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NEWSLETTER INFORMATION:

Deadline for the Fall Edition, Region 15 Newsletter is FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 1993 don't tempt fate, get your copy in on time Delivery date target is SEPTEMBER 7

We urge you to 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 - ii -

A MESSAGE FROM THE REGIONAL DICE PRESIDENT

I finally got my two months in April! It started with a wonderful bloom season in our garden; then Don and I went to Ft. Worth. On our return, I went to Palmdale for a wonderful spring trek and wonderful gardens with plenty of bloom. I came home and got ready to go to Albuquerque to judge their show and give a Judges Training School. I had the pleasure of judging a wonderful show and seeing Howard and Irene Shockey's beautiful garden. When I returned from New Mexico, I repacked to go to Tulsa. Paul Gossett gave me a tour of four delightful gardens in the Tulsa area. From Tulsa, Paul and I drove to St. Louis, Missouri for the Region 18 Spring Trek. I judged a seedling show with Paul and Bill Maryott.



That was an education! We saw six gardens on the bus trek that were chuck full of bloom. All the traveling was just wonderful and I enjoyed all the bloom, all the people I met, and had a lot of fun, but I'm glad to be home with Don and my family. My dogs got to the point they knew what was coming when I started packing the suitcase! But I did get my two months of April; however I doubt that August will disappear!

The Region 15 Spring Trek in Palmdale was very well done and many people enjoyed the meeting. I really didn't realize just how much desert is involved up there. I was amazed at the beauty of Anita Condon's garden right out in the very middle of the desert. All the gardens were beautiful and the food was great. The boutique was an added touch. I added another cup to my collection. Thank you Hi-Desert for a wonderful Region 15 Spring Trek.

The Ft. Worth Convention was very well attended and enjoyed by all. The AIS Board meeting went very smoothly under the new leadership of Claire Barr. Some of the important items discussed were: The 1949 and 1959 Checklists will be reprinted; Keith Keppel will take over as Registrations Chairman; The Wister Medal still needs contributions; There are three proposals for the AIS Library location - Silverton, Oregon; Beltsville, Maryland; and Dresden, Tennessee. I understand that there has been an additional proposal since the convention; Olive Waters needs good slides for the '94 calendar; the 1997 convention will be in Detroit, Michigan; An unofficial bid has been made for 1999 by Oklahoma City; Kurt Latimer, Region 23, won the Clarke Cosgrove Youth Award; New AIS Directors nominated were Terry Aitken, Jim Mc Whirter, and Jeanne Clay Plank. They will be confirmed at the fall meeting.

Jeanne Clay Plank was the 2nd highest in the national AIS Membership Contest. Congratulations Jeanne for all the points you earned in getting new AIS members. We should all take a leaf from Jeanne's book! Come on, Region 15, let's get involved in the membership contest.

Have a wonderful summer, and a good digging season, and we will see all of you at San Fernando Valley for the Region 15 Fall Trek. We will be adding to our four footed family in June, so puppies and iris will keep us occupied this summer.

HI-DESERT IRIS SOCIETY

The Hi-Desert Iris and Daylily Society completed its first five years of existence in May, 1993. This coincided with our hosting the 1993 Region 15 Spring Trek.

Our club will close out its regular season with a formal installation dinner to be held on June 12 at the Ramada Inn, site of the 1993 Spring Trek. Newly elected officers who will be installed at this dinner are:

President	Anita Condon
First Vice President	Fern Condon
Second Vice President	Chuck Linn
Secretary	Mary Patterson
Treasurer	Barbara Turner
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It was decided to hold no spring exhibition show this year because of our hosting the Regional Spring Trek. On June 26, a one day exhibition daylily show will be held at the Palmdale Senior Center. A simultaneous iris plant sale will be held.

The club will be dark during July and August, with the next regular meeting in September, 1993.

Cal Bostwick, Hi-Desert President



High bloom at Hi-Desert!

Bobbie Shepard



Pete DeSantis and Tanya Lamoreaux admire a particularly pleasing clump.



Lynn McIlwain, Jim Jones, Judy Mogil, and Pete DeSantis note their favorites.

REGION 15 SPRING MEETING April 30 & May 1 1993



Region 15 trekkers arrive at Fern and John Owen's Garden.

As the host of the previous Region 15 Trek, Tucson Area Iris Society members were asked to report on the Region 15 Spring Trek in Palmdale, California, which we do with pleasure.

The Hi-Desert Iris and Daylily Society, our trek hosts, are to be strongly congratulated for their presentation - especially for a club that was only a couple of years old when it committed to this event! It was obviously accomplished by some very dedicated iris lovers.

The gardens were diverse - some newer, some long established, and even though our hosts told us they were a "shade"past peak bloom we still saw plenty of well grown varieties. The gardens seemed to show little effect from "the weather and pest related problems" we've all experienced in the past year or so, which attests to the owners' experience and care. The hosts and hostesses were most gracious in welcoming us to their gardens as well as <u>overly</u> generous with the goodies they provided for us to eat...and eat...well, SOMEbody has to eat all that food.

The iris receiving the "Best Overall" award of the Trek was CITY LIGHTS (TB '90) by Mary Dunn, and the "Best by Region 15 Hybridizer" Award went to SPACE SHUTTLE SNOWBALL (TB '91) by Barbara Wight. No award was given for a Region 15 seedling.

The countryside was lovely (especially to us "other" desert rats), with wild flowers spotted along the way as well as native plant bloom. Even passing the hill cuts showing the rock activity of the San Andreas Fault was interesting - so long as it didn't "show off" for us. And that "LUNCH" of prime rib in the cool Desert Inn lattice and grape vine covered patio was <u>outstanding</u>!



The special "plant room" at the the Turner garden. L to R: Tanya Lamoreaux; Bill Rinehart; unidentified lady; Pete DeSantis; Ralph Conrad



5 Enjoying the banquet at the Ramada Inn: Dorothy Weinstock, Jane & Bill Troutman, Tanya & Chuck Lamoreaux, Peggy Carpenter, Marge Malone. The Ramada Inn where we all stayed was both clean and comfortable and even provided an outlet for some members' "excess energy" with Karoke music in the bar. (Glad I slept through it, Bill and Pete.)

Garden judges training sessions by Mary Duvall and Herb Holk reinforced the things we are supposed to learn from our handbook somehow "live and in person" lessons always stick with us better; and reinforce or remind us of our duties as judges. Banquet speaker Ray Schreiner's slide presentation was chock full of luscious iris...but we were all astounded when Ray admitted Schreiner's was not a "god" when it came to hybridizing iris - just determined and persistently in search of the "perfect iris" - which he said any one of us could achieve - but only by trying!

Having had a very low profit with our consignment boutique at the Tucson Trek, we were impressed that all items in this trek were donated, which enabled lower pricing...and better sales! Well done! Even though none of US won our heart's desire in the raffle and door prize drawings we nevertheless felt this was also well organized and are sure it accomplished much for our hosts. By the way, does anyone know if Pete DeSantis' wife ever forgave him or "auctioneer" Bill Rinehart for raffling off Pete's very expensive silk Van Gogh tie? (Or was this a set up "Bill & Pete" routine?)

There were 110 attendees registered for the trek and we were able to renew old friendships as well as form new ones. Since we couldn't possibly list them all, this is addressed to every member instrumental in the trek's implementation. Once again, thanks and congratulations to the members of the Hi-Desert Iris and Daylily Society for a very nice Spring Trek with which to end our iris year.

Gail Barnhill, Reporting for TAIS



Lunching under the arbor

TUCSON AREA IRIS SOCIETY

Gee...nothin' much happened around HERE this spring..."NOT!" (Forgive me, for I have a teenager in the house!) After our second very mild and very wet (the equivalent of our annual rainfall) winter we didn't know quite what to expect from our irises. Tucson has many different "microclimates" and some folks had bloom starting as early as January...and some still have bloom as of May 5th!

Our "showoff" season began April 3 at a garden club show. Several of our members went home with ribbons, which were really meaningless due to the judging. This show was a good example of how not to encourage flower show participation!

The next show several of our members attended was Sun Country's show in Phoenix on April 9. Tough but very fair and consistent judging at this one. Here you knew your blue was true blue! We also learned a lot of grooming rules we hadn't known before!

Our "grand finale" of the exhibit season was our TAIS show on April 16-17. In past years this date has proven to be a pretty "safe' one for peak bloom...I think we went past peak bloom a hair this year...proving once again that Mother Nature likes to "tweak" us from time to time! We still had an excellent show, with 182 entries (161 cultivars) by 21 entrants. Our show this year was dedicated to Pam Turner, our member of longest standing (25 years!) who will be returning soon to her Tennessee roots. And one particular member - Barbara Evans - is apt to have her garden soil "raided"...for the second year in a row she had some of the healthiest specimens in both size and color we've ever seen, while the rest of us were contending (again) with what we felt were weather related "problems." Barbara must not have had the same weather!? She was warmly congratulated by all - but also bombarded with questions! She swears she doesn't know why her iris are so beautiful and says she doesn't do anything differently than the rest of us do. Hmmmmmmm?

Thanks to the generosity of TAIS (AND my wonderful boss!!), I was able to attend the Ft. Worth Convention, which was TERRIFIC in all respects (Unless you got on "the bus from Hell" as several Region 15 trekkers will tell you)! Everything was done "Texas size and style" from the hotel to the meals to the gardens, meetings and judges training. I took twelve rolls of slides, which will be donated to TAIS to begin our "slide library." I was fixin' to show all of them at our May meeting but the members made me promise not to or they said they wouldn't attend! (Ah'm still a workin' on gittin' rid of that thar Texas akcent ah picked up!) I was also fortunate enough to be able to join Claire Barr, Dave Niswonger, Larry Harder, and several others on a private Sunday morning tour of the Botanical Research Institute of Texas ("BRIT"), which is one of the locations being considered for the future site of the proposed AIS Library.

During convention weekend, five TAIS members graciously opened their gardens for viewing for our annual Member Garden Tour on April 25. Except for the Bessey's - whose garden we NEVER miss - none of the gardens had been on our tours before, so lots of new and interesting iris, garden features, designs, and IDEAS were seen and appreciated.

Again, thanks in part to the generosity of TAIS, a few days after the Convention, five TAIS members were able to attend the Spring Trek in Palmdale, California, where any of us still thirsting for more iris were well sated! There is only ONE thing about Conventions, Treks, and Garden Tours I still don't understand though...WHY IS THERE <u>NEVER</u> ENOUGH FOOD (Burp!)?

A pleasant and peaceful summer to you all...wanna buy a thunderstorm?

Gail Barnhill, President TAIS

TUCSON SHOW RESULTS

The TAIS Spring Show was held at Park Mall, Tueson, on April 17-18. The Horticulture Division exhibited 182 entries representing 161 cultivars from 21 exhibitors. There were no Japanese, Siberian, Pacific Coast Native, or species irises entered in the show. In addition to the traditional "Queen of Show" award, TAIS presented a "Second Day Queen" award and a "Popular Vote" award given to the iris receiving the most votes from the general public.

HORTICULTURE AWARDS

Best	T. Bearded	SKATING PARTY,	Barbara Evans, exhibitor
	Pink	BEVERLY SILLS,	Barbara Evans, exhibitor
	Median	DUAL IMAGE (Border Bearded	d) Mary Cook, exhibitor
	Beardless	PRESIDENT HEDLEY (LA)	Sally Cooperman, exhibitor
	Arilbred	SYRIAN SUNSET,	Sally Cooperman, exhibitor
	Bulbous	GOLDEN HIND,	Bert Detwiler, exhibitor
Queen	of Show (1st Day) SKATING PARTY,	Barbara Evans, exhibitor
Silver	Medal	Sally Cooperman	
Bronze	Medal	Jan Bow	
Second	l Day Queen	SNOW CLOUD (T. Bearded)	Barbara Evans, exhibitor
Shepar	d Small Garden		Barbara Evans
Popula	r Vote Award	ORANGE EMPIRE (T. Bearde	ed)

ARTISTIC DIVISION AWARDS

Best	Design	"Reflections," Charlotte Clarke, designer
Best	Novice	"Sentimental Journey," Andy Bessey, designer

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form of prespiration. Lou Erikson, in Atlanta Journal and Constitution

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SAN FERNANDO DALLEY IRIS SOCIETY

Last year Bobbie Shepard suggested that April be extended to 60 days. At first, I thought this was an excellent suggestion. Now I have reconsidered. I can't take any more concentrated activity such as that surrounding the local shows, the local treks, the National, the Regional, and anything personal I may want to do. I think that instead of making April longer, we should just declare May a recuperation period and not do a single, solitary thing for a month.

Several things happening in the San Fernando Valley Iris Society would revive even the weariest iris lover. At our June meeting, we will be celebrating our twentieth birthday. Little did Marge Malone realize in September, 1973, when she invited fifteen people to her home in Woodland Hills to discuss a mutual interest in irises, that such a lasting association would be formed. Today there are over one hundred members of SFVIS, but we still share the same preoccupation with irises. Our June 3 meeting will have some remembrances of the past, and at least a toast to the future of a very active group. We also have the election of new officers in June, which reaffirms our forward progress.

June 12 and 13 will find SFVIS selling rhizomes at the Sepulveda Gardens.

July's meeting will be a journey to Ft. Worth via slides from the AIS National. There was plenty of bloom in Texas and so the program promises to be beautiful. Our new Vice President will be arranging interesting speakers for throughout the coming year. Our meetings are every first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. SFVIS meets at the Canoga Park Woman's Club at the corner of Valerio and Jordan.

One final word regarding upcoming major events: SFVIS is going to be the host of the Region 15 Fall Regional on October 8 and 9. More detailed information will be available later; however, do mark your calendar now. We want to see all the clubs in Region 15 well represented.

Tanya Lamoreaux, President

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SFVIS SHOW RESULTS

Eileen Fuimara, Show Chairman

The SFVIS held its 19th annual show on April 16,17,& 18, 1993 at the Northridge Fashion Center, Northridge, California. The show's theme was "Broadway Bound," and each artistic division class was dedicated to a particular Broadway show: "Anything Goes," "Dancin," "Glass Menagerie," "Phantom of the Opera," and " Into the Woods." <u>HORTICULTURAL DIVISION</u> - 287 entries were submitted by 27 exhibitors displaying 250 different varieties. All types of iris were entered, except arils and evansias.

Best Tall Bearded	SILVERADO	entered by Betty Squires
MTB	FROSTED VELVET	entered by Judith Mogil
Border Bearded	JOHN'S JOY	entered by Jean Bossier
Intermediate Bordered	GOLDEN MUFFIN	entered by Eileen Fiumara
Standard Dwarf Bearded	BLUE NEON	entered by Judith Mogil
Novelty	SKY HOOKS	entered by Jean Bossier
Louisiana	BROOKVALE NOCTU	JRNE " by Pete DeSantis
Spuria	LOVE OF LELIA	entered by Jean Bossier
Siberian	PERCHERON	entered by Peggy Carpenter

Pacifica **WESTERLIES IPSUS** Japanese Species I. ochroleuca Pacifica, #92-1, Seedling English Box Tall Bearded Collection Self, TB SILVERADO Bicolor, TB SUN CIRCLE **BLUE STACATO** Plicata, TB **Oueen** of Show SILVERADO The Silver Medal Judith Mogil Jean Bossier The Bronze Medal Education Exhibit Medal Pete DeSantis Section Certificates for most blue ribbons: Tall Bearded Jean Bossier Pete DeSantis Border Bearded Judith Mogil Intermed. Bearded Siberian Peggy Carpenter Pacific Coast Native Judith Mogil "Broadway Bound" **ARTISTIC DIVISION** - Theme: "Into the Woods," Section- Advanced "Into the Woods," - Intermediate - Novice "Into the Woods", - Youth "Phantom of the Opera," Artistic Sweepstakes Helen Zeldin Best Design of Show: "Into the Woods."

entered by Judith Mogil entered by Jeanne Plank entered by Jan Laurizen entered by Judith Gasser entered by Lynn Finkel entered by Betty Squires entered by Betty Halperin entered by Betty Squires entered by Betty Squires

Eileen Fiumara, designer Jane Troutman, designer Janette Maxwell, designer Melissa Gilbert, designer

Eileen Fiumara, designer



Judges confer. Judging the SFVIS Show at the Northridge Mall are: L to R Joe Daugherty (IIS), Lynn McIlwain(SCIS), and Kay Tearington(SCIS Master Judge).

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IRIS SOCIETY

Although it's a tall order, SCIS is working to make the Region 15 Spring Trek which we will host in 1994 as memorable and enjoyable as the Spring Trek hosted by Hi-Desert this year. A partial "dress rehearsal" was held on April 18 when a bus load of SCIS trekkers visited three gardens, two of which will be on next year's tour. The Sunday trek began with a visit to Betty O'Reilly's lovely garden located in Alhambra. This garden will be a second-day, optional garden on the '94 trek. From the O'Reilly garden the bus went to Descanso Gardens in La Canada and from there to Rancho De Los Flores, a commercial garden owned and operated by Mary Ann Spurlock and located in Moorpark. Both Descanso and Rancho De Los Flores will be part of next year's itinerary.

This year's trekkers were treated to a delightful, catered barbecue lunch served on shaded tables in view of the iris beds. On the return trip to Arcadia, a stop at the Northridge Fashion Mall allowed trekkers to visit the SFVIS' Spring Show. Good bloom, good food, and good company made up an ideal day.

Next years regional trek will include Kay Yee and George Sherman's garden in Altadena, and Bobbie and Bill Rinehart's garden in West Hills, along with Descanso and Rancho De Los Flores. The 1994 trek will be held on April 22 and 23, with optional gardens open on Sunday, April 24. The Burbank Hilton, located very near the Burbank Airport, will serve as trek headquarters. Keith Keppel has agreed to be keynote speaker, and of course there will be judges training sessions, a raffle, doorprizes, good food, and great fellowship. We are doing all we can to make it a memorable trek. Please plan to join us in '94.

Jane Troutman, SCIS President デモディングデンデンディングデンデンデンデンデンデンデンデンデンデンデンデンデン SCIS SHOW RESULTS

The Southern California Iris Society held their spring show on April 10 & 11 at the Los Angeles County Arboretum.

In keeping with an SCIS tradition, a plant sale was held in conjunction with the show. Potted iris priced at \$5.00 apiece sold readily. Show attendance was very good. <u>HORTICULTURE</u> - 276 entries were submitted by 32 exhibitors. All major groups of

irises were entered except miniature dwarf bearded.

Best	Tall Bearded	BANG	entered by Virginia Adams
	Plicata	DESERT ECHO	entered by Lynn McIlwain
	Median	ROSEMARY'S DREAM	entered by Pete DeSantis
	Aril	I. stononifera	entered by Kay Tearington
	Pacifica	NAPA VALLEY	entered by Millie Kritzman
	Beardless	BROOKVILLE NOCTURNE	entered by Pete DeSantis
	Seedling	#C866-S-3B (Pacifica)	entered by Duncan Eader
Queen	of Show	BANG	entered by Virginia Adams
Silver	Medal	Duncan Eader	
Bronze	Medal	Judy Mogil	
ARTIST	TC DIVISION - Them	e: "Easter Iris Parade"	
	46 arrangements were	entered by 16 adults and 10 you	iths.
Best I	Design	"A Burst of Easter Flowers" d	esigned by Eileen Fiumara
Best N	lovice	"Oriental Easter"	designed by Anita Frye

Eileen Fiumara

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(SCIS Show Report continued)

YOUTH DIVISION

Best Older Youth Design Best Younger Youth Design "Oriental Easter" Jamie Barnes, designer "Burst of Easter" Claire Sherman, designer



Grown and shown to perfection! Virginia Adams won the 1993 Southern California Iris Society's Queen-of-Show.with her tall bearded entry - **BANG** - a red-brown, 1955, Tom Craig introduction.

Sweepstakes

1993 REGION 15 FALL MEETING

Hosted by The San Fernando Valley Iris Society October 8 and 9, 1993

WHERE: Airtel Plaza Hotel: 7277 Valjean Avenue, Van Nuys, CA 91406 Phone: (818) 997-7676

Rate: \$65 per room per day, single, double or quad.

Please, make your own reservations prior to September 22, and be sure to let the reservation clerk know that you are attending the Region 15 Fall Meeting being hosted by the San Fernando Valley Iris Society to receive our special rate. The Airtel Plaza Hotel is a Best Western Hotel.

<u>REGISTRATION:</u> \$35 if postmarked by September 22, 1993; \$45 if postmarked after September 22.

<u>SCHEDULE:</u>	Friday:	3:30 p.m.	Registration opens.
	5	4:00 p.m. :30 - 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Executive Board meeting <u>Dinner on your own</u> Judges Training: Marcia "Marky" Smith on Siberians.
	<u>Saturday</u> :	7:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.	Continental Breakfast Executive Board meeting, continued. Slide presentation program (topic to be announced in fall flyer) Judges Training: George Sutton on show judging. Luncheon GENERAL MEETING, Marcia Smith, Region 13 RVP-elect, speaker Door prizes, raffle, and other bits of excitement.

SPEAKERS AND JUDGES TRAINING:

Marcia Smith, a Director on the Board of the Siberian Les Society, is traveling from Yakima, Washington, in Region 13 to conduct a judges training session on Siberian irises. Newly elected to the position of RVP for Region 13, Marky begins her first term just in time to be the hosting RVP for the 1994 National Convention. As guest speaker she will bring you up to date on the preparations being made for your enjoyment at this eagerly awaited AIS Convention in Portland.

George Sutton joins us from Porterville, California, in Region 14. George owns and operates "Sutton's Green Thumber," a commercial iris nursery. George has brought several of the English Dykes Medal winning irises to this country and offered them in his catalog. His nursery is the US outlet for several British hybridizers whose introductions have caught the eye of many irisarians. George, too, has hybridized and introduced a number of popular cultivars.

QUESTIONS ??? Contact Don Cunningham (818) 360-8078

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SUN COUNTRY IRIS SOCIETY

Greetings from Sun Country Iris Society! We had two nice events in April. Our early exhibit was held at the Valley Garden Center, where we participated in the Valley Garden Center Spring Festival on April 3, 1993. Sixteen exhibitors displayed an impressive array of 87 entries. Enthusiastic visitors returned 155 ballots, voting their favorite iris in each section.

The Sun Country Spring Show was held at the Chris Town Shopping Center on April 9 and 10, 1993. It was a nice show with lots of entries. Our visiting judges were Rick Tasco and Jay Conklin from California.

A number of us traveled to Ft. Worth for the National Convention. Seven of us went to the National and enjoyed ourselves. We felt this was a good turnout for our local club.

We held our elections in May and elected the following slate of officers: President Dimetra Cecil

resident	Dimetra Cecil
Vice President	Barbara Isaman
Secretary	Dixie Humphreys
Director	Melani Ioannou

These officers will be installed at our June meeting, and we start our cycle again.

Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at the Valley Garden Center and you're all welcome. Call the Center for directions.

Ray Kary, Out-going President,

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SUN COUNTRY SHOW AWARDS

The following awards were given at the 1993 Spring Show held on April 9 and 10 at the Chris Town Shopping Center in Phoenix, Arizona:

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HORTICULTURE	Twenty-seven exhibiter	rs, 225 entries
Best		
Tall bearded	BOGOTA,	entered by Hall Bradshaw
Median	CHICKASAW SUE	entered by Hall Bradshaw
Louisiana	BAJAZZO ente	ered by Gary & Jan Meeker
Spuria	ELIXIR	entered by Larry Johnson
Arilbred	LAVENDER LEMON	entered by John Colmer
Seedling	#AY71A (Spu)	entered by Charles Jenkins
Collection	LA RONA (Louisianas)	Gary & Jan Meeker
Bulbous	ANGEL WHITE	entered by Brian Harrod
Best Specimen	BAJAZZO exhibi	ted by Garry & Jan Meeker
Silver Medal	Gary & Jab Meeker	
Bronze Medal	Hall Bradshaw	

	ARTISTIC DIVISION	Nine exh	ibiters, 24 entries		
	Best Design	"Evening Star" d	lesigned by Clemence Newcomb		
	Sweepstakes	Clemence Newcomb			
	YOUTH DIVISION	Two exh	ibiters, 5 entries		
	Best Horticulture	SPECULATOR	entered by Ben Bernhagen		
	Best Design	"Twinkle, Twinkle, L	ittle Star,"		
			designed by Michelle Barnaby		
VALL	EY CENTER SPRING FI	ESTIVAL	"People's Choice Awards"		
	First Place winners only				
	Tall Bearded	JESSE'S SONG,	Gloria Beatty, exhibitor		
	Median	WHOOP 'EM UP,	Gloria Beatty, exhibitor		
	Aril/Arilbred	JUDEAN JEWEL,	Larry Johnson, exhibitor		
	Spuria	IMPERIAL RUBY,	Kathy Norton, exhibitor		
	Louisiana	GENTLEMAN,	Carole Spiess, exhibitor		
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SPARKLE BERRY (TB)Michelle Barnaby, exhibitor

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Norm Allen enjoys a cool drink amidst an array of bloom.

INLAND IRIS SOCIETY

The 1993 Inland Iris Society Spring Show was held on April 17 and 18 at the Riverside Plaza, Riverside, California. Betty Cole did an outstanding job as show chairperson.

New officers for the year will be elected at the June 7 meeting, and will be installed at the July 6 meeting. The candidates are: Mike Monninger, President; Ollie Rust, 1st Vice President; Gail Edwards, 2nd Vice President; Shirley Plata, Recording Secretary; Grace Martin, Corresponding Secretary; John Reinschmidt, Treasurer; Betty Cole, Show Chairperson; and Joe Daugherty, Advisor.

On Monday evening, August 2, 1993, we will hold our high meeting for the year when members meet at Cal-Dixie Gardens for a catered dinner and our annual auction. The auction is brisk and a lot of fun, with each member getting good buys on the irises they take home.

The exact date for our annual fall sale will be announced later. It will be sometime in mid-September and will be held at Vons in Moreno Valley. Shirley Plata, Corresponding Secretary



INLAND SHOW AWARDS

HORTICULTURE DIVISION:

In the Horticulture Division, 20 exhibitors were responsible for 174 entries displaying 162 different cultivars or varieties. Ribbons were won for: **Best**

	Tall Bearded	LINGERING SPRING	entered by Marion Gould
	Louisiana	LILLI	entered by Mike Monninger
	Spuria	DESTINATION	entered by Mike Monninger
	Siberian	BLUE PENNANT	entered by Joe Daugherty
	Pacifica	IN THE MONEY	entered by Joe Daugherty
	Arilbred	TURKEY WHITE	entered by Joe Daugherty
	Species	I. douglisiana	entered by Joe Daugherty
	English Box	Black (Bearded)	entered by Elayne Loria
Queen	of Show	TURKEY WHITE	entered by Joe Daugherty
Silver	Medal	Joe Daugherty	
Bronze	Medal	Mike Monninger	

ARTISTIC DIVISION - Theme: "Around the World"

Thirty-two designs were entered the five design sections: "Alaska," "Australia," "Africa," "China," and "Hawaii,"

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Best of Show	"Africa"	designed by Gail Edwards
Sweepstakes	Gail Edwards with two b	lue ribbon winning designs
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REGION 15 CANDIDATES NOMINATED FOR ELECTION TO

Bill Rinehart
Herb Holk
Gail Barnhill
Cal Boswick

Submitted by the 1993 Nominating Committee: Chairman Pete DeSantis (SFVIS); Greta Dunnigan (TAIS); Sarah Holk (Inland); Lynn McIlwain (SCIS); and Jeanne Plank

<u>- FERENE FER</u>



Last fall, while enjoying the VIP "E-ticket-ride" around Descanso Gardens with Garden Superintendent Steve Cohen, Claire Barr, AIS President, and husband, Bill, stopped to inspect work going on in the iris garden where they were greeted by Descanso Iris Garden volunteers Bill and Barbara Bening, and their granddaughter Jessie Bening.

ORANGE COUNTY IRIS AND DAYLILY CLUB

Our membership continues to grow, and we have begun a "100 member" count down. In March, our guest speaker, Panavoti Kelaidis of the Denver Botanical Gardens, gave us a whirlwind tour of the genus iris, and on April 13, as part of our regular meeting, we held our annual iris mini-show, judged by Jim Puckett, Kenneth Mohr, and guest Jimmy Jones, and recorded by Jay Conklin. There were forty members and guests at the meeting, and twelve exhibitors brought forty-two tall bearded cultivars and one siberian. Queen of show was shared by REINCARNATION, grown by Lori Astin, and APACHE ROSE, grown by Winnie Conklin. EXOTIC STAR, grown by Winnie Conklin, won the Popularity Poll, and the Favorite Plicata award was shared by ACOMA, grown by Ralph Strane, and MODERN CLASSIC, grown by Marilyn Pecoraro. Jay Conklin spoke on iris judging and Nancy Webb showed slides of reblooming irises.

Several members joined the SCIS "Practice Trek" in April, and later in the month we participated for the eighth consecutive year in the University of California at Fullerton's annual "Green Scene" plant sale. We voted in May to expand our club library with more current books on iris and daylilies. We also voted to honor two club members with life memberships: Dian Brannen, who has been president once, vice president twice, and for eight years an active supporter of club goals; and Ben Hager, whose contributions to the iris and daylilly world are manifold and who has generously supported our club's procurement program and plant sales.

June begins "potluck" season, and in July we plan a meeting and tour of Rancho Los Alamitos Gardens, located on the last seven and one half acres of what was once the 300,000 acre Bixby Ranch in Long Beach. Member John Schoustra, who is Director of Horticulture at the gardens, arranged for and will conduct the tour.

Ruth Greiner, Secretary OCI&DC

#ATTENTION AIS JUDGES & JUDGES PROGRAM

TRAINEES All active judges accredited by the AIS are reminded to vote and mail their ballots to Bennett Jones before the July 1 deadline.

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Everyone in the judges program, including students and apprentices, * should receive activity reports by early June. If a report form is not received by June 15, please contact Bill Rinehart (see address and phone number inside front cover) for a replacement. DO NOT FORGET TO FILE YOUR ACTIVITY REPORT ON TIME.

SAN DIEGO/IMPERIAL COUNTIES IRIS SOCIETY

After the hectic pace of the iris season, irisarians ought to take time to reflect and review. What makes a good show? It's the sum total of all the parts. The workers who contribute their time and effort behind the scenes. The hosts who look after the judges and have an endless friendly greeting for the public. The exhibitors who muster the courage and energy to cut their stalks and prep them for display. The arrangers who worked tirelessly turning their myriad of materials into eye catching works of art. The judges, coming from far and wide, who pass their knowledge and award those cherished ribbons of (preferably) blue. The clerks who keep track of those little details that the rest of us want no part of. The hospitality group (and others) who provide too much, too good, food and service to sustain us all with home cooked and purchased goodies. And lastly, the iris, that graciously bloom and do their part for their ardent exhibitors. All I can offer is my heartfelt thanks - the real reward is in doing the deeds.

At the May meeting the slate of officers submitted by the nominating committee was presented and duly elected. The following newly elected officers (those marked with an * are returning incumbents) will be installed at the June Board of Directors meeting:

President	*Walter McNeel,	Vice President Bill Barr,
Secretary	*Dorothy Driscoll	,Treasurer *Dena Daugherty,

Walter McNeel, SD/ICIS President

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SD/ICIS SHOW AWARDS

HORTICULTURE DIVISION:

SD/ICIS held its 1993 Iris Show on April 17 and 18 at Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, San Diego. The Horticulture Division offered 205 entries from 27 exhibitors displaying 178 different cultivars or varieties. Ribbons were won for: B

Best Tall Bearded	GOLD CADILLAC	entered by Louise Newman			
Plicata		by Roberta Higginbottom			
Pink	VISION IN PINK	entered by Ruth Bryce			
Red	RED CUP entered	by Bob Brooks			
Yellow	GOLD CADDILLAC	entered by Louise Newman			
Louisiana	RAISON D'ETRE	entered by Bob Brooks			
Spuria	DAWN CANDLE	entered by Norm Allin			
Pacifica	RUNNING WILD	entered by Ellie Hubley			
Seedling	Jack Fitzgerald's seedling				
	entered by Rober				
Queen of Show	RAISON D'ETRE	entered by Bob Brooks			
Silver Medal	Bob Brooks				
Bronze Medal	Norm Allin				
ARTISTIC DIVISION: - Theme: "Sunrise to Sunset"					
Twenty-seven designs were entered in the Artistic Division's 4 Sections, 10 classes.					
Best of Show	"Sunning at the Beach"	designed by Dorothy Driscoll			
Best Novice	"Sunbeams Reflected"	designed by Clariece Gober			
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DESCANSO GABDENS

As April approached, the storage area planting rapidly turned into a sea of grass. The grasses were very happy. They grew with such speed and vigor that they easily got ahead of us, encouraged as they were by the abundance of rain water, and discouraged as we were by the resulting mud and unsuitable weeding conditions. Descanso Iris Garden volunteers began to fear that only tall, waving spikes of grass flowers would be seen instead of tall bearded iris flowers. Starting at the near-end of the garden, we worked diligently. None-the-less, by early April the grasses at the far end were waist high. D.I.G. Irisarians vowed not to be defeated, however, and when the Southern California Iris Society trek bus arrived at Descanso Gardens on April 18, the weeds in and among the iris plantings had been completely removed and the planted areas looked tidy.

The amount of bloom produced by the irises recently moved from the old garden was satisfactory, and bloom from the 1994 regional trek guest irises was excellent. That the irises from the old garden bloomed at all was remarkable, and reminded us once more that irises can be very forgiving. The quality of bloom for many cultivars was the best I had ever seen for that variety in our plantings, and for some the best I'd ever seen anywhere. Spuria irises gave an excellent performance, and median varieties that had never bloomed in the old area, produced bloom. Conclusion: the plants are happy in this new location. Of course, this is with good reason. Fresh soil, abundant water in a well drained, full sun location with no competing tree roots ... conditions like that leave little more to be desired.

Visitors inside the gardens proper could see contemporary iris cultivars in bloom in the plantings along the promenade. The percentage and the quality of bloom produced in these plantings was less impressive than the bloom in the storage area, but most visitors, unaware that more was available elsewhere, enjoyed what they saw.

D.I.G volunteers feel the Descanso iris plantings will be able to put on a good display for next year's trek.

All of us who work with D.I.G are saddened by the death of our dear friend and co-worker Anita Hannah. In a special area we will dedicate to Anita, a selection of irises donated by her family from her home garden will be planted with irises from the individual bed she chose to tend at Descanso as hers.

Jeanne Clay Plank, Curator, Descanso Iris Gardens

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REGION 15 SPRING AN	D FALL MEETING
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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

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San Diego	RAISON D'ETRE	'ETRE	Louisiana	Bob Brooks	Bob Brooks	Norm Allin	
SFVIS	SILVERADO	00	T. Bearded	Betty Squires	Pete DeSantis	Jean Bossier	
So. Calif	BANG		T. Bearded	Virginia Adams	ns Duncan Eader	Judith Mogil	
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IN MEMORIAM

Raymond Allen

On Saturday May 8, 1993 the horticultural community lost a very good friend, Dr. Ray Allen, who passed away suddenly at age 86. Born in Massachusetts, Dr. Allen grew up in the eastern part of the U.S. and developed such an interest in gardening that it became his life's work. He earned his Ph.D. in the field of plant physiology at Cornell University.

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Dr. Allen served as a director on The American Iris Society Board of Directors from 1964 through 1972 and as AIS National Test Garden Chairman from 1963 through 1969. In 1968, Dr. Allen was appointed chairman of a special committee to develop a plan which would allow fitting memorials to outstanding AIS personages. The efforts of the committee were aimed at the establishment of a tax-free iris foundation. The present American Iris Society Foundation owes its beginning to the work of this committee. From 1970 through 1979 Dr. Allen served as Chairman of the AIS Scientific Committee. In 1972 he was awarded The American Iris Society's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Medal. Dr. Allen was an Emeritus AIS judge. Dr. Allen and his late wife, Emily, retired to Tucson in 1976 where they became very active in many plant societies in the Tucson area. The Tucson Area Iris Society members were honored when he agreed to assist in judging its show this past April.

A noted writer, scholar, and editor, during his lifetime Dr. Allen received numerous major horticultural awards. His leadership in The American Rose Society, over many years and in many capacities, was world renowned.

Dr. Ray Allen was at all times a warm and happy friend and teacher to all who knew him. We at TAIS, perhaps a little more keenly than other parts of the iris world, shall miss him dearly and carry his lessons with us always.

Gail Barnhill, President TAIS

Anita Hannah 1918 - 1993

Anita Hannah was an active member of the San Fernando Valley Iris Society and served as its recording secretary during the last year of her life. Her beautiful home garden in Sepulveda, California, was included in at least two SFVIS annual spring treks. She shared the beauty and bounty of her garden without hesitation and was equally generous about offering and giving a helping hand.

Anita began working as a Descanso Iris Garden Volunteer in 1990, and was a member of The Descanso Gardens Guild. A dependable and tireless worker, Anita's dedication was such that even when her home garden was on trek for SFVIS, she gave several hours of work each week to the Descanso Iris Garden beds. She was ever a cheerful positive person of great energy, kindness, and generosity.

Anita was an enthusiastic traveler who enjoyed visiting countries all over the world. She died on Thursday, May 6, 1993 just as she returned to the US from China on what she knew was most likely to be her final trip abroad.

We at Descanso Iris Gardens and SFVIS will miss Anita greatly.

Jeanne Clay Plank, D.I. G. & S.F.V.L.S

AIS Region 15 - EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - April 30, May 1 1993 Ramada Inn, Palmdale, CA

Attending:

Bobbie Shepard, RVP Bill Rinchart, Ass't RVP & Judges Training Cal Bostwick, Treasurer & Hi-Desert IDS Hazel Carson, Secretary & SD/ICIS Jeanne Clay Plank, *Newsletter* Editor Ollie Rust, Youth Chairman Represented: Inland IS: Joe Daugherty Orange Co I & DC: Nathan Reed SFVIS: Tanya Lamoreaux So Cal IS: Jane Troutman Sun Co IS: Dixie Humphries Tueson IS: Gail Barnhill

RVP Bobbie Shepard called the meeting to order, welcomed and thanked all for coming. Assistant RVP Bill Rinehart moved and Tanya Lamoreaux seconded that the minutes of October 9, 1993 and January 16, 1993 be approved as printed in the Region 15 *Newsletter*. Motion carried. Jeanne Plank moved and Jane Troutman seconded that the Treasurer's report be accepted as printed in the *Newsletter*. Motion carried.

Cal Bostwick passed out the Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$9,182.87 in the general fund, and a balance of \$5,868.87 in the RVP fund as of 4/30/93. (See elsewhere in the *Newsletter* for the full Treasurer's report). Cal discussed the money invested in CDs. He reported being unable to find alternative ways to invest region fund account money that will be as safe as CDs and yet earn more interest. Bill Rinehart recommended putting CDs on a six month renewal schedule for flexibility. After a discussion, RVP Bobbie Shepard suggested that the CDs be kept on a three month schedule until after the election of the new officers. Bill Rinehart moved and Jeanne Plank seconded that the CDs be kept on three month renewal schedules. Motion carried.

Cal Bostwick reported on his investigations into Region 15's non-profit status. Jane Troutman moved and Gail Barnhill seconded that the Treasurer file for non-profit tax exemption for Region 15 and that the Board authorize payment of the required, one-time \$150 filing fee. Motion carried.

In response to a question asking why the Region maintains two separate accounts, RVP Shepard reminded Board members that when setting up the RVP Fund, Sun Country Iris Society had made it clear they wished the RVP funds to be kept separate from general funds.

Jeanne Plank handed out a form for reporting show results to the *Newsletter*, and she asked that each club fill out and return the reports to her quickly. The deadline for the next *Newsletter* has been set as May 15.

Jeanne Plank discussed the benefits of having a heavier cover on the Region 15 *Newsletter*. The last issue of the *Newsletter* cost \$525 for printing and mailing 500 copies. A heavier cover would cost more in postage. Jeanne stated that the region needs to consider alternatives to using first-class postage on the *Newsletter*. Bill Rinehart recommended that it be brought up for discussion at the January meeting. Nathan Reed volunteered to summarize postal rate information and report to the Board.

RVP Shepard reported that Region 15 has lost approximately 45 AIS memberships, most of which were of the single annual type. She felt that this kind of membership loss would decrease if triennial memberships increased, since a longer membership term lessens the chance to forget to renew.

RVP Bobbie Shepard stated that Jeanne Plank came in second in the nation for membership points in the national membership contest. Jeanne received a round of applause. RVP Shepard also reported that Jeanne Plank will become a voting member of the AIS Board of Directors in the fall.

Joe Daugherty reminded the clubs that show reports need to be filed. RVP Bobbie Shepard has not received show reports from the Inland Iris Society and SDICIS.

RVP Bobbie Shepard reported that the Wister Medal Fund is still in need of support in the way of donations. The fund has raised only one-half the money estimated for start-up costs for the medal.

A discussion was held about region auction iris. Irises will be available on and after July 17. Rhizomes will be shipped to club presidents, and will arrive in late July or early August

RVP Shepard reported she would bring before the general meeting the subject of an RVP pin, to be funded by the AIS, and given to honor RVPs on completion of their term in office AIS will not fund the pins for past RVPs, only current and future ones. RVP Shepard would like to see Region 15 honor its past RVPs by presenting each with one of the new RVP pins. Bill Rinehart moved and Jane Troutman seconded the Board approve funding the cost of the RVP pin for the six living past RVPs. Motion carried.

RVP Shepard reported that Paul Gossett, RVP from Region 22, will be the next voting RVP Representative on the AIS board.

Bill Rinehart reported that the fall meeting would be hosted by the San Fernando Valley Iris Society October 8 and 9, 1993 at the Airtel Hotel in Van Nuys, California. More complete details will be published in the Region 15 *Newsletter*.

Meeting Adjourned.

AIS Region 15 - GENERAL MEETING - April 30, May 1, 1993 Ramada Inn, Palmdale, CA

RVP Bobbie Shepard opened the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as printed in the Region 15 *Newsletter*.

Cal Bostwick reported that as of April 30, 1993, the General Fund had a balance of \$9,182.87 and the RVP Fund had a balance of \$5,868.87.

Cal Bostwick hopes we have good sales on auction iris to help meet yearly expenses. He recommended we file the necessary papers and pay the one time filing fee of \$150 to obtain federal tax exemption status.

Bill Rinehart reported that this year 12 1/2 hours of judges training have been offered in Region 15. He asked past judges to stand and be recognized, and then named and honored the 13 active judges, 28 garden judges, 1 apprentice judge and 28 student judges. Bill reminded judges that activity reports are due in June, and reminded everyone to vote their symposium ballots and to send them to Bobbie Shepard before the deadline. RVP Bobbie Shepard reminded judges that Region 15 has lost several judges in the past because they failed to mail in their official ballots as required. She reminded Active Masters that to keep their active status, they need (a) to receive three hours of training over a three year period, (b) to complete and send in an activity report, and (c) to vote their judges ballot annually.

Jeanne Plank needs reports from every club for the *Newsletter*. RVP Shepard reported that Jeanne Plank came in 2nd in the nation in the AIS Membership contest; also, that Jeanne has been nominated to become a Director on the AIS Board of Directors.

RVP Shepard reported on her trip to the AIS Convention in Ft. Worth, which 472 people attended. She stated that the Wister Medal Fund is still in need of donations to reach the amount needed for the start-up costs for this new AIS award medal.

RVP Shepard mentioned that the income from the Region 15 iris auctions is needed more than ever now, because low interest rates are providing poor income to the Region from interest bearing accounts

RVP Shepard reported on a new pin for RVPs. The AIS has agreed to pay the \$300

start-up cost and to present a pin to each current and future RVP when leaving office. The cost of a pin is expected to be approximately \$20. RVP Shepard felt that past RVPs should receive them also. Pins for our past RVPs would be paid for out of Region funds. Pete DeSantis moved and Judy Mogil seconded that Region 15 present each past RVP from Region 15 with a pin. Motion carried.

RVP Shepard announced that the 1997 AIS Convention will be in Detroit, Michigan. She also announced that the 1949 and 1959 Check Lists are being reprinted and will soon be available.

Claire Barr, AIS President, reported that the Board is considering the proposals it has received for the AIS library, and looking at potential sites, but that at present, no decision has been reached. RVP Bobbie Shepard spoke about the advantages such a library will provide. Donations are being sought for the Library Fund.

Bill Rinehart reported that the San Fernando Valley Iris Society will host the fall meeting on October 8 and 9 at the Airtel Hotel in Van Nuys.

RVP Bobbie Shepard adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted, Hazel E. Carson, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT - AIS REGION 15 Balance Sheet as of April 30, 1993

BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1	1/93		\$10,067.51
RECEIPTS			
Interest on Region CD			\$65.36
TOTAL RECEIPTS plus BAI	LANCE		\$10,132.87
DISBURSEMENTS			
RVP Travel		\$ 350.00	
Trophies for trek		100.00	
Spring trek assistance		500.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			\$950.00
BALANCE 4/30/93			\$9,182.87
Checking account	t \$4,038.73		
Region CD	5,144.14		
	\$9,182.87		

AIS REGION 15 RVP FUND ACCOUNT BALANCE SHEET

1/1/93	BEGINNING BALANCE	\$6,530.59
Intere	est income	38.28
	TOTAL INCOME and BALANCE	\$6,568.87
RVP	Expenses for travel	700.00
4/30/93	FUND BALANCE	\$5,868.87

Respectfully submitted,

Cal Bostwick, Treasurer

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Standing in front of a planting of bamboo, garden hosts Ralph and Flo Doull greet trekkers.



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Pat and Earland Girl - hosts of one of the six gardens on the 1993 Spring Trek.



Admiring the contrast between the picturesque arid landscape and luscious iris flowers at Anita Condon's garden.

REGION 15 IRIS FOR AUCTION - 1993

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

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

➡ Hi-Desert will begin digging region auction irises after July 15,1993. Because the Club is not equipped to do customized shipping, all irises will be boxed and shipped at the same time. Shipment will begin with San Diego, whose July auction meeting date requires the earlist delivery date. All other shipments will arrive in late July, early August.

➡ Those who receive the shipments are cautioned to open the box as soon as it arrives. If out of town during a time when the shipment may arrive, please make arrangements to have someone check daily for possible delivery. Please store the rhizomes in an shaded, airy location until the auction; or, if the auction date is several weeks to a month away, consider potting them in one gallon pots, or heeling in the rhizomes in a section of your home garden until then. Careful attention at delivery time will produce better results at auction time.

➡ Region auction irises will be sent to club presidents. If there is a need to make other arrangements, please call Cal Bostwick, (805) 947-4832.



RIS REGION 15 NEWSLETTER

Jeanne Clay Plank 8426 Vinevalley Drive Sun Valley, CA 91352





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