

Region 15

Summer Newsletter

AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY



RVP Message

If you haven't had a wonderful spring-just talk to yourself. This has been an outstanding year for enjoying irises. Both our Region trek and the National presented a wonderful example for cooperation among

irisarians and what they can do when working together.

From all indications all affiliates had very successful shows and from my point of view, our spring trek and meeting proved to be outstanding in every way. The San Fernando Iris Society deserves very high marks for their outstanding performance in providing us with a well-organized and carried out gala event. The judges training was well received and Brad Kasperek's program was enjoyed by all. For those of you who did not attend, those of us who did know a well-kept secret and we are not going to tell what it is--we'll just tell you it is top secret!

In the Region meeting we found that the Region was able to work in the black last year and we are certainly going to make every effort to do so again this year. Pete de Santis is the Region Ways and Means chairman and he will need assistance from each of the clubs if we are to reach our goals. In that connection, the Board agreed to establish a fund to be

used to partially offset the travel expenses of the secretary, treasurer and assistant regional vice-president when attending regional meetings. Pete will execute "the ways and the means."

At the Fall meeting in Colorado Springs, we heard faint sounds of possible changes. At the Spring meeting the sounds became a little louder and for this we give thanks to Bob Plank, Bill Rinehart and Marky Smith for their efforts to execute changes in term limits which were passed and will now be submitted to the general membership for their approval. It is certainly a step in the right direction.

The AIS National Convention was well-planned and indicated a very cooperative effort on the part of the trek committee. The gardens were outstanding! Of course "Mother Nature" likes to show her clout as usual and the bloom was not quite as ready as the committee would have liked, but who had time to look at bloom when all of the delicious food and drink kept most of the visitors occupied. This proved to be the perfect time for all to become better acquainted. We had the pleasure of seeing Medians which are seldom blooming when we have our trek and the Minature Tall Bearded were absolutely beautiful. There were some Siberians as well as some early Tall Bearded in bloom. Of course we can balance that by saying we rarely see medians and beardless but mostly tall-bearded. It was a most delightful trek that everyone seemed to enjoy. Most of the comments made about the trek were feelings of despair for our host because the weather did not cooperate--but who goes to conventions to see only the irises--the people were wonderful, every one of

the irises--the people were wonderful, every one of them! We had a great time! Thanks to all the Region 15 members who attended, and to those who usually do and didn't, we missed you.

The 1998 National Convention will be in Denver and we hope as many as possible will begin planning now to attend.

Our fall regional will be held at High Desert--we hope to see you there.

Herb

San Fernando Valley Iris Society

Iris Larson, President

Picking up where I left off in the Spring Newsletter, April was extremely busy as predicted. Even though our show at the Promenade was very early, it was enormously well received. In true early show fashion Queen of Show was won by Jean Bossier with an I.B.-"HI". Other show results follow. We threw show materials back into storage, and ran to tie up the remaining loose ends in order to host the Region 15 Spring Trek.

The yoke (and that's no Swedish joke) that has been carried by the Trek committee for better than the last two years has at last been lifted, much to all of our relief. We were pleased with the total performance and hope that you were too. The high winds that ripped through the SFV the week before the trek diminished the gardens a tad, but not the pleasure of seeing old friends and making new ones.

At our May meeting Richard Schulhof, Executive Director of Descanso Gardens, presented a program--the History of and the hopes of things to come for the Gardens. It was very interesting and well presented.

Our June Potluck, Show Awards presentation and election of officers was held May 29th, due to half of the old and half of the new officers attending the AIS National in Detroit. The new officers are: President Gerald Snyder, VP Jeanne Plank, Treasurer Roy Bossier and Secretary Jill Bonino. Congratulations and best wishes to all.

The July meeting is also getting the boot, as several Board members didn't think July 3rd was a terrific

time to hold our Regional auction. It has been shifted to July 17th. We will be in touch with all of the affiliates as soon as we know what the disposition of the guest rhizomes will be.

The remainder of the year's programs will be up to the new officers and Executive board. And that brings me to a close. It's been nice and I have enjoyed being a different part of the Region workings. Good luck to all and happy irising!!

Iris Larson, outgoing president.

SFVIS SHOW RESULTS 1997

DIVISION I. HORTICULTURE

Entries 137 + 12 exhibition. Entrants 20.

40 1st, 42 2nd, 28 3rd & 11 H.M. 9 Section awards & 2 AIS rosettes.

SILVER MEDAL - Jean Bossier.

BRONZE MEDAL - Pete De Santis.

QUEEN OF SHOW - HI - Jean Bossier.

BEST OF SECTION AWARDS

T.B - John Reeds- Hot Chocolate.

B.B - Pete De Santis- Whoop em up.

I.B - Jean Bossier- Hi.

Novelty - Gerry Snyder- Mesmerizer.

Arilbred - Pete De Santis- Mondsee.

Bulbous - Jean Bossier

LA - Jean Bossier- Fantastic

Spuria - Penny Iriye- Highline Coral

Sib - Pete De Santis- Sparkling Rose

PCN - Teresa Sage- Canyon Snow

Collections - Randy Squires

Section Certificates were won by Mary Ann Spurlock, Pete De Santis, Jean Bossier and Teresa Sage.

DIVISION II. SEEDLINGS

TB- 89-2-2 - Gerald Moorhead.

DIVISION V. ARTISTIC

Entries 48

Entrants 18. (Two youth this year.)

19 1st, 12 2nd, 10 3rd & 7 H.M. 3 Section awards.

BEST DESIGN OF SHOW- Eileen Fiumara.
 Artistic Sweepstakes- Eileen Fiumara.
 Best Theme- Iris Larson.

BEST OF SECTION AWARDS

A. advanced - Eileen Fiumara
 B. intermediate - Iris Larson
 C. novice - Eiko Kacher.



TUCSON AREA IRIS SOCIETY

Barbara Evans, President

Here it is the last week of May and it hasn't even reached 100 degrees in Tucson yet! Hallelujah! (Whoops! That last word is not in my computer's dictionary and my computer doesn't even have a suggestion. Excuse me, while I get a real dictionary). OK, that's Hallelujah! But the poor iris, they didn't have a clue! First it was cold and then it was hot and then it was cold again! By show time in April, most of our local growers were wondering whether they were going to have any entries. As it turned out we had a very presentable show with over 200 entries. This year our show was held in conjunction with the Rose Society's show. Tucson's Sunday newspaper ran a full page article on iris and roses on the front page of the Home section on the Sunday before the show, thanks to our publicity chairman, Ruth Over, so we had lots of free advertising citywide and the public came in groves. We sold about 175-canned iris and even signed a couple of new members! Holding the two shows at the same time seemed to be well received by the public. We'll be looking into doing that again next year.

The next weekend, some of our members boarded a bus for a little pre-trek tour of some of the gardens that will be on next year's Region 15 trek in Phoenix, AZ. We were there after peak bloom time but it's a sure bet that this will be one trek you won't want to miss. Their gardens are so diversified; a little of everything, residential, country suburban to all out commercial and we didn't even see them all.

At our meeting in May, one of our own members, Bert Detwiler, gave us a very good presentation on the history and culture of Iris. A very interesting program that ended with a question and answer session. At that meeting we asked which members would be attending the annual Iris Convention in Dearborne MI. There were 4 members who planned to go and they each will receive \$500 in expense assistance from the club to attend.

And now, four of our members are getting ready to go to the annual convention in Dearborne, MI. After which, we will sit out the rest of June and July, except for board meetings to begin planning our upcoming fall events. Then we get busy with our annual potluck, auction and rhizome sale.

Here's wishing you a cool and pleasant summer.

1997 Show Report

The Tucson show was held on 12-13 April. There were 38 exhibitors, 250 entries and 204 cultivars.

Queen of the show was awarded to Barbara Evans for her entry of Mind Reader (TB)

Silver Medal went to Monica Hauptman with 15 Blue Ribbons.

Bronze Medal went to Myrleen Hunt with 12 Blue Ribbons.

Best Design of Show was won by Charlotte Clarke.

Winner of the Sweepstakes Design was Charlotte Clarke.

The following individuals won the Section Awards:

Median: won by Robert Hitzke

TB: won by Monica Hauptman

Beardless: won by Bert Detwiler

Arilbred: won by Jan Hueller

Blubous: won by Gail Barnhill



Inland Iris Society

Irene Benton, President

The month of April is behind us when all of our societies were busy with flower shows. Ours also included a rhizome sale, which took place on both

days. We were successful again. Thank you again members who participated. Without your help, none could have been achieved.

The nominated officers for 1997-1998 are:

Carol Morgan----- President
 Jim Giles----- 1st vice president
 Gail Fitch----- 2nd vice president
 Naomi Hildreth----- Treasurer
 Grace Martin----- Recording secretary
 Sheron Burdelas----- Corresponding secretary
 Mike Monninger---- Show chairman

Election will take place on June 21, 1997. Besides the Election, there will be a "Members Appreciation Day". On July 19, 1997, our region 15 auction will take place at the Sizzler. This is when the newer introductions can be purchased at a very reasonable price. Here's hoping we can have a marvelous attendance. Besides getting great irises you will be helping our Region 15. Installation of officers will take place also. Corrine Bromberger, prominent member of our society will be our installing officer.

As in former years, Herb and Sara Holk have graciously invited our society to their home for the club auction. This year it will be held on the 23rd of August

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

1997 Show Report

This could be called the R.W. McCullough show! He won the following awards:

Queen of Show, Best TB, and Best TB Self

"Evening in Paris"

Best TB Plicata

"Pshaw

Best Louisiana

Lilli

Best Spuria

Jubilant Spirit

"Silver Medal"

Jerry Moorhead won the Best Seedling TB with #91-35-6, a ruffled Lt Peach.

Jim Giles won the Best Collection of 3 Stalks with Beverly Sills

Carol Mogan won the Bronze Medal.

Elaine Monninger won the Best Arrangement with "Irislantus" and the Design Sweepstakes. (She also won "Alieniris" section).

Grace Martin won the "Unicorniris" (A table setting) section.

Kelly Morgan won the "Geminiris" section (Two related containers).

Other nice seedlings were 42-102 (a dark ruffled purple) by Jerry Moorhead. 354-A (white with long horns) and 362-A (dark ruffled purple) by Herb Holk.

Thanks to all the exhibitors, without you we wouldn't have a show. We had a "Great Crew" for setting up, working the show and sale, and take down and I sure appreciate everyone's help!

Mike Monninger

Show Chair



San Diego / Imperial counties Iris society

George Bange- President

Our 33rd Annual Spring Show went off pretty well - 82 Horticultural Div. Entries, but Public attendance was way off from previous years. The Society's financial situation is much improved from last year's somewhat precarious condition. Our membership remains at about 80, seem to lose and gain the same number each year. But our April meeting set a new and very unenviable record, only 10 attendees. That kind of turnout doesn't justify renting the hall., much less bringing in a guest speaker. It seems a real shame that after 33 years this Society must really face the fact that dissolution may be the "best" answer. In any event, we will continue thru this calendar year and the presentation by the Nominating Committee. Perhaps I'm just being too gloomy but then the outlook may be the result of writing this squib from the Cardiac Care Unit.

June 8th program will feature myself on techniques of hybridizing {"Sex in the Backyard"--we'll try anything to improve meeting attendance.}

July 18th will be a potluck luncheon at the Rocha's in Ramona and include the Show's award presentation.

Thelma Carrington has donated, to the Society Library, her and Reavis' collection of old catalogs and books. The catalogs go back to the 50's & include Austin, Craig, Cooley, Marx, etc. Many thanks. Inquires from members of other societies will be accepted.

32nd Annual Spring Show - April 19th & 20th, 1997

HORTICATURAL

Number of Entrants: 12 Total # entries:

82

AIS Silver Medal (most 1st places) - won with - 7 by Steve Rocha

AIS Bronze Medal (2nd most 1st places) - won with - 2 by Dorothy Driscoll

SD / IC Society Trophies

Best SPECIMEN (Queen of Show)

Pro News (AB) Steve Rocha

Best SEEDLING Iris (Carrington Trophy)

No entry

Best SPURIA Iris (Owen Trophy)

Missouri Rivers Dorothy Driscoll

Best LOUISIANA Iris (Howard Trophy)

Billowing Clouds Kathy Walsh

Best CALIFORNACAE Iris (S.D. 200th

Anniv. Bowl)

No award

Best RED Iris (Tom Craig Memorial Trophy)

Chief Hematite (TB) Steve Rocha

Best PLICATA Iris (Weaver Trophy)

Cheating Heart (TB) Steve Rocha

Best PINK Iris (Runde Trophy)

Smooth Talk (TB) Steve Rocha

Best BLUE TB Iris (Gorrell Trophy)

Blue Lustre Ruth Bryce

Best WHITE TB Iris (Lawson Trophy)

Skating Party Steve Rocha

Best YELLOW TB Iris (Jack Fitzgerald Trophy)

Sky Hooks Virginia Trabant

Best SPECIMEN - YOUTH DIV. (Bunker Trophy)

Hill Top View Kate Rocha

Best SPURIA SEEDLING (Ferguson Trophy)

No entry

Best TALL BEARDED Iris

Blue Gloss Steve Rocha

Artistic Division

of Entrants: 13 # of Entries: 36

Best Arrangement (Society Trophy):

Gerry Hoffner

Best Arrangement using One Iris Stalk (Hazel Carson Trophy)

Kathy Walsh

Artistic Sweepstakes (Most 1st Place Ribbons)

Kathy Walsh

Sun Country Iris Society

Georgia Gudykunst, President

Greetings To All on R & R,

June brings on the IRIS R & R season for many of us in the Valley of the Sun—no digging, no planting, no fertilizing, no weeding, no talking to iris to grow, no or little watering. Just the joy of paging through catalogues eyeing those beauties, and remembering those special irises we saw at spring shows, spring treks, and at national. Oh for a second job at this time!!

Reminiscing, the highlight of our spring season in Phoenix was the Spring Show in April, with a very nice horticultural and artistic display. A brand new member, Francelle, won "Queen of Show," and a newer member, Ellen Smith took Artistic Sweeps, much to our delight. Our Early Exhibit was just as nice, and we also had some favorites among those on display. We held our Show Banquet in May, with dozens of irises as table decorations thanks to Betty, Giselle and others. We had a very enjoyable evening.

Several of our members also were able to attend the Region 15 Spring Trek hosted by San Fernando. We thoroughly enjoyed everyone and the weekend - thank you, San Fernando, for a super job. Everything was great - the trek gardens, the training and meeting, the Plank's beautiful home and garden, the food, banquet, and raffle items, etc.

June brings us a picture show—of shows and treks. So we're really excited about this. In July the

next board of officers will assume their posts, and will soon be divulging in Aug.-Sept, the planned program for 97 - 98. Till then, you may catch us relaxing

Finally, I would like to thank former RVP's Bill Rinehart and Bobbie Shepard and current RVP Herb Holk for all their support and help during the time I have been president and vice president. I have called them many times over the years, always to find each very willing to listen and very helpful in answering questions. Thank you for encouraging me, and thinking the best of me. With much appreciation for your generous support and good cheer, best wishes, Georgia

IRIS IN WONDERLAND - SHOW REPORT

April 12 and 13, 1997

HORTICULTURE

BEST SPECIMEN OF SHOW 15 Exhibitors - 17 Entries
Larry Gaulter by Francelle Edwards

BEST SEEDLING OF SHOW 2 Exhibitors - 15 Entries
8603-88004 by Don Shepard

SILVER MEDAL FOR MOST BLUE RIBBONS
4 Blue Ribbons Marge Larson

BRONZE MEDAL FOR NEXT MOST BLUE RIBBONS
3 Blue Ribbons Donna Seaquist

ARTISTIC DESIGN

25 Total Entries in Design

BEST DESIGN OF SHOW Ellen Smith

ARTISTIC DESIGN SWEEPSTAKES Ellen Smith
3 Blue Ribbons

SECTION CERTIFICATES

BEST DESIGN - YOUTH Ben Bernhagen

TALL BEARDED 4 Blue Ribbons Marge Larson

SPURIA 3 Blue Ribbons Carole Spiess

RIBBONS GIVEN

17 FIRST PLACE Ribbons

31 SECOND PLACE Ribbons - 16 THIRD PLACE
Ribbons

6 HONORABLE MENTION Ribbons - 1 No Award
71 Total

EARLY IRIS EXHIBIT- VALLEY GARDEN

CENTER March 23, 1997 Sun Country participated in the 8th annual Valley Garden Center Spring Festival. We had 19 entries on display and visitors were asked to vote on their Favorite Iris in each section. As a result of the ballots returned, the "People's Choice" awards go to the following:

TALL BEARDED

1st Navy Blues - Ben Bernhagen

2nd Bordello - Deborah Nolan

3rd New Tomorrow - Deborah Nolan

ARIL/ARILBRED

1st Jonnye's Magic - Larry Johnson

2nd Splash Dance - Marge Larson

3rd Syrian Jewel - Marge Larson

MEDIAN

1st Sunshine Boy - Marge Larson

SPURIA

1st Sunrise in Sonora - Ben Bernhagen

2nd Imperial Sun - Carole Spiess

3rd Imperial Bronze - Carole Spiess

LOUISIANA

1st Cotton Plantation - Carole Spiess

2nd Spanish Ballet - Carole Spiess

Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society

Barbara G. Turner, President

Here it is the end of another quarter (almost) and there is still a lot to be done. Our little group did pretty well this quarter and we will pat ourselves on the back!

We had our first Plant Sale at the Palmdale Lilac Show on April 5th & 6th, we sold out. We wondered if we would have anything good enough to sell at our show on the 26th and 27th. The weather had not been in our favor this spring--hot then cold--hot and then more cold. However we braved it out and did very well at the Iris Show with our sales.

The show was not large but we filled the area and had some very lovely specimens. We fell down in the Artistic Division however, having only 5 entries--the judges were generous and each one received a blue ribbon with the Best of Show going to Margaret Gordon with flowers grown in her own garden. The Horticulture Division had 16 exhibitors and 95 entries with 4 varieties. You all know that feeling of wondering if anything will come in and then pleasantly surprised when you fill the room. Pat Girl won Best Specimen of Show with her TB Star Wars. It was her first!

The Youth at the Quartz Hill High School who did so well last year with 20 entries completely let us down this year--no answer as to why. We will try to "court them" back for next year. Hi Desert had its election of officers at the last meeting.

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We lost two long time members this year: Audrey Bostwick, our ever faithful secretary and Lorraine Stratton a charter member always there with a helping hand. We will miss them and sent a memoriam to AIS in their names.

As President, I see several avenues locally we can take to make the Hi Desert Iris Society more active. Those of you in other affiliates who are doing so many inspiring things, challenge our imagination as to what we can do. I hope we can convince the City we need iris planted at the new Parks and soccer fields that will open in September. Iris and Daylily's adapt so well to the desert climate --daylily's are already used in abundance -- why not iris! We shall see.....

We will be planning for the Fall Trek here in the Hi Desert on October 18th. Please mark your calendars --Fall is a lovely time in the desert and we will enjoy sharing it with you.

Southern California Iris Society

Jay Conklin, President

Southern California Iris Society is now embarking upon a new fiscal year with these elected nominees in charge: Taking my place as President is Derry Gerald with her job as Treasurer filled by Laura Ellen Speck. I move to Advisor while Jim Jones reluctantly has agreed to be Vice-President in charge of Programs. First timer Shirlee Lewis rounds out our SCIS five-member board as Recording Secretary replacing retiree Doris Eader.

We have had a very successful year. With the exception of our L.A. Arboretum Iris Show, our activities have paid for themselves. We are almost "out-of-the-red" and may even show a slight profit, depending upon iris show expenses.

An unheard of number of entries were submitted (207), and we usually run between 75 and 120 stalks! We had a great group of AIS Judges and the two panels worked diligently and fairly awarding ribbons.

Two of our favorites, Pete DeSantis and Duncan Eader won the Silver and Bronze Medals respectively with only one Red Ribbon separating them!

Pete also wne a double award, Best Tall-Bearded and Best Plicata for an old dependable rebloomer, "Lucky Doris". He also got Best Smaller-Bearded with "Whoop Em UP". Best Design went to Elaine Monninger for her golds, tans, & rusts with "Africa". Wini Conklin received Artistic Sweepstakes. Best PCN went to Duncan Eader, while "Imperial Yellow" won Best Spuria for Jay Conklin.

Only the third year for the Historic category gave "China Maid" a Best Historic exhibited by Marilyn Pecararo! Best PCN seedling, an award our club gives, went to Mike Monninger for a striated yellow! For the third year in a row, Jerry Moorehead won Best Seedling with a rosy-tan-orange TB.

A recent highlight of SCIS was a self-guided tour of Cal-Dixie on May 10th. Though bloom had passed its peak, more than enough colorful iris stalks showed off their beauty, making it very difficult to choose favorites.

Mall plant sales have been profitable! Both at Glendale and the Plaza at West Covina we found customers returning this year to buy more varieties. Only the show sale at the Arboretum fell dismally



from previous years! Educating and exposing the public to iris is one of our primary goals! But I feel that perhaps we've saturated the Arcadia market!

Our speakers were exceptional, Dorald Shepard on Spurias and LA's, Rick Tasco on more recent Historics, and Eileen Fuimara on Arrangements (with Iris the predominant flower); members also contributed noteworthy at our auctions and Christmas Party which may become a general part of our yearly programs.

My term is coming to a close, and I wish to thank all from the Region 15 clubs who have supported me during these past two years. I was especially pleased to be a part of such a great group of people on the Region 15 Board. But maybe more work will be accomplished without such talkers as Iris, George, and myself! Best of luck to you all!

As my final act as President had been to secure Bill Maryott to be our February 1998 dinner-speaker. (Believe me, this wasn't easy! I've been bugging him for over five years! Actually I think he agreed just to shut me up!)

Judges Training Notes

Hopefully all active Judges have sent their AIS Ballots to RVP Holk by June 30th so that no one is disqualified from the Program.

Normally (whatever THAT is) those in the Judges Program would have received cards for your wallets in the Spring. HOWEVER, AIS did not get these cards to RVP Holk to forward to me until the end of April.

Since the cards arrived so late, and in order to save Region some money on postage, I decided not to send them out until I mailed your Activity Report Forms in June - which you should have received by now.

You will note a few changes to the Activity Report Form this year. I've added the year of the Report to the heading, plus a place for you to date the form by your signature. Most importantly I've provided more space for details about the training you have received/gave - including date, location, instructor, topic, hours of credit. Please do not "sluff" on this information. In trying to resolve questions on some of your past hours it has been difficult to determine some of this information from what was written on your reports -

which could prove critical in maintaining your judgeships.

Some excellent news is that so far it appears that 4 of our 6 current Apprentices could be eligible for AIS consideration for advancement to Garden Judge Status this Fall...and the sad news is that if this occurs we will only have one Apprentice working toward Judgeship in the Region...unfortunately we had one Apprentice unable to complete the required hours due to reasons other than desire. I urge all Region Members who aren't currently in the Judges Program to seriously consider becoming Students and working toward their Judgeship.

Gail Barnhill

Region 15 Judges Training Chair

Spring Trek Awards Report

The following awards were presented at the Spring Trek hosted by San Fernando Valley Iris Society.

- *Claire Barr Award - Best Out of Region Introduced Guest Iris*
- 1st Place - Bewilderbeast by Brad Kasperek
- 2nd Place - 4 way tie
 - Double Trouble by Jim Hedgecock
 - Frozen Blue by Rick Ernst
 - Pond Lily by Evelyn Jones
 - Titan Horn by Jim Hedgecock
- *Region 15 Award - Best in Region Introduction*
- 1st Place - Megagold by Charlie Jenkins
- 2nd Place - Scoonchee by Pete DeSantis
- 3rd Place - Hubble Space Telescope by Barbara Wright
- *Bernard Hammer Award - Best in Region Seedling*
- 1st C 39-39 by Peggy Carpenter
- 2nd 91-21-6 by Jerry Moorhead
- 3rd 10-A-1 by Randy Squires

Spring Trek 97

Though the eyes of Jim Giles

San Fernando Valley Iris Society were the host of "2001 Rhizomes - A Space-Age Odyssey", and what an Odyssey they presented for us. It was a packed weekend of fun, fellowship, food and of course flowers.

Friday night included the General membership meeting followed by Judges Training on "Show Judging" by Sara Holk. She did a great job but I have to admit, I had college professors that were easier. She is one "tuff" lady when it comes to the show bench. However, you do tend to learn more when the instructor holds you to the rules, and this lady knows the rules. It was a great session and everyone in attendance enjoyed her.

Now we all know that San Fernando Valley is a quite valley with some very beautiful. But they are also know for the movement of the earth there and we were not disappointed. Early Saturday morning we were greeted with a little shaker just for the trek attendees. Thank you Iris and the rest of the SFVIS members for the excitement.

After our wakeup call on Saturday we loaded the buses and headed for the gardens to see the food, huh, I mean iris. I have always had a problem with this part of the weekend. I have never figured out if people go to the treks for the irises or the food. Every trek I have been on has had an abundance of both. Maybe it is a bribe to get us to like their gardens?

Well I can guarantee you that we did not need bribes to enjoy the group of gardens we saw on this trip.

Our bus began at the Cunningham Garden. This is a beautiful garden with lots of personal touches by Don and Teddy. However, I was very impressed by this garden because it was nearly destroyed by the earthquake. No not the little one we had that morning but the "Big One" of 1994 (Northridge). They have done wonders with this garden since then. They have a golf course green for a back yard, with "sand trap". The whole yard was bordered by iris and roses. Bewilderbeast was in bloom here (Claire Barr Award winner). A wonderfully reconstructed work.

Next we went to Descanso Gardens, the child of Jeanne Clay Plank and later adopted by Barbara Brow and other SFVIS members. These two ladies

have raised this garden like a child. I was impressed with the Dykes Medal garden, (many of them in bloom). We also saw many of the guest iris in the holding area, including Peggy Carpenters "baby" C39-39, winner of the Hamner Award.

Squires Garden was the next stop on our trip. Betty, Randy and Terry have created a floral masterpiece that includes a beautiful water garden. They grow over 900 varieties of iris. Their display of Louisiana's in the water garden was quite impressive. One stand of Vodoo Music was like a waterfall flowing into a tub below it. Very nice garden.

The final garden of our trip was the Zelden Garden. This was a "mystery" garden. Everyplace you turned there was a little hidden nook or patch of something that you could not see until you were on top of it. They did not have hundreds of iris in bloom but they did have hundreds of roses in bloom and feverfew, valerian, scabiosa, hollyhocks, and larkspur was everywhere, I mean everywhere, you would think it a weed in this garden if it were not so beautiful. This was a very nice garden and reminded me of the gardens we visited in England.

We returned to the hotel to rest a bit before the evenings festivities. The banquet was very nicely done. Again good food, how do these iris people do it. After the dinner and the normal introductions and thank you's we were treated to a very nice presentation by Brad Kasperek. Actually it was the Brad and Kathie Show. If they were not so good at hybridizing and growing iris they would make a good standup Comedy Act. Brad showed slides of some of his hits and some new iris he is working on in the area of Color Breaks or Broken Color as he now calls it. He also explained how certain iris that he hybridized got introduced, even though he did not feel that they met his stringent criteria for introduction. Kathie made him introduce them. Kathie is also quite the expert in her own right, on the arranging table. Many iris from Zebra gardens were introduced because of their arrangement quality. This got a great applause from the arrangers in the audience. Great show Brad and Kathie.

All in all a GREAT TREK, including another early morning shaker on SUNDAY. These folks do know how throw an exciting Party. Thanks SFVIS.

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It's That Time Again!!!

Yes July is here and "It's That Time Again". It is time for you to start watching the mail for your Summer AIS Bulletin. Within that bulletin you will find the Symposium. By now you should all know what to do with it, I have "preached" enough about it the last few years. So when you receive it in the mail don't put it asside, saying to yourself "I need to do this", if you do that three things could happen. 1) You will forget to do it, 2) It will get lost and you won't do it, or 3) It will be too late when you do find it again. So this year when it comes, set down and do it right away and then send it to RVP Herb Holk, 14115 Pear St., Riverside, Ca 92508. It is very easy to do, and by doing the Symposium you help decide the most popular iris in America. So give it a try and help Region 15 be the voice that decides the best irises.

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AIS Region 15

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

January 18, 1997

Riverside, CA

Attendees:

Herb Holk, RVP

Gail Barnhill, Asst.RVP/Judges Training

Georgia Gudykunst, Secretary

Barbara Turner, Treasurer

Jimmy Jones, Awards

Sara Holk, Membership/Circulation Ed.

Barbara Evans, TAIS

George Bange, SDIS

Iris Larson, SFVIS

Irene Benton, Inland

Jay Conklin, SCIS (CA)

Jim Giles, Newsletter Editor

Mike Moninger, Youth Chair

Guests: Jeanne Plank, Gerry and Michele Snyder.

RVP Holk called the meeting to order at 10:20 am in Riverside, CA.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Minutes. It was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that the Minutes of the Oct. 12, 1996 Executive Committee be approved as prepared.

Treasurer's Report. Barbara Turner provided copies of Reg. 15's financial statement as of Dec. 31, 1996. (Attachment to be filed with original.) The General Fund totals \$13,783.42; the RVP fund totals \$4697.51. It was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that the Treasurer's report be filed for audit at the end of this year.

BUSINESS.

Proposed Budget. RVP Holk has asked Pete DeSantis to head up a new committee, Ways & Means. The RVP has an expense account, but the

other officers do not to defray expenses. The Executive Committee supported phasing this in.

Estimated Income:

Advertising	\$ 200.00
Auctions	2750.00
Interest	300.00
Ways/Means	0
Total	\$3250.00

Projected Expenses:

Newsletter	\$1500.00
Spring Trek	600.00
Fall Meeting	400.00
RVP Expense	350.00
Judges Training	100.00
Miscellaneous	300.00
Total	\$3250.00

It was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that the budget be balanced by increasing the projected Auction income from \$2500 to \$2750, making a total budget of \$3250.

Judges Training: Chairman Barnhill provided a list of judges, apprentices and students. It was asked if there were any Emeritus and Retired Master judges; that they be included. For Design training, you must be an AIS judge to get AIS credit. (Exhibit 1.)

Awards: RVP Holk asked we name the third Region award for Best Introduced Guest Iris by a Reg. 15 hybridizer. It was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that the third award be called the Reg. 15 Award. Awards chair, Jimmy Jones was authorized to get the third award designed for Board review. It will look different from the Bernard Hamner and the Claire Barr awards. It will not be in time for the April 97 trek.

Insurance: AIS insurance covers actual days of the show, not the set-up. Clubs can purchase a \$50 a day rider to cover AIS members. Contact Rodman Insurance Co., or Michelle Snyder (818) 352-7018.

Youth. RVP Holk has asked Mike Monninger to chair the Youth Committee; Nancy Webb has resigned. Holk urged clubs to get word out through schools, youth clubs to do everything to contact youth and get them interested in iris.

Membership: Chairman Sara Holk sent out non-renewal notices. Members are urged to renew by Dec. 31 to Marilyn Hariow. If renewal between Jan. & Sept, your year of credit begins Jan. past. The good news is Reg. 15 had an increase of 57 AIS memberships since the Oct. 96 report.

Newsletter: Chairman Giles noted the Bulletin deadlines: Feb. 1, June 1, Aug. 1. He welcomes articles, ads, poems, a variety.

Bylaws Revision: RVP Holk proposed that Reg. bylaws need fine tuning, in accordance with AIS guidelines. Please contact Jimmy Jones or Gerry Snyder with ideas.

Term Limits: The draft from the Nov. 96 AIS meeting will be revised in "legal-ese" by Bob Plank. The goal is to finalize by Fall 97.

Affiliate Reports: RVP Holk asked affiliates for reports; all clubs had spokesmen except Orange County. A challenge of most clubs is to get more members to volunteer and participate in club functions; some members and officers took on multiple committees. Iris Larson, San Fernando, asked clubs to publicize Spring Trek 97 and to distribute flyers. They are limiting registration to accompany 140 people on buses. George Bange noted San Diego will be celebrating their 34th anniversary. Southern CA will have as future speakers, Dorald Shepard, George Sutton and Rick Tasco. Georgia Gudykunst, Sun Country, noted the key speaker for Spring Trek 98 will be Barry Blythe of Australia. Barbara Evans, Tucson, reported their approach, paying AIS dues results in Tucson membership. A roll call indicated that one half of the clubs meet during the week in the evening; the other half meet on the weekend.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgia Gudykunst

Exhibits Attached to Original Minutes



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JAWJUH - noun. A highly flammable state just north of Florida. Usage: "My brother from Jawjah bard my pickup truck."

MUNTS - noun. A calendar division.
Usage: "My brother from Jawjuh bard my pickup truck, and I aint herd from him in munts."

IGNERT - adjective. Not smart. See "Auburn Alumni."
Usage: "Them N-C-TWO-A boys sure are ignert!"

RANCH - noun. A tool.
Usage: "I think I left my ranch in the back of that pickup truck my brother from Jawjuh bard a few munts ago."

ALL - noun. A petroleum-based lubricant.
Usage: "I sure hope my brother from Jawjuh puts all in my pickup truck."

FAR - noun. A conflagration.
Usage: "If my brother from Jawjuh doesn't change the all in my pickup truck, that things gonna catch far."

BAHS - noun. A supervisor.
Usage: "If you don't stop reading these Southern words and git back to work, your bahs is gonna far you!"

TAR - noun. A rubber wheel.
Usage: "Gee, I hope that brother of mine from Jawjuh doesn't git a flat tar in my pickup truck."

TIRE - noun. A tall monument.
Usage: "Lord willing and the creeks don't rise, I sure do hope to see that Eiffel Tire in Paris sometime."

HOT - noun. A blood-pumping organ.

HOD - adverb. Not easy.
Usage: "A broken hot is hod to fix."

RETARD - Verb. To stop working.
Usage: "My granpaw retard at age 65."

TARRED - adverb. Exhausted.
Usage: "I just flew in from Hot-lanta, and boy my arms are tarred."

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