

Spring 1997

# Region 15

## Spring Newsletter

AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY



### RVP Message

On January 18, we held the first 1997 meeting of the Region 15 Board. Reports were received from each of the affiliated societies. All seem to be active and moving ahead. Common problems were discussed and hopefully ideas as to how to alleviate

or resolve them were picked up.

Among the new members or positions on the Board are: Jeanne Plank, Nominating Committee Chair; Jimmy Jones and Gerry Snyder, Constitution and by-laws Committee; Mike Monninger, Youth Committee Chair and Pete DeSantis, Ways and Means Committee Chair.

There are several goals which I hope we can achieve during my tenure and the three most important ones are: To increase the amount of monies in the treasury to be used to offset the officers' Region expenses; to have the Region constitution and by-laws updated and to encourage those AIS members in our region who are not members of an affiliate to join one and at the same time to encourage affiliate members who are not AIS members to join AIS and let's get our family members together! As board, we are also looking for ways to encourage more members to attend and enjoy the fellowship at Regional and National meetings.

If you as a member of Region 15 have any ideas as to how we can accomplish the goals mentioned or have ideas on other items which should be Region 15 priorities please communicate them to either your affiliate president or to me.

A note to Show Chairpersons--since shows are held for the primary purpose of promoting and nurturing the public's interest in iris, an educational exhibit is an excellent means for disseminating information. Exhibits usually attract the interest of young people.

A change appears to loom on the horizon at the AIS Board level. A move to impose term limits on national board members has been underway for some time and was finally approved in principle. The proposed change in the constitution was turned over to the legal counsel for rewrite in legalese and to be returned to the Board for action at the spring meeting. If approved by the board, it will then be published and submitted to the general membership for final approval. Many feel that this will become an avenue by which AIS will become more of an open corporation.

We appreciate all the work that the San Fernando Valley Iris Society has done to prepare an outstanding program and trek for the Region Spring meeting. In support of SFVIS fill out the flyer which is enclosed in this Newsletter and return it to them as soon as possible. Hope to see you in SAN FERNANDO!

*Herb*

**San Fernando Valley Iris Society**

Iris Larson, President

I'm going to hop, skip and jump through time since our last regional newsletter. The December Christmas Party was very soggy, but the brave souls that trudged through rain & fog had more than they could eat. November and January meetings used local talent Michael Zarky on Siberians and Richard Stretz from High Desert doing daylilies- giving us something pleasantly different. February was show preparation, featuring Eileen Fiumara & Pete De Santis, coming early this year due to George Sutton guest appearance on March 6th. If you get this in time George is also giving a Judges Training along with the program.

April 3rd will be a short meeting, then we'll be off to The Promenade to set up for the Spring Show, April 4 & 5. If you would to enter just give me a call-805-296-4923 and I'll send you a show schedule. This year's theme- "ACROSS THE GALAXY WITH IRISES" is being tied to the Regional Spring Trek, "A SPACE AGE ODYSSEY", which SFVIS is hosting. Taking place April 25-27, this is our BIG,BIG event of the year.

In the spring of 1995, the Trek Garden Committee decided to slow the pace a little, in order to give you some "people visiting time". So many times the Spring Regional is the only time during the year that you get a chance to catch up with friends. All four gardens are different from each other, all with much to see or just sit and enjoy. We're offering 2 Judges Training sessions and a banquet speaker, Brad Kasperek. We hope many of you will attend.

May is still up in the air, but June will be our summer potluck, Show Award presentation and Elections, if we can straighten out our schedule so that we don't bump heads with The AIS National in Michigan.

And with that last jump I'll end, hoping to see many of you this spring, somewhere.

**TUCSON AREA IRIS SOCIETY**

Barbara Evans, President

Well, this is my first contribution to the Region 15 newsletter. I'm not exactly sure what I'm doing and I know I'm late submitting it, (sorry Jim), but here goes.

Our club held elections in October, that explains me, and we have a whole new slate of officers for the first time in six years. In January we initiated our new membership requirement that all Tucson Area members become members of AIS. This means that TAIS will no longer require members to pay dues to the local chapter. We lost a few members because of this, but also gained a few who were already AIS members who were not currently active at the local level.

At our meeting in January, Dr. Thomas Dorge from the University of Arizona's College of Soil and Water gave us a presentation on soil preparation for desert soils. It was very informative. Brushing up on the basics was a good way to start the new year. At our February meeting Don Shepard from Shepard's Iris and Daylily gardens in Phoenix came to Tucson to give a presentation on Spurias and Louisianas. It seems more of our members are starting to grow some of these species and their culture is really quite different from the tall bearded. We all learned a lot. For our March meeting we've got the AIS version of Trivial Pursuit lined up. That should be a fun meeting.

We finally got a show chairperson, so we will have a show this year. We're holding it in conjunction with the Rose Society's annual show at a local mall, something we've never done before. The dates are April 12th & 13th. It should be a glorious place to spend a few hours if you aren't allergic to flowers. We're also planning a bus tour for April, probably to the Phoenix area to see some of the commercial gardens and possibly a few private gardens.

So, for the next few weeks, it's time to sit back and watch our iris grow. Most of the work is done and now it's up to Mother Nature.

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### Inland Iris Society

Irene Benton, President

The inland iris society has had an educational as well as pleasant Scheduled programs in 1996. A highlight last year was having an "iris trivia night" in November. Many members had not attended one of these before, and found it to be hilarious at times, while trying to remember what the name of a certain iris was.

The Christmas party is always a wonderful time for all. Instead of an exchange of gifts amongst us, we brought non-perishable food items for some people less fortunate than we. When the party was over, one of our members, Naomi Hildreth took the food to the Genesis Shelter in riverside. We are very pleased to have done this.

Our cookbook project turned out to be a dandy. All recipes are tried and true from our contributors. There are 160 recipes in 7 categories. We still have an ample supply--price per copy is \$7.00. If you don't have a copy yet, contact Irene Benton.

To ring in the new year on the 4th of January, our new RVP Herb Holk and member presented a wonderful program on reblooming iris. They just need more of everything" feed them four times a year instead of two; they are programmed to bloom when they want to; keep the ground moist and not wet; just a few of the important things to remember. Several stalks were shown and they were magnificent to look at this time of year.

Our months ahead will be concentrated on preparing for our flower show on April 19,20, 1997. This will take place at the Riverside Plaza. In preparation for this show, Eileen Fiumara will do "floral designs" on March 1st. Pete de Santis will do a program on "Preparing Iris for Presentation" on April 7th. Our flower show schedule is not completed, but Mike Monninger, our show chairman is working on it.

In may, the show results will be announced as well as the awards. Time for nomination of officers for 97-98.

The June 21st meeting will be "Members Appreciation Day" and elections.

You are always welcome to attend our meetings and programs. We would love to have you join us.

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### San Diego / Imperial counties Iris society

George Bange- President

While our Society continues to struggle with the problems engendered by a very limited number of active participants, we have managed to put our budget problems largely behind us - not flush, but not endangered. "Outreach" to prospective active members continues as the major goal for the '97 year.

January's Program was an excellent presentation on plants compatible with iris in a landscape and garden situation. Mary McBride of Buena Creek Gardens in Vista wowed us with slides and her erudition on the subject. We also had the election of '97 officers: President - George Bange, Vice President and Program Chair Dorothy Frisbie, Secretary - Dorothy Driscoll, Treasurer - Walt McNeel unfortunately that's 3 incumbents out of 4 positions.

Our February 8th "meeting" will be in the form of our society's 34rd Anniversary Party - a luncheon at a local restaurant with Richard Richards as Guest Speaker - the subject is Reblooming Iris.

The March 9th meeting will be given over to preparations for our Annual Show including "How to Groom a Stalk for the Showbench".

April 19th and 20th is the SD/IC Annual Spring Show. We'll again be in Casa del Prado, Balboa Park. This is the weekend before the Region 15 Spring Trek, and is virtually the same days as last year's Show -- naturally the weather will cooperate and we'll have our best show in years.

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### Sun Country Iris Society

Georgia Gudykunst, President

Since the last region 15 Newsletter, Sun country Iris Society has said "Goodbye" to summer heat, and gone "cool" into planting all those iris bought at auctions and traded with friends. We had a very delightful, informative program on winning irises at Shows by Pete De Santis in October, followed by a very nice program in

November on Spurias including the newest introductions by Charlie Jenkins.

In December, we held for the first time, a joint Christmas potluck/social with the Bonsai Club at the Valley Garden Center. Sun Country members decorated the hall and made very creative table favors (Santa cones/candy bags and Santa napkin holders) coveted by all, and cooked the turkey and stuffings. The Bonsai Club provided a demonstration program on bonsai. A good time was had by all.

January caught many members and officers, with cold and flu that is. Sadly we had a very low turnout for the January program on Arizona State University's urban arboretum.

We are looking forward to February's program on Mountain Iris by Glenna Chapman, RVP, Reg. 20. She'll also give some advance info. On the 1998 Nation in Colorado.

March will bring us a delightful program on flower arranging, by one of our own and favorite person, Irene Benton, Inland Iris Society President. With spring also arrives several major events, Garden fair day at the Maricopa Extension Service on March 15, our Early Exhibit on March 23, show preparation demo on April 1 and Spring Show on April 12-13. Then we'd like to attend San Fernando Valley's Reg. Trek on April 25-27, and just fun and relax!!!

We will bring our year to a close with our spring show Awards Banquet and election of officers, and the installation of officers and a slide show on the national convention. Then it'll be time to do a little R and R, just in time before the buying and planting bug hits us again.

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**Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society**

Barbara G. Turner, President

**HAPPY NEW YEAR from the HI DESERT IRIS & DAYLILY SOCIETY! !**

The first four meetings of the year were rewarded with good attendance and eager irisarians. We have several new members and several with poor health and unable to attend our meetings. We wish them speedy recovery.

In the six months ahead, we are looking forward to exciting programs and our show in April. We will have

our plant sale during the Palmdale Lilac Festival which has proven to be a good selling time for us. April is our busiest month and the activities will surely keep us out of mischief!

We are looking forward to hosting the Fall Trek in Palmdale on October 18, 1997. Please mark your calendar and keep that day open for a date with Hi Desert Irisarians.

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**THIS IS TODAY**

Submitted by Barbara Turner

Today is here. I will start with a smile, and resolve to be agreeable. I will not criticize. I refuse to waste my valuable time

Today has one thing in which I know I am equal with others--and this is time. All of us draw the same salary in seconds, minutes, hours.

Today I will not waste my time, because the minutes I wasted yesterday are as lost as a vanished thought.

Today I refuse to spend time worrying about what might happen. I am going to spend my time making things happen.

Today I am determined to study to improve myself, for tomorrow I may be wanted and I must not be found lacking.

Today I am determined to do things I should do. I firmly determine to stop doing the things I should not do.

Today I begin by doing and not wasting my time. In one week I will be miles beyond the person I am today.

Today I will not imagine what I would do if things were different. They are not different. I will make success with what material I have.

Today I will stop saying "If I had time," for I never will "find time" for anything--if I want time I must take it.

Today I will act toward other people as though this might be my last day on earth. I will not wait for tomorrow. Tomorrow never comes.

Anonymous

**Health of Claire Barr**

Claire Barr is slowly recovering. The rumors that she needed heart surgery are wrong. She is to stay off her feet so she is staying with her daughter. Her temporary address is 13940 Mennonite Point, San Deigo, Ca 92129

### JUDGES TRAINING NOTES

We wish to congratulate our three new Garden Judges for 1997: **Marge Larson, John Reinschmidt and Ollie Rust!**

Other changes to the Region 15 Judges Roster are as follows:

<b>Claire Barr</b>	To Emeritus Status
<b>Debbie Humphreys</b>	Return to Active from Retired Status
<b>Beverly Dopke</b>	To Retired Status
<b>Kay Tearington</b>	To Retired Status
<b>Jim Giles</b>	To Apprentice
<b>Jim Stenson</b>	To Apprentice

Unfortunately, we did lose 4 Judges this year: Sadly, Mrs. Walter Bunker and Genevive Jasper have passed away; and Maytie Cherry and John Wight due to discontinuation of required procedures.

We currently have 30 Active Judges, 5 of which are five Master Status, 3 Emeritus, 9 Retired Master, 6 apprentices and 6 Students.

Address lists of the Region 15 Judges were distributed to club presidents at the January meeting, and they were strongly encouraged to ask their Show committees to consider inviting the Apprentices to their shows for appropriate training.

#### Regarding Judges Training Programs

Just a reminder - please review any proposed Judges Training classes you wish to schedule with your Region 15 Judges Training Chair (moi!) prior to final commitment to your choice....the reason for this is the JT Chair is aware of all the JT classes/topics that have been/will be shortly held in the Region. Our desire is to avoid, for instance, 6 JT classes on TBs in one year, and none on, say, Spurias.

Also, please remember that a copy of the test given at any JT class - AND - the Judges Sign-in Sheet, must be sent to yours truly within 2 weeks of the event...that is, if anyone is expecting credit for the training, as I have to log and then forward this info to the National level.

As I am new to this job, it will be of great help to me if everyone responds to Judges Training requirements in a timely manner. Thanks for your help!

Gail Barnhill  
Region 15 Judges Training Chair

### MEMBERSHIP MEMO

To keep you informed about the status of your membership with AIS, the label on your Region NEWSLETTER as well as the label on your AIS BULLETIN contains the expiration date immediately after your name. In Region, we feel that perhaps everyone does not keep a record of the expiration dates of their periodicals and magazines because there are too many to keep up with so we just want you to know that we do care about your membership in AIS, and that is why we want to be sure so you don't miss a single issue of the AIS BULLETIN or your Region NEWSLETTER.

For those who had a little too much celebration at the end of the year and just plain forgot, when you renew please advise AIS to send your January 1997 issue, otherwise you will miss a very informative Bulletin. Keep your AIS membership in "Priority Status" and don't wait until the last minute to renew. Also review the savings on Triennial and Life memberships.

If there is a young person in your household under 18 years of age, any, just any of the affiliates would love to have them, so why not include them with your renewals this time.

It is not too early for those of you whose membership expires on June 30, 1997, why not now before the IRS gets it.

#### A NOTE TO "HOMELESS" AIS MEMBERS

A note to those of you who do not have a "Home Base." Not only would the local society in your vicinity like to have you with them, they NEED you because when you joined AIS it was an expression of interest in irises and that interest for local affiliates is measured by computing the percentage of AIS members in a society. For your convenience a list of the presidents of our Region 15 affiliates, including their telephone numbers, is printed on last page of this newsletter.

To those of you living in the vicinity of TUCSON and SAN DIEGO, you are automatically members of their local societies why not check with their presidents and see what your benefits are within the local society or how you may be able to help even though you might live quite a distance away. We believe you are missing a lot of fun, fellowship and sharing--you might not like the meeting

part, but I will tell you some of the societies have terrific potlucks.

They also have iris auctions at which time you have the opportunity to get some recent introductions for very reasonable prices. Several of the societies also have plant tables from which you can get plants that blend well into the landscape with irises--and that is not all but from this I trust you realize how much you are missing. Just call--everyone will be glad you did--if unable to contact your nearest local society, and desperation sets in please feel free to call me at 909-780-0335 I will try to help, but do come and give us the pleasure of meeting a true iris friend.

### New Members


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## Symposium Results

This is a big "thank you" to everyone who voted their Symposium last year. Because of your efforts Region 15 returned a total of 166 ballots, the most we have ever done. This placed us in third place behind Region 12 and 11. Our 39.76% was just 3.24% off the leader (Region 12) who had only 43% returned. This year we may well get that extra Symposium or two returned that will put us in the #1 spot. Just to show you how well you have done over the years the following statistics are provided. In 1994 Region 15 returned 85 Symposium Ballots, in 1995 - 133, in 1996 - 153 (we thought that would be hard to top) but in this year you returned 166 ballots. Well done and thank you all who voted. I know you will ALL vote again this year. Now for those of you who were too busy, or don't think your vote matters, or misplaced your ballots, or or or ... the voters forgive you, because we know you will try harder this year. It does not take very long to vote your ballot, if you start now. That's right now!!! The iris are already blooming here in So. Cal., so when you go out to check them out. Take a little notebook with you and ask yourself if you would vote for this one or that one. If so, put it in your little note book. When you are looking at the iris on the Spring Trek in San Fernando Valley jot down the ones you would vote for, when you are at the National put them in your book. After the bloom season is over put your notebook where you can find it. When you get your July issue of the AIS bulletin and your Symposium, get out your little notebook and see which ones you jotted down are on the list, then vote for them. It is really very simple. If you only have 10 of them in your book, vote for just the 10. It doesn't matter how many you vote for as long as it is at or below the maximum number you are allowed. But it does matter that you vote, because the more votes returned the more valid the title of **MOST POPULAR** iris.

### A FACT OF LIFE:

The 2 most common elements in the universe are hydrogen and stupidity.

  
 AIS Region 15  
 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
 Oct 12, 1996, San Diego, CA

**Attendees:**

Bill Rinehart, RVP  
 Herb Holk, Asst. RVP/Judges Training  
 Barbara Turner, Treasurer/HDI&DS  
 Jim Giles, Newsletter Editor  
 Pete De Santis, Nominating  
 Jimmy Jones, Award  
 Sara Holk, Circulation Ed.  
 Georgia Gudykunst, SCIS (AZ)  
 George Bange, SDIS  
 Irene Benton, Inland Iris  
 Jay Conklin, SCIS  
 Iris Larsen, SFVIS  
 Michelle Snyder, AIS Rep for Insurance

RVP Rinehart called the meeting to order at 8:40 am. at the Hanalei Hotel in San Diego, California.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Treasurer's Report:** Barbara Turner provided copies of the Reg. 15 financial statement as of Sept. 31, 1996, and an amended sheet to include the RVP account. (Attachment to be filed with original.)

**Minutes:** It was **MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED** that the Minutes of the April 13, 1996 Executive Committee be approved as amended with the Treasurer's Report.

**BUSINESS:**

**Affiliation:** RVP Rinehart reminded club presidents to send in a club directory and bring the region affiliation form to the January meeting.

**Awards:** The RVP suggest a one time expenditure for a 3<sup>rd</sup> award for Reg. 15 introduced guest iris. (1<sup>st</sup> is club, 2<sup>nd</sup> is Claire Barr award). Clubs were asked to think about this for the Jan. meeting.

**Calendar:** RVP Rinehart noted that we need to do a better job of supporting AIS calendars. It was suggested that clubs order 1 copy and show it at their meeting.

**Election of Executive Committee Officers:** RVP Rinehart noted that candidates must be AIS members and

have agreed in advance to run for office prior to the election. Chairman Pete De Santis introduced the proposed slate of officers for 1997: Herb Holk for RVP, Gail Barnhill for Asst. RVP, Georgia Gudykunst for Secretary, and Barbara Turner to continue as Treasurer. Nominations can be made from the floor, provided that the individual has agreed in advance to be a candidate.

**Insurance:** AIS covers only affiliates AND AIS members. Clubs need to find insurance for non AIS members. The issue for clubs is paying double coverage. One club has started a single membership fee, that of AIS membership, to avoid double coverage payment.

**Judges Training:** Chairman Herb Holk asked that clubs recruit interested members for the judges training program. We are losing judges through lack of training and failure of candidates to turn in Judges Activity Reports on time. Also, clubs please schedule for judges training were possible. This year, training has been primarily through tutoring and Reg. 15 Judges training programs. Chairman Holk announced Show judges training next Spring at the Holk's garden for student, apprentice and judges. RVP Rinehart made a plea that a club hosting a Trek or Meeting, check with the RVP or Judges Training Chairman on topics.

**Libraries:** Reg. 15 has no library. Affiliates need to maintain their local libraries.

**AIS Membership:** Chairman Sara Holk reminded us of the membership expiration date on the AIS bulletin mailing label. Judges, be sure to keep membership current, or start all over. Sara Holk reported a Reg. 15 membership of 507. Of those 75 were removed for the list (e.g. nonrenewal, deceased), leaving us with 432 members. Presidents were asked to check with members, whose AIS membership had expired, to see whether they want to renew.

**Region Newsletter:** Editor Jim Giles and Sara Holk accomplished the post office request to change the Reg. 15 Newsletter from legal to letter size, and to add bar codes.

**Club Newsletter:** RVP Rinehart asked clubs to send in their newsletter to the AIS historian and library.

**Region Auctions:** RVP Rinehart estimated just over \$2,900 in receipts from Reg. 15 auctions, with several checks to be received. He noted that clubs need to publicize better and avoid holding several events the same day (e.g. plant table & auctions).

**Requests from AIS:** The RVP relayed these: 1) Announce candidates for AIS Board of Directors by Sept.

1<sup>st</sup>; 2) AIS 1<sup>st</sup> VP Clarence Mahan requested that all regions consider hosting an AIS convention. The Executive Committee agreed to consider the possibility. 3) Melody Wilhoit requested every region's RVP and Judges Training Chair to tally judges ballots, and send in to her. Reg. 15 is willing to support this; 4) Marky Smith requested that we write in to Dave Niswonger, supporting term limits for AIS officers.

**RVP's to AIS Fall Meeting:** RVP Rinehart stated that AIS would like RVP's to attend not only Spring but also Fall meetings. Reg. 15 funds cover only Spring. The RVP asked that at our Reg. 15 January meeting, we consider building a fund to send the RVP to the Fall meeting.

**Region Meetings:** Iris Larson requested presidents to put San Fernando's Spring Trek '97 Flyer in club newsletters. Jeanne Plank has packets of 25 for each club. The trek features Brad Kasperk as speaker, 4 gardens, close to 300 irises with focus on space-agers, and 2 judges training, one by Sara Holk, the other by Jeanne Plank.

**Symposium:** RVP Rinehart noted the results will be published in the Bulletin in 1997. Reg. 15 returned 166 ballots, thanks to the efforts of club presidents and Editor Jim Giles in publicizing the Symposium in newsletters.

**Review of Reg. 15 Work:** RVP Rinehart reviewed progress over the past years: published by-laws; kept a generally steady membership; kept normal expenses about the same each year; reduced expenses of newsletter; developed 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> awards (club & Claire Barr), now considering a 3<sup>rd</sup> award; developed judges training program (signup sheet, new activity report); Reg. 15 meetings hosted for the 1<sup>st</sup> time by Orange County and Tucson; and encouraged Symposium voting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Georgia Gudykunst,  
substituting for Gail Barnhill, Secretary.

### For Pondering:

- If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?
- Would a fly without wings be called a walk?

- Can you be a closet claustrophobic?
- If the funeral procession is at night, do folks drive with their lights off?
- If a stealth bomber crashes in a forest, will it make a sound?
- When it rains, why don't sheep shrink?
- If the cops arrest a mime, do they tell her she has the right to remain silent?
- Why is the word abbreviation so long?
- If a book about failures doesn't sell, is it a success?
- Do cemetery workers prefer the graveyard shift?
- What do you do when you discover an endangered animal that eats only endangered plants?
- Do hungry crows have ravenous appetites?
- Is it possible to be totally partial?
- What's another word for thesaurus?
- When companies ship Styrofoam, what do they pack it in?
- If it's tourist season, why can't we shoot them?
- Why do they sterilize the needles for lethal injections?
- Why is there an expiration date on sour cream?
- Why do kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

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