



AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY

REGION 15

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA - ARIZONA

**FALL 1996
NEWSLETTER**

Hi-Desert

San Fernando
Valley

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Southern
California

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San Diego & Imperial Counties



Region 15 Fall Meeting In San Diego Oct. 12, '96

Where:

At the **HANAIE HOTEL** in Mission Valley, 2270 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108, (619) 297-1101 or (800) 528-1284.

Should you plan to stay at the hotel, please mention that you are with the "Iris Society Region '15 group" when reserving your rooms. Due to ownership change currently going on, we have been unable to obtain a fixed rate for this convention.

Alternately, {and at about half the Hanalei's rates} there is a **MOTEL 6** next door and on connecting property. (619) 296-1612 or (800) 466-8356.

Registration:

Is \$27.50 per person *if postmarked by September 14th, 1996*. For postmarks after that the fee is \$35.00, and -- reservations *postmarked after September 28th cannot* be accepted.

Schedule:

Plan to spend some time in SD - great weather and many attractions - SD Zoo, Sea World, Old Town, Quail Gardens {Encinitas}, Seaport Village, etc., etc.

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| 8:00 to 10:30 | Registration Desk is open in the foyer of the Meeting Rooms. |
| 8:00 to 9:00 | FREE Continental breakfast for those registered. |
| 9:00 to 10:15 | Region 15 Executive Board Meeting - open to all members. |
| 10:30 to 12:30 | Judges Training Session presented by Hooker Nichols |
| 12:45 to 1:30 | Luncheon Banquet |
| 1:45 to 4:45 | Region 15 General Meeting - followed by a program by Mr. Nichols - and ending with a Drawing for Door Prizes and the Raffle. |



Questions ?? --- please call Dorothy Driscoll @ (619) 463-6700, or George Bange @ (619) 571-1154.

Please reserve _____ place(s) in the name(s) of _____

representing _____ Iris Society, Region _____

Make Checks payable to: SD/IC Iris Society Mail to: Ruth Bryce, 4856 Old Cliffs Road, San Diego, CA 92120

Come on down and enjoy what's left of SD & TJ after the Republican Convention!



THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY

July 25, 1996

Dear Regional Vice-President,

It has just come to my attention that we omitted the Annual Presidential Letter from the 1996 July AIS BULLETIN. In an effort to rectify this oversight, I am requesting that you, the official AIS representative and spokesperson for your Region, help in getting the word out to your Region's AIS membership as soon as possible. Mailing a copy of this letter to your Region's AIS members would be the preferred action. To facilitate this operation we are providing you with mailing labels for all of your region's eligible AIS members.

ANNUAL PRESIDENTIAL LETTER

The American Iris Society

July 24, 1996

Each year the terms of office expire for one-third of the twelve directors of The American Iris Society, and four are elected to fill those positions. As provided in the AIS bylaws, a five member Personnel Committee recommends to the AIS Board of Directors candidates for nomination as directors. The Personnel Committee consists of two directors chosen from the Board of Directors, two RVPs elected by the Board of Counselors and one Section member elected by the Section Advisory Board.

Approved during the 1996 spring meeting held in Sacramento, California in accordance with the AIS bylaws, the four nominees for regular three year terms expiring in 1999 are:

Michael Moller
Mike Lowe
Shirley Pope
Riley Probst

The bylaws provide that nominations may be made by any forty members of whom not more than fifteen may be located in any one region. Such additional nominations must be received by the AIS Secretary on or before September 1, 1996. Should additional nominations be made, a ballot on which all nominees are listed will be mailed on or before October 1, 1996 to all AIS members and must be received by the AIS Secretary, or Election Committee (if one is appointed) on or before November 1, 1996. If there are no nominations in addition to those listed above, issuance of a ballot may be omitted.

It is imperative you act quickly in this important notification of the membership.

Sincerely,

O. David Niswonger, President

Region 15

Fall Newsletter

AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY

RVP Message

It is true that time flies by when you are having fun. It is also true that time accelerates as one ages. When you are old and having as much fun as conditions permit, three years go quickly even though you don't. Be that as it may, Region 15 is looking good and the membership can be justifiably proud of themselves. I want to reassure each and every contributing member, that I note and appreciate your support and your service. However, rather than submit the usual "freebie" end of term message of itemized thank yous, I would ask you to accept my generic and no less sincere gratitude so that I may deliver one last sermon.

Two Region 15 affiliates held local club auctions in the last 10 days. The chairs were each provided a budget of \$500-\$600 from affiliate treasuries with which to conduct the event. Thirty four members attended Thursday night. Twenty seven members were present Saturday afternoon. The Thursday evening auction realized a gross of \$2000+; the bidding Saturday afternoon grossed \$600+. It is interesting, but probably not significant, that the less successful affiliate set appreciably higher minimum bids. Other differences in marketing could be observed, but the contributory factors to the greater profit become apparent with additional information.

The merchandise list for the Thursday night auction reveals the following: 206 rhizomes introduced no earlier than 1993 were available. 15 of these rhizomes were purchased from affiliate funds and generated 54 extras.

Therefore, 19 members donated 135 rhizomes meeting the same standards of recency as above. The Saturday hosts auctioned approximately 100 rhizomes all purchases or extras. Dates of introduction ranged from 1990- 96 with the majority of the items in the early '90s by design.

To repeat 19 members donated 135 rhizomes. I hear your comments, "Not in my club," or "Not in my Region." Why not????!!! Members have been picking up newer introductions at a fraction of catalog prices at such auctions for a number of years. In many such auctions only members may participate. Even the most virulent-thumbed irisarian should be able to prize an appropriate rhizome or two out of surviving clumps. If even a small percentage of a membership contributes pure profit rhizomes the gross and net surges proportionately.

But that response does not speak to a major

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problem which is that affiliates have been pandering to members who contribute rhizomes to auctions or sales: paying contributors a set amount for each rhizome donated or a percentage of the amount realized on each rhizome sold. Such policies are self-defeating. The affiliates most involved in this kind of behavior are having the most difficulty making a profit from fund raisers, balancing a budget, going without chairs for necessary tasks etc. and having interpersonal problems among members. A given is that the cost of bribery continually increases.

Clubs so infiltrated must wrestle with the connotations of the paragraph above on their own. Neither of the auctions cited above were operated under those circumstances. Most affiliates in this region mirror the less successful experience. Local auctions are not making the expected dollars, expenses are exceeding income and anxiety is afoot and horseback. The readily available excuse for this condition is that the successful region auctions compete with the affiliate auctions.

As a consequence, the region is reluctantly anticipating diminished support this year: two affiliates regularly hosting region 15 auctions chose not to do so, fortunately one of these has changed this position; a 3rd affiliate has asked that the number of rhizomes supplied them for auction be cut drastically, a 4th affiliate has not hosted a region auction in 8 years.

I understand the competition argument, but having conducted affiliate and/or region auctions since 1976 I know it just aint so unless you make the unprintable mistake of holding both auctions at the same meeting! Attendance at auctions will always be below the average attendance at "regular" meetings. Auctions are not spectator sports. But the attendance for auctions will remain constant whether you conduct 1 auction or 2. Granted that bidders may have a budget for new rhizomes. Bidders who have expended that budget at the first auction seem to scrape up a "bankroll" for succeeding auctions. How many of you attend 1 garage sale a year, or 1 department store sale a year?. If there is a bargain to be had on an item you think you need, you'll be there. Auctions provide such bargains.

If affiliate leaders accept the above, then they now realize that the only expense they may incur is the rental of the meeting site. And that is not a necessary expense. Auctions have been held successfully in parks, or members homes or grounds. Rhizomes auctioned for the region are the guests iris from the spring meeting that donors have released for that purpose. Nobody has to my knowledge ever been asked to guarantee an attendance figure or a financial return. The profits come from the voluntary actions of individuals, not representatives of affiliates as such.

*E*ditor's Notes

Jim Giles

Well you may have noticed that we have changed the format of the Newsletter. This is partially because of new changes required by the USPS (United States Postal Service). To qualify for the cheaper bulk rates offered by USPS we have to change to a letter size page, thus our new layout. Our previous bulletins were printed on legal size pages. The letter size page makes the layout for a booklet style newsletter much more difficult and time consuming for me to manage.

Correction: I entered in the wrong information in the Show Results section for the San Fernando Valley. Total Entries should be 255 and not 25. SFVIS you always have a great turn out for your shows, 25 is an insult!! Sorry for my error.

San Fernando Valley Iris Society

Iris Larson, President

Once again, there's a lot of goings on at SFVIS. Shortly after you receive this we'll be back at the Promenade at Woodland Hills with our Fall Sale featuring lots of good things, September 20, 21 and 22. Drop by for some great buys.

Speaking of great buys be sure to get to the Regional auctions going on all around the region during September. This is the region's only means of support, so let's all get behind this event and give it our best shot. (SFVIS's -Sept. 5th)

Oct 3rd—our Bingo nite. (we try to send home a bag of rhizomes with just about everyone). Come

join us for popcorn and a lot of fun. First card is free; after that you pay for additional cards.

Nov. 7th—Our own Michael Zarky will be guest speaker; his topic—Siberians. Something a little different for a change.

Dec. 5th—Our Christmas potluck at the Canoga Park Women's Club.

Early next year Phil Edinger has promised (Jan. or Feb. date not set yet) an evening on the history of irises in our region. Bob Plank has some more good things tucked up his sleeve before we kick off the biggest event of '97 -The Spring Regional or "Back to the Future with Irises" with Brad Kasperk of Utah and lots of Space Agers in the gardens. Look for our first promo by publicity chairman, Jim Weinstock in this issue.

Don't forget the Fall Region Meeting in San Diego in October. Hope to see a bunch of you there. And since there'll be no further issues until next year, have a beautiful Fall and a wonderful Holiday Season.

Hi Desert Iris & Day Lily Society

Barbara Turner, President

It is time for another update on the activities of Hi Desert. July and August are dark for us this year. We will have a planning session at the end of August for the '96-'97 year. We hope to stimulate some interest with the high school classes to enter in our show in April. We did set up the date with the mall for April 26th and 27th in 1997. Their calendar is made up in July so it was important to get our name on the list as soon as possible.

Hopefully we will have our Region 15 Auction at our September meeting. A better turn-out of prospective buyers when we are more in the mood of planting and dividing more iris. One of our members in Ridgecrest gave us about 400 rhizomes which we potted for sale next spring at our show and at the Lilac Show. That is our main money making project of the year.

We have asked Babbette Sandt of Babbettes Gardens in Lake Los Angeles to be our speaker for October. Babbette has a beautiful little garden full of everything imaginable. She has extra ordinary success with all her plantings. We have visited her

oasis several times as part of our treks, she is an inspiration to all of us.

November will be an interesting talk by Sylvia from Greener Gardens Nursery. She talked to us last year and gave us some very good ideas on plants for the desert as well as water gardening.

A nice long letter arrived today from Billie Stone, one of our members in Ridgecrest. I'm sure a lot of you know Billie. She asks to be remembered to everyone. They are off on another month long train trip across the country to Nova Scotia and back. Their travels would make an interesting program sometime.

Several of the Hi Desert Irisarians will be traveling to New Zealand in November. So far Fern Owen, Carolyn Dunham, Winnie Serpico, Anita Condon and I will be going November 9th to 25th. We are really looking forward to it. Any chance any other Region 15 persons are going?

We are planning to visit San Diego on Oct. 12th and Las Vegas on Oct. 25th. We are off again looking forward to a busy and stimulating year. For the rest of the summer we will be sitting in the shade watching the iris grow! We have followed all the instructions to the letter--fertilized--watered--weeded--removed dead foliage--now, grow, **grow, GROW!!!!**

Sun Country Iris Society

Georgia Gudykunst, President

We decided to all "go on holiday" in July, so we canceled our July 2 meeting. Now we're looking forward to Fall. Our August meeting will bring us a picture show by Sam Wymer, member of Sun Country and TAIS. We're looking forward to slides of the many intriguing gardens from the national convention held earlier this year in Sacramento. To promote a cool time, the Board is serving up ice cream flavors and toppings to treat our members.

September brings our Fall Rhizome Marking Party/Sales for/by members on Sept. 3. Our rhizome sale to the public is Sept. 7 at two malls, Chris Town in Phoenix and Tri City Mall in Mesa. So we're counting on everyone to donate their extra rhizomes and pitch in.

We're looking forward in October to our special guest speaker Pete DeSantis, and our auctions. And we're just as excited about our program speaker for November, Maxine Perkins. We'll celebrate with joy in December when we hold our Christmas Dinner/Social. This will be extra special this year as we plan to have this social with our Valley Garden Center members from the Bonsai Club. All in all, a pretty darn fun season is approaching. Oh yes, there is the frenzy of buying "those things" and preparing our gardens.

P.S. Hope to see you at the Region 15 Meeting in San Diego, and the Region 14 Meeting in Las Vegas.

Tucson Area Iris Society

Gail Barnhill, President

DIG, DIG, dig...what is that nagging feeling I'm getting...TRIM, TRIM, LABEL, LABEL, LABEL...I must be forgetting something.. LIST, INVENTORY, PACK, PACK, PACK...what else is it I'm supposed to be doing?...SHIP, SHIP, SHIP...beside; getting those Auction Iris to all the clubs?

EGAD

**I forgot to write this before the 8/1 deadline!
FOR SHAME!**

Obviously, we've all been busy getting your Region 15 Auction Iris to you, in addition to digging iris for our Rhizome Sale. This year our "interested in your Sale" mailing list contains 810 names (!) and each will get a reminder postcard - our most profitable form of advertising!

Unlike that goofy groundhog in Philly, the desert rats in Tucson stay inside when they see their shadows in the summer, and either garden before dawn, after sundown or in the rain (we all remember what THAT is...don't we?!).

Since we hibernate from May until our digging starts in August, not much to report on garden-wise. We hold our Region 15 Auction & Potluck September 7th, and our Sale September 21-22. Our last meeting of the year and election of BRAND NEW OFFICERS(!!!) will be held October 19th, the week after we Trek to San Diego.

Our October Meeting will also herald a new dues structure as approved by TAIS membership. Because the extra liability insurance (\$220) we had to purchase due to not all of our members belonging to AIS, and often having to pay an Affiliate fee (\$50) due to too few AIS members....all TAIS members will now be required to be AIS members and pay those dues through our own membership chair (no additional charge to be TAIS members...figured the cost of mailing newsletters (\$325 would pretty much be offset by the Insurance/Affiliate costs of \$270)- Anyone interested in how we're handling this, please contact me.

See you in San Diego !

San Diego / Imperial Counties Iris Society

George Bange, President

With regret we must note the passing of two of our long time members. Valera Chenowith on June 12th and Penny Bunker on June 30th.

Valera was a well respected hybridizer of Louisiana Iris having won 3 HM's for introductions out of work with Clara Goula as a parent (Just for Joe '81, HM'84 Pristine Priss '81, HM'84 - Blue Bonnet Sue '86, HM'89) and she originated the color breakthru of Samurai Wish '86.¶

Penny will be remembered for her service to all of the flower related societies of SD as she coordinated their relationship with the City and Balboa Park. She was a frequent Show Chairman in this Society's heyday and was recognized by Eleanor McCown with the '81 Spuria introduction "Penny Bunker".

Our September activity will be the Annual Rhizome sale in Balboa Park (on the 8th).

On October 12th - SD/IC will host the Region 15 Fall Meeting at the Hanalei Hotel in San Diego's Mission Valley. The one day (Saturday) meeting - starts @ 9 AM. Hooker Nichols will be guest speaker and offer Judges training. Reservation slips are enclosed in this Newsletter - additional copies & further details will be mailed to all Regional society Presidents about late August.

Southern California Iris Society

Jay Conklin - President

So. Cal Iris Society is off to a grand start with its Annual August TB Rhizome sale boasting of an array of cultivars from Cooley's, Superstition, Cal-Dixie, Stockton, & Zebra Gardens - both old & new for the auction.

Our officers have been elected for '96-'97, our committee chairs have been chosen (with a lot of coaxing) and our calendar has been set! Our officers and committee chairs are as follows:

- President----- Jay Conklin
- Vice President----- Mike Monninger
- Treasurer----- Derry Gerald
- Recording Sec.----- Doris Eader
- Advisor ----- Jimmy Jones

- Membership----- Duncan Eader
- Plant Sales----- Les & Virginia Adams
- Assistant ----- Adrian Ionescu
- Hospitality----- LauraEllen Speck
- Editor----- Lynn McIlwain
- Corresponding Sec. ----- Faith Nixon
- Historians----- Ralph & Laverne Conrad
- Publicity ----- Ruth Woodward
- Food Service ----- Polly Hawkins

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- Arboretum----- Duncan Eader
- Ca. Garden Club----- LauraEllen Speck

Were excited that Dorrell Shephard can come from Phoenix for our October 5th general meeting to talk about LA's and Spurias, since our beardless auction is in November & we know he'll peak member interest in these non-bearded beauties.

'96-'97 Calendar

- Sept 7-8 Iris Rhizome Sale, West Covina Plaza Mall
- Oct 5 Dorrel Shephard from AZ on Suprias & LA's
- Oct 12 Region 15 Meeting in San Diego
- Nov 9 Beardless Iris Auction
- Dec 15 Christmas Party: Gift Exchange & Slide show, "Peppers", Arcadia.
- Jan 25 Membership Meeting
- Feb 15 Valentine/President's Day Dinner; Quite Cannon, Montebello
- Mar 22 Membership meeting
- Apr 12-13 Iris Show at Arboretum
- June 28 Membership Meeting

Nominations Nominations Nominations

Nominate: (v) meaning to Designate, to Name, to Appoint, to Propose, to Mean, to Finger, to Tap.

If you are not a nominee you may look at it as designating someone to represent you to the population they serve. If you are a nominee you may look at it as being fingered or tapped by the population you serve.

However you may look at it, it all means the same thing the elected official gets the honor of volunteering their time to further the work of those before them. Those elected to office will receive the many benefits and perks that accompany the position: i.e. they will get to spend some of their free time to support the Region and AIS, they will get to hear many opinions on how the Region should function (some good, others not so good), they will get to respond to complaints (many) and they will get to lavish in the "thank yous" for doing a good job (not as many). Pay for these positions is very good. They will get to pay for hotels and travel costs to Region meetings, National Meetings and associated meetings. They will have long distance phone calls to pay for and postage to pay for (these are reimbursable but many do not ask for it). They will also get to buy a lot more aspirin because their headaches will increase.

Now with all of this in mind the following individuals have graciously accepted the nomination for the elected positions of the AIS, Region 15 board:

- RVP Herb Holk
- Asst RVP Gail Barnhill
- Secretary Georgia Gudykunst
- Treasurer..... Barbara Turner

This slate of officers will be presented to the General Membership at the Region 15 Fall Meeting in San Diego. Voting for officers will be conducted at that time.

Nominations from the floor will be accepted, **HOWEVER**, all nominees offered from the floor have to be approached before the meeting and agree to serve in the position they are being nominated for. *No fingering or tapping without their knowledge.*

AIS MEMBERSHIP REPORT**New Members**

Mark L. Rawson, Lake Arrowhead, CA.

Transfer Out

Tanya Lamoreaux

Mrs. Frances Starr

(The following article is from the American Iris Society Region 22 Newsletter, Jan 96)

DID I ORDER ALL THESE? BUT IT'S 110 °IN THE SHADE!

Robert L. Strohman, Former Editor of The Iris Fan ~ Newsletter of The Louisville Area Iris Society

Last spring, when the iris were in bloom and all those catalogs arrived it was easy to imagine an even larger garden with still more iris. We read the descriptions, made out our orders, wrote our checks, and sent them on their way. And the mid-May weather was beautifully pleasant.

Now those iris have begun to arrive. With each approach of the UPS truck we wonder, "Did I order all THESE?" And on top of the ones we ordered are the gift extras that the gardens so generously include sometimes as many as the original order.

But now they're here, the weather isn't so nice, it's over 90°, the ground is too dry and hard to dig, and we're leaving for a vacation trip tomorrow anyway. What to do?

If conditions aren't right for planting iris on the day they are delivered, there are several things one can do.

All bearded iris - TB, MTB, IB, BB, SDB, MDB, arilbred - will survive even if they aren't planted for some time. (Of course, the sooner they get started growing the more likely they will produce bloomstalks next spring.) If immediate planting is out of the question, open the box, remove the packing material, and place the open box in a dark cool (but not damp) place until planting time.

Better than letting them sit unplanted would be to get them into soil so they can begin to put out roots. If you still haven't dug up the section of ever-decreasing lawn where the new bed will be,

consider this: Plant them in clay pots. Working out of the sun, mix a healthy combination of garden soil, top soil, peat (none of this for arilbreds), and sand. Then plant one rhizome per pot, selecting one large enough to allow the roots to expand. This way, growth gets underway without delay until the final site is prepared. Such potted plants can continue like this for several weeks.

When planting time comes, all you need do is prepare a hole, knock out the iris and its pot of soil (You'll be amazed how soon the pot becomes filled with roots), and set it in place with a minimum of disturbance.

This method has been found to eliminate winter heaving because the roots are already well anchored before they're placed in the garden.

If you're receiving any of the beardless iris - Siberians, Louisianas, Japanese, pseudacorus, et cetera the same approach can be used with only slight modifications.

These iris are usually shipped in plastic bags to retain moisture en route and the important thing to remember is that they **MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO DRY OUT.**

Thus, plastic pots are better than clay because they retain moisture better. The potting mixture for these iris should include more peat and some composted manure. Daily watering will be necessary. Or, if you are leaving for vacation, these pots can be stood in shallow pans of water (Adolph Vogt uses plastic wading pools). In fact, the Japanese and Louisianas can be left growing in standing water right up until cold weather.

Most iris are pretty hardy plants. They want to survive. Giving them this planting-season advantage will be rewarded when you see them in bloom next spring.

ATTENTION REGION 15 HYBRIDIZERS

"YOU MAY HAVE ALREADY WON!!!"

But you have to enter to WIN. We are referring to the Bernard Hamner Award for the Best Region 15 Guest Iris.

Sun Country Iris Society is accepting guest iris for the '98 Spring Trek. Send your guests to Bobbie Shepard - 3342 W. Orangewood, Phoenix, AZ, 85051

REGION 15 FALL MEETING

Hosted by SAN DIEGO/IMPERIAL CO's IRIS SOCIETY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

@ the HANAIEI HOTEL, 2270 Hotel Circle North
San Diego, CA 92108 (619) 297-1101

8:00 AM REGISTRATION

FREE "Continental Breakfast" for Registrants

8:30 AM Region 15 Exec. Board Mtg.**10:00 AM Judges Training (by Hooker Nichols)****12 Noon Luncheon****1:00 PM General Mtg & Nichols Program****4:00 Door Prize & Raffle drawings**

Registration form enclosed in this newsletter

AIS Region 15**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

April 13, 1996, Tucson, Arizona

Attendees:

Bill Rinehart, RVP
Herb Holk, Asst. RVP/Judges Training
Gail Barnhill, Secretary/TAIS
Barbara Turner, Treasurer/HDI&DS
Jim Giles, Newsl. Editor
Pete De Santis, Nominating
Jimmy Jones, Awards
Georgia Gudykunst, SCIS(Az)
Iris Larsen, SFVIS
George Bange SDIS
Jay Conklin, SCIS
Sara Holk, Circulation Ed.

RVP Rinehart called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm at the
Windmill Inn in Tucson, Arizona.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Minutes: It was **MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED** that the Minutes of the January 13, 1996 Executive Committee Meeting be approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Turner distributed copies of the Region 15 Balance Sheet report as of March 30, 1996 (Exhibit A and shown below) which were reviewed and discussed. It was then **MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED** to approve forwarding this report for audit:

Region General Accounts

Checking: Beginning Balance 1/1/96

\$8705.30

Income:

Advertising in Newsletters	\$240.00	
Total Income		+240.00
Disbursements:		
Postal Permit	\$ 85.00	
Spring Trek 96 Region Donation	500.00	
Claire B. Barr Trophy	92.55	
Region 15 Money Market Account	1000.00	
Postage	150.00	
Newsletter printing	398.12	
Total Disbursements		-2225.67
Ending Balance 3/30/96		\$6719.63

Certificate of Deposit:

Beginning Balance 12/29/95	\$5357.07	
Interest:	53.51	
Ending Balance 3/30/96	\$5410.68	
Ending Balance Region Accounts		\$12,130.21

Region RVP Account

Certificate of Deposit:		
Beginning Balance 12/29/95	\$2079.70	
Interest:	30.55	
Ending Balance 3/30/96	\$5196.02	
Total all Accounts:		\$17,326.23

BUSINESS:

Affiliation: RVP Rinehart distributed the AIS Affiliate Receipts to the club presidents for their files.

Awards: It was **MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED** to approve purchase of the Claire Barr Award trophies for \$82.50, 1st trophy, \$62.50 for 9 consecutive trophies for a total of \$676.56 (incl tax). It was generally agreed not to "require" Affiliates to purchase these trophies, but any such donation purchases will be greatly accepted. The awards to be given at the Spring '96 Trek were reviewed, as well as the ballot use and collection and counting procedures. It was agreed to allow Claire Barr to present the first of the new trophy bearing her name to the winner at the Trek.

Judges Training: Chairman Herb Holk distributed a new Judges Activity Report form and noted all future updates to these forms will bear a revision date at the bottom. New questions have been added to this form, to be dated "4/96" (Exhibit B) regarding attendance at Treks and Conventions, voting both the Symposium and Ballot, and entering and reviewing shows, as well as voting for HCs or ECs.

Chairman Holk stressed the important requirement that all Region 15 Judges Training Programs must receive prior approval by the Judges Training Chairman, that all Judges attending such sessions must take the test to receive credit, and must sign the attendance sheet. The attendance sheet must be forwarded to the Judges Training Chair within 2 weeks of the program. Noting that all Judges should have received their AIS Ballots by now, Chairman Holk strongly urged them not to put off this important requirement, but to vote at once. He further stressed that Judges and Students visit as many iris gardens as they

possibly can (in addition to Trek and Convention gardens) during the bloom season.

Membership:

Chairman Sara Holk distributed the Region 15 AIS Membership Report (Exhibit C), as well as a list of additions and corrections to the AIS Region 15 membership roster (Exhibit D). She said our region is now the 5th largest in AIS Membership. In regard to AIS eliminating mid-year (July) memberships, those who join before September will be considered an AIS member for the current year. Those joining from October on, will become AIS members the following January.

Newsletter: Editor Giles said June 1st is the deadline for the next Region 15 Bulletin. RVP Rinehart said he will send copies of all the Show Reports to Giles as he receives them, at the same time urging club's not be late with their reports.

Nomination of Officers: Chairman DeSantis said his committee will present a firm slate of officers at the October 1996 meeting, in addition to the Fall Newsletter. It was **MOVED** that the Assistant RVP position be required to also be the Judges Training Chair, but the motion died for lack of a Second.

Region Auctions: RVP Rinehart reminded the club presidents that at our January meeting it was agreed that they would schedule their Region Auction dates in September rather than August as in the past. TAIS President Barnhill will contact the club presidents after the Trek to determine the club Auction dates as well as preference in regard to type of iris wanted. RVP Rinehart said he would be willing to serve as auctioneer for any of the clubs that wished him to do so. The San Diego club said they only wanted 1/2 the normal shipment of Auction rhizomes, and Southern California and Orange County do not want any.

Symposium: RVP Rinehart once again urged the club presidents to remind their AIS members to vote the Symposium Ballot of favorite irises. Last year we were only 1 vote short of having the most votes of any Region.

Region Meetings: The Fall 1996 meeting will be hosted by the San Diego & Imperial County Iris Society and will be held at the Hanali Hotel in Mission Viejo, CA on October 12th (one-day). Hooker Nichols will be the Luncheon Keynote Speaker as well as give the Judges Training Program. The 1998 Spring Trek will be hosted by the Sun Country Iris Society, Bobbie Shepard co-chairing with Ellen Smith. RVP Rinehart noted that Region 14 had issued an invitation to our members to attend their Fall Meeting in Las Vegas, NV on October 26 as well.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail M. Barnhill
Secretary

GMB/mos
Exhibits Attached to Original Minutes

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