

AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY

REGION 15

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA - ARIZONA

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NEWSLETTER

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Bill Rinehart

Irisarians in the San Fernando Valley have deservedly been called "Shakers and Movers"¹ Your Region 15 Executive Committee met in "the Valley" on January 15 to begin service to you in 1994. Within 48 hours of that energy-charged meeting, Southern California and Region 15 were dealt a future which at this point in time could not be anticipated. While I am not suggesting that "the Board" is responsible for the Northridge Quake, I will suggest that they slow down a little 'til we get our feet securely under us.

I have been challenged, as many active members have, to justify membership in AIS.

"Why should I join the American Iris Society? What's in it for me?" And those who question are even more skeptical about the returns from participation at the region level. Have you heard such comments? Have you expressed them?

I believe that there are convincing arguments, positive answers which can change the negative climate in which this attitude is spawned. I pray that I can articulate these responses in words acceptable to the open-minded among you. Starting with this moment, and with every newsletter and region meeting of my tenure, I am going to try. (Elsewhere in this issue, find an outline of the Benefits of AIS Membership distributed to the members of a local group who were questioning their affiliation)

No "the Board" had nothing to do with the "shake, shake, shake" as my Granddaughter describes the phenomena, but "the Board" and irisarians, just like them, underscored by countless selfless acts, are the most important reason that I belong to the AIS and have agreed to pay some of my debt to you by agreeing to serve as your RVP.

I grew irises for 25 years before I discovered that there was an AIS affiliate in Southern California. Bobee and I visited an arts and crafts show. To our surprise, local irisarians were selling rhizomes. I don't remember that we bought cultivars, we had never had a problem finding sources for these. What we "bought into" was a community of friendly people.

Irisarians are one of our strongest support groups. After the temblor, it was next to impossible to capture a phone line into the quake area. It took amazing persistence or unbelievable luck to reach any of us in the San Fernando Valley. Yet, many of you tried, a few succeeded initially and we are still receiving expressions of your concern. We received multiple offers

¹If you think that I have mistakenly reversed the terms shakers and movers you obviously weren't home on Jan. 17th

to "move in with us", offers to bring water, diapers for our grandson, offers of dishes and glassware to replace our losses. One of you contacted our son and family in Reno, Nevada, because we could not establish a contact with them.

Yes, there is a price for these benefits. Among the costs may be the reasonable AIS and local dues, your presence at local meetings and AIS functions, a willingness to pitch in, the effort to introduce yourself, to extend greetings and exchange smiles. These, not rhizomes, are the real currency of our fellowship.

The love of iris is the common denominator, the starting point in the relationship. Pay the total price tag above to receive the maximum bargain.

GROW IRIS, BUT CULTIVATE FRIENDS.

Bill Rhinehart

FREE FREE FREE

The Inland Iris Society

Presents

"A Day with the Iris"

at Cal Dixie Iris Gardens, Riverside, Ca

April 9, 1994

From 8:30 to 11:30am join Carolyn Hawkins (Gainesville, Georgia) as she provides you with 3 hours of Iris Arranging Tips and Techniques. *This may help you win that blue ribbon at your spring show.* For more information about Carol read her article "Arranger's Corner" in the Jan. issue of the AIS Bulletin

Lunch will be catered by the Inland Iris Societies outstanding Chef's

Following lunch Herb Holk and Bill Rhinehart will provide 3 hours of Bench and Garden Judges Training. Bring your Judges Training Books. (Note: Students will be tested)

For Reservations call: **Ollie Rust (909) 883-6853**
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Region 15 1994 Annual Budget

Estimated Income (1994)	
Iris Auctions	\$2,500.00
Interest Income	125.00
Transfer from Invested Income	1,375.00
Total	\$4,000.00
Proposed Expenditures	
RVP Medals	\$150.00
Newsletter	1,800.00
Spring Meeting	500.00
Fall Meeting	500.00
R.V.P. Expenses	350.00
Judges Training	100.00
Misc. Expenses	100.00
Total	\$3,500.00

Among actions taken by the AIS Board at the Nov 5-6, 1993 meeting were:

The election of REGION 15's Jeanne Clay Plank as a member of the Executive Board and as Secretary of the AIS

The acceptance of Oklahoma City as the host for the 1999 Spring Meeting.

The schedule through 1999:

'94 Portland, OR	'95 York, PA
'96 Sacramento, CA	'97 Detroit, MI
'98 Colorado	'99 Oklahoma City, OK

The approval of Dresden, TN as the site for the AIS Library.

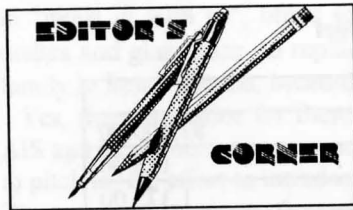
The decision to print pictures of medal winners (in color) in the October issue of the bulletin.

Announced that JESSE'S SONG won the Nelson Medal with 7 best specimen awards.

The restoration of the eligibility for AIS awards to all irises first introduced in the United States or Canada regardless of origin.

Welcome New Members

Lori Astin	2211 Topaz Avenue	La Habra, CA 90631
John Baker	4545 N. Caminito Pais	Tucson, AZ 85718
Norma Barnes	1300 West Point Dr	Bakersfield, CA 93305
Beatrice Beck	Rancho Santa Ana Bot.Gdn.Lib	Claremont, CA 91711



When Bill Rinehart called to ask if I would consider accepting the position of editor I hesitated just a moment, but said yes anyway. I have only been seriously interested in irises for 3 years. However, those have been three very rewarding years. Not so much cultivating iris, that can be very unrewarding at times, but

because of the friendships Nita and I have developed with the members of the Inland Iris Society.

People who are truly involved with irises, or flowers in general are different. They care about what is going on around them, they care about people, they care about this planet we inhabit; and during this time of polluted air and waterways, devastation of our forests, and global warming (try and convince the folks back east of that!), we need people who care and who try in their own small worlds to make a difference.

I also have to assume, through my short association with people like Bill and Bobee Rinehart, Pete De Santis and my first Region 15 Board Meeting, (you remember that meeting that caused the "earth to move") that Irisarians are the same the world over. THEY CARE!

So why should you care about belonging to AIS. Bill listed all the tangible things you get for your \$12.50 annual dues, but he left out a very important reason to support the AIS. Without your support there would be no AIS. You shouldn't even ask "what's in it for me" because you cannot measure the intangible things you receive from AIS, whether you are a member or not.

A very good example is what AIS members Herb and Sara Holk, Jim & Sharon Pucket and Mary Ann Spurlock provided the world on New Year's Day. If you watched the Rose Parade, as millions across the world did, you saw a float called the "Victorian Gardens". On the corners of that float were large vases of fresh irises provided by those listed above. Without the AIS Network that would not have happened. So don't ask "what's in it for me", because the more important intangible benefits of AIS membership cannot be listed, however, they out weigh the tangible benefits one-hundred fold. You really do get your moneys worth with AIS.

Enough of the Soap Box! As editor of your newsletter I am dependent on your input, and I have found very quickly that I need a lot more information than my short relationship with irises can provide. I would like to add some humor and tips to the newsletter but being a novice I have to rely on you for that. If you have a humorous anecdote about iris or Irisarians, especially Region 15 Irisarians, or tips for gardening, please send them to me. I especially need 2-3 line items for filler. All submissions should be in good taste and the individual providing the information will get the by-line (I don't want someone punching me in the nose for what you said about them).

If after reading this edition you have some suggestions or criticism on making this a better newsletter, please let me know. Together we can makethis an excellent communication tool for the AIS.

- Jim Giles



Mike Monniger, President

The Inland Iris Society's Fall iris rhizome sale was a great success, even changing locations three weeks before the sale did not hinder our customers. In fact, only 30 rhizomes were left out of the 2,000 or so that we began with! All the members who

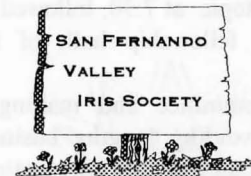
worked on the sale are very proud of this accomplishment.

Mr. Perry Dyer gave a fantastic presentation on Louisiana iris at the November meeting. Several new Louisiana iris enthusiasts are anticipated as a result of his great slides and descriptions. At least one member exclaimed that their old LA's would be replaced with new varieties. Just a side note: if you plan on having Perry speak at your meeting, plan some extra time, because he has a lot to tell and he loves to share it with iris lover's.

The annual Christmas Party was well organized, as usual, by Grace Martin and lots of camaraderie was had by all. Herb and Sara Holk provided a spuria or a Louisiana iris as a present to those attending the party. Very generous people, those Holk's. These should begin appearing at spring shows in 2 to 3 years.

The January meeting confirmed that everyone overate during the holidays. Alan Ensminger gave a nice presentation describing his 40 years of hybridizing tall and median bearded iris.

Our Spring show will be at the Redlands Mall, Redlands CA on April 16-17. This year there will be several special awards for tall bearded iris to increase exhibitor's interest.



Peggy Carpenter, President

The S.F.V.I.S. holds membership meetings twelve months a year, so to pick up where we left off last fall... In the month of Nov., Charles Jenkins gave us both an informative and a beautiful slide program

on Spurias.

December was a dinner pot luck party with professional entertainment by the Goode Time Singers and our own Mary Ann Spurlock. A great time was had by over ninety people in attendance.

The President of the Southern California Iris Society, Jane Troutman, gave our January meeting a terrific new year beginning by sharing her Spring garden tour titled "To Palmdale, Sacramento and Back".

February will welcome Joe Ghio with a program on PCN's and March will feature Bill Maryott instructing us on "How to Prepare iris for the Show Bench".

A show at the Northridge Fashion Mall is planned for April 15, 16, and 17 and our members always have a fun Garden Trek every year. Busy, busy, and to top it all off we will all meet in Portland.

Orange County
Iris & Daylily
Club



Nathan Reed - President

OCIDC enters a new year with most of the members of last year's board still present. Nathan Reed is serving as Pres., Jay Conklin, Mary Stump, and John Schoustra are serving as VPs; Roberta Redd is corresponding secretary; Herman Ulrich - Treasurer; and Lori Astin is recording secretary. Jay and Lori are new board members. Ruth Greiner stepped down from the recording

secretary. Thank you Ruth for a job well done.

The December meeting was our annual Christmas dinner and gift exchange. It was well attended and the gift exchange got a little crazy. The January meeting featured VP John Schoustra speaking on the All-American Daylily selection committee. John is a member of the committee and gave us an inside view of the selection process and its complexity.

February featured Jimmy Jones speaking on Japanese gardens. March features Robert Calvert from the CSU Fullerton on garden preparation. The April 12 meeting will be a discussion on show preparation and how to present a winning Iris stalk, which will be led by Jay Conklin. May 10 will be a non-sanctioned show, giving everyone a chance to show their favored irises. June 14 features a talk on daylilies. The July meeting is tentatively 1 of 2 summer potlucks held at a member's home. Details are forthcoming.

All meetings start at 7:00 p.m. with social time, the main topic at 7:30, followed by the business meeting. The meetings are held in the fellowship hall, of the Presbyterian Church on Euclid Street in Garden Grove.

We continue to emphasize dealing with issues in committee and making a presentation to the membership when necessary; thus avoiding lengthy business meetings. This has allowed our members to interact at a social level during meetings and allows for shortened and smoother business meetings.

OCIDC is at work preparing for the Fall meeting '94. The Holiday Inn in Irvine has been selected as the meeting facility. The meeting will be 12 - 13 Oct. Activities will include; judges training, board meeting on Sat. Sunday there will be another judges training session and the general meeting. The weekend will officially close with brunch and a talk given by John Weiler. More information will follow throughout the year. But mark your calendar now. Hope to see you there!

Our major fund-raiser is fast approaching. The CSU Fullerton arboretum is hosting an event called "GreenScene". Vendors, societies, and clubs come to sell plants or materials for 2 days. This year the sale will be held on 23-24 April at 10:00 a.m. OCIDC will be near the entrance selling irises, daylilies, and other sundried items. Come down and check it out.

A note of interest: on April 9th the Santa Ana and Tustin Area Historical Societies will hold a joint garden and home tour from 10 - 5 p.m. The tickets are \$7.00. For information call Nathan or Roberta Reed (714) 953-1876.



Anita Condon, President

After the Region 15 Spring Trek, we took stock of the situation. The feeling of most of our members was "not too bad, thank goodness".

To all of our members who gave so much of their energy and time a heartfelt "Thank You". A word of thanks also to Bill Rineheart for organizing and conducting our auction.

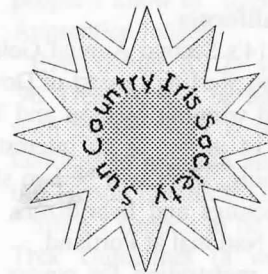
"Thank You" to Cal and Anna Mae Bostwick for their labor in handling the guest iris. This was truly a labor intensive job.

In June we had a non-sanctioned daylily show so our members could show off their specimens. We are just now getting on board with daylilies.

For the coming year, we will be concentrating on recruiting new members for both our group and AIS members.

Currently we are finalizing plans for our Spring Iris Show and drooling over our iris catalogs.

Spring is coming and we are ready for it. It should be an interesting year.



Dimetra Abbit Cecil, President

Sun country members have been very busy promoting iris. After a lot of shuffling of times the members were finally able to plant some wonderful iris beds at our Phoenix Zoo. This will give iris and Sun Country good visibility. A wide assortment, including new and older varieties were planted.

We also took part in the Maricopa Home and Garden Show. For a first time endeavor we sold a fair amount of potted iris and spread the word that iris can be grown in the desert.

Onward and upward! We are also taking part in Garden Club Fair Day, March 19th. On March 27th we have an Early Iris Exhibit. April 9th and 10th we have our SCIS-AIS spring Show.



Jane Troutman, President

It's full steam ahead now as we've made the turn and are heading down the track towards April in L.A., the Region 15 Spring Meeting and Garden Tour.

I can hardly wait to see the gardens in full bloom--over 600 *Brand New Iris* will be blooming for us ('m a positive thinker!)

And then there'll be thousands of others in bloom. We'll have a Tram Tour of Descanso Gardens with a view of the brand new international Rose Garden on the way from one Iris Garden to the "New" Iris Garden. Lunch will be at an old California Rancho and we'll visit two home gardens and one commercial garden. It's hard to think about anything else!

We sold Iris Rhizomes at Descanso gardens and at the L.A. Arboretum. Our members Remontant Iris graced the "Victorian Garden" Float in the Rose Parade and were displayed at the Glendale Beautiful all day Seminar in January.

We had a fun Holiday Party and a Valentine Party as well, so all work and no play doesn't describe our regime. We're saving our energy for the April Show at the Los Angeles Arboretum on the 9th and 10th and for hosting the Regional on April 22, 23, 24. Please see the insert and fill it out and return immediately! You'll be glad you did.

Golden State Judge's Training Seminar

with Sterling Innerst

Saturday, June 18, 1994, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Emma Prusch Memorial Park,

647 South King Road, San Jose, California

Earn up to 5 hours of judge's training credit at Region 14's Second Annual Golden State Judge's Training Seminar. The chief presenter will be Sterling Innerst of Dover, Pa. Mr. Innerst not only is the hybridizer of many award winning Median and Tall Bearded irises, but is strongly recommended by Region 14 judges as an interesting and informative teacher. In addition to the judge's training, there will be two slide presentations: one featuring irises from Region 14 meetings and hybridizers, the second presentation will include slides from the 1994 AIS National at Portland.

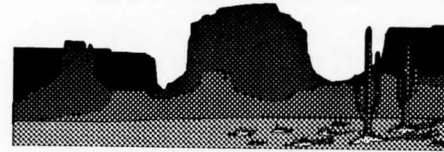
This seminar is subsidized by Region 14; the \$20.00 registration fee covers the continental breakfast, lunch, refreshments and, in part, the expense of bringing Mr. Innerst to California. Prusch Park is located at the 101 and 280 Interchange in San Jose with easy access to both freeways. You do not have to be a judge to participate. To register, make checks payable to Region 14 AIS and mail to

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Campbell, California 95009-0972

TUCSON AREA IRIS SOCIETY



*Gail Barnhill,
President*

Well, for our annual sale September 11-12, we did **NOT** have "a dry heat". For the first

time in club memory - we got rained out!! However, due to the excellent diction of our Sale Chair, Greta Dunningan and her diligent committee members, our expenses were *WAY* lower than budgeted so we still did very well.

Our Region Iris Auction was well supported by our members again this year. We hold this in conjunction with our Annual Potluck and also distribute new introduction iris free to members via a drawing. Members are required to return at least 2 increases to the club in the following two years, which are then auctioned off and the proceeds support the "giveaway" program the following year.

At our last General meeting of the year in October, we had what has become our "traditional" Seed & Plant Exchange. In October, of course this does not include iris - but just about every kind of seed and some seedlings of other things we love to grow here. It's a "bring what you have and take what you want" affair whether or not you even bring anything!

As an end-of-the-year "special" the Sun country Iris Society and TAIS jointly sponsored a judges training meeting at the half-way point between both cities. We were treated to a VERY good 3 hour session by Bobbie Shepard on "Show Bench Judging & Ethics". That class put at least two people I know of "over the top" of required hours to move on to become Apprentice Judges.

Even though it's 2+ years away we are diligently working on the Spring '96 Trek we will be hosting. One of the things we're currently involved with for the Trek is working in conjunction with the Tucson Botanical Gardens to redesign and replant the iris beds there as we hope to include the Tucson Botanical Gardens on the tour of the Spring '96 Trek.

Since I happen to be a "compulsive" type, after finishing the Region 15 Trek Guidelines (a wonderful learning experience - especially facing hosting a Trek in '96), my fingers ran away with themselves and with input from other TAIS members we now have a complete job description of each and every job that TAIS needs done through out the year. We are, of course, now expecting just droves of volunteers for these jobs....

And so it begins again...another "gloriris" Spring is just around the corner! Uh, Bobbie, can I borrow your April calendar that has 35 days?

APRIL IN LA

1994 Region 15 Spring Meeting and Garden Tour

Hosted by The Southern California Iris Society
April 22, 23, 24

Where: Burbank Hilton Hotel, 2500 Hollywood Way, Burbank, CA 91505
Room Rate: \$65.00 + Tax (per day) Parking: \$3.00
Make Reservations by calling (818) 843-6000
(Make sure you mention you are with the Southern Calif Iris Society for the special Room Rate.)

Trek Registration: \$65.00 if postmarked by 1 April - \$75.00 if postmarked after 1 April
Garden Tour Only: \$40.00 (includes lunch)
Dinner Only: \$35.00

Schedule of Events

Friday

Morning: Pre-convention trip by private car to Robinson Gardens, Beverly Hills.
Share cost with others attending.

3:00 p.m. Registration Opens
Boutique Opens

4:00 p.m. Executive Board Meeting

Dinner: On Your Own

6:00 p.m. Region 15 General Meeting

7:30 p.m. Judges Training -- Ardi Kari: Arils

Saturday

7:00-8:00 a.m. Coffe & Tea

8:30 a.m. Bus Tour to Descanso Gardens (Tram included) and The Sherman Garden

9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast at these gardens

12:00 p.m. Lunch at Rancho Cordillera del Norte, Northridge

Afternoon: Dessert served at Rinehart and Spurlock Gardens (Return by 4:30 p.m.)

6:00 p.m. Social Hour

7:00 p.m. Region 15 Banquet - Guest speaker: Keith Kepple.

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Judges Training by Keith Kepple: Medians

10:00 a.m. Open Gardens

AIS Region 15
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
15 Jan 1994

Attending:

Bill Rinehart, RVP
Herb Holk, Asst RVP/Judges Train.
Cal Bostwick, Treasurer
Gail Barnhill, Sec./Tucson Area IS
Jim Giles, Newsletter Ed.

Pete DeSantis, Nominating/Exhibits
Bobbie Shepard, Membership/Sun Co IS
Sara Holk, Circulation
Nancy Webb, Youth
Anita Condon, Hi-Desert IDS

Nathan Reed, Orange Co IDC
Peggy Carpenter, SFVIS
Mike Monniger, Inland IS
Walter McNeel, San Diego-Imperial IDS
Jane Troutman, So. Cal IS

RVP Rinehart called the meeting to order at 9:30 am, welcomed and thanked all for coming. Attendees were paired off to "interview" each other and then asked to "introduce their partners from what they learned.

RVP Rinehart stressed his goals for the coming year of teamwork and democracy and the desire to conduct Region business by Committee. He noted that as Chairman, he will only vote to break ties. He then distributed a list of Region 15 Elected Officers, Appointed "Chairmen and Affiliate Presidents. (See front cover)

A copy of Region 15 Bylaws was distributed and RVP Rinehart asked everyone to review them later to see if we need to update our standing rules.

Individual Club Representatives gave reports of past and upcoming activities of their groups. RVP Rinehart asked everyone present to update their AIS calendars as events were announced.

Clubs were encouraged to include all other Club Presidents, Newsletter Editors, and Region Newsletter Editors on their newsletter mailing lists.

Minutes of Oct 8th Exec Meeting were read, Bostwick Moved and DeSantis Seconded that they be approved as read. Motion carried. Minutes of the Exec and General Meetings of the 8-9 Oct 93 were read, Holk Moved and Monniger Seconded they be approved as read. Motion carried.

The RVP noted that our Region Iris expenses were doubled as one Club requested funds early. Clubs are encouraged to request these funds in a more timely manner to avoid this "doubling" in the future.

Treasurer Bostwick also noted that a Fred Harris of the IRS told him in a telephone conversation on Nov 19, 93, that he felt since AIS is tax exempt and that we are part of the National organization, we are no longer required to file.

RVP Rinehart announce that a new region Committee position had been created for Awards at Treks. This will be Chaired by Jim Jones. RVP Rinehart suggested that Region 15 solicit donations for one of the awards we give at Spring Treks in honor of a Region 15 hybridizer. Troutman so Moved, Monniger Seconded. Motion carried. RVP Rinehart noted that since no Best Seedling by Region 15 Hybridizer was awarded at the last Spring Trek, we still have this available for the coming Spring Trek, thereby eliminating any award expenditures for this year.

In response to RVP Rinehart's query as to whether the Clubs would be interested in a seminar to share ideas for and ways of holding shows there was a consensus that perhaps such a session should be held at the Fall Trek.

On behalf of Judges training Chair Holk, RVP Rinehart distributed lists of Region 15 Certified Judges and Student Judges. He also distributed copies of responsibilities and duties for Apprentice Judges and Show Clerks. He urged Clubs to allow any Students they have to be Clerks at a show. He also encouraged Clubs to invite Region 15 Apprentices to work with the Judges at their shows, but noted that those Judges should be asked if they are willing to tutor those Apprentices first.

Membership Chair Shepard asked that all clubs include her on their newsletter mailings so that she can update her records when new members are announced. Two lists were distributed to Club Presidents : one, of their delinquent Club AIS members; and one, of non club-affiliated delinquent AIS members. The Club Presidents were urged to contact these people to attempt to encourage them to continue their AIS membership and , if not club members to join a local Club.

Membership Chair Shepard also proposed that Region 15 hold an AIS Membership Contest, similar to the one run by AIS. Barnhill Moved and DeSantis Seconded that Membership Chair Shepard design such a contest and implement it.

RVP Rinehart noted that the Newsletter job had been divided into two parts. The composition, layout and printing will be done by Newsletter Editor Giles, and the bulk mailing by Circulation Editor Sara Holk.

Newsletter Editor Giles asked for input as to when deadlines and publishing should occur. The consensus was: Feb 1 for Mar 1 distribution; May 1 for June 1 distribution; and Aug 1 for Sept 1 distribution. Editor Giles stressed the importance of prompt reporting to him of show and sale results as well as President's Reports. He further noted that he could accept information in Word Perfect, ASCII or Word for Windows formats on computer disks as well as pre-printed if so desired. After a short discussion regarding solicitation of paid ads in the Region Bulletin, Barnhill Moved and Troutman Seconded that this be allowed. Motion carried. Circulation Editor Holk will be responsible for solicitation of Ads. Circulation Editor Holk noted that we will be able to save money now that we have a bulk mail permit as the maximum cost of any mailing should not exceed \$125. She requested that Clubs send her updated membership Lists so that she can make mailing labels.

Youth Chair Webb noted we have a very limited number of youth members currently, but she is not aware of who they are in each club and asked Presidents to send her this information.

It was voted at the last Exec and General Meetings that Region 15 would purchase the pins for former Past RVP's who are still living. As the immediate past RVP, Bobbie Shepard will automatically receive the new Past RVP pin from AIS. RVP Rinehart asked for and received confirmation that those Past RVP's are as follows: Bob Brooks, Archie Owen, Lavern Conrad, Janice Chesnik, Eleanor McCown, Ralph Strane. Shepard will now order these pins for \$25 each from Region Funds. A consensus was reached that we would like to present these pins at the Spring Trek if possible.

RVP Rinehart adjourned the meeting at 3:25 PM.

AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY CONVENTION
MAY 21-25, 1994

MEETING AGENDA

Friday, May 20, 1994
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm Registration/Information N. Ballroom Foyer

Saturday, May 21, 1994
9:00 am - 4:00 pm Optional tour to Oregon Coast Lobby
10:00 am - 5:00 pm Registration/Information N. Ballroom Foyer

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm AIS Board of Directors Pavilion
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Society for Japanese Iris Board Forum
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Dwarf Iris Society Board Council
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Siberian Board Forum
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Median Iris Society Board Council
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm HIPS Board Forum
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reblooming Iris Society Board Council
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Region 13 Board Parlor A
8:00 pm - 9:00 pm Bus Captains Forum
8:00 pm - 9:00 pm AIS Section Representatives Council
8:00 pm - 9:00 pm AIS Regional Vice Presidents Parlor B/C
8:00 pm - 10:00 pm AIS Judges' Training Chairmen Parlor B/C
9:00 pm - 10:00 pm AIS Foundation Forum
9:00 pm - 10:00 pm Aril Iris Society Board Parlor A

Sunday, May 22, 1994
8:00 am - 5:30 pm Registration/Information N. Ballroom Foyer
9:00 am - 3:00 pm Optional tour - Columbia River Gorge Lobby
8:00 am - 5:00 pm AIS Board of Directors Pavilion
8:00 am - 9:00 am Society for LA Iris Meeting & Program Galleries
9:00 am - 10:00 am SIGNA Meeting and Program Rose Ballroom
10:00 am - 11:00 am Aril IS International Meeting & Program Galleries
11:00 am - 12:00 pm Society for JI Iris Meeting and Program Rose Ballroom
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Reblooming IS Meeting & Program Galleries
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Dwarf Iris Society Meeting & Program Rose Ballroom
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Siberian IS Meeting & Program Galleries
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Spuria Iris Society Meeting & Program Rose Ballroom
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Youth Reception Parlor C
6:00 pm No Host Reception & Welcome Banquet Grand Ballroom

Monday, May 23, 1994
6:am - 7:00 am Registration/Information N. Ballroom Foyer
6:30 am - 7:00 am Buses Load Salmon, Broadway, Taylor
7:00 am - 4:30 pm Garden Tours
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Dinner On Your Own
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Registration/Information N. Ballroom Foyer
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Judges' Training - TB Iris Rose Ballroom
7:15 pm - 9:15 pm Judges' Training - Species Pavilion
7:30 pm - 9:30 pm Judges' Training - SDBs Gallerias

Tuesday, May 24, 1994
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5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Dinner On Your Own
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Registration/Information N. Ballroom Foyer
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm PCI Society Meeting & Program Rose Ballroom
8:00 pm - 9:00 pm Median IS Meeting & Program Gallerias
9:00 pm - 10:00 pm HIPS Meeting & Program Rose Ballroom
9:00 pm - 10:00 pm Past and Present Convention Chairs Forum

Wednesday, May 25, 1994
6:30 am - 7:00 am Buses Load Salmon, Broadway, Taylor
7:00 am - 4:30 pm Garden Tours
5:00 pm Ballot Deadline N. Ballroom Foyer
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm No Host Reception Foyer
7:30 pm Awards Banquet Grand Ballroom

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Pollen Daubers Enhance Spring Trek

In order to encourage hybridizing in the region, one of the features of the 1994 Region 15 Spring Trek is an increased effort to include as many cultivars as possible from Region 15 hybridizers among the guests.

The following members of our region have graciously submitted seedlings for our enjoyment and evaluation: Peggy Carpenter, Joe Daugherty, Peter De Santis, Bernard Hamner, Herb Holk, Emil Kuchta, Dick McCullough, Ken Mohr, Gerry Moorehead, George Sherman, and Betty Squires.

All of these seedlings have been grouped together at Rancho de las Flores for your consideration. A special award is being developed to be presented to the hybridizer of the cultivar you determine to be most deserving.

While this first effort was aimed at the hybridizers of TBs, it will be opened to other classes next year.

We intend that this is just the beginning and that some of you regional pollen daubers who were reluctant to participate or those whose efforts in this arena are unknown to us, will offer rhizomes to Inland and Tucson for '95 and '96.

Student Judges -----Region 15 93/94

Gail Barnhill	Theresa Huffman
Dr. Paul Bessey	Myrleen Hunt
Janet Bow	B. Charles Jenkins
Thomas Brown	Melanie Kutz
Betty Cole	Elayne Loria
Ron Conway-Smith	Walter McNeel
Shanti Conway-Smith	Virginia Mertz
Sally Cooperman	Elaine Monniger
Ladonna Cypret	Mike Monniger
Greta Dunnigan	Jerry Moorhead
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Marion Gould	Ollie Rust
D. D. Herman-Walker	Gerald Snyder
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Hayden Huffman	

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Emily McCann	33600 Calimesa Blvd, Sp#172	Yucaipa, CA 92399

Judges Training

There is cause for excitement when assessing the judges program in Region 15.

Five of those in the training program have been advanced to the next class. Congratulations are due: Debbie Humphreys for her appointment as a Master Judge; Jane Troutman became a Garden Judge as of Jan. 1st; and we have 3 very knowledgeable new apprentices in Peggy Carpenter, Marjorie Larson and Georgia Gudykunst.

Twelve new students in 1993 brought the total in this class to twenty-nine. Many of these have earned enough hours that they could finish their requirements in '94. This reality would be cause for extreme satisfaction and pardonable pride in the region. Check the list of students appearing elsewhere in this issue. The strong possibility that an unprecedented number of these will become apprentices will become stronger with the encouragement, and assistance of all members and the judges in particular. We can all help to make it happen.

Certified Judges of the AIS 93/94 REGION 15

Molly Anderson (M/R)	Sara Holk (G)
Claire Barr (M)	Charles Hopson (M/R)
William Barr (M)	Debbie Humphreys (M)
Irene Benton (G)	Genevieve Jasper (M/R)
Bob Brooks (M)	Jimmy Jones (G)
May Bruner (G)	Ardi Kary (G)
Penny Bunker (M/R)	Ray Kary (G)
Peggy Carpenter (A)	Marjorie Larson (A)
Thelma Carrington (M/R)	Eleanor McCown (M/R)
Hazel Carson (G)	Peggy McCroskey (G)
Maytie Cherry (G)	Vern McCroskey (G)
Janice Chesnik (M/R)	Lynn McIlwain (G)
Jay Conklin (G)	Judith Mogil (G)
La Verne Conrad (G)	Kenneth Mohr (G)
Ralph Conrad (M)	Ed Murray (M)
Joe Daugherty (G)	Grace Newman (M/R)
Vicki Day (G)	Archie Owen (E)
Beverly Dopke (M)	Jeanne C. Plank (G)
Duncan Eader (M/R)	Jim Puckett (G)
Charlene Errigo (G)	Bobbie Shepard (G)
Doris Foster (M/R)	Donald Shepard (G)
Mrs. Harry Frey (M)	Kay Tearington (M)
Ruth Goodrick (M/R)	Jane Troutman (G)
Georgia Gudykunst (A)	Marion Walker (E)
Celeste Hamner (M/R)	Jack Weber (G)
Herbert Holk (G)	John Wright (G)

A=Apprentice G=Garden M=Master E=Emeritus /R=Master/Ret

Trek Gardens a Celebration of April

A word about the four trek gardens on the '94 Region 15 Spring Trek. Three have been included on other Region 15 treks, and the fourth, a commercial garden is open to the public on a regular basis:

Furthest to the east in Altadena is the garden of George and Kay Sherman. The Sherman's are purchasing property adjacent to their present holdings and will increase the size of their iris plantings and improve the accessibility of the beds. Both George and Kay are instructors in art at the collegiate level and these improvements will reflect their experience and innate taste. Reluctantly, region gardeners admit that no one grows iris better than George.

Pairing with Sherman's is Descanso Gardens in La Canada. Again we are in the middle of a major overhaul. Irises will be more prominently featured as portions of the property are redesigned. While irises will be returned to the former locations, they will also line some of the pathways in the heart of the garden and a virgin location, quite near the front gate, will house the Descanso share of the guest irises. Those who know of Descanso as a forest of towering camellias under a canopy of spreading oaks, should be pleased to know that such a description is no longer adequate. A mini-tram will be a feature at this venue. Those who haven't discovered or rediscovered the new Descanso will have their opportunity.

The lunch stop will also be a refreshing discovery. The Rancho Cordillera del Norte (A.K.A. Northridge) is old ranch property in the Spanish tradition. It includes an authentic stage stop. It was also the home of the late Carl Dentzel, former curator of the Southwest Museum and is yet the home of his concert violinist widow. With luck some of their museum quality collections may be displayed for us.

The second major garden will be the Rancho de las Flores in Moorpark. Here a brand new commercial iris garden is being developed at the foot of slopes graced by an orchard of avocados. Hybridizers and commercial gardeners would love to have the growing conditions Mary Ann Spurlock enjoys.

To break the travel time between Descanso and Rancho de las Flores, it was important to add a fourth garden somewhere in between. That garden turned out to be Bill and Bobee Rinehart's. This is the third time that it has been on a region trek, yet those of you who have not seen it since the Joint Region 14/15 Trek of '90 will be pleased with some major landscaping changes.

Perhaps you have decided to pass in favor of Portland. Rather than denying Spring's obvious presence until late May, celebrate iris with us in the more appropriate April. You won't regret doing both.

REGION 15 SYMPOSIUM 1993

1	DUSKY CHALLENGER (Schreiners 86)	40
2	JESSES'S SONG (Williamson 83)	38
3	BEVERLY SILLS (Hager 79)	34
4	EDITH WOLFORD (Hager 86)	31
5	VICTORIA FALLS (Schreiners 77)	30
6	PERSIAN BERRY (Gaulter 77)	29
6	QUASAR (Hamner 86)	29
8	CHIEF REDSKIN (Hamner 84)	26
8	SHY HOOKS (Osborne 80)	26
8	VANITY (Hager 75)	26
11	INLAND PRINCESS (Hamner 87)	25
11	MARY FRANCIS (Gaulter 73)	25
11	MOUNTAIN VIOLET (Hamner 85)	25
11	TITAN'S GLORY (Schreiners 81)	25
15	LIAISON (Ghio 86)	24
16	CATALYST (Keppel 80)	23
16	SILVERADO (Schreiners 87)	23
18	ANNA BELLE BABSON (Hager 85)	22
19	BREAKERS (Schreiners 86)	20
19	GOING MY WAY (Gibson 72)	20
19	JOYCE TERRY (Muhlestein 74)	20
19	MYSTIQUE (Ghio 75)	20
19	WILD JASMINE (Hamner 83)	20

JUST OFF THE TOP TWENTY

HOLY NIGHT (K. Mohr 83)

HONKY TONK BLUES (Schreiners) 8

LADY FRIEND (Ghio 81)

SKATING PARTY (Gaulter 83)

Comments: First five choices are Dykes Medalists. Total of nine Dykes Medal winners among the first twenty... as is the leading candidate for the '94 Dykes...

There is definitely a West Coast bias operating. All but one of the 23 cultivars in the top twenty are of West Coast origin. Joyce Terry, the lone exception, is from Utah, also on the annual pilgrimage of California irisarians... Of the sixty four cultivars receiving ten or more votes, a total of seven were from other than regions 13, 14, and 15.

Only 96 AIS members in Region 15 submitted symposium ballots. There are almost that many AIS members in the San Diego/Imperial Counties affiliate alone....

DESCANSO GARDENS

Descanso has had something...actually many "something's" blooming throughout the fall and winter of '93-94. We have never experienced such continual, and high quality rebloom in all the years since the iris garden was redone in 1985. Many, if not most, of the cultivars reblooming are varieties we had been growing at Descanso for some time, but which had not chosen to favor us with any off-season bloom prior to their temporary relocation the storage area in the fall of '92 to accommodate the rose-iris garden renovation work. Moreover, those few rebloomers that performed in the old iris garden area had never given us the flower quality and stalk quantity that we have enjoyed this year. Obviously, the storage area has nicely met the needs of many cultivars that have the potential to rebloom. This calls for some investigation, analysis and perhaps some re-thinking about what irises; are planted where.

Superintendent Steve Cohen is encouraging us to continue to utilize the storage area for growing irises even after the main iris display is replanted. It can serve as a "re-stock" area, as an area to nurse stock that needs special attention, to increase stock for landscaping in other parts of the garden, garden plant sales, and perhaps, as an area to observe and study reblooming habits and what factors most influence that trait at Descanso, or, for that matter, in Southern California.

Planting the iris-area section of Descanso's new international Rosarium is scheduled to start the end of February. When the word is given, hundreds of new iris cultivar waiting in pots will be taken from the storage area, tapped from their pots and planted in the display area by our small crew of Descanso Iris Garden (D.I.G.) volunteers.

With this important activity taking place concurrently with the equally important and very large job of getting the storage area groomed and ready for the SCIS hosted Region 15 Spring Trek, D.I.G. volunteers have a great deal to accomplish and we would be happy and grateful for any spare time individual Region 15 Irisarians might be able to offer us to help accomplish these tasks. Can you help? Call Jeanne Plank (818) 767-5512 or Barbara Brow (818) 248-4423 for more specifics.

Descanso Gardens is at 1418 Descanso Drive in La Canada, just off the 210 Freeway. Signs along the freeway and on the surface streets guide you to the gardens. Ask at the admissions gate house for the iris garden storage area location. D.I.G. volunteers are there every Tuesday morning until around noon. However, during this major activity period, you will probably be able to find D.I.G. volunteers at work in either or both of the areas any day of the week. We will be happy to see you.

Jeanne Clay Plank, Curator, Descanso Iris Gardens.

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Sharon Rosine

Marjorie Starline

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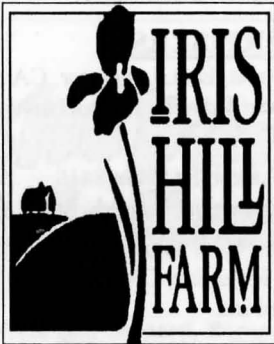
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