

Region 15

FALL NEWSLETTER

AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY



RVP Message

As I was told years ago - "Spring has sprung, fall has fell, summer is here and it's hotter than usual." This year's weather has certainly been different. A very wet winter followed by a cold spring and then a very hot summer but you know the irises did beautifully thru the whole thing-even

bloomed in the snow during the National at Denver. That was a first for me-to see the iris peeking through the snow and realize just how hardy they really are. The Nationals are always interesting, but most importantly we have an opportunity to visit with irisarians all over the country and you always learn something useful.

The affiliate shows were all very successful and the affiliates are all operating in the black a most successful year. Congratulations to all!

Whether it seems right or not, the iris year starts now. The bloom next spring depends primarily on this fall's growth-so get them planted as soon as weather permits and keep the ground moist until they get their roots down.

The Inland Region Iris Society will host the Region fall meeting at the Ontario Holiday Inn in Ontario California. The Board meeting will begin at 8 a.m. and will be followed by judges training at 10 a.m. The General meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. This meeting will be an important one because the general membership will be asked to approve or reject the proposed constitution, which was enclosed with the Summer NEWSLETTER. After approval by the

membership it will then go to AIS for their approval after which, its passage will give the Region an opportunity to move forward toward becoming a legal non-profit organization. We hope that even if you are unable to stay for the whole meeting that you will come and be a participating part of the general meeting. It is my understanding that we will have one of the lowest registration fees in years. I am looking forward to seeing many of you who were unable to attend the spring meeting. You are important to us and your attendance will be appreciated.

Our 1999 Spring Trek will be a joint meeting with Region 14. It will be hosted by Region 14 and will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Visalia. our most recent information from George Sutton, Trek chairman, gives us a tentative schedule as follows: The meeting will begin on 16 April (Friday) with the Region Boards meeting at 7:30 p.m. The general meeting will be held at 7:15 on April 17; following which we will board buses and tour four gardens and return to the hotel by 5:30 p.m. for a no-host cocktail hour and banquet. On Sunday there may be a tour into the local mountains to see PCNs in their natural habitat. Registration will not exceed \$50. Ray Schreiner will give two hours of judges training. Hopefully there will also be garden judges training at Suttons on Sunday, April 18th. (If you haven't been to Sutton's Green Thumber, you are missing a real treat!)

A reminder-Region 15 needs judges. Anyone interested should contact Gail Barnhill, Region 15 Judges Training Chairperson, to obtain application blanks and additional information as to the requirements to become a judge and the obligations you assume by doing so.

Herb

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SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IRIS SOCIETY

Gerry Snyder, President

We may have had only two meetings since the last report was sent out, but a lot has happened.

In July Jill Bonino presented a very beautiful slide show, backed up by the most detailed handout imaginable. Very impressive.

August featured our Region 15 auction. We had one good bunch of iris from the spring regional and another good selection from Sara and Herb Holk. The initial total indicated that we made well over \$800 for the region. Two of the more important iris I picked up were *Scoonchee* and *Chile Pepper*. I don't know where they come from, but the names are so exotic that I'm sure that the hybridizers must live in far-off and wondrous regions.

Our September meeting will feature our own auction—Bill Rinehart has ordered an impressive list of irises, and when extras and donations from members are added in we should have an awesome selection available. I'm sure there will be the usual mixture of great bargains for some rhizomes and higher-than-catalog-price winning bids for others. Our fall sale at the Promenade Mall in Woodland Hills will follow on September 18-20.

For October we will use some legal means for distributing left-over iris to members. November will feature Rick Tasco, noted Region 14 hybridizer, and in December we close out the year with our winter potluck.

The weeds in my garden, after the el nino rains followed by a long period of neglect, are finally pretty much under control. The feeling of relief is wonderful, and perhaps the memory of how hard it was to play catch-up will give me the incentive to keep up with weeding for a while.

The Senility Prayer

God grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

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TUCSON AREA IRIS SOCIETY

Barbara Evans, President

There's never much going on around here during the summer months as far as iris gardening goes. It's pretty much maintenance and browsing the catalogues. We have a board meeting to get ready for the late summer and fall events and to check out our overall status as of the middle of the year. This year, however, we had some problems that came up for which TAIS had no solution. There were no rules in place and the bylaws were vague and/or ambiguous and sometimes contradictory.

There is the prevailing premise that our societies are 'Just flower clubs'. Not so from where I sit! Maybe they should be. In reality they are a complex world of bylaws, rules of order, and sometimes, although they shouldn't be, individual personal agendas. As a society, TAIS is probably still pretty "young" and in the process of learning from it's mistakes. And so, this fall, TAIS will give itself a complete overhaul starting with the bylaws. Lucille Skerston is our bylaws chairperson and has already begun organizing and setting the ball in motion. When all is said and done, we should all be a little more knowledgeable, a lot less naive and ready for anything that comes our way.

On a more upbeat note, 12 of our members went to the AIS Convention in June. We think that's a pretty good turnout for a club of our size, about 15% of our membership. Seems like most had a good time in spite of the weather!

TAIS doesn't normally have a meeting in the summer. This year we decided that we were missing a very important part of growing iris; digging, dividing and replanting. So, on August 1st, we held a meeting on that subject and what a turnout! I think it was the largest meeting we've

ever had. There were 30 members and 25 visitors in attendance. Barbara Evans demonstrated the tall bearded and Bert Detwiler demonstrated Louisianas. Jane Parks, Earl Fifer, Greta Dunnigan, Lucille Skerston, Kathy Chilton and JoAnne Miller were among those who helped out, setting up and greeting all those visitors. Considering we didn't know what kind of turnout to expect, it all went rather smoothly. We will have a follow up meeting in October when member and landscape designer JoAnne Miller gives a presentation on incorporating iris into the landscape.

Our annual potluck and region 15 auction will be held on August 29th at Kathy Chilton's house.

And our rhizome sale will be held in a mail in October. We really got tired of baking ourselves in the heat. A mall might allow us to consider a 1 day sale instead of our usual 2 half days. We expect to get about half of our sale inventory from members and purchase half from commercial growers. Hopefully, we'll sell most of our inventory with just enough left to pot up for next year's show. After which I will see you at the Fall Trek!!

INLAND REGION IRIS SOCIETY

Carol Morgan, President

Members of I.R.I.S. have been busy at our last two meetings buying Auction Iris both from Region 15 and Club Iris.

We had a good time. Went again to Herb and Sara Holk's who always make us feel welcome at their home.

Sara is a great cook so is Ollie Rust, they are the Julia Child's of our club and always prepare the meals for our special events.

We are also very busy getting ready to entertain you all October 17, for the Fall Meeting. Please join us as we have great raffle prizes, speakers, Region 15 Rhizome table and door prizes.

We chose Ontario, CA to make it a little closer for all to get to and close to the airport for our Arizona members. Hope to see you all there.

Please feel free to bring items for our boutique. It will be an 80%/20% split, with 20% going to Region 15. All for the incredible price of \$20.00 per person. See the flyer in this edition of the Newsletter.

Hope to see you all there.

SAN DIEGO / IMPERIAL COUNTIES IRIS SOCIETY

Steve Rocha, President

August, September and October can be our hottest months here in Southern California, and this year has been especially hot probably due to the El Nino conditions. Thankfully, the irises seem to do well in the heat and this has been an especially good year for all of our gardens.

We had an outstanding potluck/ auction in July with thirty-seven members in attendance including many of our newest members who joined at our show in May. It was at the picturesque home of Walt and Pat Brendel in Fallbrook, and everyone appreciated their outstanding waterfall, gardens and tree collection. The food was sensational with almost everyone going back for seconds, and the desserts were decadent. Everyone enjoyed the auction and took home some prized irises to add to their gardens.

We have made arrangements with the San Diego Wild Animal Park, and they will be planting a large tall bearded iris garden in August and September. They are clearing a sunny plot located in the coniferous garden to the left side of the park. This garden will be devoted to irises that we donate and each cultivar will be labeled with a nameplate. They would like to start with three of each variety and would like a hundred or more irises to begin the plot. Members of our society will be making the

donation of their best irises, especially rebloomers, to fill the bed. I would like to encourage any member of region 15 who would like to donate named irises to the park garden to contact me. This would be a special opportunity for hybridizers to display some of their favorite cultivars since they will be labeled and in full view for people from all over the world to enjoy. We hope that many of you can visit the Wild Animal Park during the next bloom season to see this new horticultural addition.

Live to GARDEN, GARDEN to live!

Steve

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IRIS SOCIETY

Derelyn Gerald, President

Boy has this summer been hot and especially humid down here in Long Beach. But here we are off to another exciting year of "irising"

At our June meeting we elected our new slate of officers. They are: Derry Gerald, President; Kim Ung, Vice President; Shirlee Lewis, Secretary; Ruth Woodworth, Treasurer; and Jay Conklin as Advisor. We had our show awards, a 50/50 sale, and Doug Davis and Jimmy Jones showed their slides from the Denver Convention.

We tried a new venue for our first sale of the year at the Irvine Arboretum. The sale did not meet our expectations, but it may be a beginning for future years. They hope to eventually have something comparable to Fullerton Arboretum's Greenscene and in a small way, we helped support the arboretum.

August 22, we will be having a morning meeting due to the heat. I will be showing slides of the Central Valley Iris Gardens we visited this spring. We also have our tall bearded auction, followed by lunch at Peppers.

We may try another sale in September.

October 3, will be membership meeting (budget approval); the Region Auction (they are all potted and

doing nicely on my patio), and my slides of the Denver Convention.

November 14, will be the Beardless Auction.

December – Christmas Party.

There isn't much blooming in my garden just now; Clarence, Anxious, Progressive Attitude, Best Bet, & Pink Attraction are in bloom at present.

Is that the UPS truck I hear? Maybe it's an iris order – gotta go -

HI DESERT IRIS AND DAYLILY SOCIETY

Barbara Turner, President

The Hi Desert Iris and Daylily Society has been busy planning the upcoming schedule of events. It has been a delightful summer, with lots of challenges-bugs-water-hot wind-you name it-we even have bugs we have never had before as well as weeds!

- Our main objective for the coming year and a half will be to get our gardens ready for the Spring Trek of 2000 (sounds like a milestone to me!) We will be ready to receive our Guest Iris whenever they come-will turn that little chore over to Cal Bostwick.

On September 26th we will visit the Mourning Cloak Ranch in the Tehachapi Mountains. It is a lovely Botanical Garden and the hosts; Dr. & Mrs. Sampson are delightful.

The balance of the year's programs and meetings will be to learn more about growing, showing, and arranging Iris for the benefit of old as well as new members.

We will do our best to make it to the Fall Trek this year and are looking forward to Visalia in April co-hosting with Region 14.

Y'all remember we have Iris Banners for sale! How about buying some extra ones and give as door prizes!!

Until we meet sometime soon-keep smiling and keep gardening!!

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A plant is said to be hardy if it remains alive 'in a nursery long enough to be sold!

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JUDGES TRAINING NOTES

It's been a productive year in Judges "trainingville". Lots of interesting classes were offered throughout the Region and at the Denver Convention (where many of us had the opportunity for the most unusual training of "Evaluating Iris Bloom in the Snow"!!) and our judges and students eagerly attended them.

As this is being written, it appears there will be lots of movement within the ranks. We may have one first year Student qualify for Apprenticeship, and both of our current Apprentices should advance to Accredited Garden Judgeship. This coupled with losing some Students, will unfortunately leave our "up and coming" ranks VERY slim. Four of our Accredited Judges should advance to Master status this year and two Active Masters have requested Retired Master status.

I thank all of you who were so thorough and prompt in returning your Activity Reports. The thoroughness makes my job easier and the timeliness ensures your continued judges status. Unfortunately, at this time I'm still missing about 7 Reports (3 Students and 4 Accredited Judges) and may be forced (by Region rules) to drop these judges from the program. This is really sad, as the Report should be the easiest responsibility of your judgeship to fulfill! I've had several judges' comment that the page I sent them to insert in their Handbooks this spring really made the job of keeping track of their training throughout the year much easier. Since a judge/student must take their Handbook with them to training classes, and this "log sheet" is the first thing you see when you open your Handbook, it is a simple matter of writing down the class info as soon as you sit down.

Speaking of Handbooks...the new revised books were available for the first time at the Denver Convention and as those in the program are required to have the current edition, the Handbook Sales table did a very brisk business! If you didn't get your new Handbook at the Convention, remember you are required to do so as soon as possible. Even if you're not in the Judges Training Program, this Handbook has value in helping you understand just what the judges are

looking for at shows and in the garden...so order yours now (see AIS Storefront ad in any AIS Bulletin).

Gail M. Barnhill
Judges Training Chair



Membership

The AIS Membership Contest usually begins in October but contest details do not come out until the January AIS Bulletin. Since the changeover to an annual expiration date of 31 December I might suggest that you check your 1998 January issue of the AIS BULLETIN. Until such time as a change in the rules are issued, work on the assumption that we will continue under the same rules or if you prefer you might check with the AIS Membership Contest Chairman, Lynda Miller. Her address and phone are listed in the front of your Bulletin. It is up to the individual affiliates to determine whether or not they wish to compete in the contest. Last year the Tucson Area Society did an outstanding job, they didn't come in first but they surely put out the effort, and we appreciate their work in getting new AIS members.

Your expiration date appears on the label of your Region 15 NEWSLETTER. My suggestion is that you don't put off until tomorrow that which you can do today. So if your expiration is 12/98 don't wait until the last minute. If your home society is entering the Membership Contest they can get points if you let them know, especially if you are changing from annual to a triennial membership which we would like very much for you to do. It saves you time and money and Marilyn work!

We will do our best to keep the affiliate presidents informed of any changes, **which** pertain to membership. There is a list of new region members in each NEWSLETTER. If any of them happen to be within your society boundaries why not send them one of the pretty AIS iris postcards and invite them to join your group. Better yet if they live close by, why not ask them to go with you to your meeting, It has been said if

you want to have a friend, be one. From my experience you won't find a better friend than an iris friend.

Since we will not have another NEWSLETTER until 1999, we hope your holiday season will be delightful and that you will make every day a good one.

Sara Holk
Membership Region 15

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Since our speaker will be speaking on Rebloomers here is the top 50 Tall Bearded on the 1997 Reblooming Symposium Results to get you in the mood.

Name Hybridizer (yr introduced)

Immortality.....Zurbrigg (82)
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 Queen Dorothy.....Hall (84)
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Region 15 Fall Meeting

Hosted by the Inland Region Iris Society

October 17, 1998

This one-day session will be held at the

Holiday Inn
3400 Shelby St
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A small block of rooms has been reserved for those who wish to come the Friday before the meeting. The cost of the room is \$79.00. If you wish to reserve a room call Jennie Dotson (in sales) at (909) 466-9600. Rooms must be confirmed by **1 Oct 98**.

Judges Training:

Joella Olson will present a 2-hour training session on "Median Iris".

A buffet luncheon – California Deli Deluxe will be followed by our guest speaker Richard Richards – speaking on "Reblooming Iris"

We will have a boutique that will be open to Region 15 crafters to sell their creations with 20% of their total sales going to Region 15.

There will be a Rhizome Table and you could find some newer varieties to grace your gardens here. There will also be Raffle items and door prizes, so come and join us for the session and to see your friends from Region 15.

Cost for this day of fun is only \$20.00 per person.

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