

Region 15

Spring Newsletter

AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY



RVP Message

Now that the holidays are behind us it is time to start over for the new year. The irises are beginning their spring growth and thanks to the damp, but not wet weather, we should have an excellent spring bloom

season. While the dampness contributes to a good bloom it also promotes the occurrence of leaf spot, so watch for it and treat it as soon as its presence is known.

We had a very successful board meeting on January 17 and all affiliated societies were represented. I am glad to report that in spite of difficulties we were able to operate in the black in '97. Thanks to the extra effort put forth by the affiliates to accomplish this feat. If each affiliate carries its share of the load we should also be able to operate in the black in '98. The officers' fund is functioning as projected, thanks to Pete DeSantis, our Ways and Means Chairman, and the support of the local societies. To keep it functioning in the proper manner will of course, require the continued support and special effort of all of the local societies. I appreciate the support of each of the societies and thank them for their participation.

Jimmy Jones and the Constitution Committee presented a first draft for an updated constitution which was discussed at length. Currently, we are formulating the draft so as to enable us to obtain non-

profit status. Later it will be submitted to the affiliates for review.

Two items which need to be addressed are the recruitment of new members and particularly youth members. AIS has suffered quite a drop in membership during the past year. Also as the average age of members increases so will the decline in total members unless we work at recruiting new ones. Another area which is very important is that of getting youths interested in growing and hybridizing irises. Among the well known Hybridizers who began those efforts as teenagers are: Barry Blythe, Keith Keppel, Jim McWhirter, Perry Dyer and the Schreiners. (Those are just some that we are aware of, we know there are many others) So let's get our youth started too. Mike Monninger, our Youth chairman, will be glad to assist in any way he can, so if you have any good ideas just pass them along.

Lest we forget - the fall 1998 Regional Meeting will be hosted by the Inland Iris Society. Details as to the location, guest speaker & judges training are not known at this time. As soon as the arrangements are finalized, your local society president will be notified.

Lastly, let's all keep our membership current and attend the Region 15 Spring Trek and mini Spuria Convention in Phoenix, April 17, 18 & 19. Information was included in the Region 15 Fall Newsletter and will also be included in this Newsletter. Many have already registered. The program includes some very prominent speakers and outstanding judges and will certainly be one of the highlights of Region 15 in the 90's.

Hope to see you there!

Herb

San Fernando Valley Iris
Society

Gerry Snyder, President

SFVIS has had a great few months since the last Region 15 Newsletter, and the future looks equally bright. Maybe we will even be missed by El Nino

Our fall rhizome sale to the public and our auction both earned more than the year before. The Regional auction and the special sale at Pierce College were successes, too, with profits from the latter going to the Region 15 officers' travel fund.

In the category of non-auction fund-raisers we had one debacle amid a string of successes. For years we have disposed of rhizomes left over from our sale in a BINGO game at our October meeting. Not to make money, just to get irises into members' hands and have fun. We found out, in a big way, that this is not legal. I was threatened with jail if the game took place, since we didn't have a permit. So instead, we played a couple other games, distributed the bags of rhizomes, and had fun.

In November we played the iris trivia game from AIS, moderated by Michelle Snyder. I can highly recommend it to any club which hasn't tried it yet.

At our December potluck member Katie Kirkpatrick provided heavenly entertainment on her harp. Roy Bossier received the David T. Ross Award for his many contributions to SFVIS over the years, and founder Marge Malone was presented with a special trophy on the occasion of our club entering its 25th year. Finally, a somewhat augmented executive board made fools of ourselves singing iris carols, with words by Jill Bonino and Jeanne Plank.

In January Mike and Anne Lowe presented one of the best programs I have attended, on the history and development of colors and patterns in (mostly tall) bearded iris. The slides were beautiful and the commentary informative. The test for the judges' training was impressive, also. One shocker to many members was that the iris we have grown as Mme. Chereau is actually Swerti. This was a relief to me,

since now I know that the small size in my garden is due to my growing the latter, not to poor cultivation.

In February we will have Mary Brosius of Descanso Gardens, speaking on roses and companion plants. In March we will be honored to have Terry Aitken, editor of the AIS Bulletin. Our April program will include instruction on flower arranging and preparing stalks for the horticultural division of our spring show.

We eagerly look forward to the upcoming bloom season.

Yours truly,
Gerald C. Snyder

TUCSON AREA IRIS SOCIETY

Barbara Evans, President

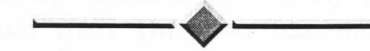
Some of you may have heard about the "fiasco" that occurred last fall. Iris Larson from the San Fernando Valley Iris Society sent TAIS its share of their spring trek iris to auction for Region 15. We had requested them for a specific date and Iris sent them 2 weeks early. When they hadn't arrived 10 days later, I called Iris, and she started searching on her end and I started searching on my end. Nobody could tell us where they were. The day of the auction arrived! No iris!! What to do!!! I decided we would have an "invisible" auction. Would the members go for that, purchasing sight unseen? But wait what's that cloud of dust in the drive way? The mail truck. Could it be? Yes, it's the mail carrier with a big smile! "They're here" she called, as she stepped off the truck with box in hand! I looked toward the sky and thought, there truly is an Iris Goddess. OK, where's the other box? The smile began to fade, you mean there's supposed to be two boxes? Oh, well, we'll go ahead with the auction, the other box can't be far behind. But, what kind of condition could these rhizomes be in. They've been packed in a box for the better part of 3 weeks, sitting who knows where. I opened the box, I could smell mold. I thought, oh great, they've rotted. But, except for being a little moldy, they were OK. They got a bleach bath and went to auction. Auctioneer,

Bert Detwiler auctioned off the ones that showed up and, can you believe it, the members actually went for an invisible auction, bidding on rhizomes they couldn't see. We did right well, too, raising over \$460 for the region. Well, a week went by and then 10 days and no second box. I was ready to start refunding people's money when the mail carrier drove down the drive again. The second box had arrived, but the rhizomes couldn't be any good, they had been packed in that box for 4 weeks! Actually, they were in better condition than the first box. According to a label on the box, they had gone to San Francisco. We never did find out what went wrong. There is a moral to this story, (probably more than one). Had these boxes never shown up, we could have refunded money to all the members who paid for rhizomes that they never received, but region 15 would have been out of a good chunk of its income for the year. Maybe we should be insuring these mailings for at least as much as we expect them to bring at auction. That way, the region won't lose the income due to lost or damaged rhizomes.

Another major problem this year, has been where to hold the spring show. The mall where we've been for years wasn't going to take bookings for the next year and a half because of construction, so we had to look elsewhere. That left 3 other malls. We ran into problems like, being charged a fee as high as \$500, not being allowed to sell our plants and no access to water. The chair, Jan Hueller did a lot of footwork and managed to book us with a mall that was willing to forgo the show fee. But one wonders what will happen in future years.

We started the new year off with a bang this year. On short notice we were able to book Brad Kasperek for our January meeting. His wife, Kathie came along and gave a 2 and a half hour flower arranging demonstration in the afternoon. We had a record turnout for Brad's presentation on "Broken Color" in iris. And, thanks to Charlotte Clark, who went to great lengths to set up the floral demonstration, there were 28 people in attendance for Kathie's presentation.

Barbara Evans



Inland Iris Society

Carol Morgan, President

IIS has had a busy Fall & Winter. We started with a good rhizome sale in Sept. Selling to repeat and new customers. We had a very good assortment and all customers left happy with their selection. I have even heard from a couple of customers this month that have bloom and are really excited with their new irises.

Thanks to Jim Giles we even had a raffle of newer cultivars and sent the money to help Region 15. Speaking of Jim, he is our program chairman and does a great job every month getting us good programs.

October we had Art Strong, who hybridizes Daylilies locally, present our program.

November was Iris Trivia and December was our annual Christmas Party hosted by Ollie Rust.

January we had Bob Planks slides of the Region 15 Spring Trek and the National Convention.

This month, February, we will have George Sutton from Porterville, CA (Region 14) doing Judges Training on Space Agers and Rebloomers

IIS formed a committee in September to update our by-laws. Corrine Bromberger, Naomi Hildreth and Mike Monninger took charge and will present their proposal to the membership during our February meeting.

We are also preparing for our Show to be held on the 10th and 11th of April at the Riverside Plaza.

From all of us at Inland have a great spring and we hope to see all of you in Phoenix.



San Diego / Imperial counties

Iris Society

Steve Rocha, President

I am excited about the opportunity to serve as president for 1998. Since I have not had the chance to

meet many of you, I would like to introduce myself. I am forty-three and own my own business as an independent contractor in the trucking industry. I have been married to my wife, Sharlyn, since 1980 and have two daughters. I began growing my first iris in 1982 and now have a collection of over a thousand iris, 350 varieties that cover over a third of an acre. I have built a web site devoted to growing and hybridizing iris. You can see my site at <http://www.geocities.com/RainForest/7679/>

I have set three goals for this year. First, I would like to increase attendance at our monthly meetings. Second, will be to establish a youth division in our society. I have appointed Sharlyn as youth chair and she has an iris coloring contest planned for our March meeting. Members should bring their children and grandchildren to help get this division going. Lastly, I hope to increase community interest in our local society and its activities. The San Diego and Imperial Counties Iris Society celebrated its 35th anniversary on February 7th with a special luncheon at Seven Seas Restaurant in Mission Valley. We enjoyed Gigi Hall, an expert on Pacific Coast Iris, as our guest speaker. We attended our first region meeting recently and were impressed with the beautiful garden at Cal Dixie. We will be showing slides we took of some of their reblooming iris at our March meeting. Our annual spring show will be at the Casa del Prado in Balboa Park on May 2nd and 3rd. I would like to invite everyone in the region to attend these events, and I look forward to meeting many of you in the future.

Sun Country Iris Society

Marge Larson, President

All our efforts have been going toward producing one of the great Region 15 Treks, as well as Coordinating the first mini-spuria convention. A tentative schedule of events and registration forms are included in this newsletter -- please note a different format due to the afternoon heat we have experienced

at other treks. We will also have bonus gardens to visit during your stay. Please plan to attend!

Our other activities have included: an August ice cream social, a September rhizome sale, an October auction, a November soil diagnosis from the Extension Service, A Christmas party, and a January speaker on garden water features. In Feb. we will be learning more about Container Gardening, then it will be time for a dress rehearsal to prepare for the early exhibit as well as the trek exhibit. We will also be participating in the Spring Garden Fair and also had a booth at the Home and Garden Show.

Hi Desert Iris & Daylilly Society

Barbara G. Turner, President

All is well on the Hi Desert. We have had a successful and busy Fall Quarter. Our attendance is up and several new members are in the fold.

We hosted the Fall Trek for Region 15 and although limited to space it was well attended. We had many flattering comments which we sincerely appreciate. Thanks and more thanks to all the Hi Desert Irisarians who helped so much-Just proves the adage "Many hands make light work!"

In October and November thanks to Billie Stone in Ridgecrest, we potted 900 iris ready for our Spring Sales, thanks also to the "potting committee" you are the best!!

Our December meeting is a potluck and always much fun.

One of our charter members passed away this month at 90 years. Beulah Robinson, the petite little lady always dressed to a "T" with a happy face! In the bulletin before our Spring Trek in April of 1993, she wrote: "Let each of us remember to wear a smile night and day (on April 30 and May 1st) and especially as we look into the face of any guest. Let's smile at everyone we meet, then we won't miss anyone. And let's enjoy every minute of it looking at beautiful flowers and gardens and socialize. Some of the scenes will stay in your mind indefinitely. It is

like a glimpse into Heaven." And that was our Beulah, we will miss her very much.

We are looking forward to the next few months getting ready for our show on April 25 & 26. at the Antelope Valley Mall.

Happy Irising,
Barbara

Southern California Iris Society

Derelyn Gerald, President

I'm sitting in my garden enjoying all of the rebloom. Too bad the ground is too wet to do any weeding.

We had our auctions which were successful and a lot of fun.

In spite of "El Nino", we had a great turnout for our Christmas Party. Pat Schreiner and her daughter Liz Schreiner Schmidt were our guests. Liz's slides and talk were very enjoyable; the food was good; and we laughingly stole each others gifts.

Our Calendar of Future Events:

Jan 31 - General Meeting & slide presentation of 1990's AM & HM award winning irises by Jimmy Jones.

Feb 21 - Bill Maryott will be speaking on "Iris Trends".

Mar 28 - Flower Arrangement and show preparation by Irene Benton and Jay Conklin.

Apr 11 - Show (one day due to Sunday being Easter).

Jun 27 - General Meeting, Elections and program to be announced.

Non-members are always welcome.

Sincerely,
Derry Gerald

The world is full of willing people; some willing to work, the rest willing to let them. . . . Robert Frost

Judges Training Notes

Congratulations to our newest Garden Judges, **Mary Ann Spurlock, Eileen Fuimara Jim Giles & Gail Barnhill** and our new Apprentice, **Derry Gerald**, as well as **LaVerne Conrad** who has been promoted to Master Judge! **Mrs. Harry Frey** is now a Retired Master Judge, and **John Wight** has been reinstated as Garden Judge (his "un"instatement was a bookkeeping error). We also welcome **Joella Olson** (Garden Judge) and **Robert O. Sorensen** (Retired Master Judge) who have recently transferred into our Region.

That's the good news the bad news is that we now only have 2 Apprentices, 2 returning Students and 4 new Students....which means our "pool" of potential new judges is running low.

I have given or sent copies of the 1998 list of Judges (and those in training) to each of the Club Presidents...please be sure you distribute these to your Show Chairmen.

And to the Show Chairmen...please remember to consider inviting the apprentices and arranging for your Show Judges to take the extra time for their training. Also, our newest Judges will appreciate your consideration of them as Show Judges as well.

By the time this is published each Judge/Apprentice/Student should have received a letter from me regarding the hours of training they will need this year to fulfill their requirements in the program. Hopefully, I will also have received from National and sent along the Judges and Apprentices AIS identification Cards to you as well. If you have questions at any time about your hours or requirements, please give me a call (520)296-1074).

Please remember, if you are going to the expense of bringing in an interesting speaker, please ask them (if qualified) to incorporate a Judges Training Session into their program. Such educational programs are of benefit to both those in the Judges Training Program as well as those who are not. The "nots" simply don't have to take the tests following the Judges Training/Program session. Also be sure to use a sign-up sheet for the Judges/Apprentices/Students

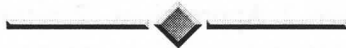
who wish to receive credit for the training and send it - along with a sample, blank test form - to me as soon as possible after the training.

I have heard from very few of our affiliates regarding requests for prior approval for proposed Judges Training Sessions.

If you are contemplating a Judges Training session You should first check with the JT Chair (moi!) to receive approval of the topic. This is to assure we do not have the same training (i.e. TBs Rebloomers - whatever), over and over again. Training should be varied.

See you at the Spring Trek in Phoenix

Gail Barnhill



AIS Region 15 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
October 18, 1997
Holiday Inn, Palmdale, Ca.

Attendees:

Herb Holk, RVP
Gail Barnhill, ARVP/Judges Tr/Act Secy/TAIS
Barbara Turner, Treasurer/HDI&DS
Sara Holk, Circulation Ed/Membership
Jimmy Jones, Awards/Bylaws
Pete De Santis, Ways & Means
Mike Monninger, Youth
Jeanne Plank, Nominating
George Bange, SDIS
Derry Gerald, SCIS
Carol Morgan, IIS
Gerald Snyder, SFVIS
Marge Larson, Sun Country
Shirley Lewis
Bill Rinehart
Bobbie Rinehart
LaVerne Conrad
Ralph Conrad

RVP Holk called the meeting to order at 9:00.

Minutes: The Minutes of the April 25, 1997 Executive Committee Meeting were read and a

correction under "Business" was made as follows: ... The Holks will continue to supplement Region 15 Officers Fund Sales and Auctions as a way to contribute to Ways and Means.... It was then **MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED** to approved the minutes as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Turner submitted a 2 page report (Exhibit A) showing current balances as \$9,361.17 in Checking; \$5,861.26 in the General Fund CD; and \$4882.84 in the RVP CD. Because the Treasurer was not present at the April Executive Meeting and had not received copies of the minutes, she was unaware that all Officer's Fund had been established and that approximately \$1,624 had been raised or donated and was to be segregated to that account, which she will now do.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating Committee: Chairwoman Plank pointed out that Treasurer Turner has just completed her third year in a row (maximum allowed by Bylaw). As RVP Holk, ARVP Barnhill and Secretary Gudykunst are still eligible and willing to continue in those offices they were presented as nominees and Michelle Snyder was nominated as Treasurer. Election to be held at the General Meeting this afternoon. (See Exhibit B)

Awards: Chairman Jones displayed the new Trophy (\$65) for the Hybridizer's Award for Best Region 15 Iris. It was pointed out that this should actually read "Hybridizer's Award for the Best Region 15 Guest Iris". Jones said this will be corrected.

Another plaque was displayed by Plank who said it could be purchased for future use at approximately \$28 from a commercial catalog she received. It was **MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED** that she purchase 5 of these for approximately \$140.

Membership: Chairwoman Holk distributed a Region 15 Membership Report (Exhibit C) which showed a total of 472 AIS Members in our Region. She also distributed a spiral bound listing of all Region 15 members to each President and Officer.

Newsletter: Chairman Jim Giles was not present. RVP Holk apologized for the tardiness of the last Newsletter stating it was his fault not Giles. The next Newsletter deadline is February 1, 1998 for the Spring (March 1st) issue.

Ways and Means: Chairman De Santis reported the following additions to the new Officer's Fund: TAIS held a second 1 day sale of 300 rhizomes donated by the Holks (and manned by only two people for 6 hours at a Mall) of \$924, and donations by HDIS of \$200, Inland \$500. SFVIS reported they will also be making a donation. Use of these funds for Officer's travel expenses to meetings will be established at the January 1998 meeting.

An Iris Flag was displayed by Treasurer Turner. She said they are available in a close-out sale for \$3.50 each. It was **MOVED SECONDED AND CARRIED** to purchase 300 for a total cost of approximately \$1,050. One to be distributed to each Club President to present to members for sale at \$15 which is about \$10 below normal retail.

Youth: Chairman Monninger said the Region now has 2 Youth Members in Tucson. He strongly suggested that our female members be the most involved with Youth Members due to the possible concern of men involved with children.

Judges Training: Chairman Barnhill reported that 4 Apprentices have been recommended as Garden Judges. One Apprentice was dropped and we gained a new Apprentice as well as 2 new Students, but at the same time we lost 4 current Students. One Judge was recommended for Retired Master, one to be reinstated as Garden Judge. Also, we gained one Garden Judge who just moved to our Region.

Affiliation Reports These were dispensed with due to time constraints.

NEW BUSINESS

Joint Region 14 & 15 Spring Trek 1999 RVP Holk report that this idea has been advanced by

Region 14, and would be held in Visalia, CA. He further pointed out that Region 14 said we would have no financial obligation. It was pointed out by Barnhill that we wouldn't have Trek rhizomes for our Auction that year. It was then **MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED** to approve this Joint Trek for Spring 1999.

Bylaws Review: Chair Jones said his committee would present the results of their review at the January 1998 Executive Meeting.

Symposium Results: RVP Holk distributed this report (Exhibit D) showing Region 15 submitted 94 Ballots.

RVP Holk adjourned the meeting at 10: 10 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail M. Barnhill
Acting Secretary

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**AIS Region 15 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING
October 18, 1997
Holiday Inn, Palmdale, Ca.**

RVP Holk called the meeting to order at 1:45 pm. He acknowledged Past RVP's Bill Rinehart and La Verne Conrad who were present in the audience. He then thanked retiring Treasurer Barbara Turner (completing her maximum 3rd year in a row in that position) for all of her hard work on behalf of Region 15 and presented her with a gift.

Minutes: Secretary Georgia Gudykunst was not at the meeting and thus the April 25, 1997 General Meeting Minutes were not available for review.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Turner submitted a 2 page report (Exhibit A) showing current balances as \$9,361.17 in Checking; \$5,861.26 in the General Fund CD; and \$4882.84 in the RVP CD. It was **MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED** that her report be forwarded for audit.

Nominating Committee: Chairwoman Plank pointed out that Treasurer Turner has just completed her third year in a row maximum allowed by Bylaws). As RVP Holk, ARVP Barnhill and Secretary Gudykunst are still eligible and willing to continue in those offices they were presented as nominees and Michelle Snyder was nominated as Treasurer. It was **MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED** that the Slate of Officers as presented for 1998 be approved.

Joint Region 14 & 15 Spring Trek 1999: RVP Holk report that this idea has been advanced by Region 14, and would be held in Visalia, CA. and was approved at this morning's Executive Committee meeting. He further pointed out that Region 14 said we would have no financial obligation and that each Region would hold separate Executive Committee Meetings but have a joint General Meeting. It was observed that we wouldn't have Trek rhizomes for our Auction that year. RVP Holk said this will have to be replaced by other fund raising activities as we have done in the past when holding Joint Region Treks and **MOVED** that we immediately use the funds we would normally give to a Trek Host Club to purchase Guest iris to be planted immediately. This idea was **SECONDED AND CARRIED** and RVP Holk then appointed Bill Rinehart as Chair to purchase these iris and coordinate their planting with LaVerne Conrad and Carol Morgan to assist him on this committee. It was then **MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED** to approve this Joint Trek for Spring 1999.

AIS MEMBERSHIP: RVP Holk stressed the importance of paying AIS dues promptly as there are 3,500 memberships coming due on 12/31/97, and further, that late payment of dues by Judges can affect their standing adversely.

RVP Holk adjourned the meeting at 2:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail M. Barnhill
Acting Secretary

Sent in by someone who clipped this from Reader's Digest about 20 years ago.

"ANYWAY"

People are unreasonable, illogical and self-centered.
LOVE THEM ANYWAY.

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives.

DO GOOD ANYWAY.

If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies.

SUCCEED ANYWAY.

Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable.

BE HONEST AND FRANK ANYWAY.

The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow.

DO GOOD ANYWAY.

The biggest people with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest people with the smallest minds.

THINK BIG ANYWAY.

People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs.

FIGHT FOR SOME UNDERDOGS ANYWAY.

What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight.

BUILD ANYWAY.

Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth.

GIVE THE WORLD THE BEST YOU'VE GOT ANYWAY.

What's The Answer

1. What can go up a chimney down, but can't go down a chimney up?
2. How many of each animal did Moses take on the ark?
3. What has four legs but only one foot?
4. If a farmer has 5 haystacks in one field and 4 haystacks in the other field, how many haystacks would he have if he combined them all in the center field?
5. What is it that goes up and goes down but does not move?

Answers on page 10.

MEMBERSHIP MEMO

New Members

Peggy Andersen 6375 W Gerhart R Tucson AZ 85745-9325	Ken and Christie Pierson P 0 Box 1078 Julian Ca 92036-1078
Mrs W S Andrews (Tsfr in) 14042 N Clarion Way Tucson Az 85737-8600	Gloria Ann Renteria P 0 Box 1153 Alpine Ca 91903-1153
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Norma J. Canova 5118 Vista Montana Yorba Linda Ca 92886-4506	Kate Rocha (Y) 14170 Mussey Grade Rd Ramona CA 92065-7708
Vivian J Estrada 719 W Sydnor Ave Ridgecrest Ca 93555-3031	Elaine Rosenbury 1437 Coyote Rd Prescott Az 86303-5335
Marylou G Gibson 7209 Wisteria Way Carlsbad CA 92009-4844	Jan Russell 3305 Mirada Rd Highland Ca 92346-1830
Carol N Hubbard 6340 N Calle Tregua Serena Tucson AZ 85750-0951	Kathis Schoonover 6345 N Pear Tree Rd Tucson AZ 85743-9447
Sharon Johnson 2101 Leeward Lane Newport Beach Ca 92660-3808	Evelyn Wallman 225 W Calle Concordia Tucson AZ 85737-7509
Joliene D Konol Geraldine S Malmborg 1941 E San Miguel Phoenix AZ 85016-3027	Betty J Weese 3926 E Camino De Palmas Tucson AZ 85711-5315
Jini Kotar 5453 N Camino Real Tucson AZ 85718-5032	Patricia Wentz 1611 W Placita Galaxia Marana Az 85653-9487
Dennis Luebkin 5243 W Royal Palm Road Glendale AZ 85302-6227	Dean J White Concrete & Materials 535 W Allen Dr Ste 18 Sam Dimas CA 91773-1473
Michael L Miller 14221 S Stagecoach Rd Tucson AZ 85736-1429	

Reinstated

Norma J Canova 5118 Vista Montana Yorba Linda Ca 92886-4506	Margie Malone 6057 Shoup Ave Woodland Hills CA 91367-3345
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Transferred out of Region 15

George Else
Mr & Mrs Donald O'Rourke

Address Changes

Olen Joe Daugherty 26760 Par Drive Sun City CA 92586-5107	Dorothy M Roessler 512 Dameron Dr Prescott AZ 86301-2408
Gerald W Gill 20822 North 32 Drive Phoenix AZ 85027-6077	Robert O Sorensen 207 East Kalmia St Fallbrook CA 92028-2115
Don Maurizio 40691/2 First Ave San Diego CA 92103-2044	

We welcome all of our newcomers and ask that you check in this newsletter for the Society nearest you. If you have not yet been contacted by one of our Societies, please feel free to call any one of them for information regarding their meetings. We are delighted to have you and hope that you will be a willing participant in our Region 15 family. We hope that you will join us in Phoenix for our Spring meeting and Trek--this will be one of our outstanding treks thus far--BE THERE!

To all members, please check your mailing label for the expiration date of your AIS membership and renew early so you don't miss a single BULLETIN or an exciting activity of Region or AIS. If your expiration date was December '97 and you renew now, please request your January 1998 BULLETIN, do this ASAP.

Also please note our membership Secretary has a new address:

Marilyn Harlow, Membership Secretary
P 0 Box 55
Freedom Ca 95019-0055

Sara Holk, Membership
Region 15

Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work
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* *Thomas Edison*

Region 15 and the Spuria Society
Are pleased to invite everyone to our

1998 Spring Trek/Mini Spuria Convention
"RAINBOWS OF THE DESERT"
April 17-19, 1998
Special Guest Speaker - Barry Blyth
(Australia)

Hotel Headquarters: Metro Wyndham,
Phoenix, AZ

Our gardens will include Tall Bearded,
Spurias

Lousianas, Arilbreds, Medians, and other
types of irises!

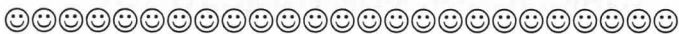
Call Bobbie Shepard for more information
(602) 841-1231

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER:

Jan Hueller was 5th in the American Iris Society
Membership Contest. Way to go Jan, thanks for
doing your part to keep AIS strong.

Answers to the Brain Teasers:

1. An umbrella.
2. None. Moses didn't take animals on the ark.
Noah did.
3. A bed.
4. One. If he combines all of his haystacks, they all
become one big stack.
5. The temperature.



He who laughs last probably had it explained to
him.

Remember.....

DON'T TAKE LIFE TOO SERIOUSLY,
YOU'LL NEVER GET OUT OF IT ALIVE.



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Prescott, AZ 86301

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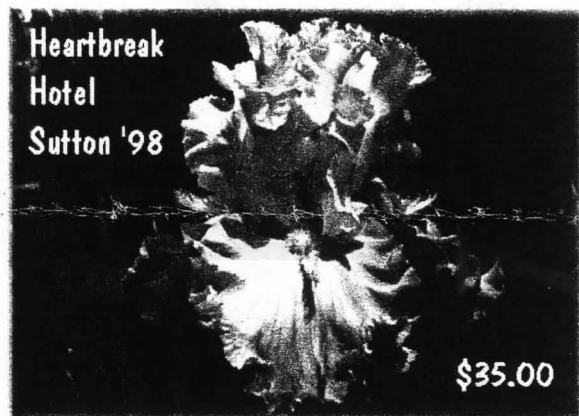
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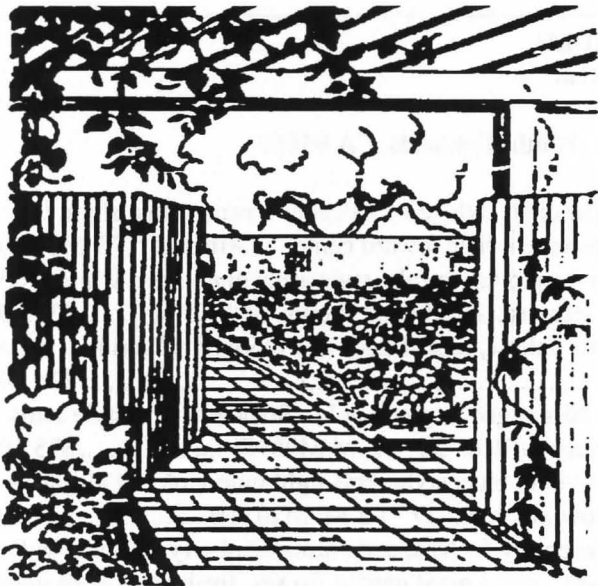
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Friday, April 17, 1998

3:00-5:00 PM	Region 15 Board Meeting
3:00-5:00 PM	Spuria Society Board Meeting
5:00-7:00 PM	Dinner on your own
7:00-9:00 PM	Judges Training, Melody Wilhoit on Louisianas

Saturday, April 18, 1998

7:00 AM - Sharp	Buses load for gardens Box lunch served at gardens
1:00-2:00 PM	Region 15 Business Meeting
2:15-3:15 PM	Spuria Iris Society Business Meeting
3:30-5:30 PM	Judges Training, Dave Niswonger on Spurias
5:30-7:00 PM	Dinner on your own
7:00-9:00 PM	Culture Forum with

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