted for Trek assistance was increased to \$500 per trek.

2. Newsletters To more accurately reflect the true cost of printing and mailing all three issues, it was decided to increase the budget for the Newsletter by \$300 over last year.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Proposed Descanso Gardens Iris Seminar Jeanne Plank noted that Descanso is very interested in putting on a one or two day iris seminar, possibly early in 1994 and would like to see the Region lend it's "authority and sanction." All agreed this would be a good idea.

Respectfully Submitted, Gail M. Barnhill, Acting Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT - AIS REGION 15

Balance Sheet as of October 1, 1992

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| BEGINNING BALANCE - 4/24/92 - | | \$5,609.04 |
| RECEIPTS | | |
| Interest on Region CD | \$84.49 | |
| Proceeds from raffle | 233.00 | |
| Proceeds from Auction: | | |
| San Diego/Imperial Co | \$1,000.00 | |
| Hi-Desert | 855.00 | |
| Sun Co.IS | 848.00 | |
| Tucson | 608.00 | |
| SFVIS | 1,009.00 | |
| SCIS | <u>550.00</u> | |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | | \$5,187.49 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS plus BALANCE | | \$10,796.53 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | | |
| Hybridizer's Trophy | \$26.79 | |
| Bank Charge | 7.00 | |
| Summer Newsletter | <u>722.26</u> | |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | | \$756.05 |
| BALANCE 1/1/93 | | \$10,040.48 |
| Checking Account | \$4,997.92 | |
| Region CD | <u>5,042.56</u> | |
| | | \$10,040.48 |

AIS REGION 15 RVP FUND ACCOUNT BALANCE SHEET AS OF 10/1/92

| | | |
|----------------------------|--|--------------|
| 4/24/92 BEGINNING BALANCE | | \$6,404.51 |
| Interest income | | <u>93.05</u> |
| TOTAL INCOME and BALANCE | | \$6,497.56 |
| Check printing expenditure | | <u>7.53</u> |
| 1/1/93 FUND BALANCE | | \$6,490.03 |

TREASURER'S REPORT - AIS REGION 15

Balance Sheet as of January 1, 1993

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| BEGINNING BALANCE - 10/1/93 - | | \$10,040.48 |
| RECEIPTS | | |
| Inland Donation , Region auction | 500.00 | |
| Interest on Region CD | 36.32 | |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | | <u>536.22</u> |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS plus BALANCE | | \$10,576.22 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | | |
| Fall Newsletter | 509.19 | |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | | <u>509.57</u> |
| BALANCE 1/1/93 | | 10,067.51 |
| Checking Account | \$4,988.73 | |
| C.D. 3% March | <u>5,078.78</u> | |
| | | \$10,067.51 |

AIS REGION 15 RVP FUND ACCOUNT BALANCE SHEET AS OF 1/16/93

| | | |
|---------------------------|--|--------------|
| 10/1/92 BEGINNING BALANCE | | \$6,490.03 |
| Interest income | | <u>40.56</u> |
| FUND BALANCE AS OF 1/1/93 | | \$6,530.59 |

Cal Bostwick, Treasurer

1992-93 AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY CERTIFIED JUDGES

REGION 15

REGION 15 STUDENT JUDGES:

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|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Gail M. Barnhill | Paul Bessey | Janet Bow |
| Thomas Brown | Peggy Carpenter | Ron Conway-Smith |
| Shanti Conway-Smith | Sally Cooperman | La Donna Cypret |
| Greta Dunnigan | Marion Gould | Georgia Gudykunst |
| B.D. Herman-Walker | Robert Hitzke | Hayden W. Huffman |
| Theresa Huffman | Melania Kutz | Marjorie Larson |
| Walter McNeel | Elaine Monninger | Mike Monninger |
| John Reinschmidt | Mary Ann Spurlock | |

APPRENTICE JUDGES:

Jane Troutman

GARDEN JUDGES

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| Irene Benton | Mary Bruner |
| Hazel Carson | Maytie Cherry |
| Jay Conklin | La Verne Conrad |
| O.J. Daugherty | Vickie Day |
| Charlene Errigo | Herbert Holk |
| Sara Holk | Debbie Humphries |
| James H. Jones | Ardi Kary |
| Ray Kary | Peggy McCrosky |
| Vern McCrosky | Lynn McIlwain |
| Judy Mogil | Kenneth Mohr |
| Jeanne Clay Plank | Jim Puckett |
| Bill Rinehart | Bobbie Shepard |
| Dorald Shepard | Caroline Sutherland |
| Jack Weber | John Wight |

ACTIVE MASTER JUDGES:

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|-------------------|------------------|
| Polly Anderson | Claire Barr |
| William Barr | Bob Brooks |
| Janice Chesnik | Ralph Conrad |
| Beverly Dopke | Mrs. Leroy Duval |
| Duncan Eader | Kathleen Frey |
| Dr. Edward Murray | Beulah Robinson |
| Kay Tearington | |

RETIRED MASTER JUDGES:

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| Penny Bunker | Thelma Carrington |
| Doris Foster | Ruth Goodrick |
| Celeste Hamner | Charles R. Hopson |
| Genevieve H. Jasper | Eleanor McCown |
| Grace Newman | Dorothy Riddler |
| Mrs J.W. Turner | |

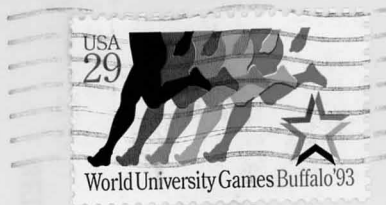
EMERITUS JUDGES:

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|------------------|-------------|
| Dr. Ray C. Allen | Archie Owen |
| Marion R. Walker | |



AIS REGION 15 NEWSLETTER

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