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RVP Message

Bill Rinehart, Region 15 RVP



I am thinking of Jim McWhirter tonight. Memories shared with him capture my consciousness even as I try to concentrate on other themes- As the speaker at one of the Region 15 affiliates, Jim admitted, "Bill and I go back a long way." I'm not sure when we first became friends, but I am grateful to be among the legions who knew him. We first communicated over selections for the SFVIS auctions in the '70's, though much of that correspondence was with Don Denney. Certainly, we met at the first joint-regional meeting in

Fresno- I vividly remember holding up a bus anxious to depart the Crandall garden at the Seattle national, because Jim wanted me to see a black seedling that he thought was marvelous (pre-Billy Crystal). When I pointed out that we were the last ones to board, Jim's rapid response was, "Which are more important buses or irises?" Anyone who knew Jim would know his choice in this instance, and would also know that I had nothing more to say on the subject.

You will note that I got to know Jim McWhirter at national conventions and with him became acquainted with irises of all colors and persuasions. And along with Jim, I was fortunate to meet on those occasions other now departed giants of the World of Iris such as Bob Brown, Don Denney, Joe Gatty, Larry Gault, Walt Luhn, the gallant Kay Nelson Keppel and George Shoop. Others- notably Jim Gibson and Celeste Hamner I met on garden visitations. Certainly, the ranks of those whom I can call friend include others who have never held a regional office or violated an anther. They are equally precious to me.

The point is that those with even a budding interest in the genus iris are missing invaluable opportunities by not joining the American Iris Society and attending all possible iris related functions- not the least of which is the Spring Meeting of the AIS. Not only are they denying themselves contact over what is the phrase "quality time" with wonderful, warm diverse individuals, they are denying others the opportunity to find out why they are special and to sweep them into their circle of friends.

You know Jim, I realize that in thinking of you, my mind was not wandering at all, but was being provided the best possible focus for these remarks. May they convey the message as well as you would have done. Once more, thank you- Vaya con Dios, Jim McWhirter, man of all regions.

Bill

AIS Notes

At the York meeting, the AIS Board directed the RVPs to poll their members to determine their reaction to the following possible position change: The present policy is not to print color portraits of recent introductions and not to identify same in material where they might be published. i.e. the AIS calendar. (Exceptions to this policy have been made recently in the case of the AIS award winners and in the publication of the 75th Anniversary Issue of the Bulletin.)

The adoption of the present policy was in deference to the objection of certain hybridizers, who felt that such photos would unfairly influence sales and the selection of award winners -

The required poll will be taken verbally at the Fall Meeting of Region 15 in Phoenix. If you feel strongly on this issue, any letters received by your RVP will be presented at the AIS Board Meeting.

TUCSON AREA IRIS SOCIETY

Gail Barnhill - President

We had a VERY busy and profitable spring in the Old Pueblo this year!

Since our Guest Garden owners had done so much work already in preparation for hosting the 1996 Spring Trek, we decided why not hold a public tour of their gardens to see if we could raise more money for the Trek budget. Why not, indeed The idea was so successful that we were printing up tickets daily the closer we got to the tour date. We ended up selling 336 tickets at \$8 each (\$3 of that was toward admission to the Tucson Botanical Gardens/Iris Garden). Our costs were minimal and our net profit was astounding: \$1,899!! We had great coverage by both our local newspapers (two one-page spreads!), gratis. Our mailing of postcards announcing the tour to the 512 people on our mailing list was our only expense ... which more than paid for itself. We started our "mailing list" in 1992, asking people if they'd like to receive postcards about our shows, sales and other events, and it has grown by leaps and bounds each year. In fact, after this "season" was over, the list has grown to 700 people definitely interested in iris events. Many thanks to our garden owners and the many, many TAIS members who helped in this project!

In lieu of an "Early Exhibition Show" this year, TAIS chartered a bus in early April for a tour of some of our members gardens outside of the city as well as the Shepard's and Wickenkamp gardens in Phoenix.

Due to the screwy weather this year (hot-cold-hot-cold MAKE UP YER MIND ALREADY, MA NATURE!) our show was much smaller than usual - 139 entries v. the typical 250-300. However, the tables were so skillfully arranged that it didn't seem at all "small" to the public. We had a fun surprise in that a complete novice who had never entered any flower show before, won the Horticultural Sweepstakes we immediately made arrangements to view her garden of course she had new, fresh soil brought in for her new home's raised planter beds! Tells you something!

Two of our new Apprentice Judges were able to work with the Judges at our Show and have volunteered to share what they learned with the members at our May meeting. One

of our greatest failings in this show was lack of grooming - something we must work much harder at.

June and July are veeery quite months garden-wise in Torrid Tucson. We will gear up again the last weekend in **July** for the Region Auction.

San Fernando Valley Iris Society

Peggy Carpenter -President

Our March program was a very special one. The topic was hybridizing and the speakers came in panel format. Bernard Hamner, Herb Holk and the recipient of our first Hamner Award, George Sherman answered questions from the very enthusiastic audience. They found out everything there was to know about hybridizing and then some.

Even though Spring began on the early side, the cool trends helped to hold enough irises for our April 28th and 29th show. In a beautiful location, The Promenade Mall, Woodland Hills. Show Chair Iris Larson produced for us a beautiful show. Assisting Iris, was Bill Rinehart, Horticulture Chair and Tanya Lamoreaux, Artistic Chair with this kind of talent the *SFVIS* Show couldn't help being great.

This Show did produce some surprises. A Spuria took Queen of Show, a first for SFVIS (entered by Teresa Sage). Also our Region 15 hybridizers are producing increasingly nice seedlings and it shows. A PCN entered by Teresa Sage won Best seedling for the second year in a row.

The excellent program given by the Show Committee at our April membership meeting went a long way in achieving more blue ribbons for those who entered the show.

In May, President Peggy Carpenter gave a slide program covering the Region and SFVIS Treks.

Members returning from the AIS National Meeting in York PA, hardly got a chance to catch their breath in time for our June 1st Potluck dinner, Show Awards and Election night.

Our election results are: Iris Larson, President, Bob Plank VP. Mike & Jan Lauritzen for Treasurer and Caroline Kent for Secretary. **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!**

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San Fernando Valley Iris Society Gardens
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Southern California Iris Society

Jimmy Jones - President

On April 8th & 9th at the Los Angeles County Arboretum in Arcadia, we had our annual show. Sixty-one exhibitors presented two hundred and forty-two horticulture entries, plus twenty-eight Artistic entries.

Schreiners "Ride the Wind" was judged Queen of the Show.

June 24th is our next meeting date at the Arboretum. Slides taken at the National Convention in York, Pennsylvania will be presented.

Les and Virginia Adams were voted Life Membership in SCIS for their 20+ years of service to our society.

Election of next years officers will also be held. The slate is as follows:

President: Jay Conklin

Vice President: Mike Monninger

Treasurer: Derry Gerald

Recording Secretary: Doris Eader

Advisor: Jimmy Jones

August 12th at the arboretum, we will have the SCIS and Regional rhizome auction.

Both meetings (June 24th and August 12th) will be preceded by a pot-luck meal at 11:45 am.

Inland Iris Society

by Mike Monninger

1995 Spring Trek

I want to thank all those who attended the 1995 Region Spring Trek hosted by Inland Iris Society. Your participation made the trek a success. The gardens were in full bloom which I doubted at the beginning of April due to the mild weather.

Guest speaker Mike Moeller is an interesting speaker and his slides and explanation of the Loomis Test Garden in Colorado is informative. He conducted a judges training on point scoring iris in the garden which sounds like a recipe for sleep but he kept the

presentation lively and interactive with the audience.

Congratulations are due Herb Holk for winning the Bernard Hamner award for best Region 15 seedling.

I am very appreciative of all the Inland members who helped work on trek activities. A special thanks is due Ollie Rust who made so much of the trek happen.

August

Inland will hold the annual members only iris auction on August 28. The location will be at Cal Dixie.

September

Inland's Fall Rhizome Sale will be on September 16 and 17 at Landscapes South of California Style on Alessandro Blvd. This is the major fund raiser for Inland this year because we didn't have a spring sale and show due to the trek.

The Conway Gardens

This garden is located in the rolling hills of Yucapia, Ca. The Conway home garden was "crammed" full of beautiful iris in full bloom. Ron states that he has approximately 300 new iris in the garden this year and an impressive display of over 2,800 varieties. Of course not all were in bloom the day of the trek, however, a good display was poured over by the Region 15 irisarians.

The garden was neatly arranged in terraced beds with large stakes in each row identifying the many varieties, some old favorites and some so new no one knew of them. Among his collection were TB's, Dwarf, IB's, Arilbred, BB's, MTB's, Pacifics, and Japanese. Ron also boasts a complete collection of Dykes Medal winners.

The Conway gardens was indeed a sight to behold. Thank you Ron and Shanti for opening your garden to the Spring Trek.

THE OLLIE RUST GARDEN

By Peggy Carpenter

The snow capped mountains welcomed the visitors to the Ollie Rust garden, as did the aroma of breakfast! It wasn't long before we were enjoying a delicious breakfast and beautiful grown irises.

The main excitement seemed to be centered around a raised bed of seedlings and newer cultivars. Putting on quite a show was Herb Holks 38-174. Little did we know at the time

that this seedling would later be awarded the Hamner Award. H.Holks 38-174 is a ruffled white with a pinkish glow coming from the rosy colored beard. Other notable seedlings came from the Mary and Bob Dunns, they were:

M-88-1052A bright and brassy Chamber Music type with good branching, height and bud count.

B-88-1,056A was a very tall iridescent Plum colored iris with a blue blaze on the falls. The three open flowers made a nice color statement in the garden.

One of my favorite irises and also the winner of Best In Region Iris was impressing visitors with its sheer beauty. Bernard Hammers Apple Blossom Days is a real winner in anyone's eyes.

The greenish yellow creation sporting the name of Tangueray (B. Dunn) collected a fan club. Other noteworthy items were a nice stalk of Lightning Bolt (Ghio 93) rose-wine in color, B. Hammers Kings Ruby (89) and Schreiner's Yaquina Blue. Night Attack, (Ghio 93)fantastic too! Long before anyone was ready to go a whistle blowing bus captain let us know our time was up. I was just discovering that Ollie had a large planting of Louisianas along the terraced side yard - when time ran out.

Ollie thanks a bunch and from now on I'll have my irises sunny side up with biscuits and gravy please!

CAL-DIXIE GARDENS

By Gail Barnhill & Bo Hitzke

"What's in a name" the Trek Schedule asks? Well, in the name Cal-Dixie, there's a LOT.... especially iris!

This was our first visit to Cal-Dixie Iris Garden in -person (we have "visited" in the past by mail-order.) and we were very pleasantly surprised.

In addition to being of great help to our Region in all the work they do for us, Herb and Sara are very gracious hosts as well as great iris growers.

We found Guest Iris to the left of us, newer introductions to the right and a large field of hundreds of introduced varieties spanning the entire back half of the property

A short listing of the iris a couple of our Tucson group were enchanted with included: ACOMA, Magee 87 - always lovely, DREAM A LITTLE, Osborne 85 - a large, luscious laced pink, with huge horns; RASPBERRY FUDGE, Keppel 88 - a muted raspberry plic on light apricot ground; FRANCES ANDERSON, Nichols 89 - violet and maroon; an IB

BEDTIME STORY, Ritchie 82 - violet bitone; 01 SO PRETTY, Kergerise 92 - banded lilac on white; MESCALERO CHIEF, Hedgecock 94 - purple with electric blue rays and blue horns; CHANGE OF PACE, Schreiner 91 - pink and rose-wine plic; FASHION PASSION, Burseen 93, white/purple amoena with a lavender-pink edge; and good old BORDELLO, Roberts 77 - blooming it's head off in quite a bit of shade which helped hold and intensify it's darkness.

Two Guest Seedlings that particularly stood out were G 15 AR, Sutton - a big blue with horns; and of course, the winner of the Hamner Award for Best Seedling 38174 a crisp white with wide falls and a stunning beard..... by Herb Holk! **Congratulations Herb!!**

Many thanks to Herb and Sara for the opportunity to see their glorious garden.

The Bromberger Garden

by Jim Giles

This garden was placed on the afternoon tour for a reason. It was a great place to spend a hot afternoon, but how do you describe this place, where do you start. The house was built in 1892 in the rolling hills of Redlands and it is a work of art in itself. The house is shaded by towering 90 year old trees that very effectively blocked out the hot afternoon sun and if that was not enough shade you could sit in one of two matching kiosks. I imagine that the front area was a social gathering area for local residents. (I think I even heard the laughter of children from the past as they turned the crank on the ice cream maker and played tag in the yard.) The kiosk in the back did not have the same history, since it was only built in the 1991. However, we started a history by sitting around the area drinking punch, eating cookies and discussing the favorite iris seen that day.

The back garden was most impressive.. Corrine had a few irises in bloom but more impressive was the horticultural displays of other types. Little paths led you to hidden pleasures with names not pronounceable by even the most avid irisarian. Even the area devoted to the compost pile was a wonder. Since even the more horticulturally astute had difficulty with names of the flora and fauna found here I will not, cannot, even begin to write the names of plants found in this garden wonderland. Just take my word for it, this garden is a sight to behold.

Another area that was getting a lot of attention was a little bench like affair that would echo your words back to you. It was fun to watch as adults allowed their child out to play in this area. Everyone had to give it a try to see if it really did work, some with great gusto, others a little more tentatively.

It was obvious that Corrine was into more than just the Iris Society. There were little cuttings of this, larger pieces of that and seedlings growing in containers of all sizes and kinds for the Redlands Horticultural Society. A lot of time goes into keeping this garden wonderland in order and Corrine should be given a lot of credit for doing such a "great" job.

The Hamner Iris Garden

By Bill Rinehart

As the bus pulled up in front of Bernard Hamner's, we knew that Bernard had been ill, as so many irisarians were in 94/95, and were pleased that he was making the effort to greet us. We had confidence that daughters Bernadine and Wilma and their husbands were supporting their dad in his efforts to continue his hybridizing and a limited commercial venture, but were aware that they were not in residence, did not really live close and had their own lives to lead. Along with Bernard's age and health, we were prepared to be forgiving. As so often is the case, we need not have worried.

The bed at the front of the parking area had obviously been planted late and plants while healthy were still undersized as preemies are apt to be, but apart from that things were pretty normal, expanded beds and reduced lawn are normal for trek gardens aren't they? There is even a new bed (2nd year) along the north side of the parking area.

Obviously, still afflicted with cold-like symptoms and bundled against the morning chill, Bernard did not allow me to either pass go, get a cup of coffee or the usual five minutes to enjoy everyone else's cultivars, and I was escorted directly to the reselects. And I loved it!

This account then will deal with unnamed seedlings for the most part without reference to seedling numbers. One of the new phenomena that I have noticed in recent seasons at Bernard's is that he is getting a greater proportion of introducible siblings out of his crosses than in earlier times- It is not unusual to see a row of lined out seedlings in which four or five have been staked as their best choices by garden visitors that Bernard respects and few if any obvious discards are present.

The first cross to fit the above was that of **BREAKERS X QUINTESENCE**. Reluctantly one of these was introduced in 1995 as **BIG BOSS**. The reluctance had nothing to do with worthiness but rather in the continued debate over which sibling was most worthy. I had suggested **TSUNAMI** as the appropriate name for this huge, billowing sea-blue beauty, and was disappointed to find that it was not available. There is a pale-blue sister in this family that I am courting.

Another cross that was boasting multiple beauties was that of SILVERADO X QUINTESSENCE. There were three in this cross that caught my eye: one was a very fine neglecta with falls darker than DUTCH TREAT but lighter than those of CONGRATULATIONS, PROUD TRADITION or MYSTIQUE. The other two were light blue in the SILVERADO tradition with equally fine form, but burnished with prominent bright yellow to gold beards.

I picked two winners from the cross of WORLD CLASS X SUMMER MAGIC: #3 was a smaller version of WORLD CLASS in color but with its own persona as provided by more ruffling than is possessed by either parent. #5 was of the same colors with the addition of a very sharp band of the standard color on the falls. This one is less full and less ruffled.

87-8 X HARBOR CRUISE #1 is a great blue amoena. The standards are very white and the falls are lavender-blue with a darker lavender-blue band. The ground color on the falls does not fade to light blue or white.

87-8 X HARBOR CRUISE #3 is a more conventional neglecta with light blue stands and darker falls- very fine.

One in the back forty, the seedling beds, which caught the attention of many was a cross of FEMME FATAL X CHOSEN ONE. You are immediately struck by very thick flaring falls laced and tucked. The standards are conical, closely held and equally laced- The coloration is unique bright white with a blush of bright frosted-orange hafts and a thick beard matching the hafts. Very mouth watering.

Those into the yellow amoenas should be served notice that the 1995 intro. KATY BECA is the best Hamner contribution to this genre and worthy of comparison to any other of this pattern.

We were still finding worthy seedlings when called to board the bus. There is also an astronomical supply of seed from Hamner crosses yet to be planted. The future of Hamner introductions is limited only by his health.

Be well Bernard Hamner! Gardens, including your own, are the more beautiful through your contributions!!!!

Jeanne's Mook's Garden

by Jim Giles

As we walked up the drive to Jeanne's garden we were met by a bouquet of silk flowers and a sign saying "I'm in the Back Garden" The iris in the front gardens, however, were not silk. The manicured lawn was bordered by a bed of iris in the lower right corner. She also maintains a bed of iris on the patch between her neighbor's driveway and hers. After

looking at her iris I am sure they are glad she grows iris for them. Not a weed could be found in her beds. Low growing junipers, as immaculately groomed as a marine's hair, bordered the yard on each side.

As you walk along the side of the house to the back garden the narrow walkway is bordered by a variety of flora with driftwood accents strategically placed. As we progressed from the side yard to the back we were met by a large expanse of lawn that was as thick as a wheat field in Kansas. The large Flax specimens caught my eye immediately and I missed a large portion of the garden at first look because of them.

Large trees were planted on the back side of the property and provided a deep shade for all of her shade loving plants that were planted on a gently sloping embankment. The embankment plantings were parted by a meandering path that took you to many secret areas in the darkness of the trees. One area, expertly hidden from view, contained a small jungle gym, another a child's merry-go-round and at the top of one area was a bench swing that overlooked the lawn and pool area, very relaxing indeed. Jeanne stated that her dog demanded a daily swing with her, which she gladly obliged him every morning.

The pool was a work of art. Built in the 1960's it was obvious that it was intended for fun. It is 42 feet long, 27 feet wide and 18 feet deep under the diving board. The pool hosted many parties while her children were growing up, including most of the members of the sports teams her two sons belonged to in their youth. The pool and patio were separated by a long bed of iris, many still in bloom.

Jeanne did not let this year's early bloom get in the way of showing off her iris. She had the foresight to take pictures of all her iris that had bloomed earlier in the year and she had them very professionally presented in a photo album next to the refreshment table. We were able to relax with a cup of punch and cookies while we viewed her garden from the shade of her patio. Very nice touch Jeanne!

This is a beautiful garden that obviously receives a lot of care and love from an exceptional Lady. Thank you, Jeanne, for opening your garden to your fellow Irisarians.

Dick and Avis McCullough's Gardens

by James Walker, Inland Iris Society

In the Riverside Plaza area there is a house with some beautiful iris in the front yard. The house belongs to Dick and Avis McCullough of the Inland Iris Society. Their house is open today for all to come and enjoy. Upon arriving at the house, there was other club members enjoying the yard and its beauty.

Iris are abundant the front yard mixed in with other plants and flowers. One plant mixed in with the iris is an oriental poppy. This plant has a pod that when turned upside down is like a pepper shaker. The poppy seeds come out like pepper.

As you go through the gate into the back yard you see more flowers and iris. In Dick and Avis's backyard is Dicks seedling area of which was once was Avis's garden. Also in the garden is a little pond that beautifully decorates the yard.

Buddy and Betty Cole's Garden

by Jane Walker, Inland Iris Society

As we arrived at Bud and Betty Cole's house to see the front yard was full of beautiful blooming flowers (an assortment of Iris and roses). We walked up the driveway to be greeted by Betty who took us to the fenced in back yard containing a shade house, numerous other fenced in areas containing iris, roses, and a backyard containing other flowers and trees. Telling us when she first begun with some and planted others, some being rebloomers. What a mixture of blooms and colors creating a rainbow in the early afternoon. Lots of ooooh and aahhs. Many interesting names were tagged on the iris that I needed to write them down. Pathways were neatly laid so that you could walk among the iris, fruit trees and rose's in order to see the name tags and the beauty of the flowers. During our visit others arrived and were greeted by Bud and Betty. Some toured with Bud and others with Betty. Both explained, shared and answered all kinds of questions that were fielded during the open house. Iris abounded and so many were eye catching! Bearded, laced, ruffled, and the delicate colors of each, tips lighter with delicate colors that blended with inner and outer beards and horns. Undertones and flaring falls with rich colors. Some with medal winning falls and tips. What a sight to see!!

Betty took us into her shade house and told us about her heat tolerant plants. Her combination of air plants and iris was something to see! Refreshment were served and enjoyed by all. We had a chance to see and meet other members and have discussions on iris. Betty and Bud welcomed us back anytime. Some time I want to go back and see some of the iris that had interesting names but were not in bloom yet. Titles were enough to want to return to see what the iris would look like with their colors and beauty. This was my first trek and I am looking forward to others to come in the future.

'95 Spring Trek Awards presented by Region 15

A. Bernard Hamner Award for the "Best Region 15 Seedling"

Herb Holk - 31-874

B. Best "Named Cultivar" by a Region 15 Hybridizer

First: Apple Blossom Days -- Hamner

Second: Zestful Miss - Hamner

Third: Rose Teal - Holk

C. Best "Named Cultivar" by a Hybridizer Outside of Region 15

First: Breakers - Schreiners

Tie for Second:

Acoma - Magee

Delerious - Maryott

Dusky Challenger - Schreiners

REGION 15 HYBRIDIZERS -- **TAKE NOTE**

Check with Bill Rinehart as to whom you should send your guest cultivars. Do it now, if you haven't already sent them!

1995 Trek Participants: We did better getting our ballots in this year but there still is room for improvement. Let's Do It in '96!

Jimmy Jones, Awards Committee Chair

1995 AIS. NATIONAL CONVENTION

BY PETE DE SANTIS

The convention was sponsored by the AIS. Region 3 and hosted by the Susquehanna Iris Soc. The headquarters was the Ramada Hotel in York, PA.

The Ramada Hotel could not accommodate the over four hundred iris lovers so three other hotels within walking distance (for the young) were being used. The Red Roof Hotel was across the street, Days Inn was south on a steep hill, and the Holiday Inn was across busy hi-way 30.

The hotel did have a shuttle which took the conventioners back and forth. We visited eight well groomed gardens in peak bloom, 14 that were nestled among the beautiful PA. Hills and among the manicured Amish farms.

The largest iris garden of Sterling Innerst was visited twice. The irisarians, second love is food and every garden had a good supply of baked cookies and an assortment of hot and cold drinks. One day the temperature was in the 90,s

The gods must love our iris convention because the weather was to our liking. Outside of one 90 degree day and rain one night after " some of us" had gone to bed, the other days were balmy.

Now about iris outside of the camaraderie of seeing old friends and acquaintances all over the US, we did go to the convention to see iris, old, new, and seedlings of the future. The iris range was from MTB, SIB, SBB, TBS, SDB, and Siberians, and guest seedlings.

It was too early for the SPU's, LA's and ArilBreds to bloom, even though they were growing in some of the gardens.

The irises that I admired in the Bowers, garden were, Durrance 91 B.B. Tink. O. Gaddies 93 TB Tranquilna, that was good in two gardens, J. Ghio 94 TB Managua, C. Mahan Suky 91 TB.

D. Niswonger 92 TB Gold Frosting, 93 TB Raspberry Splendor, 93 TB Tennessee Vol. and TB 92 Xanthippe, S Halo. G. Richardson 94 TB Jim, and 94 TB Lamer. J. and V. Craig 93 IB Sailing Free. Schreiners TB 91 Ride the Wind. H. Stahly 91 TB Starlight Velvet. P. Black TB seedling A26C. B. Dunn TB seedling B88-1058C. K. Keppel TB seedling 89-126C. R. Mullin TB seedling 84-133W and 84-455M.

My favorite iris in the Griffie Garden were F. Carr 86 TB Oriental Pongee and 89 TB Spring Sonata. K. Fisher 90 MTB Ozark Sky. J. Gatty 90 TB Designing Woman. J. Hedgecocks 92 TB Double Trouble and 90 TB Shoshone Moon. B. Kesperck 93 TB Tiger Honey and 94 TB Gnu. S. Innerst 93 TB Ominous Stranger, 91 TB Tennessee Gentleman, also two of his seedlings TB 3034-5 and 3428-5. K. Keppel 92 TB Champagne Wishes and 92 TB Confession. E. Line Berger 95 TB Purple Pleaser. H. Nichols 93 TB Boogie Woogie and 94 TB (RE) Lady Juliet. A. and D. Willotts 94 TB Dearly Beloved and 94 TB Ice Goddess. H. Wolfords TB Ada Marie.

The Griffie garden also had a new gazebo and a new pond with a water fall. My wife was attracted to a pink blossom bush called Kolkwitzin that was a native of China.

The largest iris garden of the convention was in full bloom, it was so large that we visited it twice. It was the garden of Barbara and Sterling Innerst. My favorite iris there were, P. Black 95 TB Tom Johnson. C. Boswells 95 IB Memphis Bash. J. Burchs 92 TB Desert Triumph, and 94 TB Old Money. T. Burseen 94 TB Blow Up, 93 TB Los Coyotes, 94 TB Pass The Shades and 94 TB Pshaw. A. Ensmingers 93 TB Isn't This Something. R. Ernst 92 TB Sunray Reflection and 93 TB Thrillseeker. L. Gartman's 93 Lambada a TB. J. Ghio 95 TB Hot Chocolate. S. Innerst 89 TB Before The Storm, winner of the in region Presidents Cup, 92 TB After the Storm, 93 TB Night Fires, 93 TB Principles and 90 TB Ruffled Feathers. E. Kegerises 89 TB Night Magic. Evelyn Kegerises 93 TB Earth Song

and 93 TB 0 So Pretty. C. Mahan 95 TB Lady Bird Johnson. J. McWhirters 95 TB Great Gatsby and 96 TB Wini Conklin. R&L Miller 94 TB Bittersweet and 93 TB Wench. R. Mullins 93 TB Rhonda Fleming. D. Niswongers 94 TB Almost Rich, 93 TB Halo in Gold and 93 TB Halo in Rosewood. D. Pinegars 93 TB Leslie Dawn. R. Probsts 92 MTB Pretty Quirky. G. Richardsons 94 TB Infernal Fire. Schreiners 93 TB Celebration Song. 92 TB Hello Darkness, 91 TB Oregon Skies, and 91 TB Royal Intrigue. G. Shoops 94 BB Private Treasures. H. Stahlys 93 TB Ebony Dream, 92 TB Rhythm King, 91 TB Starlight Velvet, and 92 TB Winter's Sonnet.-E. Jones IB seedling 189-15. V. Messick TB seedlings M85-2J, M87-874, M87-99, and BB M88-114.. Schreiner's TB seedlings AA549-A, and CC758-B. M. Smith IB seedling 90-28C.

The Leader garden's most attractive iris were J. Burchs 90 TB Starstruck. J. Durrances 92 TB Azure Whir, 90 BB Mostest, 89 TB Pat Loughran, and 92 TB Right Already. M. Jamesons 94 TB Mavis Waves. B. Kespereks 93 Violet Tiger and 93 TB Ghu Blues. T. Magees 94 TB Moon Love, 90 TB My Shadow and 91 TB Sunpolka. V. Messicks 93 TB Voltage. H. Nichols 90 TB Mary Ellen Nichols and 95 TB Vegas Weekend. Popes Perennials sib Snow Prince. Schreiners 91 TB Spellbreaker and Yaquina Blue a 92 TB. A&D Willotts 94 TB Radiant Burst and 94 MTB Virginia Lyle.

The Manley Garden had one of my favorite old iris called Wabash. It was introduced in the 30s and was the first iris with a rim on the falls. He also had a section of older iris that brought back many memories. His modern iris bed had T. Aitkens 91 TB, Martha's Gold and 91 BB Maui Magic. J. Burchs 93 BB Big Issue and 94 TB Set the Tone. R. Ernsts 93 TB Strike It Rich. B. Jones 95 TB Spanish Fireball. K. Keppels 92 BB Petite Ballet. N. Bartletts seedlings TB 8C3 and 9V8. And e. Jones's IB seedling 189-15.

The Marquart Garden was new, with iris transplanted from their mothers garden intertwined with newer iris. I liked R. Ernsts 93 TB Rhapsody In Bloom. L. Gartmans 93 TB Silk Silhouette and Linda and Roger Millers 93 TB Wench and 95 MTB Bangles, the winner of the out of region Franklin Cook Cup.

The Rojahn Garden, a one acre plot in the center of the suburban city of York, had lots of my favorite iris such as Tomorrow's Child, Lady Friend, Cabaret Royale, and Queen In Calico, also a lot other good old iris.

J. Burchs 90 TB Manuscript. J. Ghio 84 TB Bubble Up. J. Hedgecocks 94 TB a horn called Mescalero Chief. J. Hoages 91 TB Big Buck. S. Innerests 93 TB Night Fires. K. Keppels 95 TB Fancy Woman, 90 TB Maharishi and 94 TB Mind Reader. T. Magees 91 TB Sunpolka. C. Mahan 91 TB Suky. Schreiners 94 TB Jazzed Up. M. Smiths seedling TB 90-45D.

The Strawser Garden with its seventeen iris beds and 600 iris also in full bloom also fruit trees, vegetables and all types of flowers. was a beauty to behold. My favorite iris in this garden. (its been said that there isn't an iris that I don't like) were B. Dunns 95 TB Broadway Joe. B. Jones TB seedling 88-5. E. Jones IB Bold Stroke. E. Kegerise 92 TB Bronzette Star. D. Niswongers 92 BB Apricot Frosty, and Schreiners TB seedling CC758-B.

For fear of tooting my own horn I left out the wonderful results I had with my seedlings I sent to the York Convention. They all were in bloom at the four gardens where they were planted. TB's 83-11B, 83-12, 84-35, 85-26A and BB 83-11A all were being admired by the conventioners.

Region 15 was well represented at the convention and of course our own AIS President Claire Barr did a wonderful job.

My hat is off to the Susquehanna Iris Society and all the committee members that helped put on a great show.

AIS Conventions are such great fun. I wish every, iris lover could attend.

Show Results

Society	<u>Tucson Area Iris Society</u>				
<u># of Exhibitors</u>	26	<u># of Entries</u>	159	<u># of Varieties</u>	121
<u>Types of Iris Exhibited</u>	TB, BB, IB, SDB, SPU, SIB, LA, Medians				

Best Specimen of Show

<u>Variety</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>
Bad Cad	TB	Barbara Evans

Seedling Judged Most Worthy

No entries

Silver Medal and/or Certificate for most BLUE ribbons, Horticultural Entries

<u>Winner</u>	<u># of BLUE Ribbons</u>	<u># of Red if a Tie</u>
Monica Hauptman	6	3 Red - 5 White

Bronze Medal and/or Certificate for 2nd most BLUE ribbons, Horticultural Entries

<u>Winner</u>	<u># of BLUE Ribbons</u>	<u># of Red if a Tie</u>
Sally Cooperman	6	3 Red - 2 White

Best Design of Show

Exhibited by Charlotte Clarke

Winner of Sweepstakes for Artistic Designs

Exhibitor Charlotte Clarke

Youth Division

of Exhibitors 0

Society San Diego/Imperial Counties Iris Society

of Exhibitors 23 # of Entries 138 # of Varieties 95

Types of Iris Exhibited TB, BB, SPU, SIB, LA, JA, Species

Best Specimen of Show

<u>Variety</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>
White Lightning	TB	Ruth Bryce

Seedling Judged Most Worthy

No entries

Silver Medal and/or Certificate for most BLUE ribbons, Horticultural Entries

Winner # of BLUE Ribbons

Bob Brooks 6

Bronze Medal and/or Certificate for 2nd most BLUE ribbons, Horticultural Entries

Winner # of BLUE Ribbons

Norm Allin 5

Best Design of Show

Exhibited by Dorothy Driscoll

Winner of Sweepstakes for Artistic Designs

Exhibitor Kathy Walsh

Youth Division

of Exhibitors 0

Society Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society
of Exhibitors 17 # of Entries 92 # of Varieties 86
Types of Iris Exhibited TB, BB, SPU, SIB, Species

Best Specimen of Show

Variety Type Exhibitor
 Star Wars TB Pat Girl

Seedling Judged Most Worthy

No entries

Silver Medal and/or Certificate for most BLUE ribbons, Horticultural Entries

Winner # of BLUE Ribbons
 Babbette Sandt 7

Bronze Medal and/or Certificate for 2nd most BLUE ribbons, Horticultural Entries

Winner # of BLUE Ribbons
 Cal Bostwick 4

Best Design of Show

Exhibited by Kerry Thompkins

Winner of Sweepstakes for Artistic Designs

Exhibitor none listed

Youth Division

of Exhibitors 4 # of Entries 5 # of Varieties 5

Best Specimen Arr. "Knock em Dead" Exhibited by Clark Tompkins

New AIS Members

Leah Ferrin	Phoenix, AZ	Carol Frazee	Valley Center, Ca
Faye Kerns	Monrovia, CA	Gisela Klement	Jamul, CA
J. Norma Knight	Lakeside, CA	Jane Parks	Tucson, AZ
David Ryan	Escondido, CA	Donna Sequist	Peoria, AZ
Tony Spruil	Temecula	Janet Price	Temeula, CA

Transferred to another Region

Grace Newman

Society

Southern California Iris Society

of Exhibitors 61 # of Entries 270 # of Varieties 218

Types of Iris Exhibited TB, BB, IB, Jap, PCN, SDB, Sib, Spu, Aril

Best Specimen of Show

<u>Variety</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>
Ride The Wind	TB	Mary Ann Spurlock

Seedling Judged Most Worthy

<u>Name/Number</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Originated By</u>
91-36	TB	Jerry Moorhead

Silver Medal and/or Certificate for most BLUE ribbons, Horticultural Entries

<u>Winner</u>	<u># of BLUE Ribbons</u>
Judy Mogil	11

Bronze Medal and/or Certificate for 2nd most BLUE ribbons, Horticultural Entries

<u>Winner</u>	<u># of BLUE Ribbons</u>
George Sherman	8

Best Design of Show

Exhibited by Eileen Fiumara

Winner of Sweepstakes for Artistic Designs

Exhibitor Eileen Fiumara

Youth Division

of Exhibitors 4 # of Entries 4 # of Varieties 4

Best Specimen Going My Way Exhibited by Jeremy Card**New AIS Members**

Susan Christie	Tucson, AZ	Betty Howard	Phoenix, AZ
William Moody	Gilbert, AZ	Clemence Newcomb	Phoenix, AZ
Joyce Newton	Phoenix, AZ	Toni Teplitz	Scottsdale, AZ
Linda Thomas	Tucson, AZ	Tom Thornsley	Sierra Vista, AZ
Bernie/Cindy Hynes	Paradise Valley, AZ	Victoria Kline	Pasadena, CA
Dr. John Taylor	Phoenix, AZ	Steve/Karen Torneo	Yorba Linda, CA
Claire Warner	Los Angeles, CA	Steven Ball	Encino, CA
Mrs Mark Condo	Cameron, AZ	Shaun Davis	Chula Vista, CA

Society Sun Country Iris Society
 # of Exhibitors 26 # of Entries 132 # of Varieties 15
 Types of Iris Exhibited TB, BB, IB, SDB, SPU, LA

Best Specimen of Show

Variety Type Exhibitor
 Extraordinaire LA John Comer

Seedling Judged Most Worthy

Name/Number Type Originated By
 9014-94107 LA Donald Shepard

Silver Medal and/or Certificate for most BLUE ribbons, Horticultural Entries

Winner # of BLUE Ribbons
 Peggy Morphew 5

Bronze Medal and/or Certificate for 2nd most BLUE ribbons, Horticultural Entries

Winner # of BLUE Ribbons
 Jolien Konkol 3

Best Design of Show

Exhibited by Ellen Smith

Winner of Sweepstakes for Artistic Designs

Exhibitor Ellen Smith

Youth Division

of Exhibitors 2 # of Entries 7 # of Varieties 7

Best Specimen Ada Perry
Type SPU
Exhibited by Ben Bernhagen

YOU BE THE JUDGE

1. In exhibition judging you are evaluating a magnificent stalk with four open flowers. Three of the flowers are obviously fresh and turgid, their color is bright. The color of the fourth is not as intense. this is the only possibly negative comment made about the stalk by any of the judges. What is your reaction? C-19

2. During the exhibition judging of border bearded iris you are judging a widely grown iris.- one that you have grown yourself- The flowers of the specimen are large. on short thick stalks and overlap. You know that these observations are typical of the variety. What ribbon will be appropriate for this specimen? What will your judgment be in considering this specimen for the Best of Section? C-25

The irisarians, second love is food and every garden had a, "good supply of baked cookies and an assortment of hot and cold drinks. One day the temperature was in the 90.s. Judges Handbook re: Situation 1 (C-19) "One fading flower on a stalk will also cost the exhibitor the loss of a substantial number of points since all flowers should be of similar color intensity-

Judges Handbook re: Situation 2 (C-25) "The iris may have faults, but on the show bench only trueness to variety is considered. However, when it comes to best in section, the specimen must not only be true to variety but also meet the standards for good border bearded irises-

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING April 21, 1995

AIS Region 15

San Bernardino, California

Attending:

Bill Rinehart, RVP

Herb Holk, Asst. RVP/ Judges Training Chair

Gail Barnhill, Secretary/TAIS

Barbara Turner, Treasurer

Jim Giles, Newsletter. Editor

Pete De Santis, Nominating

RVP Rinehart called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel in San Bernardino, California.

Jimmy Jones, OCIDC/SCIS/Awards

Claire Barr, SCIS/President AIS

Peggy Carpenter, SFVIS

Hazel Carson, SDICIS

Mike Monninger, IIS

Anita Condon, HDIDS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Minutes: It was **MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED** to approve the January 14, 1995, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, as read.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Turner distributed copies of the 4/21/95 Balance Sheet (Exhibit A). It was **MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED** to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted (and shown below) for forwarding to audit.

Regular Checking, Acct

Beginning Balance at 1/1/95	\$6,334.21
income: Advertising in Bulletin	160.00
Expense: Post Office (\$85.00); Paper (26.51); Staples (\$220.35)	<u>-331.86</u>

Ending Balance at 4/21/95	\$6,162.35
<u>Certificate of Deposit</u>	
Beginning Balance at 11/30/94	\$5,000.00
Income: Interest Earned	<u>123.52</u>
Ending Balance at 3/31/95	\$5,123.52
<u>RVP Fund Money Market Acct</u>	
Beginning Balance at 1/1/95	\$5,408.94
Income: Interest earned	10.27
Ending Balance at 4/21/95	\$5,419.21

In answer to the question of why the RVP Fund is kept in a Money Market rather than in a higher yielding vehicle, it was stated this was to enable access to the funds when needed. However, RVP Rinehart pointed out that we are restricted (by the initial rules of this gift fund) to a maximum disbursement of \$700 per year from the fund. It was therefore **MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED** that all but \$700, or the minimum amount required to maintain the account, be left in the Money Market Account, and the balance placed in an account bearing higher interest, yet maintaining federal insurance. It was further **MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED** that the Region Treasurer be given the authority to choose said new account without further Region Executive Board Committee direction or action.

Awards: Chairman Jones reviewed the three awards that will be given at tomorrow's Banquet: Hamner Best Region 15 Seedling; the Best Region 15 Introduced Cultivar; and the Best Out of Region Guest Iris. He urged everyone to vote. He said that he is looking for a permanent award for the "Out of Region 15 Guest Iris", similar in concept to the Hamner award.

After a short discussion, lead by RVP Rinehart, it was **MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED** that the "Best Region

15 Introduced Cultivar" award, be limited to only those iris that are Guest iris.

RVP Rinehart suggested that perhaps we could name the "Best Out of Region Guest Iris" award after another iris luminary. This discussion was tabled until the January 1996 meeting for further discussion.

Judges Training Chairman Holk said our program has become very active in the past year and that there have been many good training programs for Students, Apprentices as well as Judges. IIS and OCIDS recently sponsored an excellent program at Cal-Dixie gardens, and SFVIS, SCIS and TAIS have also sponsored programs. He stressed the

importance of notifying him, as Judges Training Chair, of proposed training programs which will enable him to send the appropriate required sign-up sheets and paperwork so that attendees can receive credit.

Membership No official report was received from Chairman Shepard, however RVP Rinehart urged all present to encourage participation in the second year of the Region 15 AIS Membership Contest. He stressed that in order to be "counted" in this contest, a card containing the appropriate information about the new member must be sent to Membership Chairman Shepard. Any such cards Chairman Shepard receives will be forwarded to AIS for inclusion in the National contest. Please read the last Region 15 Bulletin again for specifics.

Newsletter Editor Giles said that all information for the next issue of the Region Bulletin is due to him by June 1, 1995. This includes Show Reports (RVP Rinehart is to receive a copy of each club's AIS Show Report and he will forward copies to Editor Giles), Letters from Presidents, Meeting Minutes and other regular features/reports. He encouraged all present to submit any articles they felt would be of interest as well.

Editor Giles asked for volunteers to write short "reviews" of tomorrow's Trek Gardens for the next Bulletin. The Rust Garden will be covered by Carpenter; the Hamner Garden by Rinehart; the Cal-Dixie Garden by Barnhill. He will solicit more volunteers at the General Meeting. The National Convention will be covered by DeSantis.

Editor Giles announced that the Region Bulletin will be returned to its previous "booklet" format but on legal paper rather than letter size to provide more room. This announcement was well received.

Future Region Meeting Reports

Fall 95 - Sun Country: No representative present,

Spring Trek- 96 - Tucson: Trek Chair, Barnhill, reported that TAIS has made a profit of almost \$2,000 on a Public Tour of the future Trek Gardens. One of the possible uses of these funds could be to subsidize the hotel rates (Tucson is in high-season tourist mode at Trek time). TAIS has already subsidized the Registration Fee to keep it at \$45. The tentative dates of 4/19-21 may be too close to the National Convention in Sacramento next year. Barnhill will ask for a show of preference between the tentative dates and 4/12-14 at the General Meeting.

Fall 96 -San Diego: SDIS's Carson said they are just beginning fund raising activities for this Trek.

Spring 97 -San Fernando: Tanya Lamareaux, has been selected as Trek Chair and a Garden Committee and a Guest Iris Chair will be determined shortly.

OLD BUSINESS

Affiliation RVP Rinehart distributed AIS Affiliation Certificates to the club representatives. He further reminded them to bring their most current membership rosters with them to January meetings, as well as their Affiliate Reports and a list of Officers (who must be current AIS members).

Auctions RVP Rinehart stressed the importance of holding all Affiliate Region Auctions in July so that the iris can all be dug at the same time - preferably early June.

Symposium, RVP Rinehart reported that our Region members response to the AIS Symposium this year put us in 3rd place nationally for responses, as well as increasing our responses by 37 % over last year. We are to be congratulated and encouraged to do even better in the future.

The meeting was **Adjourned** at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,,

Gail Barnhill

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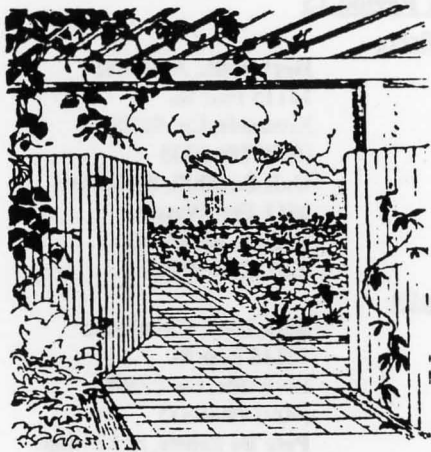
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- Take a ride on "Rollie the Trolley" to Scottsdale Shops, etc.
- General Meeting and Banquet - Saturday 7:00 p.m. ~ Door Prizes and Raffle Prizes
- Speaker - Phil Williams "Making Irises Fun" Saturday 8:30 p.m.
- Judges Training - Bobbie Shepard - Spurias - Sunday 10:00 - 12:00 a.m.
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