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# REGION 15

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I want to share my satisfaction in the manner in which our region is organized and my gratitude for the spirit of cooperation in which the affiliate presidents and other executive board members have accepted their added responsibilities.

The first accolades should go to those leaders of an earlier time who in their obvious wisdom set the patterns and commissioned the bylaws.

Central to the framework of this region is the fact that the largest and most influential contingent of the Executive Board are the affiliate presidents. These individuals, each elected annually by popular vote of affiliate members who know them well, are not only directly responsible to their constituency, but are in the position to be the best informed representatives of the membership at large. Local presidents do receive communication faxed, phoned, written and verbal both whispered and screamed.

Appreciation should next be expressed for the board members individually and collectively.

They have accepted the added responsibility of the leadership of this region without complaint and with apparent dedication. The phrase added responsibility should not go unnoticed. These are busy people with widespread interests and responsibilities throughout the world of iris, and not surprisingly divergent and considerable responsibilities outside that sphere.

It may be surprising to those of you who have not participated in the attempt to encourage participatory, representative or democratic governance, but the reality is boards, committees councils -not to mention chairs and presidents- by and large are resistant. Members are dubious until they actually experience the model that their contribution is important and/or necessary.

The Region 15 Executive Board has matured past that point. As an example: A Saturday, (in '96 January 13), is set aside annually for what is essentially an all day planning meeting for the calendar year. This year, as in the past, members from all corners of this geographically huge area, began promptly at 9:30 a.m., broke for lunch, and continued without interruption until 2:30 p.m. When polled for agenda items and/or time on the agenda for

reports etc. the responses were generous and prompt. Every agenda item contributed was covered and resolved in a manner satisfactory to the originator. The meeting was focused, objective without competition or territoriality though demanding and sometimes routine. Hopefully, every leader left with a sense of ownership.

It is important to me to publicly express my admiration and appreciation. It is equally important that each of you fully recognize your good fortune in having such leadership and thus Mr. Editor the length of this piece. The names of Executive Board members are included in this newsletter. If you are prompted to say "thank you?", I know it would be cool.

**Bill Rinehart, RVP**

### *An Iris Blessing for 1996*

*May your blooms be floriferous and in good form,  
Distinctive, with good substance, flare, and airborne,  
With standards and falls that endure, never torn.  
May you display many buds and blooms sublime,  
In graceful proportion on strong stalks each day,  
Gently floating above the fans and the fray.  
May you too reach toward the moon and the stars,  
Bloom after bloom, many seasons in the sun,  
Enjoying your life, health, and each loved one,  
Until your 'living days are artfully done.*

by - Georgia Gudykunst



## HI DESERT IRIS AND DAYLILY SOCIETY

*Barbara G. Turner, President*

Our Fall programs went off nicely with our usual attendance of dedicated irisarians. We ended our first quarter with our Christmas Party Potluck. Everyone had a good time and had a little extra fun with a gift exchange.

Our objective now is to plan for the Spring show in April. Edris Edgar will do a workshop on arrangements in January. In February we will have a slide program with the Planks. In March Pete DeSantis and Judy Mogil will give us a program on show preparation.

April 6th and 7th is the Palmdale Lilac Festival at the Palmdale Cultural Center. Some of us will enter arrangements or specimens in the flower section. On Saturday the 6th we will have our plant sale in the courtyard. The wildflowers should appear about this time also so it will make a nice little trip on that weekend.

The Tucson Trek is the 12th, 13th, & 14th. It is uncertain how many of our group will be able to attend, will try.

We at Hi Desert are really excited to announce our Iris Show will be held at the Antelope Valley Mall on April 20th and 21st. We realize this is the same weekend as other shows, however, hopefully our iris will be at their prime at this time.

Having our show at the "mall" has been a wish for many of us for a long time and now it is coming to pass. For us it is a FIRST!

We cordially invite any of you to join us at the Mall and help us celebrate! We will be at the Sears Court on April 20th and 21st. If any of our friends would like to bring Designs to add to our display, we will be happy to accept them.

The Antelope Valley Mall is located at Highway 14 and Avenue P. The wild flowers should be in bloom on the west side of the valley.

The AIS Convention in Sacramento is on the 24th to 28th and we hope to have a good attendance for it.

With such a busy Spring we will have our hands full. We can all take an extra dose of sulphur and molasses ! Are we having fun yet? You bet!

With Best Wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



## TUCSON AREA IRIS SOCIETY

*Gail Barnhill, President*

TAIS was proud to raise \$409 at the Region Iris Auction... may not seem as much as other's raised, but bear in mind our 5 Spring Trek (96) Garden Owners (normally the largest... er, highest purchasers!) were unable to purchase much due to lack of space to plant!

Our Annual Potluck was held at new member **Monica Hauptman's** home in the beautiful eastern foothills of Tucson. She has a fabulous iris garden.... 2-1/2' raised adobe planters encircling the perimeter of a HUGE 1/2 circle driveway. Several of us helped her dig this year, and those planters sure made it easier on our backs!

In September we had a very successful Sale, chaired by **Barbara ("& John") Evans**. This is the first thing Barbara has been able to volunteer to chair and what a great job she did. She said the detailed, written job description TAIS has on file really helped.

Several of our members attended the lovely Fall Trek hosted by Sun Country in Scottsdale... and did very well in the doorprize before leaving!

In late October a very small but hearty group, **John and Barbara Evans, Bob Baker, Gary Carruthers, Greta Dunnigan and Gail Barnhill** installed an iris garden for St. Luke's Home for Women after John and Bob pick-axed their way through a foot of calechie and if you don't know what that is, think concrete!

In order to obtain more input from our members, TAIS recently added two more Directors to it's Board for a total of 4 Directors in addition to our Officers.

Our Spring Trek 96 Committee is now geared up for monthly meetings in order to finalize our plans to treat you to a "**Sonoran Desert Spring**" April 12-13-14, 1996 here in the Old Pueblo (Tucson!).

Please look for the Trek Registration form in this edition of the Region 15 Bulletin.... you will find quite a "ganga" on Registration Fees if you send them before March 1st. TAIS originally thought about subsidizing

Trek hotel rates, but finally decided that more members would benefit by a reduction in registration. See you there... we've been working awfully hard toward making your visit to the "bloomin desert" a special one.

## San Fernando Valley Iris Society

*Iris Larson, President*

Aren't Nov., Dec., Jan., and Feb. supposed to be relatively quiet months for iris people? Well, if you are a member of SFVIS. this '95-'96 time just wasn't so. In November Rick Ernst gave us an idea of what is to come from Cooley's, plus some slides showing just how they plant ALL those irises. Very interesting!

December we had a really "jumping" Christmas party, with the "Good Time Jazz Band" entertaining. Nobody fell asleep this time, guaranteed. We ushered in the New Year with Ray Schreiner and lovely things to come from Salem.

At this writing, we are looking forward to Bryce Williamson-Feb, 1 and his preview of the AIS '96 National gardens. March 7th will bring our own Bill Rinehart to the podium with more beautiful slides from a different angle. If you get this in time, be sure to make plans to attend.

Think you were busy last April? Wait until this year. Don't unpack your bags. Our own SFVIS Trek is April 6th. If you would like a relaxing drive around the San Fernando Valley, before the April mayhem starts, give Jean & Roy Bossier a call for directions. (818-887-9166). Then it's off to Tucson for the Region 15 Trek; home again for our Spring Show April 19-20; you're all invited to attend and/or participate. Peggy Carpenter, Show Chair, has a really appropriate theme "IRISES MAKE MUSIC". Give her a call for info (818-883-3302). Ya'll come now.

We close up the doors on the show Saturday night and head for Sacramento Sunday or Monday for the AIS National. Advance publicity looks as if they have a great time planned.

May's program has yet to be announced, but with the jewels our VP Bob Plank has garnered so far, it's sure to be a good one. Be sure to check your March or April Irisarian for who.

June is our June potluck, Show awards presentation and election of '96-'97 officers. A time to reflect on all of the beauties seen this spring and to dream of things to come.

## SUN COUNTRY IRIS SOCIETY

*Georgia Gudykunst, President*

A happy, healthy, new year to everyone! Since the last region newsletter, Sun Country iris members enjoyed hosting Region 15's Fall Meeting in Scottsdale, October, 1995. It was a great success due to many -committee members, speakers, and especially, to all of you super folks who attended the meeting. We hope you had a good time!

Since then, Sun Country had a November program on natural flower arranging by, John Johnstonbaugh, a December Victorian Christmas potluck dinner party, and a historic iris presentation by Rick Tasco on January 2. Also we held rhizome sales at two malls in September, and assisted at the Valley Garden Center booth at the State Fair in November.

Upcoming meetings Include:

Feb. 6 -- Rebloomers by John Weiler

Mar. 5 -- On Being a Judge by Glenn Corlew

Apr. 2 -- Spring Show tips

May 7 -- Composting by Cathy Cromwell

June 4 -- Awards Banquet/Installation of Officers

Plus, we have scheduled an Early Exhibit in March and Spring Show on April 20-21 at ChrisTown Mall.

We are looking forward to the Region 15 Spring Trek in Tucson. You can expect TAIS will host a great program for us. See you there!



# **San Diego / Imperial Counties Iris Society**

*George Bange - President*

Our Society continues to struggle with the problems engendered by a very limited number of active participants. We consider "outreach" as a major goal for the '96 year - and in that regard, and since TB's are a bit marginal in our mild marine climate, we are putting more emphasis on Spurias this year.

January's Program featured Spuria slides, some discussion, and election of '96 officers: President - George Bange, Vice President and Program Chair Dorothy Frisbie, Secretary - Pat Brendel, & Treasurer - Ruth Bryce Our February "Meeting Notice" included a listing of the 93 Spuria cultivars grown by our members. The February "meeting" will be in the form of our society's 33rd Anniversary Party - a luncheon at a local restaurant with B. Charles Jenkins from Scottsdale as our Guest Speaker - and again, the subject is Spurias.

The March "Meeting Notice" will include a listing of (hopefully all) of the Spurias presently available from Commercial Sources. The March meeting will be given over to preparations for our Annual Show.

April 20th and 21st is the Show - Hazel Carson will serve as Show Chair - we'll again be in Casa del Prado, Balboa Park. This is two weeks earlier than last year so, unless the Weather Gods play games again, should be more of a TB show than last year's, which was comparatively heavily weighted to the later Spurias.

We are planning now for the Region 15 Fall Meeting and hope to have some interesting side trips available for attendees. Hooker Nichols, from Oklahoma, will be the Speaker and offer judge's Training.

# **ORANGE COUNTY IRIS & DAYLILY CLUB**

*Sue Tanji, Corresponding Secretary*

OCIDC is excited to report that the voice-mail network begun on February 1st is working! We feel that the \$10 per month and \$20 startup

fee will be well-worth the investment. Other societies and nursery groups may avail themselves of this communication link by contacting John Schoustra (310)494-1728.

VP, Jay Conklin reported that we are officially affiliated with Region 15 thru payment of \$50. We have also declined doing the Spring Trek in 1998, since we could not get support from our members to do the work or put their gardens on tour. We did offer to do another Fall meeting either in 1998 or '99.

Programs scheduled for 1996 are:

- February - Rick Ernst from Cooley's "New Iris"
- March - Kate Gittleman "Garden Care"
- April - Pete DeSantis "Grooming for Exhibition"
- May - our own MINI-SHOW (non-AIS sanctioned)
- June - TBA on Daylily Culture
- July - Potluck (with speaker) at church
- August - Potluck at Webb's home
- September - Al Rogers
- October - Jay Conklin on "Rebloomers"
- November - Nancy Webb's slides of her garden tours '96
- December - Christmas potluck & gift exchange

All irisarians are invited to attend! We meet at the First Presbyterian Church on Eulid just north of Chapman in Garden Grove on the second Tuesday of each month. We start with a social hour at 7 P.M. and our speakers begin about 7:30. Please join us! We'd be happy to have you.

## Southern California Iris Society

*Jay Conklin, President*

I am very pleased with the progress we are making this year. Although our membership has lowered, with the help of such a dedicated board of directors, '96 looks like a favorable year for SCIS.

With the success of our October rhizome sale in the West Covina Plaza, we've decided to have another one in May with an Iris Cultivar display.

This will be a one-day affair on May 18th, 9am to 6pm With the losses incurred from hosting the Region 15 Spring Trek, we are slowly but surely rebuilding our treasury

February's SCIS "Valentine's/President's Day" at Brass Elephant with Rick Ernst speaking on Cooley's New Trends in Iris was subsidized by the club paying his fee and room rental and not passing these costs on to attendees. We kept the dinner at a nominal \$16.00 to reward participating members and their guests for club tasks accomplished during the year.

We are pleased that Tucson is holding trek's fee down so low to encourage more participation, too. Unfortunately, SCIS iris show at LA Arboretum will be at the same time as Tucson's region trek, but still many of our members will attend, since they can't pass up such a bargain!

In March, Pete DeSantis will give a talk about grooming and in June we'll have our "50-50" table plus slides of the Sacramento AIS National. Our TB auction will be in August and our beardless in October at our regular membership meeting. These are Noon Potlucks and all irisarians are invited to attend (either bring a dish to share or pay \$5.00!) Food is delicious and company gracious! Join us!



**Inland Iris Society**

*Irene Benton, President*

Since the fall newsletter of Region 15 was published, the Inland Iris Society has been very active. At present we do have 85 members and 57% are American Iris Society members.

In January, Don Shepard presented our society with a very educational program mainly on *Spurias*. All members and guests who attended, enjoyed his presentation to a great extent.

On February 4th, it was with the greatest of pleasure that we honored Mrs. William Barr at a luncheon at the Radisson hotel in San Bernardino. Our board members have made her an honorary member of this society. We had an extraordinary time for this outgoing president of the American Iris Society.

Beginning in March, we will be preparing for our flower show which will be held on the 20th of April. This program will be precisely on floral design. Master judge, Elaine Straw will be the instructor on the basics of making flower arrangements.

Mike Monninger, show chairman will do a program on "show preparations" on the 1st of April. He has written a wonderful show schedule. A copy has been sent to exhibitions chairman, Lillian Gristwood for approval.

Yes, we too have in mind the trek that takes place on April 12-14 as well as the AIS national convention in Sacramento on April 24-28. Several members plan to attend both of these functions.

Some of the other activities to take place are the following:

May 6--"show results and awards"

June 3--"election of officers" and results from AIS national convention

July 8--"installation of officers"

Members from other clubs are always welcome at the Inland Iris Society programs. We would enjoy having you!!

## **1995 Symposium**

Region 15 was ranked second twice in the return of symposiums. This region returned 153 ballots and a percentage of possible returns of 32.8%. The differential in the regions responses and those of the leaders was one ballot and ironically one ballot was received after the report was sent to national.

Region 15's rank of fifth in membership would seem to make such a high ranking difficult if not impossible. The odds favor the larger regions if the symposium were reported according to the number of returns and the smaller regions if the rankings were by percentages. This year by request of the Board of Counselors the results were reported both ways,

As expected the odds prevailed as Region 14, the largest region in membership with over 200 more members than Region 15, returned the most symposiums(154). Regions 12 (33%) and 11 (31.9%) each with less than 100 members-not a 100 members less- were first and third by percentage. Of these leaders, Region 14 was 12th in percentage (19%) and Region 12 was 21st in ballots returned (30).

Credit for this response must go to you the membership who responded without a contest or prize, but evidently out of pride for self and pride in being Region 15. Once again they simply are the best!!

## RESULTS OF THE SYMPOSIUM

| REGION 15 |                    | NATIONAL |                     |
|-----------|--------------------|----------|---------------------|
| 1995      | 1996               | 1995     | 1996                |
| 1         | 1 DUSKY CHALLENGER | 2        | 1 SILVERADO         |
| 2         | 1 SILVERADO        | 1        | 2 DUSKY CHALLENGER  |
| 6         | 3 JESSE'S SONG     | 3        | 3 JESSE'S SONG      |
| 8         | 4 PERSIAN BERRY    | 5        | 4 BEVERLY SILLS     |
| 12        | 5 ACOMA            | 10       | 5 HONKY TONK BLUES  |
| 14        | 6 HONKY TONK BLUES | 4        | 6 EDITH WOLFORD     |
| 5         | 6 BEVERLY SILLS    | 6        | 7 TITAN'S GLORY     |
| 20        | 8 LADY FRIEND      | 7        | 8 VANITY            |
| 16        | 9 SKATING PARTY    | 15       | 9 LADY FRIEND       |
| 2         | 10 EDITH WOLFORD   | 8        | 10 STEPPING OUT     |
| 4         | 11 GOING MY WAY    | 12       | 11 MARY FRANCES     |
| 9         | 12 TITAN'S GLORY   | 9        | 12 LACED COTTON     |
| ---       | 13 YAQUINA BLUE    | 17       | 13 BEFORE THE STORM |
| 16        | 14 BREAKERS        | 13       | 14 GOING MY WAY     |
| 13        | 15 RUSTLER         | 14       | 15 VICTORIA FALLS   |
| 11        | 16 MARY FRANCES    | 16       | 16 BREAKERS         |
| 7         | 17 VICTORIA FALLS  | 11       | 17 SONG OF NORWAY   |
| --        | 18 HELLO DARKNESS  | 20       | 18 MYSTIQUE         |
| 14        | 18 CITY LIGHTS     | ---      | 19 HELLO DARKNESS   |
| --        | 20 CONJURATION     | 23       | 20 THORNBIRD        |
| 5         | 20 SKY HOOKS       |          |                     |

**COMMENTS:** Still a West Coast bias exists- only ACOMA #5 for Region 15 and BEFORE THE STORM # 13 for AIS break into either top 20.

Again 9 of top 20 in region are Dykes Medal recipients and 13 of 20 nationally

New to top 20:

Region 15 Yaquina Blue, Hello Darkness, Conjunction

AIS Hello Darkness

Dropping out of top 20:

Region 15 Vanity (22), Catalyst (24)

AIS Superstition (22), Supreme Sultan (24), Navajo Jewel (100)

AIS Region 15     **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**     October 7, 1995  
**MINUTES**  
Scottsdale, AZ.

**Attending:**

|                                      |                                   |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Bill Rinehart, RVP                   | Jimmy Jones, Awards               |
| Herb Holk, Asst. RVP/Judges Training | Claire Barr, President AIS        |
| Gail Barnhill, Secretary/TAIS        | Iris Larsen, SFVIS                |
| Barbara Turner, Treasurer/HDI&DS     | Hazel Carson, SDICIS              |
| Jim Giles, Newsletter Editor         | Irene Benton, IIS                 |
| Pete DeSantis, Nominating            | Bobbie Shepard, Membership/SCIS   |
| Sara Holk, Circulation Ed.           | Jay Conklin, SCIS                 |
| Lucille Skerston, Guest (TAIS)       | Jane & James Walker, Guests (IIS) |
| Don Shepard, Guest (SCIS-AZ)         |                                   |

RVP Rinehart called the meeting to order at 10:00 am at the Holiday Inn Sunspree Hotel in Scottsdale, Arizona.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Minutes:** It was **MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED** to approve the April 21, 1995, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, as read.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Turner distributed copies of the 9/30/95 Balance Sheet (summarized below) (Exhibit A). It was **MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED** roll over the Home Savings CD when it comes due in January 1996. It was further **MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED** to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted for forwarding to audit.

|                                      |                                     |                   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b><u>Regular Checking Acct.</u></b> | <b>Beginning Balance at 4/21/95</b> | <b>\$6,162.35</b> |
| Income: Advertising in Bulletin..... | 40.00                               |                   |
| Affiliate Auctions:                  |                                     |                   |

|               |                     |                   |
|---------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| SDIS .....    | \$786.00            |                   |
| IIS .....     | \$1043.00           |                   |
| HDIS .....    | \$497.00            |                   |
| SFIS .....    | \$1238.00           |                   |
| SCIS-AZ ..... | \$280.00            |                   |
| SCIS CA ..... | \$357.00            |                   |
| TAIS .....    | \$409.00            |                   |
|               | <b>Total Income</b> | <b>\$4,650.00</b> |

|                                 |                      |                  |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Expense: IIS Spring Trek        | \$500.00             |                  |
| H. Holk Stamps                  | \$40.00              |                  |
| J. Jones Awards                 | \$53.19              |                  |
| SCIS Fall Trek                  | \$500.00             |                  |
| S. Holk Newsletter/Postal Acct. | \$1013.86            |                  |
|                                 | <b>Total Expense</b> | <b>\$2107.00</b> |

Ending Balance at 9/30/95 **\$8,705.30**

**Certificate of Deposit**

|                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Beginning Balance at 3/31/95 | \$5,123.52        |
| Income: Interest Earned      | <u>158.06</u>     |
| Ending Balance at 9/30/95    | <b>\$5,281.57</b> |

**RVP Fund Money Market Acct.**

|                                      |                   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Beginning Balance at 4/21/95         | \$5,419.21        |
| Income: Interest earned (at 8/30/95) | \$32.55           |
| Expenses: RVP                        | 700.00            |
| To Open RVP CD                       | <u>2,000.00</u>   |
| Ending Balance at 8/30/95            | <b>\$4,791.95</b> |

**RVP Certificate of Deposit**

|                                      |                   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Purchase of CD                       | \$2,000.00        |
| Income: Interest earned (at 9/22/95) | <u>\$47.19</u>    |
| Ending Balance at 9/22/95            | <b>\$2,047.19</b> |

**Judges Training** Chairman Holk opened his report by expressing concern over losing student and apprentice Judges due to their failure to turn in reports by published deadlines. He asked that the Affiliates try to help in getting all reports done correctly and turned in on time. Chairman Holk noted that Region 15 "loses"

the fall months (after reports are due) due to AIS fall reporting requirements and felt it would be something we might want brought up with the AIS Board.

**Membership** Chairman Bobbie Shepard said far too many people aren't renewing their AIS membership and we need to find ways to keep our AIS membership growing. Region 15 had 532 AIS members as of July 1 and 63 failed to renew. When membership falls below a stated level, the Affiliate must pay a fee to AIS. While all were urged to encourage their Affiliate members to join AIS, after discussion it was nevertheless **MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED** that Region 15 drop its AIS Membership Contest due to lack of participation.

**Newsletter** Editor Giles said the deadline for the next Region 15 Bulletin is **February 1, 1996**. He gladly welcomes reports from other than just Club Presidents. When polled regarding the format for the Bulletin, those present expressed their unanimous preference for the most recently published format. Circulation Chair Sara Holk said there are currently 499 names on our mailing list, including the RVPs of all 24 Regions. She further pointed out that we will return to the printer we used previously as they charge 1/2 as much for an equally good result.

**Nominations** Nominating Chair DeSantis reported that his committee will be presenting the following slate of officers for election at the General Meeting later this evening: RVP-Bill Rinehart; Asst RVP/Judges Chair-Herb Holk; Treasurer-Barbara Turner; and Secretary-Gail Barnhill. Chairman DeSantis pointed out that nomination can also be taken from the floor at the General Meeting if the person being nominated has previously agreed to the nomination.

## **BUSINESS**

**Affiliation** RVP Rinehart asked each Affiliate President to remember to bring two copies of their most current membership roster to the January 1996 meeting.

**Awards** Chairman Jones had no formal report, but reviewed the awards that are given at the Spring Treks: Bernard Hamner Best Region 15 Seedling (uniform acrylic awards pre-paid by various sponsoring Affiliates); the Best Out of Region 15 Guest Iris (Region provides funds although currently considering an award arrangement similar to the Hamner award); and the Best Region 15 Introduced Iris (hosting Affiliate pays for this one as well as any others they may wish to sponsor.)

**AIS National Requests** In order to relay our preferences to the AIS Board, RVP Rinehart polled the members as to whether they would prefer Judges Training sessions at National Conventions to be held all at the same time or at staggered times so that more than one sessions could be attended. Those present overwhelmingly preferred the staggered system. He also asked those present their



desires in regard to identifying the iris shown in the AIS Bulletins. After discussion it was suggested that the iris be identified, but perhaps at the back of the Bulletin and not next to the photograph in order to avoid "swaying" people to purchase toward the iris over those not photographed.

**Auctions** RVP Rinehart expressed special thanks to the Holks for growing and digging most of the guest iris for this year's Region Auction, as well as including extras from their own stock. As a result, we brought in almost twice the amount budgeted! RVP Rinehart reminded members that there has been much discussion in the past as to when to dig the iris and when to hold the Auctions so as to produce the best results when the iris are re-planted by the buyers. It was agreed that this be **TABLED** until the January Board meeting.

**Treks Spring 96:** Hosted by TAIS. President Barnhill announced that they were able to get the hotel/speakers for the 12-13-14th of April as a informal vote at last April's General Membership Meeting desired. **Fall 96:** SD&ICIS to host. Details to be determined as yet. **Trek Handbook:** RVP Rinehart reminded those holding Trek Guideline books to remove page 23 (Region purchased iris for Auction) from the book as this was deleted during the January 1995 meeting budgeting process. **Future Trek Schedule:** Due to the indecision as to whether or not OCI&DS will continue hosting treks on a rotational basis with the other Affiliates, the Spring 1998 Trek Host is yet to be finalized.

**AIS Affiliate Insurance** RVP Rinehart said he's been told that AIS has finally been able to arrange for insurance coverage for its Affiliates. Until details have been published however, he recommends that no current policies be canceled as yet.

**RVP Proposals** RVP Rinehart reported that the Board of Counselors (RVPs) is considering the expressed unhappiness of AIS members in the way the AIS Executive Board currently operates and is organized. For instance, the possible combination of director, appointed chairperson and elected officer terms often add up to 20+ consecutive years and does not provide for a sufficient infusion of "new blood". Further, the AIS Personnel Committee is only allowed to suggest candidates for the Board of Directors. The AIS Executive Board both nominates and elects directors, consistently returning incumbents (themselves) to office. These actions tend to make the general AIS membership feel that they are not being properly represented and that the "Board" is operating as a "closed corporation". Therefore, the RVP's will be considering the recommendation of some changes at the AIS Executive Board Fall Meeting.

**Symposium Results** RVP Rinehart was pleased to announce that even more of our members (152 this year v. 133 in 1994) turned in their Symposium ("iris popularity poll") ballot this year, but notes that we still could do even better.

**January 1996 Executive Board Meeting** RVP Rinehart announced that this will be held on Saturday, January 13, 1996 at his home and will begin at 9:30 am. Directions and further details will be mailed.

**General Meeting** RVP Rinehart briefly reviewed the Agenda items for the General Membership Meeting this evening and the manner in which he will introduce officers, etc.

**Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail M. Barnhill, Secretary  
Exhibits Attached to Original Minutes

**Highlights of the Board of Directors' Meeting-November 3-5, Oklahoma City**

\* Glenn Corlew, Larry Harder, Olive Rice-Waters and Melody Wilhoit were nominated and reelected by the Board as AIS Directors for terms expiring in 1998.

\* The following interim appointments were made by President Barr and approved by the Board at the November meeting:

-Shirley Pope to fill the unexpired term of Jim McWhirter as Director.

-Lynda Miller to succeed Jim McWhirter as Membership Contest Chairman.

-Terry Aitken to replace the retiring Ron Mullin as Bulletin Editor effective following the publication of the -April 1996 Bulletin.

-Betty Burch to replace the resigning Joanne King as Recording Secretary.

\* A contract has been signed making the City of Silverton, Oregon the current home of the AIS Library.

\* The AIS now holds a Commercial General Liability policy underwritten by Travelers Insurance Company designed to protect the assets of AIS members as well as local chapters, regions, sections and the national society in the event of a claim arising during Society functions.

\* Approved the following changes in membership dues:

-All dues to paid on a calendar year basis.

-Dues to be increased in all categories as of the 1996 calendar year.(see table)

-Dues could be renewed at the old rate if payment was received no later than 12/31/95.

-Memberships expiring on June 30, 1996 will be renewed at the new rate. Members in this category will receive a free six-month period bringing them on line with the calendar year dues period.

\* Awards Chairman Wilhoit announced the results of the symposiums (reported in detail elsewhere in the newsletter).

-Approved write-in votes on the symposium for tabulation at the region level, but not to be included in the national tally.

-determined that judges who were husband and wife could not use Xs and Os and vote the same Awards Ballot.

-Publication Sales Director C.J. Lack offered his resignation due to ill health. Resignation accepted with regret.

-Oklahoma City put in a bid to host the National in the Spring of 2007 which was accepted.

-Judges Training Chair Glenn Corlew recommended the following which were subsequently approved:

-That all judges training sessions be approved in advance by the RVP or where delegated by the RVP by the Judges Training Chair.

-He further requested that the AIS Chm. of Judges Training be notified by one of the above parties when a session is approved.

-That a test of not less than 20 questions be required of all attending for credit. A copy of the test was to accompany the report of session attendance.

\*Section Liaison Aitken announced the following mini-conventions for "96.:

-Louisiana- April 12-14 Lafayette, LA

-Medians - April 30 - May 1 Portland, OR

-Japanese - June 13 - 15 St. Louis, MO

-Species & Siberians- June 13-15 ?, MA

A committee chaired by Marky Smith consisting of Terry Aitken, Anne Lowe, Jeanne Plank and Hal Stahly was appointed to study the concerns of AIS members relayed by the Board of counselors and to report their findings in the spring.

**REGION 15 HYBRIDIZERS ARE WINNERS TOO!!**

**Runner-up ERIC NIESS MEDAL(Spu)**

HIGHLINE CORAL (E. McCown)

**AM SPURIA**

CANDLE LACE (B. C. Jenkins) received most votes for Spuria award

SONORAN CABALLERO (F. Wickenkamp) 3rd in votes received

**HM SPURIA**

ALPHASPU (B. C. Jenkins) most votes

BRONZE ART (B. C. Jenkins)

**HM TB**

SPICED GINGER (B. Hamner).

**ACTIVE JUDGES 1996- REGION 15 AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY**

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|--|--|
| Claire Barr- Master<br>12564 Cloudesly Drive<br>San Diego, Ca 92128 (619) 451-6333 | Irene Benton- Garden<br>6049 Windmere Way<br>Riverside, Ca 92504 (909) 684-2431                |
| Bob Brooks- Master<br>985 Salem Street<br>Vista, Ca 92180 (619) 727-4832           | Peggy Carpenter- Garden<br>24046 Sylvan Street<br>Woodland Hills, Ca 91367 (818) 883-3302      |
| Hazel Carson- Garden<br>6177 Tooley Street<br>San Diego, Ca 92114 (619) 264-8688   | Maytie Cherry- Garden<br>14531 Viewcrest Drive<br>Riverside, Ca 92506 (909) 780-0333           |
| Jay Conklin- Garden<br>3030 Terraza Place<br>Fullerton, Ca 92635 (714) 525-0791    | Laverne Conrad -Garden<br>32377 Leprechaun Lane<br>Bonsall, Ca 92635 (619) 728-4759            |
| Ralph Conrad- Master<br>32377 Leprechaun Lane<br>Bonsall, Ca 92635 (619) 728-4759  | Ladonna Cypret- Garden<br>30802 Chihuahua Valley Rd<br>Warner Springs, Ca 92806 (909) 767-9655 |

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|---|---|
| Joe Daugherty- Garden<br>28196 E. Worcester<br>Sun City, Ca 92586 (909) 301-9303          | Mrs. Harry Frey- Master<br>5275 Hawarden<br>Riverside, Ca 92506 (909) 686-1848            |
| Georgia Gudykunst- Garden<br>1510 E. Julie Drive<br>Tempe, Az 85283 (602) 491-2969        | Herb Holk- Garden<br>14115 Pear Street<br>Riverside, Ca 92508 (909) 780-0335              |
| Sara Holk- Garden<br>14115 Pear Street<br>Riverside, Ca 92508 (909) 780-0335              | Jimmy Jones- Garden<br>2213 Sparrow Hill Lane<br>Lakewood, Ca 90712 (310) 634-5596        |
| Ardi Kary- Garden<br>6201 East Calle Rosa<br>Scottsdale, Az 85251 (602) 949-0253          | Lynn Mc Ilwaine- Garden<br>626 North Lyall Avenue<br>West Covina, Ca 91790 (818) 332-8350 |
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| Bill Rinehart- Garden<br>22218 Schoenborn St.<br>West Hills, Ca 91304 (818) 346-1912      | Bobbie Shepard- Garden<br>3342 West Orangewood<br>Phoenix, Az 85051 (602) 841-1231        |
| Gerry Snyder- Garden<br>7855 Ellenbogen St.<br>Sunland, Ca 91040 (818) 352-7018           | Kay Tearington- Master<br>13902 South Manor Drive<br>Hawthorne, Ca 90250 (213) 676-7371   |
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| John Wight- Garden<br>367 Giano Road<br>La Puente, Ca 91744 (818) 810-8580                |   |

### APPRENTICES 1996- REGION 15 AMERICAN IRS SOCIETY

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Gail Barnhill<br>9651 E. Watson<br>Tucson, Az 85730 | Greta Dunnigan<br>5042 E. Julia<br>Tucson, Az 85711 |
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| Marjorie Larson<br>1045 E. Carver Rd.<br>Tempe, Az 85284 (602) 839-2625         | John Reinschmidt<br>16606 Barbee<br>Fontana, Ca 92336 (909) 822-619            |
| Ollie Rust<br>5405 Bartlett Dr.<br>San Bernardino, Ca 92412 (909) 883-6853      | Mary Ann Spurlock<br>8000 Balcolm Canyon Rd<br>Soomis, Ca 93201 (805) 529-653  |

Congratulations and welcome aboard  
 Peggy Carpenter, Ladonna Cypret Georgia Gudykunst and  
 Gerry Snyder who have been approved as AIS Garden Judges.  
 Also  
 Lynn Finkel, Eileen Fiumara and Jim Giles  
 have completed the requirements for students and are now bona fide  
 Apprentices. Good job!

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**  
**January 1996**

*Excerpts from the report to AIS BOARD, Oklahoma City, November 3, 1996*

"The American Iris Society lost a total of 1287 members (1995). Through October of this calendar year we have gained about 1,200 new members and so the actual number of members remains steady. Membership has been over 8,000 since 1989 (currently 8,194) .... if we had not lost approximately 6,000 members over the past six years, we would have a strong membership today (not counting additional revenue) of over 14,000 members

The numbers for Region 15 follow a similar pattern. At this moment in time, we have a larger number of AIS members in the region than for any other year for which there are records in the RVP file. (dating back to 1987).

As of the current report (printed 1/5/96) we have 533 members not counting libraries, horticultural institutions and our AIS affiliates which appear on our printout. Whether the reporting printed below does or does not include Descanso, Huntington Library, Lompoc Public Library etc. etc. has not been checked.

Consider the records since 1991:

|      |     |                    |
|------|-----|--------------------|
| 4/91 | 519 | 7th largest in AIS |
| 4/92 | 525 | 7th                |
| 4/93 | 528 | 7th                |
| 4/94 | 503 | 6th largest in AIS |
| 4/95 | 514 | 5th largest in AIS |
| 1/96 | 533 |                    |

Ist region 14 - 767, 2nd region 4- 681, 3rd region 18- 629, 4th region 6- 618 rankings were not reported beyond number 4

At this same time last year 1/95 we had 504 members. A gain of 29 is a significant improvement on a percentage basis. ( roughly 6%)

With a consistent effort to have AIS membership applications conspicuously present at all of our functions, we can keep up the fair work.

## **REGION 15**

### **AIS MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

#### **New Members**

|                         |                            |                       |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Annamae Bostwick        | 5132 Pearblossom Highway   | Palmdale, CA 93552    |
| Oliver Bradley          | 4995 Tolo Way              | Oceanside, CA 92056   |
| Ms. Janet A. Bratton    | 2020 Augusta Court         | La Habra, CA 90631    |
| Ms. Roene Copeland      | 1501 Calcutta Drive, Sp 18 | Bakersfield, CA 93307 |
| Donna Di Marco          | 1630 Silverwood Terrace    | Los Angeles, CA 90026 |
| Sharon Fehlman          | 119 West Armsley Square    | Ontario, CA 91762     |
| Gail A. Fitch           | 6073 Riverside Avenue      | Riverside, CA 92506   |
| Susan Forest            | 10898 Hasbrook Road        | San Diego, CA 92131   |
| Nancy Garner            | 4380 Valle Vista           | San Diego, CA 92103   |
| Kaye Gittleman          | 562 North Orange Street    | Orange, CA 92667      |
| Joan E. Gotcher         | 3274 Sierra Avenue         | Norco, CA 91760       |
| Raymond L. Harrison Sr. | 7935 Craner Avenue         | Sun Valley, CA 91352  |
| Murray & Mary Hawkins   | 35560 Ballinger Road       | Hemet, CA 92544       |
| John Hester Jr.         | 3720 West Camino Christy   | Tucson, AZ 85742      |
| Linda Hicks             | 3388 East Highway 41       | Templeton, CA 93465   |

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Cheryl Ives                  | 1556 Fairfield, #4             | Ontario, CA 91761       |
| Patricia Kilbert             | 1611 W. Avenida de Maximillian | Tucson, AZ 85704        |
| Mike Lauritzen               | 11000 Faffalone Avenue         | Chatsworth, CA 91311    |
| Marcy F. Lotti               | 13983 Arbolitos Drive          | Poway, CA 92064         |
| Mary G. McBride              | 43537 Elinda Road              | Temecula, CA 92592      |
| Emily Miller                 | 11520 N. Eagle Peak Drive      | Oro Valley, AZ 85737    |
| Thomas S. Nichols            | 2020 Augusta Court             | La Habra, CA 90631      |
| Mary Phillips                | 153 North Primavera Street     | Ridgecrest, CA 93555    |
| Frank M. Reid                | 1753 Autummnist Drive          | Palmdale, CA 93551      |
| Ms Amy Richards              | 1942 Garretson Avenue          | Corona, CA 91719        |
| Steve Rocha                  | 14170 Mussey Grade             | Ramona, CA 92065        |
| Dorothy Roessler             | 1409 Paar Drive                | Prescott, AZ 86301      |
| Johanna Rosenthal            | 2225 Monteclaro Drive          | Chino Hills, CA 91709   |
| Jeannette Sandu              | 4408 Collwood Lane             | San Diego, CA 92115     |
| Arlene A. Santangelo         | 7935 Craner Avenue             | Sun Valley, CA 91352    |
| Winifred Serpico             | 4602 Grandview Drive           | Palmdale, CA 93551      |
| Florence Shotts              | P.O. Box 571                   | Sky Forest, CA 92385    |
| Ellen J. Smith               | 8145 West Coolidge             | Phoenix, CA 85033       |
| Richard Stretz               | 91504 N. Rimfield Avenue       | Quartz Hill, CA 93536   |
| Gerald A Thompson            | 19361 Shadow Hill Drive        | Yorba Linda, CA 92686   |
| John C. Vala                 | 6646 Sesame Lane               | Tucson, AZ 85704        |
| James & Jane Walker          | 3893 Beechwood Place           | Riverside, CA 92506     |
| Dr. & Mrs. Ronald E. Wheeler | 27492 Cool Water Ranch Rd      | Valley Center, CA 92082 |
| Nick Williams                | 1061 Meadows End Drive         | Calabasas, CA 91302     |
| Anne M. Wilson               | 14459 Muriel Drive             | Moreno Valley, CA 92553 |

### **TRANSFER**

|                   |                             |                        |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Mrs. E.S. Andrews | 14042 North Clarion Way     | Tucson, AZ 85737       |
| Harry B. Kuesel   | 1547 Via Mirasol            | Green Valley, AZ 85614 |
| Don P. Nebeker    | 701 S. Dobson Road, Lot 607 | Mesa, AZ 85202-2736    |

### **RENEWAL**

|                    |                          |                        |
|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Harry B. Kuesel    | 4144 Constancia Court    | Green Valley, AZ 85614 |
| Charles T. Roberts | 4118 Pearblossom Highway | Palmdale, CA 93552     |
| Mary Ann Spurlock  | 8000 Balcom Canyon Rd.   | Somis, CA 93066        |



## Tell Me Why My Plant Died?

This came from a strange publication I subscribe to as an explanation on an often asked question “Why did my plant die?”. It is included in a book called *A Gardener Obsessed* written by Geoffrey B. Charlesworth, published by David R. Godine, Publisher, Inc. *Bill Rinehart*

You walked too close. You trod on it.  
You dropped a piece of sod on it.  
You hoed it down. You weeded it.  
You planted it the wrong way up.  
You grew it in a yogurt cup  
But you forgot to make a hole;  
The soggy compost took its toll.  
September storm. November drought.  
It heaved in March, the roots popped out.  
You watered it with herbicide.  
You scattered bonemeal far and wide,  
Attracting local omnivores,  
Who ate your plant and stayed for more.  
You left it baking in the sun  
While you departed for a run  
To find a spade, perhaps a trowel,  
Meanwhile the plant threw in the towel.  
You planted it with crown too high;  
The soil washed off, that explains why.  
Too high pH. It hated lime.  
Alas it needs a gentler clime.  
You left the root ball wrapped in plastic.  
You broke the roots. They're not elastic.  
You walked too close. You trod on it.  
You dropped a piece of sod on it.  
You splashed the plant with mower oil.  
You should do something to your soil.  
Too rich. Too poor. Such wretched tilth.  
Your soil is clay. Your soil is filth.  
Your plant was eaten by a slug.  
The growing point contained a bug.

These aphids are controlled by ants,  
Who milk the juice, it kills the plants.  
In early spring your garden's mud.  
You walked around! That's not much good.  
With heat and light you hurried it.  
You worried it. You buried it.  
The poor plant missed the mountain air:  
No heat, no summer muggs up there.  
You overfed it ten-ten-ten.  
Forgot to water it again.  
You hit it sharply with the hose.  
You used a can without a rose.  
Perhaps you sprinkled from above.  
You should have talked to it with love.  
The nursery mailed it without roots.  
You killed it with those gardening boots.  
You walked too close. You trod on it.  
You dropped a piece of sod on it.

### **1996 MEMBERSHIP CONTEST**

The 1996 Membership Contest follows the same rules as those used in 1995. Three separate and distinct awards will be presented at the 1997 Convention--one to the youth, one to the adult and one to the affiliate with the most total points. Certificates of achievement will be awarded to the individual youth, adult and affiliate in each region who obtains the largest number of points. A minimum of 30 points is necessary to qualify for any award. Names of the award and certificate winners will be published in the future.

Each affiliate must decide whether its members will participate as individuals or as a group.

#### POINT SCALE

- 10 points, for each new single annual membership
- 10 points for each new youth member added to an existing adult membership.
- 15 points for each new dual annual membership

- 20 points for each new single triennial
- 25 points for each new dual triennial
- 25 points for each new youth member registered as a solitary member

The following points will be given for conversion from annual to triennial membership, providing the membership has been in effect for a minimum of one year.

- 10 points for converting from single triennial to dual triennial
- 15 points for converting from single annual to single triennial
- 25 points for converting from dual annual to dual triennial
- 100 points for each single life membership
- 150 points for each dual life membership

Life memberships may be bought on the installment plan but must be paid for within a two year period. Membership points can not be received for a Life Membership until it is paid in full.

### **RULES**

1. Membership application and payment of dues are made directly to the AIS Membership Secretary and may be submitted by the recruiter or by the new member.
2. The RVP or Membership Chairman of the contestant's Region and the AIS Contest Chairman (Lynda Miller, 3167 E. U.S. 224, Ossian, IN, 46777) should be notified by the recruiter. Memberships for the 1996 contested will be accepted retroactive to October 1995.
3. Each new membership should be reported on separate 3x5 cards to the Membership Contest Chairman. The following information is needed: the name, complete address and region number of the new member; the type of membership--annual, triennial or life; the name, address and region of the recruiter. Memberships need not be from the recruiter's local region, but may be from other regions as well. only those memberships reported correctly will be awarded points.
4. Renewal of memberships following a lapse of two years will count as new members.
5. New memberships received by the Membership Contest Chairman postmarked after September 30, 1996 cannot be counted for the 1996 contest but will be automatically credited to the recruiter for the 1997 contest.

**New AIS rates effective 1 Jan 1996**

|                          |          |                            |          |
|--------------------------|----------|----------------------------|----------|
| Single Annual -----      | \$18.00  | Single Triennial -----     | \$43.00  |
| Dual Annual -----        | \$23.00  | Dual Triennial -----       | \$54.00  |
| Youth, no bulletin ----- | \$4.00   | Youth, with bulletin ----- | \$7.00   |
| Single Life* -----       | \$360.00 | Dual Life* -----           | \$435.00 |

|                        |            |                           |             |
|------------------------|------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| Single Annual overseas | \$23.00    | Single Triennial overseas | -\$54.00    |
| Dual Annual overseas   | -- \$26.00 | Dual Triennial overseas   | --- \$65.00 |

*\*Life memberships can be paid on the installment plan.*

**Contributing Advertisers:**

**Babbette's Gardens**, 40975 N. 172 St. East, Lancaster, Ca 93535

**Cal Dixie Iris Gardens**, 14115 Pear Street, Riverside Ca 92508

**Iris Hill Farm**, 7280 Tassajara Creek Road, Santa Margarita, Ca 93453

**Kary Iris Garden**, 6201 East Calle Rosa, Scottsdale, Az 85251

**Mad Iris Garden**, 4828 Jela Way, North Highlands, Ca 95660

**Mrs. 'M's Iris Garden**, 6057 Shoup Ave, Woodland Hills, Ca 91367

**Rancho De Los Flores**, 8000 Balcom Canyon Rd., Soomis, Ca 93021

**Shepard Iris Garden**, 3342 W. Orangewood, Phoenix, AZ 85051

**Sutton's Green Thumber**, 16552 Road 208 Porterville CA .93257

**Vanowen Iris Gardens**, 23337 Vanown St., West Hills, Ca 91307

## **SO YOU WANT TO BE A JUDGE**

In Region 15 if you would like to be a judge you may obtain an application form from your local society president or from the region Judges Training Chairman. Within three years of filing your application you must obtain ten hours of judges training, five letters of recommendation from accredited judges, complete an open book examination and file an activities report on time during each of those years. Also, you must be a member of AIS during the entire period. It really isn't complicated or difficult and this is an ideal time to get started—besides WE NEED YOU! When you survey our membership, there is a lot of potential that is not being utilized. Begin a judge just helps you appreciate your irises more—because you know more about them. We would like very much to see that potential become a reality.

If you need further information call or write to:

**Herb Holk  
14115 Pear Street  
Riverside, CA 92508-8972  
Phone (909) 7880-0335**

### **WARNING:**

The light at the end of the tunnel has been turned off  
due to financial constraints!

# Calendar of Events

| <u>Date</u>      | <u>Activity</u>   | <u>Sponsor</u>   |
|------------------|---|--|
| April 12 - 14    | SPRING TREK,<br>Windmill Inn, Tucson, AZ                                      | Tucson Area Iris<br>Society                                |
| April 13 - 14    | IRIS SHOW<br>West Covina Mall, W. Covina, CA                                  | SCIS (CA)  |
| April 12 - 14    | LOUISIANA MINI CONVENTION<br>Hotel Acadiana<br>Lafayette, LA                  | SLI<br>Gordon Rabalais<br>Show Chair                       |
| April 19 - 20    | IRIS SHOW AND PLANT SALE<br>Antelope Valley Mall<br>Sears Court, Palmdale, CA | Hi-Desert I & D<br>Fern Owen<br>Pat Girl &<br>Cal Bostwick |
| April 20 - 21    | IRIS SHOW AND RHIZOME SALE<br>Riverside Plaza<br>Riverside CA                 | Inland Iris Society<br>Mike Monninger<br>Show Chair        |
| April 20 - 21    | IRIS SHOW<br>Casa Del Prado<br>Balboa Park, San Diego, CA                     | San Deigo/Imperial<br>Hazel Carson<br>Show Chair           |
| April 20 - 21    | IRIS SHOW<br>Chris Town Mall  | Sun Country<br>Iris Society                                |
| April 24 - 2 May | AIS NATIONAL CONVENTION<br>Sacramento, CA                                     | Region 14<br>George Sutton<br>RVP                          |
| April 29         | PCN ONE-DAY FIELD TRIP  | Adele Lawler   |
| April 30 - May   | MEDIAN MINI CONVENTION<br>Monarch Hotel<br>Clackanas, OR                      | Greater Portlan<br>Iris Society                            |
| May 18           | RHIZOME SALE<br>West Covina Plaza   | SCIS (CA)<br>Jay Conklin                                   |
| June 13 - 15     | JAPANESE MINI CONVENTION<br>St. Louis, Mo                                     |  |
| June 14 - 16     | SPECIES & SIBERIAN CONVENTION<br>Westford, Ma                                 | Iris Society<br>of Massachusetts                           |



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 Phoenix, AZ 85051  
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**1996 INTRODUCTIONS**

**\*\*\*\*TALL BEARDED & LOUISIANA By Don Shepard\*\*\*\***

**APRICOT FIZZ (TB-40"-E/M)** Desert without the calories! The bold apricot stands are domed & fluted. A large whip cream center on fall is surrounded by soft apricot with darker veins at shoulder area. Fluffy golden beards ..... \$25.00

**CURLY BLUE (TB42"-EM)** Very laced and frilly sky blue self. Good branching, 8 to 10 buds, always a show stalk. White beards ..... \$25.00

**MARSHMALLOW DREAM (TB-35"-EML)** Ruffled white self with lavender blush. Gold beards. 8 to 10 buds, good branching, long bloom span. .... 25.00

**ARIZONA BIG RED (LA-38"-ML)** LARGE combination of soft ruby and dark ruby red accented with rich yellow signals. Branching reveals four double bud placements opening out from the stalk- perfectly. \$25.00

**NAVAJO CORAL (LA-36"/40"-ML)** A beautiful coral pink. The stands are a sandy coral deepening into the falls. Small gold yellow signals blend into the bright yellow stylearms. Good branching, bud placement, 8 buds. .... \$25.00

**\*\*\*\*SPURIA by Charles Jenkins & Floyd Wickenkanip\*\*\*\***

**CALIZONA (SPU-37"-VE)** Light violet with large bright yellow signal and bright yellow heavy in the stands and stylearms ..... \$25.00

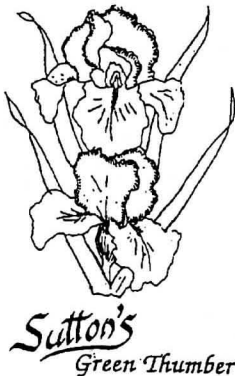
**COLOR SORCERY (SPU-31/50"-EM)** Stands are deep purple. Falls are dark purple with yellow veins radiating from a yellow signal ..... \$25.00

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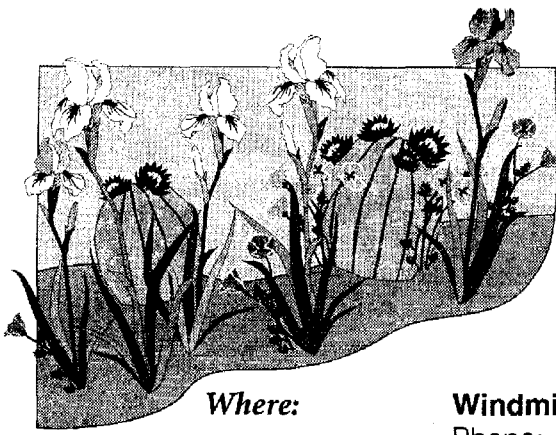
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**Registration:**

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**Banquet Keynote Speaker:**

**Terry Aitken**

**Judges Training by:**

**Claire Barr (Garden Judging)**

**Terry Aitken (Comparative Analysis of Bearded Iris, Dwarf through TB)**

**Schedule (tentative):**

|                 |       |                                      |
|-----------------|-------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Friday</b>   | 1:00  | Executive Board Meeting              |
|                 | 3:00  | Registration Opens                   |
|                 | 4:00  | No Host Cocktail Reception           |
|                 | 5:00  | Dinner on your own                   |
|                 | 6:30  | General Region Meeting               |
|                 | 7:30  | Judges Training (2 hour)             |
|                 | 9:30  | Adjourn                              |
| <b>Saturday</b> | 6:00  | Continental Breakfast (Hotel Guests) |
|                 | 7:00  | Garden Tour & Lunch                  |
|                 | 5:00  | Return to Hotel                      |
|                 | 6:30  | Dinner                               |
|                 | 7:30  | Speaker and announcements            |
|                 | 9:00  | Doorprizes/Raffles                   |
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