

Region 15

Fall 1999, Newsletter

AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY



RVP Message

As we close the 1999 iris year we also start the year 2000. As required by the Region's constitution and by-laws it is also time to elect some new officers. At the 1999 fall meeting we will elect a new RVP, Assistant RVP and Secretary. If you possibly can please be present so that you may vote

in the election and if you so desire you may nominate your candidate if you have previously gotten their permission.

We are indeed sorry that many of you have not yet received your Summer Regional Bulletin. The bulletin was mailed on July 12 and part of the mailing was delivered the next day but two trays going to Los Angeles were lost--guess the donkey died or perhaps they were stored in the dumpsters--in either case they are lost somewhere in the postal system--three regional postoffices are looking for them, San Bernardino, Los Angeles and San Diego. Every effort possible to find them has been made and we certainly hope that they will turn up sometime. All I can say is "sorry bout that".

I hope that all of you have voted your symposium ballot and for the change in the by-laws and that the change passes because these changes will go a long way toward leveling the playing field.

It is my understanding that the central coast group is proceeding nicely in forming a new affiliate. To the AIS members in that area, I extend a hearty welcome and a special invitation to attend the fall regional meeting.

To close out my swan song--I would like to say that it has been a pleasure working with the entire

board for the past three years. It would be very difficult to find a more supportive group. To the membership as a whole, I would also like to say "thanks" in a big way for your support. Remember that your organization can only be as good as the support that it is given and your continued support means that Region 15 can move ahead into the next year with few problems--best of luck to all!

Herb caldixie@aol.com

Attention ~ Attention ~ Attention

The symposium that you received in the Summer AIS bulletin is not valid; many irises have been omitted from that listing.

A new Symposium Ballet will be published in the October AIS Bulletin and instructions will be posted for filling out the ballot and getting it to the right place for counting.

If you have not sent in your Symposium ballet, please wait until the new ballot comes out in October. If you have already submitted your ballot, please vote the new ballot and follow the directions that accompany that ballot. AIS is sorry for any inconvenience this has caused.

HI DESERT IRIS AND DAYLILY SOCIETY

Barbara Turner, President

With the Iris Show a complete and happy success at the Antelope Valley Mall and the nominating committee doing their job, we ended our year in June with a Potluck at the home of Fern Owen. Cal Bostwick installed our "new officers" as follows: Barbara G. Turner, President; Cheryl Deaton, Vice President; Helen Radebaugh, Secretary; Winnie Serpico, Treasurer.

Helen Radebaugh and Cal Bostwick have been receiving "guests" for the Spring Trek 2000. Helen has been doing a fabulous job getting them placed and keeping a record of them.

We have started potting for our fall sale and later spring sale in April. It is still a little too hot to dig for some of us. Hopefully we will have 500 or more for sale by spring.

Plans for the Spring Trek 2000 are well under way. So far the registration will be \$75.00. The whole affair is planned to take place at the Desert Inn in Lancaster on April 28th and 29th. More details later. We will send registration blanks with Cheryl Deaton to the Fall Trek—she will be representing Hi Desert.

Have a cool summer—see you later.

Barbara

INLAND REGION IRIS SOCIETY

Jim Giles, President

Summer is finally here in the Inland Empire. It has been a very mild summer up until now but the HEAT is now on, so is the A/C. It has been nice just watering when the ground got dry but now the ground gets dry by 3 pm. Oh well, its only water and money. But the irises are still looking good and sending out lots of increase.

Our June meeting ushered in the new year for IRIS and we have our new officers working hard for the coming year.

Our program chair, John Reinschmidt, is putting together a great year of meetings, including a day long Judges Training Session that will be in Jan 2000. This session will be held at the Holiday Inn in Ontario, same place we held last years Fall Trek. Mike and Anne Lowe will be the presenters. Lunch will be included and the cost for lunch and more information will follow.

August 28 was our "Members Only" auction at Cal Dixie Iris Garden and a lot of fine iris will be gracing the show bench next year. Ollie Rust and Sara Holk put on a fine feed for the hungry members

September will find us at the Landscapes Southern California Style trying to populate the rest of the Inland Empire with irises at our annual fall sale.

This time of the year is steady but not as busy as the excitement and flurry blur called "April".

Hope to see you all at the Fall Meeting being hosted by Southern California Iris Society.

May your iris increase threefold and your snails decrease tenfold.

◆ Jim ◆

Orange County Iris and Daylily Society

Marilyn Pecoraro

May is such a pleasant month. After the rush of April, with shows, competitions and treks it is time to enjoy. This May was particularly compliant as the late bloom allowed four trips to Cal-Dixie to study hundreds of lovely irises.

June was back to business, our meeting speaker was Richard Richards helping us to get rebloom with precise rules for soil preparation. I've got gypsum, peat moss and alfalfa pellets everywhere.

July was our second annual "Favorite Plants" meeting. Members brought those plants that make their gardens special. We shared flowers from angel's trumpets to wisteria. The wisteria came from Herman and Jean Ulrich's 450-foot vine that is a showstopper in the spring.

August will be our potluck and annual sale for members. This is the time everyone gets to purchase those 1990's introductions that have been growing in our procurement gardens. There will be an abundance of irises and daylilies.

Our November meeting will feature noted daylily hybridizer, Matthew Kaskel. Matthew is from that area of Florida known as "Daylily Mecca". Orange County will host a lucheon on Saturday November 6, 1999 at 11:00 am. It will include slides and a daylily sale, and will be held at the Garden Grove Masonic Lodge at 11270 Acacia Parkway. That is east of Euclid Street and is across from the fire station. Any non-members who would like to join us and hear a great speaker please call Marilyn at (562) 697-8141. We need an idea of the number of friend's joining us for lunch. The cost for the lunch is \$5.00. Hope to see you there!

SAN DIEGO/IMPERIAL COUNTIES IRIS SOCIETY

Steve Rocha, President

"Heaven is underfoot as well as overhead."

Thoreau

Things seem cool and green here in my Ramona garden in spite of the hot summer attacks of heat and

humidity. In weather like this one really appreciates the iris, a plant that can sit all day in ninety-degree temperatures and still stay crisp and green. They do give us a bit of Heaven here on Earth!

We have good reports in Southern California about iris society activities. Our auction in July was a huge success raising hundreds to support the officers' fund and to help promote growing irises in our area. Everyone had a great time and the foods were incredible. We are excited about hosting the trek in 2001, and our gardeners are already planting guest rhizomes that seem to arrive weekly. We will treat you all to some unique gardens containing interesting plants and animals along with outstanding new introductions and seedlings. It is fun to want to share the best of what we enjoy living and gardening here in sunny San Diego.

Membership is growing in our society and with new membership comes new inspiration. We welcomed **Marylou Gibson** into the officers' rank of our group thankfully voting her in as our new secretary. Many thanks to **Walt Brendel** and **Ruth Bryce** who have joined me for another term in office. We will all do our best to keep the team moving. It's whole new ball game for my wife and me being involved in the planning of a trek.

Sharing the good growing,
Steve

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SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IRIS SOCIETY

Eileen Finumara, President

I literally began my term of office July 1st facing my first problem of, finding a new location for both our fall sale and our spring show. I am happy to report that these two problems have been solved. We will be returning to the Northridge Fashion Center, where we had a great deal of success prior to the earthquake.

On behalf of all of our members, I am extending an invitation to all within driving distance to attend. The address: 9301 Tampa Avenue at Nordhoff on September 25-26 upper level across from Macy's. I can guarantee great prices, hundreds of varieties, and wonderful, under paid salespersons.

Vice President Iris Larson has been working on a year of programs to appeal to the majority on every

level. In July it was back to the basics with Bill Rinehart. August was a hit with Jill Bonino presenting all the Spring Bloom from the S.F.V.I.S. Trek, Joint Regional, National, Descanso, and Cal-Dixie. The Presidents of each club will be receiving our monthly newsletter with more information on our speakers and Judges Training dates. We would also appreciate receiving any additional information from region clubs that I will announce to our membership.

September 2, 1999 S.F.V.I.S. Auction

September 25-26, 1999 Rhizome sale at Northridge

October 7, 1999, "New Game" night, bags of
Rhizome prizes

October 10, 1999 Region 15 Auction at the
Rinehart's

November 4, 1999 Guest Speaker

December 2, 1999 Holiday Potluck and Live
Entertainment

January 6, 2000 Guest Speaker

February 3, 2000 Lily Singer, Noted
Horticulturalist

April 6, 2000 Preparation for Spring Show

April 8-9, 2000 26th Annual Spring Show at
Northridge

May 4, 2000 Guest Speaker

June 1, 2000 Potluck and Show Awards
Presentation

As always, April will be a busy month even with 5 weekends. We are planning our local trek on April 22nd. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at any of the above events, the Region meetings, the Spring Region Trek, the National Iris Convention. Keep blooming you're planted. Happy Holidays and may your Y2K problems be non-existent. My hope for the new millennium is a true red iris and more land. Warm wishes to all of you.

Sonoran Desert Iris Society

Charlene Errigo, President

Sonoran Desert Iris Society is coming along well. We have gained 6 members in the past two months.

Our July meeting was a fun-filled hotdog picnic. It stormed like mad, but we still had many show up to enjoy everyone's friendship. Our August meeting was a demonstration of how to physically dig tall bearded iris and how to separate them and clean them up. September meeting will provide a marking party for

getting rhizomes ready for a sale on the 11th. October will be an auction of Region 15 iris for benefit of Region 15 income. November will have a program on what to do to take care of the rhizomes that have just been planted. In December we will have a fun time Christmas party. We still don't have much to work with, but we have a lot of willing workers and a lot of interest in promoting the knowledge and growth of iris.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IRIS SOCIETY

Derry Gerald, President

I want to take this opportunity to invite all of you to join us for the Fall Region Meeting. Shirlee Lewis has been busy getting it organized. We feel very honored to have Bonnie Nichols giving the judges training and Hooker Nichols to be our luncheon speaker. Please get your reservations in early.

We had our elections in June. Our new board is as follows:

President-Derry Gerald
 Vice President-Mike Monninger
 Treasurer-Ruth Woodworth
 Recording Secretary-Shirlee Lewis
 Advisor-Jimmy Jones

Appointed positions are:

Corresponding Secretary-Faith Nixon
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As you can see we are still looking for a few "good men" (or women).

August 28th is our Members Only Bearded Auction. We will be starting at 10:00 am followed by lunch at Peppers.

September 25th is the Region Auction. Come and be entertained by the wonderful auctioneer, Pete DeSantis and add newer rhizomes to your garden. You will also be supporting the Region. You all are invited, if you didn't get the ones you wanted at your

auction, please try to, at ours. It will be in the morning.

October 2nd - Region Fall Meeting

October 30th - Members Only Beardless Auction. We have Louisiana's from Heather Pryor, straight from Australia. We will also have a few SIB's as well as PCN's and SPU. We decided to make our club auctions "members only" as they are one of the benefits of being a member. Irises are usually sold below value. All of you are invited to come join. Membership is only \$6.00 and goes from July 1st to July 1st. We would love to have you.

Now I guess I had better get back to my garden. I need to find places for the new additions.

~ Derry ~

Sun Country Iris Society

Avery Poling, President

This is really a busy time for Sun Country Iris Society. We are planning 3 Rhizome Sales this year. Our annual at Chris-Town September 11th this will be our 30th year. Also there will be one at Valley Garden Center where we hold our monthly meetings September 19th. Then October 2 at Gardeners World a local nursery that is very supportive of Clubs.

Our Iris notebooks are still growing and improving. Deborah Nolan did such a fine job designing the pages. We have all the needed information about our rhizomes at our fingertips plus a picture to remind us of how beautiful they are when they are not in bloom.

We will be adding a Historic section to our Spring Show this year. So we are gearing up with information and research about what is needed to add this section. It will be interesting.

Our September meeting will be the marking party for the rhizomes needed for the sales this fall.

October meeting will be an iris auction

November meeting we will have Iris Trivia with teams and prizes for the winners.

Something new we are trying this year is a trivia question each month with a prize. Hoping this will get everyone's thinking cap on and encourage them to study up on the different aspects of irises.

We are having judges training and invite any interested to contacting me for times and dates Avery Poling 623-815-3503

Avery

TUCSON AREA IRIS SOCIETY

Barbara Evans, President

YOU-WHO!! Is anybody out there? It seems kind of strange to be writing the Fall Newsletter when we haven't received the Summer Newsletter yet. But I will persevere.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, if you've had a chance to read it, we hadn't dried up & blown away because of no rain. And July has more than made up for the first 6 months of the year. Depending on where you live, 3 to 6 inches of rain, so now we're very soggy! Which is not boding well with the iris. I'm hearing a lot of reports of bacterial soft rot, not to mention the fact that our usual watering schedules are all "off schedule" & the iris, which usually go summer dormant, are growing. I'm not sure who is more confused, the iris or the growers. Hopefully, the iris will also "persevere"!

In July our regular meeting was an educational program on "Growing Iris in the Desert". August will be spent digging and getting ready for our rhizome sale, which will be held on Sept. 18th & 19th at the Foothills Mall. In October, right after some of us get back from the Fall Trek on Oct. 2nd, we'll have our annual potluck & auction on Oct. 3rd, (really looking forward to the region rhizomes this year). At our regular meeting on Oct. 9th, we will hold elections and Jane Parks will present a slide program on the Oklahoma Convention.

And then maybe, just maybe, a few weeks, perhaps a month, of no pressing iris "duties" & I can plant some of this lovely iris!! I have at least 4 major beds to rejuvenate and about a hundred plants in pots just waiting to be planted, some have been in those pots for 2 years, (& that doesn't even count the new ones I'll get this year)! And I swear, every time I walk by I can hear them calling out to me, "please plant me, get me out of this pot, I need space, I want to be free want to live, I want to spread my roots & grow, get me out of this pot!" I feel so guilty! But I scream right back, "Please elect a new president for this society, three years is too much, I want a life, I want to sit back & smell the iris, I want to be free!" And then, we exchange glances with a mutual understanding that this too shall pass. (On Oct. 9th when TAIS elects a new president!)

This will be my last contribution to this periodical; where the affiliates of Region 15 exchange ideas, keep in touch and sometimes unload. It's been fun to be a part of it all! See you all in Commerce CA. Where in the world is Commerce CA?

--Barbara

Judges Training

Gail Barnhill

All Accredited Judges required to do so turned in their Activity Reports on time...with only a *little* prodding! Most Student Judges also reported in a timely manner, however, a few had to be dropped from the program as they did not turn in an Activity Report. Unfortunately, failure to perform this major requirement can cause loss of all hours and status achieved.

The good news is we are recommending that **FOUR** Students be advanced to Apprentice Status. Their names will be announced after AIS Board approval. With this many Apprentices it is a good time to consider having an Award & Ballots Judges Training Session at a meeting or Trek within the next year. The Apprentices must have this training during their apprenticeship - and it wouldn't hurt the rest of us either!

This year I asked all Judges and Students to provide me with their E-Mail address (if they had one). These will be published along with the list of Judges in January.

Remember - keep good, detailed records of your JT hours!

Also, be sure to contact me for approval of planned JT classes so that I can get approval from AIS JT Chair, Ron Mullin in plenty of time before the class.

Gail M. Barnhill
Region 15 Judges Training Chair

Membership

Sara Holk

This is our last Newsletter for this year and many memberships expire at the end of the year. Please check the expiration date on the label of this

Newsletter or your AIS BULLETIN for your expiration date. Some of you may have renewed since the last report and if so ignore this reminder but if you have not you might want to get your renewal in to Marilyn before your Christmas gets to you first

My sincere thanks to all the membership chairpersons for their outstanding cooperation in getting their rosters in and as a reminder be sure your rosters are up to date before the first of the year for affiliate renewal, Also, we have new members out there who could enjoy a homebase--please welcome them if they are within your society reach.

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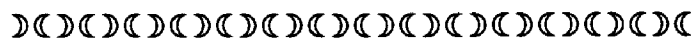


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