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# REGION 15

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NEWSLETTER

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AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY - REGION 15  
1996 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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## RVP MESSAGE



The Executive Board of the American Iris Society has an opportunity at its 1996 Fall meeting in Colorado Springs to respond to serious concerns of the members of the society without a significant sacrifice of power. Whether the majority of the ruling body will accept the proposal of its peers or be unwilling to make any unforced surrender of authority only time will tell. Obviously, members of the Board will express their individual positions in various

terms and in differing degrees of acceptance of either extreme. Unfortunately, voting ultimately becomes yea or nay and polarity on the key issues was already present in Sacramento where the committee report was received and politicking in the interim is easily predicted.

In order to fairly assess the conflict certain issues need to be addressed. The spark that set the effort to draft a proposal in motion was an improperly conducted personnel appointment. Although the appointment was ultimately made in appropriate fashion the choice itself was never a popular one, and this sentiment was vigorously expressed. However, at no time was there a majority effort to set the appointment aside or as the original RVP action has been characterized was it an effort to get -----.

Secondly, it should be recognized that while the proposals made to the Board at Sacramento did come as the result of the request of the RVPs for the appointment of a committee, the proposals were not the product of the Board of Counselors (RVPs), but the results of considered deliberations of a committee appointed by the President of the American Iris Society. It should be noted that of the five committee members four were Board Members, one was the RVP representative as well, and the fifth was an RVP elect who is best known for considerable service in several sections.

The proposal deals with two issues: 1. restrictions on the terms of Directors and Ex-Officio Chairs; and 2. the granting to the personnel committee of the powers of a nominating committee and the change of the committee name to reflect the increased responsibility.

While acknowledging that the proposal is of greater length than what will be quoted, basically it proposes the following:"

- **TERM LIMITS**

1. AIS Directors shall be eligible to serve two three-year terms.
2. After completing two terms, a retiring director and
4. retiring Ex Officio chairs must be absent from the Board for one year before renomination.

- **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

1. The name of the Personnel Committee shall be changed to the Nominating Committee and
3. Nominations for a second term as Director shall be at the discretion of the Committee."

**Note that the Nominating Committee would have the identical makeup of the superseded Personnel Committee: 2 Directors, 2 RVPs, and 1 Section representative.**

In summary, it is important to determine what power the Executive Board is being asked to release. First, if the proposal is accepted as presented the Board would no longer be able to nominate and elect themselves without reference to recommendations made by an appointed committee. Secondly, at some point the Board Member, whether Director or Ex Officio, would have to stand for election without the present advantage of incumbency.

To repeat- the proposal deals with terms of office and election procedures. It does not limit the ability of the Executive Board to make decisions in all other functions of the American Iris Society as at present. It gives no additional power to the Board of Counselors as such and any characterization of the proposal as an attempt of RVPs to transfer authority to themselves can not be supported.

I firmly believe that the moment is of such importance that it should be observed knowledgeably by all AIS members in the region where I have responsibility. And I as strongly believe that if the majority of the AIS Executive Board is not yet ready to take this small but inevitable step, that the issue will return again. Hopefully, in this future time members, RVPs, and AIS Board Members will remember 1996, work again within the system, and will treat the issues as positively and as professionally as have the Board Committee. I rise again to salute them.

*Bill Rinchart*





## HI DESERT IRIS AND DAYLILY SOCIETY

*Barbara G. Turner, President*

Spring came and went and Summer is just around the bend. We were all so very busy with our various projects time flew!

Our programs preparing for the Iris Show were successful and helpful to all. We will make a few changes next year to help us be more informed and better prepared. It is all a learning process, isn't it? Our program with Edris Edgar in January was very informative. We will expand on the Artistic Design preparation in order to try to make that section of our show bigger and better. We are trying to include more youth. The Horticulture Instructor at Quartz Hill High School is very interested in encouraging her classes to participate in local flower shows. We had 20 entries in the Youth Section this year compared to 4 last year.

We always enjoy the slides of Bob Plank--Thanks a million for showing them to us. Pete DeSantis' program on preparing the Iris Garden was an inspiration. We need all the help we can get up here in the M Desert. Our soils are so varied, depending on the location, and the wind and arid climate can be a pain in the neck!.. Visiting Phoenix and Tucson gives us encouragement, however, and we keep trying.

We were delighted with our show at the Antelope Valley Mall. The mall personnel were very helpful and seemed to be delighted to have us there. Our exposure was much greater of course and we picked up several new members.

Five Hi Desert members went to Sacramento. Betty and Jim Laughlin, Anita Condon, Winnie Serpico and yours truly. It was really a wonderful week and the tours of the gardens were super. We are looking forward to Michigan in 1997.

Our May meeting was election of officers. The final results are: Barbara Turner, President, Richard Stretz, Vice President, Audrey Bostwick, Secretary, Winnie Serpico, Treasurer. Richard Stretz did a program on *THE WORLD OF DAYLILIES*. Our meeting was at his home overlooking his lovely garden.

June will be our Spring Pot Luck and Installation of Officers. We will just "hang out" and enjoy the end of Spring and the beginning of Summer. Oh, happy days!!!

## Show Results (Hi-Desert)

### Horticultural - Division

|                        |                |                                    |
|------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| Number of Entrants: 36 |                | Total # Horticultural entries: 120 |
| Silver Medal           | 3 Blue Ribbons | Babbette Sandt                     |
| Bronze Medal           | 2 Blue Ribbons | Paul Riley                         |
| Queen of Show          | Rustler (TB)   | Richard Stretz                     |
| Best SEEDLING Iris     | No Entry       |                                    |

### Artistic - Division

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| Best Arrangement of Show                 | Jim Laughlin |
| Artistic Sweepstakes (Most Blue Ribbons) | None         |



### YOU'RE ABOUT TO MUTATE

by Darcy Mahar in the Portland "OREGONIAN"

The garden path is fraught with peril. Your appearance will be the first to go. The uniform is baggy pants and straw hat. Say good-bye to long (and clean) fingernails. Save money on Chanel it cannot overcome Humus No. 5 - but dogs will love you.

Conversation goes next. Watch yourself become boring, boring, boring as you bring up drip irrigation, deadheading, mildew, and hardening off at dinner parties. It won't be long before that dreaded, snobbish, insufferable Latin starts to creep in and you'll forget all the common names that "others" use.

Watch as a heretofore unimagined streak of viciousness surfaces. It happens to the gentlest of us when we see our first crop of seedlings decimated by the evil snail empire. You'll become a stomper, smasher, salter overnight. You'll become abusive, forcing your spouse or children to hold the flashlight so you can get those last plants in the ground. Sooner or later, you'll become obsessed with COMPOST! Expect compulsive behavior-warn your mate NOW! [*abstracted & rev'd*]

(Submitted by George Bange/SDICIS)

# San Fernando Valley Iris Society

*Iris Larson, President*

I'm sure many of us met ourselves coming and going this past April. Although SFVIS is looking forward to hosting next year's Spring Regional, it should be a little less hectic with the National in June and Easter the last of March. (However, we couldn't get two of our grandchildren to change their April birthdays to another month.) The wheels are rolling and Trek Chair, Jeanne Plank is getting the committee into the "steam-rolling" mode.

Peggy Carpenter managed a beautiful "Irises Make Music" show, with the help of Jan Lauritzen & Jim Weinstock- Artistic and Bill Rinehart-Horticulture. It left The Promenade wanting us to make more iris music next year. The Queen of Show was won by the "love-hate" iris THORNBIRD, with a stalk that would not be denied. The exhibitors, Judith & David Kennedy, were walking three feet off the ground for days.

A bit of a preview for SFVIS: the Planks have agreed to a slide show of this year's trip to Sacramento, Friday July 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.; August 1<sup>st</sup> will be SFVIS's auction and September 5<sup>th</sup> we'll hold the Regional auction. You are welcome to join us at any one or all functions.

Our June meeting is our Spring Show Awards presentation and potluck meeting. This year we are trying a charge of \$2.50 per person and a dish serving 8-10 people.

Congratulations go to our June elected officers for '96-97' - President Iris Larson, Vice-president Bob Plank, Treasurer Roy Bossier (Mike Lauritzen stepped down due to winning the Democratic nomination to the State Assembly, 38th district) and Secretary Caroline Kent.

Hope you all have a wonderful summer.

## **Show Results (San Fernando Valley)**

### Horticultural - Division

| Number of Entrants: 19 |                 | Total # Horticultural entries: 25 |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Silver Medal           | 13 Blue Ribbons | Jean Bossier                      |
| Bronze Medal           | 7 Blue Ribbons  | Mary Ann Spurlock                 |



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| Queen of Show      | Thornbird (TB) | David & Judith Kennedy |
| Best SEEDLING Iris | S96-12 (PCNI)  | Teresa Sage            |

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| Artistic - Division |
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| Best Arrangement of Show                 | Jim Weinstock |
| Artistic Sweepstakes (Most Blue Ribbons) | Jim Weinstock |

## **SUN COUNTRY IRIS SOCIETY**

*Georgia Gudykunst, President*

Happy Daylily season and summer to all! Sun Country Iris members have completed a busy, fun spring season. We had a terrific program in February by John Weiler on Rebloomers, followed by an outing to a nursery and iris garden the next day. March brought us a nice slide show on iris by Glenn Corlew. We had a nice turnout for a Mexican dinner for both John and Glenn, before the two meetings.

In March Sun Country sponsored a booth of potted iris, iris craft items, and iris culture at the Maricopa County Extension. We shared a booth with the Valley Garden Center headed up by Carole Spiess, and sold coffee and donuts, etc. It was a good turnout and we enjoyed the sunny outdoors with several dozen other garden clubs. Also in March, we held our Early Exhibit headed by Larry Johnsen. We had potted iris, crafts, and lovely iris bloomstalks on display at the Valley Garden Center. The public voted our Exhibit and voted on their favorite iris in each class.

April found Sun Country members busy sponsoring a Spring Show. We had a terrific variety of iris for display in our horticultural division, despite unseasonably warm weather. And we encouraged more members to enter the Artistic Division such that our Artistic judges praised our efforts and results. Marge Larson, John Comer, and Larry Johnsen headed up this effort. Also several Sun Country Iris and Valley Garden Centers reps

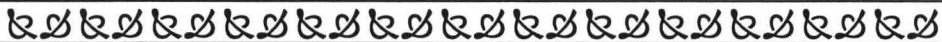
manned a promotional booth at the Phoenix Civic Center Home & Garden Expo. And of course nearly a dozen Sun Country members and friends headed south to a nice Spring Trek in Tucson. We were very pleased for Pete DeSantis who handily won best seedling in Region. Attending the AIS Convention was the icing on the cake. It was good to see so many reps from Region 15 clubs in attendance, from club members to Region Board members. All in all, it was a very hectic but nice spring.

In May we had a wonderful talk on composting by Cathy Cromwell (Maricopa County Extension). Cathy told of different materials and combos to use for planting needs. She showed us assorted compost bins from costly to the kind we liked -- inexpensive enough that we could still buy lots of iris. What a gal! Anyone game for a composting contest in Fall?

Our Spring Trek '98 Committee, chaired by Bobbie Shepard, has gotten fast underway too. We have already invited, and the Spuria Society has agreed to hold its first mini-convention in conjunction with our Region 15 Spring Trek. And we have already sent out requests for guest iris. What a super group and time we will have in 98!! Then in the coming months we will be encouraging a bakers dozen+ from Sun Country to attend San Fernando's Spring Trek in '97. It will be a nice trek with Jeanne Clay Plank heading up the efforts.

In June we are kicking back and relaxing. Our plans are in place for our Spring Show(s) Awards Banquet & Installation of Officers. And we will have a judges training school on Awards & Ballots this month. (I for one am just enjoying my daylilies starting to bloom, and talking to my three apricots (not trees) to hang in there and grow. These were all planted last year.)

In July we will do more relaxing and "trekking" -- actually going to the "picture show" of slides of treks -- AND munching, well-honed irisarian skills! Soon we will be anticipating what Region iris to buy and what iris we can buy at our own Fall Rhizome Sale on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. What a good life - we must be doing some things right, huh. Take care, everyone.



SUN COUNTRY participated in the seventh annual VALLEY GARDEN CENTER SPRING FESTIVAL. Thanks to 7 exhibitors, we had 30 entries on display.

Visitors were asked to vote on their favorite iris in each section. As a result of the 188 ballots returned, the "People's Choice" Awards go to the following:

TALL BEARDED

|     |             |                 |
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| 1st | STAR MASTER | Ben Bernhagen   |
| 2nd | OPTIMIST    | Dixie Humphryes |
| 3rd | BORDERLINE  | Ben Bernhagen   |

ARIL/ARILBRED

|     |               |               |
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| 1st | KIOSK         | Marge Larson  |
| 2nd | MERRIGLOW     | Marge Larson  |
| 3rd | AURORAIS VEIL | Larry Johnsen |

MEDIAN

|     |                |               |
|-----|----------------|---------------|
| 1st | WITCH OF ENDOR | Marge Larson  |
| 2nd | WHOOOP 'EM UP  | Gloria Beatty |
| 3rd | SUNSHINE BOY   | Marge Larson  |

SPURIA

|     |                |                 |
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| 1st | MIDNIGHT RIVAL | Larry Johnsen   |
| 2nd | LEMON DILEMMA  | Marge Larson    |
| 3rd | DANDILITE      | Dixie Humphryes |

LOULSIANA

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| 1st | AMBER GODDESS | Gloria Beatty |
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YOUTH

Our Youth participant, Ben Bernhagen, chose to enter with the adults.

**Show Results (Sun Country)**

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| Horticultural - Division |  |  |
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| Number of Entrants: 14 |                    | Total # Horticultural entries: 105 |
| Silver Medal           | Blue Ribbons       | Sally Cooperman                    |
| Bronze Medal           | Blue Ribbons       | Larry Johnsen                      |
| Queen of Show          | Ila Crawford (SPU) | Larry Johnsen                      |

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| Best SPURIA Iris        | Ila Crawford        | Larry Johnsen   |
| Best LOUSIANA Iris      | Sinfonietta         | Sally Cooperman |
| Best TALL BEARDED       | Point Made          | Sally Cooperman |
| Best MEDIAN Iris        | Jessica Rose (BB)   | Sally Cooperman |
| Best ARIL/ARILBRED Iris | Lavender Lemon (AB) | John Comer      |



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| Best COLLECTION     | Response (SPU) | Carole Siess    |
| Best SEEDLING Iris  | AY71A (SPU)    | Charles Jenkins |
| Best WHITE TB Iris  | Clouds Adrift  | Steve Rocha     |
| Best YELLOW TB Iris | Lemon Mist     | Pat Brendel     |

### Artistic - Division

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| Number of Entrants: 5                    | Total # Artistic Entries: 14 |
| Best Arrangement of Show                 | Ellen Joy Smith              |
| Artistic Sweepstakes (Most Blue Ribbons) | Ellen Joy Smith              |

### Youth - Division

#### Horticulture

|                       |                                  |                   |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Number of Entrants: 3 | Total # Horticultural entries: 7 |                   |
| Sweepstakes           | Blue Ribbons                     | Ben Bernhagen     |
| Best Specimen         | Aztec Sun (TB)                   | John Thomas Comer |

#### Artistic

|                       |                                  |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Number of Entrants: 2 | Total # Horticultural entries: 3 |
| Sweepstakes           | Nicole Kingsland                 |
| Best Design           | Nicole Kingsland                 |



**Tucson Area Iris Society**

*Gail Barnhill - President*

The odd sound you may have heard coming from Southern Arizona on April 14th...was TAIS members' collective sigh of relief that the Region 15 Trek they hosted went off without any major, preventable disasters...after almost 3 years of work. One thing we could not control was, of course, the weather! Without having had much of a winter to speak of we seemed to go directly to summer so the iris were rather confused as to whether or not to perform. There are still some poor iris

out there trying to bloom in 105 degrees...it usually doesn't get that hot until late June or July.....ah, but it's a DRY HEAT, right?

Next on our agenda will be digging the Guest Iris for the Region Auctions which will be held in September this year....

**Club Presidents:** PLEASE notify me as to your September Auction date so we may send your iris in a timely manner! We had many Louisiana and Spuria Guest Iris this year in addition to Bearded iris...so also please let me know what type of iris your members might (or might **not**) be interested in bidding on. TAIS will hold it's Auction on September 7, 1996.

We are currently experiencing an epidemic of "shy" members as we are still without a Sale Chairman and our sale is approaching quickly...September 21-22.

Because TAIS was host to the Spring Trek they had no Show this spring.

### MISCELLANEOUS NOTES & RAMBLINGS :

(by George Bange)

I had a "new to me" disease outbreak this Spring - appeared as a leaf spotting of rusty colored fuzz (much like the spores on the underside of a fern frond) or possibly a scale disease - got progressively worse but did not appear to be spreading much beyond certain plant groups even tho there are others very close by - as it 'matured', shaking a leaf would release a shower of fine reddish dust - it was distinctly weakening the infected plants.

As -this is my first year without a spring application of CYGON, I tried ORTHENE insecticide to no avail. Finally on May 2<sup>nd</sup> I took some samples of both unaffected and progressively worse spotted leaves over to the County Dept. of Agriculture office. On the 11<sup>th</sup> I received a mailed report identifying the culprit as a rust caused by the fungus *Puccinia iridis*. This was followed the next day by a phone call - said it was pretty common this year due to the wet early season conditions but had not been reported on iris, - we discussed treatment - suggested using Ortho FUNGINEX (triforine) as I had it in use for my roses - two applications, 8 days apart, killed off the infection and plants are now in recovery.

A NICE service - especially as its entirely FREE!



## San Diego / Imperial Counties Iris Society

*George Bange - President*

Our 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Spring Show came off well despite a "strange" bloom season. There were 89 entries from 15 entrants in the Horticultural Division and even some we don't normally get in our shows (a PCN, an Arilbred, and a SDB). AIS Exhibition Certificates were to: Pat Brendel - two 1<sup>st</sup> & four 2<sup>nd</sup> in Tall Bearded Iris; Dorothy Driscoll - four 1<sup>st</sup> in LA Iris; Hazel Carson - one each 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> in Spuria Iris. Queen of Show, entered by new member Steve Rocha, was *Clouds Adrift*, a TB by Gibson '85. Eleven entrants produced 32 entries for the Artistic Division. Many thanks to both the participants, the Show workers, and especially to the judges.

Our 9 June meeting will be a discussion of Iris Growing in our Coastal Marine climate and our so-called soils.

July 14th will be our Annual Summer Pot-Luck luncheon at Hazel Carson's and will include the Show trophy presentation and an intra-Society Rhizome Sale.

No meeting in August.

September 8<sup>th</sup> is our Public Rhizome Sale in Balboa Park and in a side venue the sale of Region 15 Rhizomes to our members.

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

### **Show Results (San Diego/Imperial Counties)**

#### Horticultural - Division

|                        |                    |                                   |
|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Number of Entrants: 15 |                    | Total # Horticultural entries: 89 |
| Silver Medal           | 7 Blue Ribbons     | Dorothy Driscoll                  |
| Bronze Medal           | 4 Blue Ribbons     | Pat Brendel                       |
| Queen of Show          | Clouds Adrift (TB) | Steve Rocha                       |
| Best SPURIA Iris       | Dena's Delight     | Hazel Carson                      |
| Best LOUISIANA Iris    | Aunt Shirley       | Dorothy Driscoll                  |



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| Best CALIFORNACAE   | Canyon Snow         | Claire Barr      |
| Best RED Iris       | Professor Neil (LA) | Dorothy Driscoll |
| Best PLICATA Iris   | Jesse's Song (TB)   | Linda Moore      |
| Best PINK Iris      | Aunt Shirley (LA)   | Dorothy Driscoll |
| Best BLUE TB Iris   | Swan Dance          | Pat Neal         |
| Best WHITE TB Iris  | Clouds Adrift       | Steve Rocha      |
| Best YELLOW TB Iris | Lemon Mist          | Pat Brendel      |

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| Artistic - Division |
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| Number of Entrants: 11                   | Total # Artistic Entries: 32 |
| Best Arrangement of Show                 | Marian Beecroft              |
| Best Arrangement Using One Iris Stalk    | Inga Kutschker               |
| Artistic Sweepstakes (Most Blue Ribbons) | Elba Costello                |

# Southern California Iris Society

*Jay Conklin, President*

I am most pleased to announce the winners of our annual A.I.S. Iris Show held in the L.A. Arboretum on April 13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>. Although we had fewer entries compared to past shows, we did show eighty-four (84) cultivars entered by twenty-seven (27) Winners including:

- QUEEN OF SHOW - "Berenice" (LA) entered by Judy Mogil
- BEST PLICATA - "Lemon & Spice (TB) entered by Wini Conklin
- BEST TB - "Bridal Wreath" entered by Derry Gerald
- BEST PCN - "Stage Whisper" entered by Duncan Eader
- BEST HISTORIC - "Mary Ellen" (TB) - entered by Wini Conklin
- BEST SEEDLINGS - came from Jerry Morehead (TB) and John Wright (AB)

Note: Some sections had to be combined because too few entries of each type were brought in.

Judges Kay Tearington, John Wright, LaDona Cypret, Gerry Snyder, and Dr. Ed Murray, plus apprentices Lynn Finkel and John Reinschmidt, did a very fine job of evaluating specimens. Unable to find Artistic Judges for that division, we still had adult and youth arrangements entered (and with expert advice from Irene Benton and Eileen Fuimara) the aforementioned panel of judges selected two Best Designs: Winners were:

**Wini Conklin** with “Duets”, a twin container arrangement using “Emerald City” (IB), her favorite.(Adult winner).

**Melissa Gilbert** with “Breezy”, using pastel iris of lavenders, pinks and white (Youth winner).

All judges concurred that AIS Judges should be trained in how to evaluate arrangements and that a Garden Club judge be included on the artistic panel. Iris must predominate and show schedule instructions be followed in the artistic designs!



## **RANGE COUNTY IRIS & DAYLILY CLUB**

*Sue Tanji, Corresponding Secretary*

OCIDC had its first “By-the-Rules” Mini-Show in May. Though not a sanctioned show, judges Jay Conklin, Nancy Webb, & Dr. Ed Murray followed both AIS & AHS National Guidelines in selecting “Blue-ribbons” from the fifty-plus entries. Most everyone knows that evening hours are not the best for displaying cultivars, surprisingly enough, the specimens held up and put on a great color-splash for members and guests.

Marilyn Peccararo walked away with Best Specimen with an outstanding, dark-glowing stalk of “Interpol”, an older purple-black with mustard beards & rounded falls (1972), three open flowers at seven O’clock at night!... Who says older can’t be beautiful! Popularity winners will be announced at our June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting where our more knowledgeable old-time members, growers & judges will hold a Round-Table old-fashioned Question & Answer session on problems plaguing members.

Highlighting our summer schedule will be a flower-arranging demonstration by well-known Calif. Garden & AIS Judge, Irene Benton, President of Inland Iris Society. She will speak on Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> after a 6:30 potluck at the First

Presbyterian Church, 11831 Euclid (just north of Chapman Avenue, on the east side of the street) in Garden Grove. Members are looking forward to her presentation after attending her fascinating workshop at Region 15's October '94 Fall meeting in Irvine.

Our Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting is our annual plant-sale following another potluck at Nancy Webb's home at 6:30 p.m.

Plaudits go to our hard-working VP Mike Boess for winning Queen with "Siloam Double Rose" at the So. Cal. Hemmerocallis Show at the Arboretum in Arcadia on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Many of our OCIDC members attended and entered the show as they did at the June 11<sup>th</sup> show in San Diego.

Have a great summer.



### **SYMPOSIUM ALERT!!!**

The Summer Edition of the AIS Bulletin will contain that funny looking piece of paper with all those iris names on it. It is not a listing of iris for you to buy nor is it a list of the best iris. It is simply this year's ballot for the SYMPOSIUM and you are supposed to check the twenty-five (25) you like best. That's right, it is very easy, you just check your favorite iris. You don't have to be a judge, you don't have to point score them; you don't even have to vote for the full 25, all you have to do is like them.. If there are two members in the household you both vote on the same ballot, read the instructions on how two or more vote the ballot.

Now the reason for this pitch is because we were just one ballot shy of being 1<sup>st</sup> in AIS. That's right just one ballot shy of first. Now we may have given Region 14 a wake up call with our response last year so to be the Best this year we need everyone to respond when the time comes. It will only take a minute and don't forget to let your spouse vote also, this is not like a political election where your spouses vote cancels yours out. This is just your favorite's and I know everyone has favorites.

Spread the word at your iris meetings, make your AIS members aware that this really does mean something and it is worth the effort. LET'S MAKE REGION 15 NUMBER ONE!





## Inland Iris Society

*Irene Benton, President*

In another month the installation of officers will be held. It has been a very productive year with what has been accomplished in our society. Our members have shown support for this Inland Iris Society and many have participated when necessary to have the work done.

We begin another year with our annual auction at Sara and Herb Holk's Cal-Dixie Iris Gardens to be held on the 26th of August. Hopefully we can have the region 15 auction that same evening.

Our membership has grown with twenty-three new members. Several signed up during our "**Broadway in Bloom**" flower show held on the 20-21<sup>st</sup> of April. A rhizome sale was held on both of those days.. Due to our dedicated members, the show and rhizome sale were a tremendous success.

Besides the installation of officers on July 8th, our RVP Bill Rinehart will tell us about slides taken at the American Iris National Convention at Sacramento.

Our second IIS Rhizome Sale will be held on September 14-15<sup>th</sup> At *Landscapes Southern California Style*. (A Water Conservation/Education garden.)

Members from other clubs are always welcome at the IIS meetings and programs. We would enjoy having you!

### **Show Results (Inland)**

#### Horticultural - Division

| Number of Entrants: 14 |                    | Total # Horticultural entries: 104 |
|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| Silver Medal           | Blue Ribbons       | Corrine Bromberger                 |
| Bronze Medal           | Blue Ribbons       | Dick McCullough                    |
| Queen of Show          | Edith Wolford (TB) | Corrine Bromberger                 |
| Best SPURIA Iris       | Imperial Bronze    | Dick McCullough                    |
| Best LOUISIANA Iris    | Coorabell          | Mike Monninger                     |
| Best CALIFORNACAE      | Canyon Snow        | Grace Martin                       |
| Best MEDIAN Iris       | Blue Bubbles       | Corrine Bromberger                 |
| Best PLICATA Iris      | Picasso            | Grace Martin                       |

|                      |                |                    |
|----------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Best TB SELF Iris    | Radiant Energy | Corrine Bromberger |
| Best COLLECTION Iris | Marve          | Elayne Loria       |
| Best SEEDLING Iris   | 13             | Dick McCullough    |

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| Artistic - Division |
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|  |                               |
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| Number of Entrants: 11                       | Total # Artistic Entries: 32  |
| Best Arrangement of Show                     | Elaine Monninger              |
| Artistic Sweepstakes (Most Blue Ribbons) TIE | Grace Martin - Mike Monninger |

## Weeds

You can always tell a true gardener from an impostor if you follow him in his garden. A true gardener is constantly swooping down pulling unwary weeds out of his garden like a shore bird plucking little creatures out of the sand. I tried imitating a true gardener one day. I was walking along with a friend in his garden when I spied a plant that looked very much like a weed I find in my garden called *Malva parviflora*; weeds have those fancy botanical names just like our prized plants. Well, I reached down to pluck it out when my ex-friend yelled at me "DON'T TOUCH THAT" as he grabbed for his hoe to use on me, not the plant. It seems that many of the plants we call weeds have first cousins that some gardeners prize. I found out he had searched many catalogs for the seeds for this first cousin called "*Malva something-other-than-parviflora*."

Weeds come into our gardens in many different ways. Some lie dormant for many years waiting for you to scratch them to the surface and water them. Others are blown in from your non-gardening neighbor. Still others are brought in by our feathered friends. My own personal belief is that every rain drop of rain has a weed seed in it, because after the first rains of the season my garden is full of weeds. A gift plant is also suspect. That little nut-like thing hiding in the soil or a root that didn't belong there can take over a garden. It is a good idea to be alarmed if you see the words invasive or aggressive. I love horseradish on my roast beef so about ten years ago I bought a couple horseradish roots and thought how nice it would be to be able to go into the garden and pull out and grind some for dinner. I am still trying to free my tomato garden and petunias from it.

Every gardener has his personal collection of tools that he uses for weeding, the hoe being the most common. Weeders come in as many sizes and shapes as

gardeners do, with the new and different appearing on the market every year. My friend *Juaquine* at the Robinson Gardens let me use his favorite weeder while I was working there. He said that you can get one like it only in Mexico. It was shaped like a small sickle sharpened on the leading as well as the following edge so that you can cut off the weeds by pulling or pushing. I wanted to show it to you, but he caught me going out the gate.

There is another way of getting rid of weeds that I hadn't thought of. Caroline Sutherland was looking at the mounds of purslane growing between my rows of iris and very calmly said "Eat it. It's delicious."

Jim Stenson

## NEW AIS MEMBERS

### Region 15

|  |  |                                    |
|--|--|------------------------------------|
| Leslie Besic<br>Hemet, CA                      | Paul Clifford<br>Spring Valley, CA           | Ruth Collins<br>Hemet, CA          |
| Carolyn Cosgrove<br>Phoenix, AZ                | Doug Davis<br>Long Beach, CA                 | Francelene Edwards<br>Glendale, AZ |
| Mrs. William Elliot<br>Mayer, AZ               | Dennis Greer<br>Bakersfield, CA              | Barbie Hoffman<br>Ramona, CA       |
| Roberta Souper Langhorfer<br>Panorama City, CA | Betty Laughlin<br>Palmdale, CA               | Phyllis Dale Liggett<br>Mesa, AZ   |
| Mrs. Pia Louchios<br>Oceanside, CA             | Barbara Marinosky<br>Chino Hills, Ca         | Charlene Mitchell<br>Alpine, CA    |
| Patricia McDuffee<br>Phoenix, AZ               | Tierney Parkhurst<br>Granada Hills, CA       | Karen Pisani<br>Solvang, CA        |
| Bonne Scott<br>Atascadero, CA                  | Jane Smith (Transfer)<br>Apache Junction, AZ | Carol Williams<br>Prescott, AZ     |

#### Reinstated

|                                |                                    |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Charles Gates<br>Riverside, CA | M/M Paul Phillips<br>San Diego, CA | David Spence<br>Prescott, AZ |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|

**Iris Awards**  
**Presented at the Region 15 Spring Trek**  
**Tucson, AZ**

The *Claire Barr Award* for Best Guest Iris by a non-Region 15 Hybridizer:

|                             |                         |          |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place       | <b>Speed Limit (TB)</b> | Lauer    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place (Tie) | Colorado Bonanza (TB)   | Magee    |
|                             | Heather Pryor (LA)      | Taylor   |
|                             | Honorarium (TB)         | B. Dunn  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place (Tie) | Coloradoan (TB)         | Magee    |
|                             | Desert Celebration (AB) | Flanagan |

The *Bernard Hamner Award* for Best Guest Seedling by a Region 15 Hybridizer:

|                       |              |                 |
|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | <b>85-26</b> | Pete DeSantis   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | 38           | Dick McCullough |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | 2928         | Herb Holk       |

**Tucson Area Iris Society Award** for favorite Guest Iris introduced by a Region 15 Hybridizer:

|                       |                      |                |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | <b>Spiced Ginger</b> | Bernard Hamner |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------|

## 1996 REGION 15 SPRING TREK GARDENS - TUCSON, ARIZONA

### KUTZ GARDEN

It was still crisp and breezy when we began our tour of the garden of Melania and Tony Kutz. Here we found a large variety of desert and non-native plants and trees in addition to iris.

The iris beds were located outside as well as within a walled patio area and included some 200 varieties of tall bearded, some arilbreds and spurias. Most iris in this garden were mid-to-late season bloomers which we were too early for. However, Guest iris in bloom included SHERRYL RENE (Burseen '93) and a Holk seedling #2926A, and non-guests were MODERN CLASSIC, HOWDY DO, CHARLES CASTLE, ROMIE STEWART and PUMPKIN PATCH, as well as MT. ST. HELEN, DREAM AFFAIR, DOVER BEACH, JOYCE TERRY, SNEAK PREVIEW and IMOGINE PEARL. The intriguing bloom of a horned arilbred, KALIFA'S HORN, was also admired.

Two rose beds were at peak bloom, and for added color the Kutz' interspersed plantings of linaria, pink and purple petunias, statice and godetia among the iris in the upper terraced area. Sweet alyssum was used at the border, with tall pink "Rocket" snapdragons as background for the lower terrace iris. The swimming pool's floating flower fountain lent a cooling effect to what promised to be a warm Tucson day.

After being treated to a splendid breakfast buffet on the large porch, where a huge planter of Apple Blossom amaryllis was in full flower, we headed toward the second garden of the day.



**Ollie "The Hat Lady" Rust & Carol Morgan admire an iris in the Kutz Garden.**



## HUFFMAN GARDEN

Bill and Terry Huffman had quite a nice display of iris bloom for us. The Bearded Guest Iris were Seedling #38 (McCullough), APOLLO'S TOUCH (IB) (Nichols'91), COLORADO BONANZA (Magee '96), DESERT CELEBRATION (AB OGB-) (Flanagan '95), ENVOGUE (M. Dunn '92), FRENCH MELODY (Nichols '94), HALO IN ROSEWOOD (Niswonger '93), ICED TEA (Lauer '93), JOHN HOEHNER (Hoage '95), OPAL'S LEGACY (Hoage '93), PSHAW (Burseen '94), SPICED GINGER (Hamner '92) and STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN (RE) (Lauer '93). They also grow many Spuria and Louisiana iris but the only ones in bloom



A group checks out the Huffman Garden.

Trek Day were Don Shepard's Louisiana Guest Seedling labeled #89506 being introduced this year under the name ARIZONA BIG RED, and one older spuria, JET SET (Williamson '75) which put in an appearance. The bloodlines of the "Mystery Iris"...QUIET FRIENDSHIP (Gaulter '90) in this garden obviously included PERSIAN BERRY (it's sib) as that was what most everyone guessed it was.

It was a delight to see quite a few Medians in bloom in this garden: RHINE MAIDEN (BB Magee '90), KIRSCH (BB

Burch '84), CHICKASAW SUE (BB Gibson '82), LITTLE MERMAID (IB Magee '92), and ALICE IN WONDERLAND (IB Maryott '83). Bill and Terry have recently begun collecting older iris and those putting on a show were: MISS CALIFORNIA (Salbach '37), MT. ST. HELENS (Craig '66), RED RULER (Craig '69), SUNDAY PUNCH (Crandall '77), SMOKE RINGS (Gibson '72).

Other garden treats were Terry's herb garden containing a bay tree, English lavender, thymes, marjoram, oreganos, burdock, red valarian ("Jupiter's Beard"), and hyssop, as well as two large ponds stocked with a variety of water plants as well as large goldfish and koi, and a cactus garden in the front yard containing both night and day blooming cereus cactus.

## BESSEY GARDEN

The Bessey's garden has almost 150 varieties of iris in the very front of the lot as well as about that many again in pots in the back yard. About 60% of the Guest Iris planted in this garden were in bloom: Seedlings #28 (McCullough), 3934 (Holk) and DNY-01 (Valenzuela), as well as newly introduced COLORADOAN (formerly Seedling 8713A) by Magee '96, and introduced Guests COALIGNITION (Burseen 93), COOL TREAT (Aitken 94), DANUBE WALTZ (Nichols '94), FROM A DISTANCE (Ernst '94), GRAPHIQUE (M. Dunn '94), HONEYMOON DANCE (Nichols '91), LACY PRIMROSE (Hoage '93), LADY JULIET (Nichols '94...reported to be a rebloomer), MOON LOVE (Magee '94), RAINBOW GODDESS (Ernst '94), ROYAL GORGE (Durrance '94), RUFFLED SKIRTS (Nichols '92), SHERRYL RENEE (Burseen '93), SKY BLUE PINK (Niswonger '94), SPEED LIMIT (Lauer '92) and THERESA LYNN (Hoage '95).

Paul, Fran and son Andy (who served as one of our bus captains) have a wide range garden styles sort of rolled into one: English design, Southwest overtones and Xeriscape adapted plants!

They have labeled most of the unusual desert and xeriscape trees and shrubs which was appreciated as many of us were unfamiliar with them. In amongst the iris in the front yard, and here and there throughout their gardens, were wildflowers as well as many familiar annuals. Numerous nooks and crannies hid special gardens and projects. Of



A group discusses the Bessey Garden.

special interest to many was a 3-4' deep sunken putting green lawn in the center of the back yard. The resulting "walls" made interesting resting and planting spots, and the 24-station automatic drip and sprinkler irrigation system sure fascinated and amazed a lot of folks!

## TUCSON BOTANICAL GARDEN

The "Dr. Raymond C. Allen Iris Garden" (named in memory of a former TAIS member and AIS Distinguished Service Medal Winner) at the Botanical Gardens included the following Guest Iris in bud or bloom: SPEED LIMIT (Lauer '92)), a good electric blue, FROM A DISTANCE and THINKING OUT LOUD (both Ernst '94), AZURE WHIR (Durrance '92), ATLANTA BELLE (Magee '92), BOOGIE WOOGIE (Nichols 93) SHERYL RENEE (Burseen 93), and seedlings #38 (McCullough), 5291A (Miller) and M87-1009K (M. Dunn). TAIS and TBG personnel had planted many annual and perennial wildflowers and native or desert adapted plants between the iris. A few of those in bloom were red flax, California poppy, Desert Bluebells (Phacelia), and various sages/salvias.



The Tucson Botanical Garden was a extraordinary sight as this group discovered.

Both buses arrived here at the same time for a delightful box lunch. With many informal seating areas throughout the Garden, we were able to wander where we pleased to eat. We had a little more time to spend here than at our other stops, and some of the interesting displays we saw included a Tropical Garden (in a Greenhouse), a Sensory Garden, Herb Garden, Butterfly/Bird Gardens, as well as Cactus and Succulent gardens, and

Composting displays.

## DUNNIGAN GARDEN

There are so many "micro climates" in Tucson that it was bound to happen! Greta's front garden included 25 bearded Guest Iris...which weren't quite ready to bloom - with the exception of Dick McCullough's seedling #22...and her backyard Arilbred garden was just finishing up! However, we did get to see Flanagan's Guest Arilbreds (all OGB-): DESERT SPIRIT ('94) in full bloom with 4 stalks; DESERT JOY ('95) still with one bloom stalk; DESERT FESTIVAL ('95) had two stalks still in bud. A non-Guest Arilbred, CHILD OF GOD (Hunt/McAllister '85) was sporting 5 bloom stalks.

Even without a mass of iris to view, we enjoyed Greta's desert landscaping and saw how colorful a low water use garden could be. All of the wildflowers, native and desert adapted shrubs and trees, were in full bloom in both the front and back gardens. All in all, a very enjoyable garden visit.

### DETWILER GARDEN

Our garden host, Bert Detwiler, does not have "a garden". He has a "floorplan of garden rooms" and specializes particularly in Louisiana Iris...a treat to see on a Trek! As the bus arrived at this stop, a voice was heard yelling "that's my baby!" "Baby", of course, it was Pete DeSantis' purple TB seedling #85-26 with eight 46" stalks in full bloom.

Eight tubs containing Guest Iris lined the path from the street and into a side garden "room" where two huge clumps of the lovely species-looking spuria BELISE was in bloom. Other plants in bloom near the entry were red yuccas, oleander trees, and a massive magenta bougainvillea ("Barbara Karst"). Bob Dunn's purple seedling B89-1098A was looking good and had been blooming since January 24th according to our host, and Mary Dunn's prim plicata GRAPHIQUE drew praise as did COLORADAN (Magee '96).

In the patio "room" we saw several Louisiana including Guest iris SOUTHDOWNS (O'Conner 93), with large flat ice-blue petals, and in the back garden "room", dubbed "Garden of the Koi Grotto" CREOLE FLAME was in bloom in front of the kidney shaped koi pond, home of a metallic yellow 24" Ogon koi.

The side garden "room" contained Louisianas at either end with TBs and Spurias in the middle. Guest Louisianas in bloom included a maroon test seedling #83-5A



**Pete DeSantis proudly stands by his winning seedling in the Detwiler Garden**

(DeSantis), KITCHEN MUSIC (a Morgan seedling) a striking bi-color of rich brown and tan, HEATHER PRIOR (Taylor '93) with cream standards veined and flushed pink, falls similar but heavier pink effect, RICH JEWEL (Morgan 95) and the near black beauty EMPRESS JOSEPHINE by Haymon (90) which was ruffled and luxurious. Other iris in bloom below the Thompson grape vine were Louisianas BOB WARD, PROFESSOR NEIL, MAC'S BLUE HEAVEN, PRESIDENT HEDLEY and ACADIAN MISS, TOP NOTCH, DR. DORMAN, BOLD CAJUN and GLOWLIGHT (dark blue falls under pale blue standards.)

In what Bert calls his "secret garden room" which is hidden behind the back fence, was another planting of Louisianas in mostly shade. The small blue LAKE OACHITA as well as PRALINE FESTIVAL, E.C. EVERINGHAM and FRANK CHOWNING were eye catchers here.

### BARNHILL GARDEN

If you've heard the term "obsessive/compulsive" before, then you can understand Gail Barnhill's garden! She not only has about 300 iris on the outer edges of each of



Terry Aitken, Bennie & Irene Benton admire the flora in the Barnhill Garden.

several beds separated by wandering paths, but has planted just about every known annual and perennial plant that can take the Tucson weather in the center of these beds - thereby creating her goal of an English Country Garden - in the desert no less! Gail must like doing things the hard way! She said she's especially proud of the fact that everything we saw in her yard was planned, planted, dug and designed over only the past 8

years (you shoulda seen the "before" picture she showed us)... by Gailpower...with supervision by faithful Gardendog "Odie".

Guest Iris in bloom were COLORADAN (Magee '96), ICED TEA (Lauer '94), HONORARIUM (B. Dunn '94), COLORADO BONANZA (Magee '96), QUEEN BEE (BB) (M. Dunn '94) and TB Seedling #2928 (Holk). The "Mystery Iris" in this



garden - HARLOW GOLD (IB) - apparently wasn't such a mystery as many participating in the contest guessed it easily. (Maybe they figured out Gail's iris are planted alphabetically?!) Other iris in bloom were JESSIE'S SONG, PAGAN, COSMIC SUN, SINISTER, WELCOME ABOARD, ASK ALMA (IB), and TRICK OR TREAT. Gail also grows many arilbreds, spurias and louisianas now, however none were in bloom for the Trek.

A few of the other plants garnering the most comments were Watsonia, (I saw Terry Aitken standing next to one of these with a shovel and a sneaky look....!) foxglove, both Queen Anne's Lace and it's look-alike Bishop's Weed, "killer" nasturtiums whose leaves were so big they looked like lotus leaves, sweet peas, larkspur, statice (german), heliotrope, columbine, and several types of hybrid oxalis, Shirley poppies...as well as the, ahem, "other" kind of poppy, and forget-me-nots to name just a few. Five ponds ranging from in-ground to 1/2 barrel mini-ponds are home to several types of water fauna... giant goldfish (each with a name!), a red slider turtle, resident frog and possibly a crawdad(!), and flora... I. pseudacorus, I. lavagata varigata, taro, water lilies, pickerl rush weed, dwarf papryus and cattail.

Trekie Carol Morgan noted that "Gail probably has too much spare time on her hands" when she spotted one of Gail's fancy-schmancy labels...which included not only the common name but also the botanical name for...a very well grown Dandelion! Scheesch...is that obsessive/compulsive, or what? Fun to see such a passion in action!

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### JUDGES TRAINING

Now that the bloom season is over there only remains two things to be done—vote the symposium and submit your Activities Report. Remember that your Activities Report must be submitted no later than 1 August 1996.

A two-hour session on AWARDS AND BALLOTS will be conducted at Cal-Dixie, 14115 Pear St., Riverside, CA on July 14 beginning at 1:30.

In the coming year it is suggested that the local societies endeavor to offer more Judges Training than was offered in 95-96. After all, judges training is the best way to learn about irises whether or not the individual intends to become a judge. Also we need to recruit more student judges as it is difficult to obtain sufficient judges for the shows when situations arise such as the one this year with Region and National coming in the same month—judges just can't be in two places at the same time.

We know that we have many members who would be good judges, so if you are interested in becoming a judge, please let us know and we will be delighted to send you the necessary forms and information to help you get started—"TIME WAITS FOR NO MAN." So don't put off until tomorrow that which will help you become better informed about your favorite flower today.

Attendees:

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

RVP Rinehart called the meeting to order at 9:32 am at his home in West Hills, California. He then distributed lists of the 1996 Region 15 Officers and another of the Region 15 Affiliate Presidents names, addresses and telephone numbers. (Exhibit A).

Minutes: The Minutes of the October 21, 1996 Executive Committee Meeting will be published in the Spring Region Newsletter and reviewed for approval at the April 13, 1996 meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards Chairman Jones said he has a cost for the Best Out of Region 15 Guest Iris Award plaque: \$92.55 for the first one and \$73.07 for the second. This price may drop if we have several made up at once. It was **MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED** that Chairman Jones go forward with the purchase of 10 of these plaques. It was further **MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED** that this Award be named the "Claire Barr Award for Best Out of Region Guest Iris".

Judges Training Chairman Holk said we have 5 Apprentices who are coming up on their three year requirements and urged the club presidents to ask their show chairmen to invite the Apprentices to work with their show judges. He also asked that when we recruit members to participate in Judges Training, that we try to be sure they are truly interested in entering the program. Chairman Holk noted that the Judges training sessions to be held at the Sacramento Convention will not be staggered this time but will only be 1.5 hrs. vs. 2 long so that people may be able to attend more than one session. He reminded us that we must request approval from him in advance of any training programs we want to sponsor and then send him a copy of the sign-up sheet (non-students do not sign this) after the event. The instructor has to administer written tests with a minimum of 20 questions to be completed at the end of the training session. These tests need to go the Region Judges Training Chair, along with a blank copy of the test which our Chair will forward to the AIS Chair. A list of Active Judges and Apprentices for 1996 was distributed, along with AIS Judges Training Applications, instructions and Handbook Exams.(Exhibit B).

Membership RVP Rinehart announced that Membership Chair, Bobbie Shepard has resigned this position and that Sara Holk has agreed to complete her term. RVP Rinehart further noted that AIS lost a total of 1287 members in 1995, but also gain 1200, so membership is steady (currently 8194). Region 15 currently has more AIS members than any time since 1987 - 533, which made Region 15 the 5th largest in AIS for 1995. (Exhibit C). RVP Rinehart said AIS has changed its membership

system so that all dues will renew in December. Those who currently pay dues in June will get six month "free" in order to convert them to the new system. A letter from AIS in this regard (and which includes the new AIS dues rates) was distributed (Exhibit D), as well as a list of those Region 15 AIS members whose dues are currently listed as delinquent (Exhibit E).

**Newsletter** Chairman Giles stated the next newsletter deadline is 2/1/96 for publication 3/1/96. The deadline after February will be 6/1/96. RVP Rinehart said that if Affiliate Show Chairs get their Show Report to him, he will forward a copy to Chairman Giles for the newsletter.

**Youth** No report. RVP Rinehart asked that Affiliates continue to mention Youth Membership at their meetings.

### **AFFILIATION**

**Affiliation Reports** These are due to RVP Rinehart today, and should include a copy of the Affiliate Membership Lists and their Check if their AIS Affiliation is below the minimum.

### **SPRING & FALL MEETINGS**

**Progress Reports** TAIS President, Barnhill, distributed copies of the Spring 96 registration forms, which have a greatly reduced registration rate of \$25 due to the excellent fund raising efforts of their membership (Exhibit F). San Diego is still in the planning stages for the Fall 96 meeting but nothing definite to report yet; SFVIS will host the Spring 97 meeting at the Burbank Hilton, April 5-6-7, 1997; Hi-Desert is just beginning to plan for the Fall 97 meeting; Orange County reported that they would have to decline hosting the Spring 1998 meeting as they simply don't have enough gardens located close enough together; San Diego said they have the same problem and won't be hosting the Spring 99. Both OCIS and SDIS would not have problems hosting Fall meetings however. It was noted that Fall meetings do not have to be more than 1 day long, but many prefer to have an opportunity for more Judges Training sessions such as is done in a 2-day event. RVP Rinehart stated we will continue with the "Meeting Wheel" through 1997 and will immediately work on finding a Spring 98 host. (Exhibit G)

**Trek Guidebook** RVP Rinehart pointed out that page 23 regarding Region 15 Iris Purchases for Auction in the Guidebook will need to be deleted and that the new Claire Barr Award name be included in the section on Awards.

Also it was agreed that the Guidebook should include the statement that it is customary that the host club pay for the RVP's room and to contact the RVP to make such arrangements.

**AIS Sacramento National Convention** While it is up to the individual affiliates and whether or not they can afford it, RVP Rinehart recommended the affiliates try to compensate their presidents for some or all of their Convention expenses.

**REGION AUCTIONS** After discussion it was agreed that the affiliates will now hold their Region Auction meeting in September. This will allow the host of the Spring meeting to divide the guest iris in August which should result in more rhizome growth/increase as well as better planting weather. OCDIS request they not be sent any Auction iris this year, and SDIS asked for only 1/2 the normal shipment of iris.

**EXHIBITIONS (SHOWS)** RVP Rinehart stressed that the affiliate show chairs send their proposed show schedules to AIS Exhibition Chair, Lillian Gristwood, ASAP, as they need to be approved by her prior to printing/show date. RVP Rinehart also needs to know show dates. Further, be sure your show chairs send her their show report, with a copy going to RVP Rinehart.

**FINANCES** Treasurer Turner distributed copies of the Region 15 Balance Sheet report (Exhibit H). After review and discussion, it was **MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED** to approve forwarding this report for audit. It was further **MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED** that all RVP funds be put into one CD and each year just before it rolls over, take out the maximum of \$700 for RVP expenses for that year. It was also **MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED** that \$1,000 be moved from the regular checking account into the RVP account.

**1996 Budget** After review and discussion, it was **MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED** that the following 1996 Region 15 Budget be approved (Exhibit I).

| <u>Estimated Income:</u> |               | <u>Estimated Expenditures:</u> |               |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Advertising              | \$ 160        | Newsletter                     | \$1800        |
| Auctions                 | 2000          | Spring Meeting                 | 500           |
| Interest                 | 500           | Fall Meeting                   | 500           |
| General Fund             | <u>1890</u>   | RVP Expenses                   | 350           |
|                          | <b>\$4550</b> | Judges Training                | 100           |
|                          |               | Misc.                          | 300           |
|                          |               | General Fund                   | 890           |
|                          |               | Add to RVP Fund                | <u>1000</u>   |
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS** Affiliate Presidents shared the dates of their upcoming meetings and scheduled speakers. Southern California IS's Conklin expressed his affiliate's unhappiness with the Sun Country IS having the same initials, i.e. "SCIS". Those present felt this was a not an issue to be addressed by this committee no decisions or recommendations were made.

**AIS FALL BOARD MEETING REPORT** RVP Rinehart, at the AIS Board's request, asked those present how they felt about AIS charging non-members more for their Convention Registrations in future. It was **MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED** that Region 15 recommend this be done by AIS. RVP Rinehart reported that AIS has obtained a liability insurance policy to cover all affiliates and their AIS members - contact AIS if you have questions. Region 15 came in 2nd (by one) in number of responses and 2nd (by 2/10th of a %) in the 1995 AIS Symposium! RVP Rinehart noted that the new RVP's term begins at the AIS Fall meeting held in November.

**Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail M. Barnhill, Secretary



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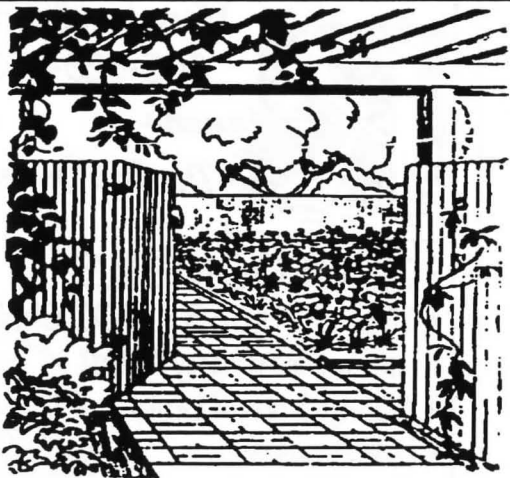


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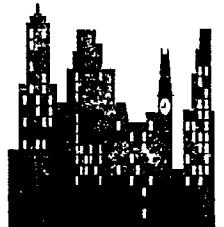
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**Schedule:**

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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.

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