

REGION 15

Summer Newsletter

AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY



RVP Message

For those of you who attended either or both the Spring Trek and/or the National Convention I am sure you will agree that they were memorable occasions. In both, the weather was the only problem and none of us can

control that. Anyhow, congratulations to Sun Country and thanks to their trek committee for a job exceptionally well done.

At the Region 15 Board meeting the principle item of discussion was changes to the proposed constitution and by-laws. One of the proposed changes was to limit appointed committees and their chairpersons to a three-year term just as the elected officers are. The other was to allow committee chairpersons to vote on matters brought before the Board.

Prior to the Region meeting the RVP had received a letter from the AIS stating that the region could become a tax-free organization under the sponsorship of AIS if it so desired. Both the Board and the general membership authorized the RVP to submit the necessary documentation. This has been done however, much remains to be done.

At the AIS board meeting in Denver, Dr Epperson reported that the Regions could allow the affiliates in their regions to become tax-free organizations under the Regions sponsorship providing the affiliates change their constitution and by laws to meet the federal requirements. This also means that each affiliate will have to incorporate

individually. We are now attempting to obtain information as to the items, which must be included in the affiliate constitutions in order to meet the federal requirements.

Another item of interest in the AIS board meeting was the discussion concerning the request of the Tall Bearded Iris Society that they be granted cooperating society status as enjoyed by the LSI and the Aril Society. A great deal of discussion on this point followed, wherein the AIS expressed a willingness to accept the TBIS as a section but not as a cooperating society. Further discussion of this point will occur at both the Region and the AIS Fall board meetings.

Please make plans now to attend the Fall meeting, which will be hosted by the Inland Region Iris Society. We need as many as possible in attendance in order to pass the proposed new constitution and by-laws and to elect officers for the coming year. We also welcome those AIS members who are members of local clubs, which are not affiliates of AIS.

A copy of the proposed constitution and by-laws is included in this NEWSLETTER for your perusal. If you have any suggested changes, please send them to me or call me at (909) 780-0335 so that they can be brought before the board.

Y'all come!

Herb



SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IRIS SOCIETY

Gerry Snyder, President

Despite some nasty tricks from El Niño, SFVIS had a good late winter and spring. In February our speaker was Mary Brosius of Descanso Gardens with a program on Roses in the Garden. In March Terry Aitken spoke and gave a Judges Training on reblooming iris. April featured our annual program on preparing exhibits for the horticultural and artistic divisions of our show. Iris Larson and Eileen Fiumara were the chief stars.

Our club trek on 11 April would have had better participation if we had had less precipitation, but a good time was had by all who took part. Our show two weeks later had better luck, and was quite a success—see the show report below. We even sold enough potted iris to cover all the show expenses.

Our May speaker was Barry Blyth, who gave a very well received program. The June meeting included a potluck dinner, presentation of show awards, and election of officers. The four incumbents were re-elected: president—Gerry Snyder, vice-president—Jeanne Clay Plank, treasurer—Roy Bossier, and secretary—Jill Bonino. July will feature a slide show of recent treks given by Jill Bonino, and in August and September we will have our Region 15 and club auctions.

SFIS SHOW RESULTS

Many of us hurried back from the Regional in Phoenix to get ready for our Spring Show—"A CIRCUS PARADE OF IRISES". Although we were not at peak bloom, we did pretty well. We had 24 exhibitors bringing in 192 entries, plus 20 Seedlings coming in from 4 of our members and about 3 dozen specimens decorating our Exhibition table.

Starting at the top of the HORTICULTURE DIVISION, The Silver Medal went, again, to **Jean Bossier** with I Blues. The Bronze Medal went to **Peter De Santis**. These two are always the ones to beat.

The Queen of Show was won by **Jean Bossier** with an *IB-Banded Butterfly*, proving again that Tall Bearded's don't always win. Ten Section awards were given out.

Jean Bossier took the Section Awards in *TBs-Gold Country*, *BBs-Whoop-em-up* and *LA-Banded Butterfly*.

Mary Ann Spurlock also took 3 Section Awards with *MTBs-Rosemary's Dream*, *SDBs-Leprechaun's Delight* and *LA-Acadian Miss*.

Don Cunningham-Novelty TB - *Apollo One*, Jan Lauritzen-ABs- *Shariffa*, Pete De Santis-SPU - *Proved*, and Peggy Carpenter-SIB-*Smooth Seas*.

The Best Seedling award went to Randy Squires' TB. In All 27 Blues, 51 Reds, 44 Whites and 26 HMs were awarded.


In the ARTISTIC DIVISION, 48 Designs graced the tables by 17 Designers. Long time member Helen Zeldin won the *Advanced Section Award*, which enabled her to walk away with her first Best Design of Show. Way to go, Helen. The *Intermediate Section Award* went to Norma Noraval and the *Novice Section* went to Penny Iriye. Both of the Artistic *Sweepstakes* and the *Theme Award* went Eileen Fiumara.

In all there were 17 Blues, 14 Reds, 8 Whites and 9 HMs.

A bit of FYI for all of you out there who are selling irises at your Spring Show. For the past 4 years, SFVIS has been selling "potted irises" to the public. We have found that it works really great. We take the "little bitty ones" from the Fall Sale, baby-sit them over the winter and "ta-da" great sales. It has grown into a sale that almost pays for the spring show.

Congratulations to all.

Iris Larson, Show Chair



TUCSON AREA IRIS SOCIETY

Barbara Evans, President

As usual, it's was a very busy and productive spring here in the "Old Pueblo". (That's Tucson's ethnic nickname). El Nino brought us more than our usual share of rain and colder temperatures, but nothing that was very devastating to our iris crops. In general, peak bloom was later than usual, but that was OK because so was the date for our flower show. Because of all the other things going on in the iris world, we scheduled

show for the last weekend in April, which is usually after peak bloom here. But it turned out to be "peak" for this year.

We had a great show! 2 of our members, Jan Hueller and Jane Parks, who had never chaired the show before, joined forces and did a whale of a good job. We had over 230 horticultural entries and for the first time, at least in my memory; something besides a TB won Queen of Show. Sally Cooperman's Spuria IMPERIAL RUBY won that high honor! Sally also took the Silver medal with 22 blue ribbons. A new member, Cathy Chilton, entered the show for the first time this year and really surprised herself by the claiming the Bronze medal with 15 blue ribbons. Another member, Jane Parks, who is not so new to the society but entered flowers for the first time, amazed herself by taking first in the Arilbred section.

There were smiles and grins all over the place! Our publicity chairperson, Ruth Over and husband Frank, managed to get TAIS a full page write up, complete with pictures, in the Sunday newspaper the Sunday before the show, and the public came in groves! And, thanks to Gordon Hueller and his "staff," we sold 200 potted iris on Saturday and then member Sam Wymer showed up on Sunday with another 60 pots and sold them all before noon. Several members staffed the information table and we signed up 7 new members and added over 250 names to our postcard mailing list. Now, that's what I call a successful and profitable show!

At our May meeting we ordered in the Iris Trivia slide show. We all had fun with it and it was interesting to see who knows what about iris. Our winners were Harry Kuessel and his partner Betty Weese with 59 points. Of course, Harry's been in iris for 47 years and one of the slides was actually one that he had hybridized, something none of the rest of us knew. It was a thrill to have one of the famous of the hybridizing circle sitting in the same room.

Each year TAIS sets aside \$2500.00 to monetarily assist members who wish to attend the AIS national convention, with a minimum award of \$250, so that we can assist at least 10 members. (TAIS feels that members who attend conventions learn all kinds of stuff and when they bring that knowledge back to Tucson, the society, and the public at large benefit. This year we had 11 members who wished to go. When there are

more than 10 members who are eligible for assistance, we would normally hold a drawing and the first 10 names drawn would receive \$250. This year we were truly "Touched by an Angel", in that we received an anonymous donation of \$250, which meant that all eleven members received \$250 towards convention expenses. To that person, the members of the Tucson Area Iris Society

Thank You from the bottom of their hearts.

Show Results

Exhibitors – 36

Entries – 252

Number of Cultivars – 218

Queen of Show:

Imperial Ruby (Spu) – Sally Cooperman

Silver Medal – Sally Cooperman 22 Blue

Bronze Medal – Kathy Chilton 15 Blue

Sweepstakes for Artistic Design:

Sumi Pugh

Best Design of Show:

Sumi Pugh

INLAND REGION IRIS SOCIETY

Carol Morgan, President

IRIS-We changed our name this Spring from Inland Iris Society to Inland Region Iris Society.

We have had a great Spring - our flower show went great, thanks to Mike Monninger our Show Chairman and many hours of help from our great club members. Some of the show highlights were:

Queen of the Show – Mike Monninger- PCN Mantra

Tall Bearded-Richard McCullough-Well Endowed

Artistic-Elaine Monninger

Best Seedling-Herb Holk

Silver Medal-Corrine Bromberger

George Sutton came in February and presented a program and judges training on Space Agers and Rebloomers, a very delightful afternoon.

In March we had "Preparing Your Iris for the Bench".

We have just had our election of officers. I'll be President one more time with a good group to support me, officers and members.

El Nino helped us all with a very long spring bloom and it delayed bloom longer than I can ever remember. I have used Grow More foliar spray 20-20-20 since Nov. 97, so between that and all the rain I really had a great bloom season and a lot of new growth. Hope all of you have a great summer. Inland will host the fall meeting, hope you will all come and enjoy a day with Region 15 friends. Mark you calendars for Oct 17, 1998, 1 day only. More detail will be sent to your Club President.

1998 INLAND SHOW RESULTS

HORTICULTURE

13 EXHIBITORS
89 HORTICULTURE ENTRIES
80 CULTIVARS

QUEEN OF SHOW: MANTRA (PCN) Exhibited by M. Monninger

BEST TB: WELL ENDOWED Exhibited by R. McCullough

BEST TB PPLICATA: STORY TELLER Exhibited by Corrine Bromberger

BEST TB, SELF: WELL ENDOWED Exhibited by R. McCullough

BEST SEEDLING: 68-33 (a Fancy Plicata) Exhibited by Herb Holk

BEST MEDIAN: MYSTIC SYMBOL Exhibited by Corrine Bromberger

BEST PCN: MANTRA Exhibited by M. Monninger

BEST COLLECTION: SILVER CIRCLE Exhibited by Corrine Bromberger

DESIGN

17 DESIGNS
7 EXHIBITORS

BEST DESIGN: 'CHINESE NEW YEARS' by Elaine Monninger

SWEEPSTAKES: Elaine Monninger and Mike Monninger tied: each had two firsts and a third.

DESIGN CLASS WINNERS

CHINESE NEW YEARS - Elaine Monninger
MOTHER'S DAY - Carol Morgan
ARBOR DAY - Elaine Monninger
INDEPENDENCE DAY - Mike Monninger
VALENTINES DAY - Mike Monninger

The show had more entries than I thought it would, cold weather delayed the bloom, and they were quality entries as evidenced by the judging. There were less than 10 entries without a ribbon (mainly for no open flower) which means the entries were well grown and well groomed! We had seventeen design entries and they looked terrific! The backgrounds that Irene Benton recommended the club purchase a couple of shows ago really show off the designs and raises the quality of the show. Thank you Irene!! I am very impressed with the quality of this year's show and congratulate all exhibitors and winners.

I want to thank all the workers. Many volunteers make short work of set-up, takedown and rhizome sales.

Congratulations are in order for Dick and Avis McCullough for their showing in the Redlands Flower Show: Dick won best 'Iris' and Avis entered her little babies (PCNs) and also won blue ribbons.



SAN DIEGO / IMPERIAL COUNTIES IRIS SOCIETY

Steve Rocha, President

What a busy and productive season it has been for those of us in the San Diego area! We had an outstanding 33rd annual show in May that was attended by hundreds of people in Balboa Park. The public really seemed to appreciate and enjoy all our efforts to pres our best blooms. We had 126 horticultural entries and thirty-two in the artistic division. The extra moisture was good for everyone and we had an abundant display

of spurias, Louisianas, and bearded iris. We even had a few Siberians.

Here are our show results:

HORTICULTURAL DIVISION

Best Specimen (Queen of Show)

BLUE GLOSS- Steve Rocha

Best Spuria

RUFFLED CANARY- Pat Brendel

Best Louisiana

BOUT MIDNIGHT- Patricia Neal

Best Red Iris

WAR CHIEF- Carol Morgan

Best Plicata Iris

RASPBERRY FUDGE- Virginia Trabant

Best Pink Iris

HER KINGDOM- Steve Rocha

Best Blue Iris

HONKY TONK BLUES- Virginia Trabant

Best White Iris

STARSHIP- Steve Rocha

Best Yellow Iris

SOLANO- Pat Brendel

Best Youth Iris

SPRING PARASOL- Beth Rocha

Best Tall Bearded

BLUE GLOSS- Steve Rocha

AIS Silver for Most Blue Ribbons- Steve Rocha

AIS Bronze for Most Blue Ribbons- Carol Morgan

ARTISTIC DIVISION

Best Arrangement of Show- Kathy Walsh

Best Arrangement using One Stalk- Kathy Walsh

Sweepstakes Rosette for Most Blue Ribbons- Jean E. Johns

We are all looking forward to our July meeting at the home of Walt and Pat Brendel. We will be having a potluck lunch and an iris auction following. In August, we have plans for a slide show of the Spring Trek in Arizona and reblooming iris in our area.

We are thankful to see a revival in our society as our regular members stay active and the public shows an interest in growing iris. We gained four new members at our show this year.

Garden to Live, Live to Garden,

SUN COUNTRY IRIS SOCIETY

Marge Larson, President

This quarter has been exceedingly busy for our club. The April meeting was enjoyable as we watched a flower arranging demonstration and made final preparations for the trek display by washing all the tubes and standards. Every year as we prepare for the Spring Show we comment that this is a job that needs to be done, and then pack them away until the following year -- this was the year!

The Region 15 trek/ mini Spuria Convention turned out quite well in spite of all the anticipated things that one always imagines. There were enough blooms to keep attendees happy, but the following week really brought out many more blooms. Thank you all for your participation.

The month of May seems to have kept us just as busy with our annual potluck banquet and awards, then we participated in the Encanto area historic home tour on Mother's Day, and a week later rewarded ourselves with a bus tour to Payson. A former member has a large garden back in the woods, while another member is just starting her garden as a get-away retreat from the heat.

In June we will be viewing some AIS slides as well as installing next year's officers and some lucky members will be attending the National in Denver. We will also be digging and mailing the region iris for the club auctions -- there are some great ones to bid on!

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IRIS SOCIETY

Derelyn Gerald, President

We just got back from Denver, the Convention was great! The first day was in the eighties. Of course, this was the day of meetings-indoors.

Speaking of meetings, the new meeting for affiliates was a huge success. It was well attended, a lot of good ideas were shared, and everyone agreed we should make it apart of the convention again next year, thank

you-Gerry Snyder. We saw beautiful gardens and wonderful iris in the coldest temperature ever recorded for that day. The next day it snowed and hailed in some of the gardens. With all of this we still had a good time.

Upon arriving home I found quite a few blooms: Zink Pink, Lemon Up, Dark Waters, Classic Look, Skating Party, Champagne Elegance, Dawn of Change, Chatter, Chico Maid, Reincarnation, and Feminine Wiles.

SCIS has had a very busy spring. We enjoyed Bill Maryott's program in February. It was well attended and very informative. Our show at the Arboretum had a lot of new people entering and winning.

Next came the sale and the Sunset Garden Show. It allowed us to make our budget.

Our next meeting, June 27, will be our General Meeting, elections, awards, slides from Denver by Doug Davis and Jimmy Jones, and a 50/50 sale.

The tentative future schedule is:

July- rhizome sale to public

August 22-bearded auction

October 3-General Meeting, Region auction

November 14-Beardless auction

Show Results

24 Exhibitors

132 Entries

Silver Medal- Lyn Mellwain

Bronze Medal- Leigh Nicolai-Moon

Queen of Show, Best Plicata

Epicenter- John Reeds

Best Bi-color TB-Mystique- Mary Lou Harding

Best Historic-Painted Desert- Wynne Thursby

Best Variegata TB-Instructor- Leigh Nicolai-Moon

Best TB, Best, Self TB-Piety- Marilyn Pecoraro

Best Arilbred-Mohric Art- Doug Davis

Best LA-Jeri- Doug Davis

Best PCN- Herold- Diane Gilbert

Best Artistic Design-Diamond and Zircon

Diane Gilbert

Best Youth Artistic Design-Citrine and Emerald

Vicky Cheney

"Wini Conklin", named after our own Wini Conklin, won Queen of Show at Orange County Iris and Daylilly Clubs show in May.



HI DESERT IRIS AND DAYLILY SOCIETY

Barbara Turner, President

Here it is time to write a report on our progress over the last six months. We have been busy with various Iris Sales projects. Last fall one of our members, Billie Stone, divided her iris and sent us 900 rhizomes --we were busy potting and sorting and labeling for several weeks.

We had our first sale at the Palmdale Lilac Festival (too early for lilacs due to the weather) and did very well but in counting what was left there were many more to find homes for. We were rather upset with our Mall in that "they" decided there would be no sales of iris during our show. We decided on an "off-site" sale, which didn't go too badly but not as well as selling at the show.

The Show went well and was well received by public. The weather hampered our blooming period but in spite of it all there were some good blooms.

Election of officers this month required us to change our by-laws so our officers can run for a longer period of time. The new board is as follows:

Barbara Turner, President

Harry Hartman, Vice President

Winnie Serpico, Treasurer

Helen Radenbaugh, Secretary

We have had a critique of the Show and have some suggestions for improvement for next year. We are searching for interesting programs for the '98-'99 season hoping to bring in some new members. We will also investigate another location to hold our show where we can sell at the same time.

For now, we are going to sit back and take it easy for a bit. Best wishes for a pleasant summer to one and all.

REGION 15 FALL MEETING

*Saturday October 17, 1998
Holiday Inn, Ontario California*

Hosted by Inland Region Iris Society
One judges Training Session (TBA)
Guest Speaker at Luncheon

We will have a boutique and all donations from
Region 15 Clubs are welcome.
Crafters may bring items for sale with 20% of
proceeds going to Region 15.

More details to follow

Results of the Region 15 / Mini Spuria Trek, Phoenix, April 1998

Garden Awards -

Best in Region 15 Introduced Iris

Scoonchee - by Pete De Santis

Bernard Hammer Award - Best in Region 15 Seedling

6005 - Richard Richards

Claire Barr Award - Best out of Region Introduced Iris

Navy Blues - Hybridized by Bob Dunn

Walker Ferguson Spuria Award - Best Registered

Spuria

Elfin Sunshine - by Charles Jenkins

Favorite Vote - any variety, guest or not (Top 10)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Votes</u>
1. Love for Leila	25
2. Skating Party	23
3. Marble Cake	16
4. Jolt & Navy Blues	13 (2 way tie)
5. Gnu Rayz	12
Midnight Rival	11
Scoonchee	9
8. Swing & Sway	8 (3 way tie)
Chosen One	8

Elfin Sunshine	8
9. Flights of Fancy	7 (4 way tie)
Noreens Delight	7
Dawning	7
Sun Splash	7
10. Chuck Walthermeier	6

Reported by Carole Spiess, Editor, Spuria Society

Betty Howard Garden

Reported by Gail Barnhill

As you approach this garden you are met by a neatly xeriscaped front yard which very appropriately addresses the Spanish influenced architecture of the house. A most interesting feature is a "topiary" juniper clipped, rather than in "puffballs", into "Puff-boxes". Quite eye-catching.



'Small' clump of Schoonchee

On your way to the back garden you pass a very cool and tropical looking entry-atrium, lushly planted with ivy, ficus, Monterey Pine, Iron cross Oxalis, and rapholiphis, then through the carport hallway with a mural on the

stucco wall to your left, and a vigorous Climbing Blaze rose on your right.

In the back garden a swimming pool angles off to your right. This is backed by light pink, highly fragrant, Climbing Cecil Bruenner roses with brilliant pink petunias at their feet, as well as iris -CHIEF HEMATITE, SPLASH OF BLUE, looking very good, PINK UNICORN, an older horned iris, and BEACH GIRL by Barry Blyth putting on a good show. Also beginning to bloom were ETERNAL PRINCE, WHITE STALLION and SILENT PATRIOT.

The left two thirds of the backyard is dedicated to a crisply green winter rye lawn shaded by a large elm and a citrus. Spaces between the Oleander against the wood fencing contained clay pots of daffodils. This part of the

garden is accented by colorful spot and edging flower gardens. One "spot" garden "contained (?I?)" the much admired SCHOONCHEE by Pete DeSantis (later awarded the Best Introduced Iris by a Region 15 Hybridizer at the Banquet), which was blooming its heart out as it had in all other gardens seen this weekend. This small bed also had another of Pete's iris in bloom, seedling 85-3, a promising bicolor with ecru standards and lavender falls. This bed was ringed with purple petunias that complimented these iris extremely well.

The left side contained many very healthy looking roses, more citrus trees as well as most of the Guest Iris. Guest iris in bloom were both Charles Jenkin's spuria ELFIN SUNSHINE, a dainty light yellow and white (later awarded Best Spuria), and Richard Richard's very promising TB seedling 6005., a deep purple with lighter hafts giving it a "glow" (later awarded Best Seedling by a Region 15 Hybridizer).

This was a lovely garden Just on the cusp of peak bloom ... wish I would have revisited it the following weekend as well.

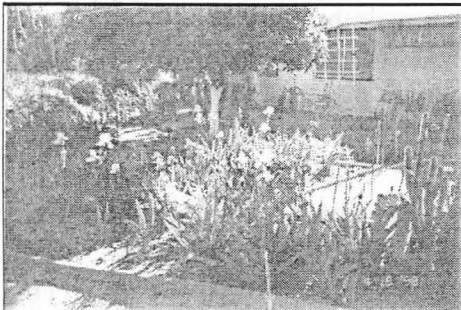
The Garden of Floyd Wickenkamp

Reported by Pete DeSantis

Floyd, the winner of many Spuria awards, again had his garden on the AIS 1998 Region 15 trek. As he has done in the past he gave out to all who wanted cactus, and other flower plants to take home.

Thanks to El Nino the Spurias were not in bloom but the cactus put on an awesome show.

In spite of El Nino I did see a Mary Dunns Louisiana



Iris & Cactus at Floyd's

named Mississippi Gambler and a Spuria of Floyd's, Love for Leila in bloom.

Floyd not only hybridized Betty My Love, Sun of Sun (winner of

the 1994 Eric Nies medal), Oro de Sonora, Kitt Peak, Sonoran Caballero, Sonoran Senorita, and a few others, but is a very interesting person to talk to. He is very

knowledgeable in cactus and can name all of them in his garden, which are plentiful, and can also tell you the history of them.

His hospitality can't be beat.

Ellen Joy Smith Garden

Reported by Jim Giles

Ellen's garden is full of butterflies, humming birds and assorted odd animals (the painted or cast types). She has decorated her garage and patio walls with colorful (large) butterfly replicas, which added to her beautifully landscaped garden. This garden proves that a trek can be successful with private gardens only.



Ellen & her awards

Who needs commercial size gardens when you have one as unique as this one. Her garden is irrigated with a drip system developed by a friend of hers that uses recycled auto

tires to construct the products. You save water and the environment use

Her beds were immaculate. The irises were planted among many companion plants that added greatly to the overall loveliness of her garden. She used lavender, petunias, poppies, snapdragons, mums and carpet of snow mixed in her TB's. She had one large bed of TB's with a very nice map posted about 4 feet off the ground right in front of the bed so it was easy to identify the plants. Pink Unicorn and Lady Friend were making a nice display. The guest beds were in the front yard but El Nino caused a late bloom for Phoenix and only a couple of Spuria's were in bloom. Calazonia a nice yellow with a tinge of lavender blue around the edges by Charles Jenkins immediately caught my eye as did the seedling 96001-9309 by Don Shepard.

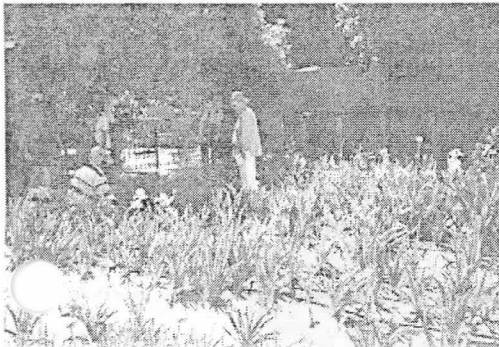
Ellen's green thumb was in evidence as you walked up the driveway to the back yard. Her garage door was covered with rosettes she had won at various shows and positioned on a small table were the plaques she has won as well as a photo album showing the winning

es for which she received the rosettes and plaques. This was a very nice touch indeed, beautiful job Ellen!

The Ardi Kary Garden

Reported by Bill Rinehart

"Their trunks are much thicker." Having duly noted the pronoun was neither yours nor ours I decided not to take offense and that with uncharacteristic forbearance I would eventually find out what my wife Bobee was talking about. A casual glance confirmed the absence of other homo sapiens, and the alternative conclusion was that the reference was to the citrus trees in the Kary's front yard.



The side garden

The trees in the "grapefruit garden" had indeed matured as had all aspects of the landscape since the Sun Country national which

prompted our last visit. In keeping with the timeless examples of classic outdoor architects, Ardi and Ray had set the property up as a series of outdoor rooms. Each room was complete in itself, but invited movement to the next.

Curbside a wainscot of miniature roses and a paper of arils in tasteful detail. Along the property line, a door-prize calla had become a row of callas interplanted with lobelia and snaps. Under a chandelier of grapefruit was laid a carpet of oxalis, violets, ivy and sword fern. A runner of begonias led to the front entry.

On the corner, the iris bed was highlighted by two Hamner cultivars, the red-violet PRINCESS GLORIA, and TWICE BLUE, a neglecta. Two newer varieties FLIGHTS OF FANCY a Keppel luminata and MARIPOSA SKIES a midblue from Rick Tasco were equally impressive.

Inside the gate a grape arbor which had provided seating for the national was now a stage with footlights of glowing dianthus providing the focus for the theatre seating of the A to Z commercial stock. Starring in this

production in order of appearance were: SMILING GOLD, Rick Ernst's gold and white. SILKEN SHADOWS a neglecta from Bill Maryott which somehow had not come to my attention until this year and which has been good in several venues, RUFFLED GODDESS an orchid favorite in my home garden, the progeny of Rick Tasco, Schreiners amoena RIDE THE WIND which can be an impressive clump, and PACIFIC DESTINY the very floriferous blue-violet from Larry Lauer.

At the next portal I was carded by a bevy of white doves and became eligible for a refreshing cocktail of lemonade. Not yet sure of the "thick trunks" reference, I avoided the other refreshment on the attractive terrace and rounded the corner to check out the evolution of what I had remembered as a very attractive shade garden highlighted by four connecting ponds.

The shade is even deeper now and the word association response would have to be restful. Beautifully appointed in psuedacorus, equisetum, papyrus, fern and garnished with water lilies and water hyacinths, the ponds are home to koi and goldfish. The enveloping walls are hung with an assortment of visually and acoustically correct vines not the least of which is a tassel of variegated ivy.

The years and the Karys have dealt kindly with this garden. It is that rare blend of showcase and lived in.

SHEPARD IRIS GARDEN

Reported by Sharlyn Rocha

An expansive garden in a quaint, neighborhood setting surrounded by grandfather pines and bottle trees was what I found at Shepard Iris Garden. Thousands of



Some of the beds at Shepards

irises make up a quilt garden planted in small squares joined sided by side giving a feeling of intimacy in

each section of the front acreage. In this neatly

organized, disease free environment you will find large clumps of the most colorful and floriferous tall bearded iris, arilbreds, and spurias. There are benches under the pines to provide relaxing spots to view the rainbow flowers.

There are surprises in store at each juncture of the garden. To greet us as we left the bus was the biggest planting of SKATING PARTY one could imagine. In my estimation, about five hundred of the dancing, white blooms filled the front bed. Many other varieties bloomed in profusion including NOREEN'S DELIGHT, Shephard's 1998 large ruffled introduction of white violet standards and dark violet falls. Adjacent to the garden in a distant vista is a menagerie of sheep, goats and donkeys and to the rear is an absolutely adorable country barn made in the finest of woods. A lovely lawn area filled with picnic tables and a shady patio provide another spot to fill one's soul with all the beauty about him. There in the center of the lawn is a large pond home to gold fish and water loving iris, pseudacorus and Louisiana and water lilies.

But one can't stop here for more than half of the garden is yet to see in the back through a gate and behind another row of huge trees. This large rowed garden is filled with 300 spurias, 100 Louisiana's, more bearded iris and thousands of Don's seedlings.

Before leaving, one can discover the most exquisite and amazing bed of Louisiana iris to the left of the main house. Blooming in abundance was MARBLE CAKE and NAVAJO ROSE, Shephard's introductions for 1998. I must tell you that I feel in love with Louisiana iris after filling my vision with these two heavenly cultivars. It was time to go too soon and I couldn't take my eyes from these large plants of substance and grace that grew under a huge deciduous tree. What a treat before leaving the garden that will fill my memories for the year to come. Thank you Don and Bobbie for sharing all this splendor in such a warm and friendly country setting!

The Marge Larson Garden

Reported by Jim Giles

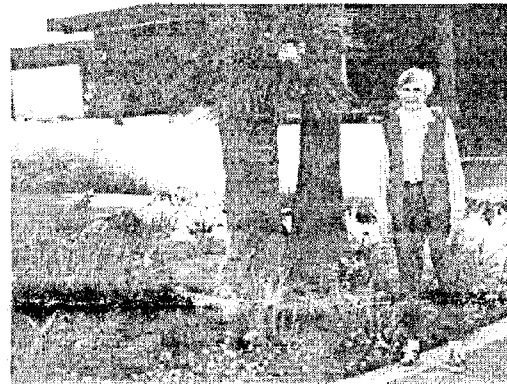
As you walk up the drive to this home you are taken by surprise. From the front it looks like any regular

family home but when you get to the back it goes ever.

The front had a circular bed around two large palm trees. In this bed were the guest iris but El Nino was not letting anything bloom much, expect for the yellow and orange daisies and some petunias.

As I walked up the drive the large pine trees between her and her neighbor impressed me. Palms and Pines are a great combination. The beds against the house were shaded from the afternoon heat of Phoenix by those large pines. The bed contained many iris but we were to early for the bloom.

The back yard was expansive, with a well-manicured lawn that was bordered by a sidewalk all the way around. There were beds between the lawn and horse corral that contained more iris, a nice grape and berry patch



Marge Larson & one of her beds

As I was admiring the flora I suddenly

realized that it was ver noisy. Marge had turkeys for neighbors! No I don't mean that her neighbors were obnoxious, she had real turkeys (the feathered kind) as neighbors and they were really talking while we were there. Another neighbor had rosters and they were crowing, even though it was well past sunrise. The wild birds were creating their own symphony and they were a full size orchestra. In all it was quite a sound but it was the pleasing sound that only nature can provide.

When I first saw the house I thought that it was a fairly new abode. When Marge told me that it was 20 plus years old I was quite surprised. She gave me a brief tour of her home and it was lovely. It is not only their family home it is now a Bed & Breakfast. She says that they have many return customers and it is easy to see why, it is indeed a lovely place. If you ever n to get away from it all, give Marge a call and check in to this lovely B&B.



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JUDGES TRAINING NOTES

We had some great Judges Training sessions, keynote speakers and seminars at the Spring Trek in Phoenix - hope you took advantage of them.

Some good news ... we now have 9 Students in the program and several of them may be able to move to Apprentice status next year. Total number now involved in the JT program is 58.

I hope all active Judges have returned their ballot by the deadline as required - we'd hate to lose anyone for this reason!

Also, in June I'll be sending out your Region 15 Activity Reports. These must be returned to my **no later than 7/31/9** again, would hate to have any dropped for not returning the report by the deadline.

At the request of the Fall Trek Hosts I did a little research to find out what Judges Training we may be lacking in, or have had an overabundance of. As far as I can determine from old records for the past 7 years we have had:

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Number of Training Sessions</u>
TB	5
SPU	4
Exhibition	4
MED-Ethics-Awards & Ballots	3
AR/AB-SA/RE-SIB-LA	2
Garden-Bench	2
Point Score-Dwarf to TB	1

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.

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REGION 15 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

April 17, 1998
Phoenix, Arizona

Attendees:
Herb Holk, RVP
Gail Barnhill, ARVP/Judges Tr/TAIS
Georgia Gudykunst, Secretary/Sun Country
Jimmy Jones, Awards/Bylaws
Jim Giles, Editor
Pete DeSantis, Ways & Means
Bill Rinehart, former RVP
Steve Rocha, SDIS
Carol Morgan, Inland
Gerald Snyder, SFVIS
Barbara Evans, TAIS
Mike Monninger, Youth
Jeanne Plank, Nominating
Various Region 15 members

RVP Holk called the meeting to order at 3:15 PM.

Minutes: The minutes of the January 17, 1998 Executive Committee Meeting were read and approved.

It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: In Treasurer Michelle Snyder's absence, Gerry Snyder provided a 2 page report as of 3/24/98: General Fund Checking account balance of 9,441.90, balance in CD of 5,997.64, resulting in a Total General Fund of \$15,433.54. The RVP fund has \$5,315.42. The Officers' Fund shows a separate balance for each officer, but no fund balance (which is \$978). (EXHIBIT A)

G. Barnhill requested that the Officers' Fund be noted as a separate accounting within the general fund, with a beginning and ending balance shown for the entire Officers' Fund. It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED to do so, with the report to be filed for audit.

Judges Training: Chairman Barnhill reported that we lost 2 retired judges, but have gained 5 new student judges: Steve Rocha, Sharlyn Rocha, Cathy Chilton, Jane Parks and Barbara Evans.

Judges training topics by Region 15 this past year included: Color/form, tall bearded, and Space Agers. We also need to offer more training in Arii/Aribled, Siberian and Louisiana.

Youth: Chairman Monninger is working on letters to invite youth to participate. He welcomes ideas on youth recruitment to AIS and Region 15.

Rhizomes: Chairman Rinehart reviewed that in 1999, Region 15 will join with Region 14 to offer a Spring Trek in Region 14. Since Reg. 15 will not have guest iris, he will buy new rhizomes (1999) for Reg. 15, as well as rely on the generosity of Reg. 15 members to donate "new rhizomes" (1995 and newer). He will contact club presidents later this year.

Membership: In the Membership Chairman's absence, RVP Holk reported that we had 442 members as of April 15, 1993. This was a net loss of 47 members from our fall report. Affiliates were thanked and encouraged to continue with their recruiting efforts, and to encourage youth to participate.

Newsletter: Chairman Giles requested that Spring Show reports be sent to him. Personalized reports are fine. Giles asked for volunteers to write up the "clippings" at Spring Trek in Phoenix for the newsletter.

Volunteers and "their gardens" are: Steve & Sharlyn Rocha (Shepard's); Gail Barnhill (Howard's); Bill

Rinehart (Kary's); Jim Giles (Larson's); and Pete DeSantis (Wickenkamp's).

Way & Means: Chairman DeSantis encouraged affiliates to have special sales of Rhizomes for the Officers' Fund. RVP Holk again this year offered to provide rhizomes from his garden to any club who wants to raise money for the Officers' Fund. Thanks go to San Fernando and Tucson, which held special rhizome sales last year.

Region Meetings: RVP Holk asked affiliates to be prepared to discuss in January 1999 how Region 15 can schedule who will host each spring trek and fall meeting. Two clubs in the past have pulled out of the scheduled wheel for meetings, but Region has been able to find another affiliate to jump in and host it. For Fall 1998, Inland will step in for Southern California. Several members suggested that Region think about the idea of joint region meetings, such the one planned for 1999 by Region 15 and Region 14. Another possibility is to contact Region 23, New Mexico, and see if they may be interested.

Affiliates Meeting: RVP Holk noted that there will be for the first time, a meeting of the local affiliates, at the AIS Convention, thanks to Gerry Snyder. Both Holk and Snyder encourage all to attend, and contribute their ideas to AIS.

Bylaws: A draft of the bylaws, after legal review, was provided to the Board members. Two major changes were proposed: 1) Keep open terms for committee chairs, rather than limiting them to 3 years like the officers; 2) Give all committee chairs a vote. It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED.

RVP Holk will take the bylaws to Bob Plank again for final legal review before the Fall Meeting.

Tax Free Status: RVP Holk received a letter from AIS Director, RVP Counselor Roy Epperson, inviting Region 15 to be included in a group exception letter as a subordinate organization sponsored by AIS. Thus, we would as a first step be included in tax free status as part of AIS, then finalize our bylaws, and finally, go after our own incorporation as a 501(c) (3) organization. Rinehart proposed that we add the proviso that we extend incorporation status to local affiliates. IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND CARRIED to so proceed.

Bob Plank offered to write up steps on donating to AIS (e.g., in memoriam of a person) for the Region newsletter.

Affiliate Reports:

Hi Desert – no report.

Inland – President Morgan reported that their Spring Show was a big success. Also, they are now “IRIS” – Inland Region Iris Society, and redid their bylaws.

San Diego – President Rocha reported a good turnout on Bill Rinehart’s presentation – iris primer, also at their spring show. And Pete’s Scoonchee is 52 inches tall, but no bloom yet.

San Fernando - President Snyder reported judges training on iris color/patterns and rebloomers, also Descanso Gardens.

Southern California – Chairman Jones reported on a nice spring show at the Arboretum, a Valentine Day’s party and Schreiner’s talk.

Sun Country – President Larson reported 30 entries in the Early Exhibit, with 2nd place going to Scoonchee, and welcomed everyone to the Spring Trek.

Tucson – President Evans reported on well-received judges training on broken color by Brad Kasperek, flower arranging by Kathy Kasperek, and Spuria by Charlie Jenkins.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgia Gudykunst, Secretary



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 18, 1998

Phoenix, Arizona

RVP Holk called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM. He complimented Sun Country on outstanding speakers and program of Dave Niswonger, Barry Blythe, Melody Wilhoit, Bill Maryott, and Don Shepard, with special thanks to the trek garden owners.

Minutes: The minutes of the January 17, 1998 Executive Committee Meeting were read and approved.

It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED to approve the minutes.

Treasurer’s Report: Since Treasurer Snyder is absent, the treasurer’s report will be published in the next newsletter.

Judges Training: Chairman Barnhill reported we gained 5 new student judges: Steve Rocha, Sharlyn Rocha, Cathy Chilton, Jane Parks and Barbara Evans.

Rhizomes: Since Region 15 will join with Region 14 to hold a Spring Trek in Region 14 in 1999, there will be no guest iris next year. Chairman Rinehart has been authorized to buy rhizomes in 1999 for Reg. 15 as well as rely on the generosity of Reg. 15 members to donate “new rhizomes” (1995 and newer). See future Reg. 15 newsletters for more information.

Tax Free Status: RVP Holk received a letter from AIS Director, RVP Counselor Roy Epperson, inviting Region 15 to be included in a group exception, with tax free status as part of AIS. The Board recommended this action. It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY by the membership. The Board also recommended that we establish Region 15 as a separate entity and extend the tax-free status to local affilia. It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY by the membership. Region 14 is going through this process as well.

Bylaws: The Board approved two changes to the bylaws draft: 1) Keep open terms for committee chairs, rather than limiting them to 3 years like the officers; 2) Give all committee chairs a vote. RVP Holk has asked Bob Plank to provide another legal review before the Fall 1998 Meeting and membership vote.

Region Meetings: RVP Holk noted we need to revise Region 15’s wheel of which club will host each spring trek and fall meeting for the next 4 –5 years. Two clubs in the past have pulled out of the scheduled wheel, and thus far Region has been able to find another affiliate to jump in and host it. Fall meetings do not seem to be a problem to host, however, it may be difficulty to stick to the wheel for Spring treks. RVP Holk pointed out that gardens do NOT have to be commercial gardens. Camaraderie is the most important thing for people, and gardens add to it! Holk also asked clubs to consider strongly, continuing stick to the trek wheel, and consider joint treks.

Southern California bowed out of hosting this Fall's meeting; Inland will host Fall 1998.

Several members suggested that Region think about some joint region meetings, such as the one planned for 1999 by Region 15 and Region 14. Another option is to contact Region 23, New Mexico, and see if they would be interested.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgia Gudykunst, Secretary

Membership Report

Sara Holk – Membership Chair

Marilyn Harlow, AIS Membership Chair, sent the following information.

“American Iris Society Board meeting, June 2, 1998, Denver, CO

After the membership report was given which cited membership net loss, concerns about current calendar year policy were expressed. The solution, in the form of a motion, was passed unanimously. The motion is as follows: "New members, not including reinstated members, joining AIS from April 1 through September 30, will have an additional six months membership for the current payment. In addition, members joining in this period will have July 1 join dates and year end expire dates."

Example: A new member who joins with a Single Annual payment on June 15, 1998 will have a join date of July 1, 1998. The expire date for this membership will be December 31, 1999. This member will not receive January and April, 1998 Bulletins. The membership begins with July, 1998 and that is the first issue which will be received. Those who join with a triennial payment will also have a July 1, 1998 join date, but the expire date will be December 31, 2001. (An annual payment pays for 18 months and a triennial payment pays for 42 months. All AIS memberships will

continue to expire at the end of any given calendar year.)

The AIS Board would like for you to notify all of the affiliates in your region as well as to make sure the above information is published in your next regional publication.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
Marilyn

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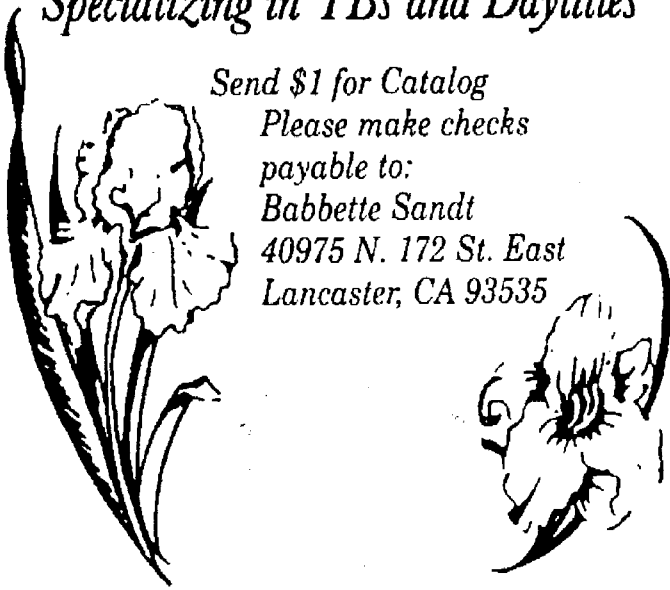
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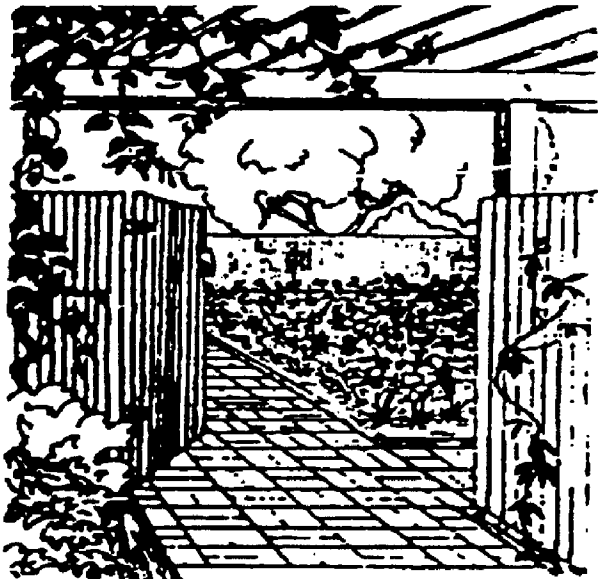
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