

Region 15

Spring 1999, Newsletter

AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY



RVP Message

As we begin the New Year, it is difficult to move ahead until we take time to express our deep appreciation to the affiliates for their outstanding contribution to the Region in many different ways during the past year. There

appears to have been no shortage of participation and cooperation among them and each is to be commended for the extra effort put forth for the Region. We also end this year on a sad note with the loss of an active AIS member, Jay Conklin, who passed away on December 23. We extend to his family our heartfelt sympathy.

As 1999 begins so does another year of working with and enjoying irises. Just remember that the joy received from the flowers and your neighbor's comments is directly proportional to the effort expended in growing and showing the blooms.

The Region Fall meeting, hosted by Inland Region Iris Society, was a good example of what can happen when the affiliates come together and enjoy an outstanding and very successful meeting. Dick Richards gave a most interesting talk on rebloomers and Joella Olsen provided us with much needed judges' training on medians. Members enjoyed shopping in the boutique which provided some unusual, very useful and interesting items. The plant table was decked with newer rhizomes, 1990 and later, as well as other plants, which were whisked away quickly.

I would like to express my thanks to Inland for their thoughtfulness and consideration in having the

Fall meeting in Ontario. The hotel was very close to the new Ontario International Airport, which made it easy for those people coming in from Arizona, as well as shortening the driving time for the other affiliates. If that wasn't enough, we had an unbelievably low registration fee, which I believe, helped to make this the highest attendance ever for a Fall meeting. Another highlight of the meeting was a mini auction of two Spuria introductions brought by Don and Bobby Shepard, which were apparently in great demand, because their proceeds went well beyond the introductory price or could it have been the expertise of our auctioneer? For whatever reason it was a great meeting. For those of you who could not make it, we missed you and hope to see you at the Spring meeting which will be a joint meeting with Region 14 in Visalia on April 16-18. There is more information on this meeting in this NEWSLETTER.

The annual January Region 15 Board meeting was held here on January 16. The meeting was well attended including representatives from the newly formed Sonoran Desert Iris Society in Phoenix. The discussions included the budget for 1999, the elections to be held at the Fall meeting and the proposed fund-raising activities. Reports from the various committees were received and acted upon where appropriate. We had a great day!

I am also very pleased to report that on 20 Feb, I received the Affiliation Application from Orange County Iris and Daylily Society. Join me in welcoming OCIDS back to the fold.

We hope that 1999 will be as productive and enjoyable; that each member will be a participating member to help make 1999 a memorable year for all. HAPPY NEW YEAR and HAPPY IRISING until next time,

Herb

HOT! HOT! HOT! HOT!**SPECIAL**

The beautiful iris banners are now going on sale!

For the reduced price of

\$10.00 EACH

Sorry no refund on
Banners sold previously.

Contact the President of your local Society
or
PETE DE SANTIS
(address/phone number on last page of this
newsletter)

HI DESERT IRIS AND DAYLILY SOCIETY

Barbara Turner, President

The Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society has had a busy fall with great attendance at our meetings and several new, energetic members!

We started off our new year with a very informative program by Pete deSantis on Preparing Iris Beds. Thanks to Pete for lots of good, solid information to help all of us to get a good start on our iris planting. It is always a pleasure to have Pete visit us and hope he will come again soon.

A small group toured to the Mourning Cloak Ranch in Tehachapi in September. Marion & Edward Sampson founded this lovely Botanical Garden over 20 years ago at the site of historical Williamsburg, the areas first settlement. In the 20 years, they have transformed their estate into an oasis of trees, shrubs & flowering perennials. There are over 2600 species of plants thriving at Mourning Cloak Ranch (named after the butterfly) plus Koi ponds, a nursery, gift shop, etc. Reservations are necessary-22 101 Old Town Road, Tehachapi, CA. 93561. (805) 822-1661. Cal Bostwick gave a program on Hybridizing in October and in November we were delighted with pictures and narration by Bob and Jeanne Plank, Our Holiday Potluck was in December and we had a full house with lots of goodies and went home with full

tummies. Plans are in the mill for our Iris Show, which we have moved up to May 1 and 2 due to ^{all} the conflicting projects in April. All we need is good weather for a good showing of flowers.

Happy Irising,
Barbara

ALERT! ALERT! ALERT!

Cal Bostwick of Hi Desert Iris Society is accepting iris for the "Guest Iris Beds" for the Spring Trek 2000 being sponsored by Hi Desert Iris Society in April 2000.

Donations will be accepted beginning in June
1999.

Please ship to:

Cal Bostwick
5132 Pearblossom Hwy.
Palmdale, CA 93552

For more information contact Cal at
(805) 285-9575

INLAND REGION IRIS SOCIETY

Carol Morgan, President

Greetings from IRIS, hello to all our Region 15 members. Hope your flower beds are getting lots of care with the warm almost rainless winter we have had. Time to weed, rake leaves, fertilize and water, good luck to all.

Our club has had a full calendar since August. In September we had a very successful Fall Rhizome sale at Landscape Southern California Style in Riverside.

October we hosted the Region 15 fall meeting in Ontario with Joella Olson and Richard Richards as our speakers. The PA system in the hotel was bad and for all of you - guess what? IRIS has its own PA system NOW, bought at the end of the year. At the meeting, we had many items for sale everything was great. We had a good turn out.

In November we had a Master Gardener speak on soils and composting.

In December our Christmas Party was arranged by Ollie Rust and hosted by John Reinschmidt who was ably assisted by LaDonna Cypret. Many gag gifts and

many laughs and a large collection of food items that were donated to the Salvation Army.

January Tom Bennington, an expert in vermiculture, presented a program on the use of earthworms in the garden.

February was a night of Jeopardy (the game) Jim Giles loves to stump us on our iris knowledge. Dick Richards was the grand winner.

In March Herb Holk will do a presentation on hybridizing iris.

This brings us to April which a lot of us wish was 6 weeks long – very, very, busy month. First off Pete De Santis will share his tricks at winning the “blues” with his “traveling” talk on “Preparing Iris for Shows”.

Most of us will be going to Visalia on the 17th & 18th for the joint Region 14 – 15 Spring Trek. We will enjoy seeing a new region of iris. Our Spring Iris show and sale will be the 24th & 25th at the Riverside Plaza.

Enjoy your spring bloom, hope it's the “Best” bloom ever!

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IRIS SOCIETY

Gerry Snyder, President

Despite a few days of very cold weather that damaged members' non-iris plants, it has been a great fall and winter for SFVIS. While our rhizome sale did not earn as much as in recent years, our monthly Plant Table has kept us in good financial shape. The amounts we raised for the region were also down a bit, but still respectable.

In November we had Rick Tasco of Superstition Iris Gardens, showing slides and talking about his hybridizing program and horticultural practices. He relies on solarizing every other year for both pest control and soil rejuvenation. December brought a potluck dinner, wonderful music, and our special David T. Ross achievement award presentation to Randy Squires. In January Farron Campbell, president of the Society for Louisiana Irises gave a fascinating talk and slide show (no prizes for guessing what kind of irises were the topic), ranging from collecting new colors and patterns in the wild to the latest hybrids.

February will bring AIS president Clarence Mahan with a slide show and JT on iris species. In March Keith Keppel will give a slide show and JT on plicata irises. April will bring two meetings—early in the month a presentation on how to prepare horticultural

and artistic entries for our show, and late in the month (our normal May meeting date falls during the spring National) we have Marky Smith with JT and slide show on median irises. The symptoms of iris withdrawal will be partly assuaged by our June potluck meeting, at which we will also have the election of officers.

Our local trek will be on April 10, and our show on April 24-25.

SAN DIEGO / IMPERIAL COUNTIES IRIS SOCIETY

Steve Rocha, President

*“Earth is here so kind,
that just tickle her with a hoe
and she laughs with a harvest.”*

By Douglas Jerrold

Everything is growing here, and wonder about the mystery of life fills our thoughts. It is amazing to think that all these new little shoots will be big, colorful blooms ready to show by May at our annual spring show on the 1st and 2nd at Balboa Park.

Last year, one of my goals was to increase public interest in our local society and its activities. The new web site I have just built for our society will be beneficial in furthering that goal during the new year. It includes many pictures of our members participating in the show, the rhizome sale and the potluck & auction. I put these in carousels that spin on a soft blue background. Please, see our site.

HYPERLINK <http://www.geocities.com/RainForest/7679/societyindex.html>

Attendance has been up at our monthly meetings and we have enjoyed some excellent programs. Bill Reinhart and Pete de Santis were with us in March and November presenting excellent presentations for growing and showing irises. Bob and Jeanne Plank shared an outstanding slide show in January and Rick Tasco was guest speaker at our 37th anniversary luncheon in February.

I am hosting an open garden on April 24th from 10:00 to 3:00. I would like to invite all of you from our region to visit this bloomfest. I have planted additional beds of spurias, Louisianas, arilbreds, and Japanese irises. I hope many things will be in bloom for this event. If you can attend, contact me at 760-788-1423 or srocha@pacbell.net.

*Sonoran Desert Iris Society**Charlene Errigo, President*

The Sonoran Desert Iris Society is the new baby of AIS Region 15.

In January, we filled in papers needed to affiliate with AIS, but we have been meeting since May 1998. We are 98% AIS members. We don't have a large bank account at this time, but we have to crawl before we can walk. We can't pay for well-known speakers to come in to speak, so we have other forms of programs.

We have a potluck each month, talk about iris problems and successes we have. Hopefully we will have an iris display in April. Right now we take one month after another. We are just having a lot of fun and enjoying each other. We have 25 members at this point.

*SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IRIS SOCIETY**Derehyn Gerald, President*

We had our auctions (bearded, region, & beardless) last fall. Many great buys were had by all.

Oct. was our business meeting and I showed my slides from Central Valley and Convention in Denver.

Our Christmas party was at Peppers. We had good friendship and a lively gift exchange.

At our January meeting we had Q&A by our members. It was very educational sharing our information regarding all phases of growing iris.

February 20th was our annual dinner meeting, at Quiet Cannon. George Sutton was our speaker.

March 27th we will have the delightfully entertaining Pete De Santis speaking on show preparation.

April will be a very busy month for us. Our show will be the 10th & 11th. Our main sale of the year will be at the Sunset Garden Show at So. Coast Plaza. Unfortunately, it will be the same weekend as our Region Meeting.

May will be ????. June will be a business meeting, elections, show awards and slides from Region and National.

Last August our long time members Duncan and Doris Eader moved to Seattle. I hear they would love to hear from you. Their address is;

401 W. Ruffner

Seattle, WA 98199-1929

In November our long time member, Les Adams,

passed away. Our deepest sympathy to Virginia and her family.

In December, Jay Conklin passed away. Our deepest sympathy goes to Wini Conklin and her family.

*Sun Country Iris Society**Joliene D. Konkol, President*

We certainly have been busy here in the Phoenix area; so busy, I'm embarrassed to say I did not make it into the previous Region 15 Newsletter. So I have a lot to tell you.

First thing we did, when I started my year as President, was to add a portion to each monthly meeting. We have a mini-educational program, where Ardi Kary, one of our longtime members and a commercial gardener, tells us a little something that we might not all know. She always has some great educational handouts, and gears her programs to cover the basics and to tell us some of the finer points of the subject as well, so that beginners and old hands alike learn something. She's spoken on the different classes of irises, the AIS books of lists, hybridizing, fertilizers and all sorts of things. This portion of the meeting is very well received, and I am hoping it keeps up for many years. We are, after all, all about education.

Summer is always really, really hot out here. The irises even get a little sun burned, and that's when we have to go out and dig the silly things up. But our members are real troopers, and, boy, did we have a LOT of donations for our Rhizome Sale. We usually sell our rhizomes at two of the larger malls in the Phoenix area, but one of our usual haunts was closed for remodeling. So we sold things, pretty much as fast as we could at just the one location and, at the end of the day, still had boxes (and I mean BOXES) of rhizomes to go.

Next thing we were really sure of, our Treasurer had made arrangements with Gardener's World (a local nursery); to use their facilities and buy good potting soil and treble-super-phosphate at amazing prices. We got hundreds of pots donated from one of our newest members, and we potted every one of those 425 "extra" rhizomes. We are making great progress in selling those little rascals to new, loving homes, and we are making more money off of them and reaching more interested members of the public than we would have if we just sold the bare rhizomes. We have a fleet of dedicated "pot watchers", and we are really

pretty proud of ourselves.

Our Christmas Party was well attended, and we realized that one of our members is a singer in a little coffee-shop kind of band. So we had live music and Christmas Carols and good potluck food and great company at our party. Who could ask for more?

Now we are swinging into that part of the year when there is always as much work to go around, as you could want. The Spring Show Committee has already finalized the Schedule. We were relieved to know that there are, in fact, enough judges available to staff our show as well as Tucson's, because for the first time in a long, long time, we are having our shows on the very same weekend (April 10 & 11). Our theme is "Iris 2000, A Century of Blooms". We had a great time during the January meeting brainstorming on all the different possibilities, then the Show Committee put the finishing touches on the group's suggestions.

We also have an Early Exhibit in late March at the Valley Garden Center. The Valley Garden Center (VGC) is a neat little place that was established back when Phoenix was a dusty little town, and it nurtures the gardeners and works to make information available to people who want to grow things in this beautiful desert. Every spring they have a Spring Festival where all of the plant societies and member clubs bring out information to the buying/planting/wishing public. And every spring we merrily put on a show to display the earlier-blooming varieties of iris. It is not a judged show, of course, but we do get the public to vote for their favorite variety among each of the various classes, and it is a very nice time. Everyone leaves with an invitation to attend the judged show in April, the Rhizome Sale in September, and a membership application.

We have also found enough manpower amongst our members to staff several other activities. We sell ever more of those lovely potted iris and inform ever more of the public that those pretty and delicate flowers they remember from their grandmother's gardens, really can grow out here in the baking desert.

We are looking forward to all the upcoming festivities, and then we plan to relax at Visalia's Trek. It sounds wonderful See you there.

TUCSON AREA IRIS SOCIETY

Barbara Evans, President

TAIS spent a good part of the fall months taking care of business. We revised our Bylaws, voting on some of the Articles at the October meeting and the rest at the January meeting. Election of officers & directors was held at the October meeting and we increased the Board of Directors by 2 members. We started preparations for the spring flower show in November, which was really a head start over previous years. And starting with January 1999, we have changed our requirements for membership in TAIS. Members are no longer required to join the American Iris Society. While in theory that was a good idea, TAIS was receiving no dues from its members and had to absorb the entire cost of printing and mailing newsletters. We found that it also made it hard to define a "member". We have implemented different dues structures for those who are AIS members and those who are not. That hasn't seemed to hurt us too much as far as membership goes. We ended 1998 with 92 members and after renewals and a "membership drive" in December, we stand at 73 members as of Feb. 1, 1999.

September was spent getting ready for the annual rhizome sale, which turned out to be our most successful yet! We held it in a mall. (We had always held it outside at the Tucson Botanical Gardens which is somewhat covered, but still very hot at that time of year.) What a difference! I'm sure that people "looked" a little longer because they weren't baking in the heat. And those of us who worked the sale were much more comfortable. Guess this is the way to go from now on.

January's program was a very interesting presentation by George Sutton on reblooming & space age iris. (He showed us a slide of an iris with 6 standards and 3 falls. I asked him to arrange to have that one blooming at the Spring Trek in Visalia. He said he'd try.) Then later in the day, 11 members attended his judges training session on space agers. (TAIS currently has 4 members in judges training.) February's meeting will be a slide presentation of the AIS convention in Denver, which will whet our appetites for the '99 Convention in Oklahoma City.

Several of our members will be making the trek to Visalia for the combined Region 14 & 15 Spring Trek. We hope to see you all there!

A Tribute to Jay Conklin

As you walk outside this evening
 Looking at the stars so bright.
 Look close at the stars this evening
 And find the one that shines most bright.
 That light is another angel
 Who has joined our God tonight.
 He has wings that are made of silver
 And his halo the purest of gold.
 He'll be singing with an angel choir
 The greatest story ever told.
 He might even be playing the piano
 As that choir sings along.
 I know he will be tending the iris
 As he did in his earthly home.
 So look up to the heavens this evening
 And find the star that shines most bright.
 You will be looking at the newest angel
 Who has surely earned the right.
 To fly all around the heavens
 Making rainbows for our delight.

- Jim Giles

JUDGES TRAINING NOTES

Gail M. Barnhill
 Judges Training Chair

Please join in me in congratulating our newest Judges as well as those Judges who, through their continuing hard work, have advanced higher in the program!

Advance from Apprentice to Garden Judge:

Derry Gerald
 Jim Stenson

Advance from Garden Judge to Master Judge:

Herb Holk
 Sara Holk
 Jimmy Jones
 Bobbie Shepard

Advance from Master Judge to Retired Master:

LaVerne Conrad
 Ralph Conrad

We now have a total of 34 Garden and Master Judges, 10 Retired Masters, and 4 Emeritus Judges.

While we do not have any Apprentices at this time, we do have a lot of student's (9), at least two of which should be able to advance to Apprentice status next year.

I distributed copies of this year's Region 15 Judges (based upon the above "presumption") to club presidents or their representatives at the January Board meeting. Please contact them if you need names of Judges for shows or training sessions.

I need to stress once again, that you must contact me about prospective Judges Training speakers/sessions - before - committing them to come because I have to get approval for your sessions from the AIS JT Chair prior to giving you approval Whew!

When you host a Judges Training Session, be sure that you send me the signup sheet and a sample test ASAP after the program. Again...I need to log this information in the Judges files and forward it to AIS "within two weeks" of the session.

Membership

Sara Holk
 Membership Chair

This information was published in the Fall NEWSLETTER, but I feel it is important enough to publish it again.

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 all additional six month 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, 1999 Bulletins. The membership begins with July 1998 and that is the first issue, which will be received. Those who join with it triennial payment will also have a July 1, 1999 join date, but the expire date will be December 31, 2001. (An annual payment pays for 19 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

The following information was taken from the January, 1999 AIS Bulletin:

Membership Contest
by Lynda Miller Indiana

THE 1999 MEMBERSHIP CONTEST BEGAN OCTOBER 1, 1998. THREE separate and distinct awards will be presented at the 2000 Convention one to the youth, one to the adult, and one to the affiliate with the most total points. A minimum Of 30 points and at least two participants in each category are necessary to qualify for the trophy plaques. Certificates of achievement will be awarded to all participants. A new 2000 Tall Bearded iris introduction will be awarded to affiliates earning 100 or more points and to individuals earning 55 or more points. Youth earn \$1.00 worth of iris for each point, up to \$50.00 worth. Names of the award winners will be published in the future.

Point Scale:

- 10 points for each new single annual membership
- 15 points for each new dual annual
- 20 points for each new single triennial
- 25 points for each new dual triennial

- 10 points for each new youth member added to an existing membership (same address)
- 25 points for each new youth member registered as a solitary member

The following points will be given for conversion from annual to triennial membership providing the membership has been in effect for a minimum of one year.

- 20 points for converting from single annual to single triennial
- 25 points for converting from dual annual to dual triennial
- 10 points for converting from single triennial to dual triennial
- 100 points for single life membership
- 150 points for dual life membership

Rules:

1. Membership application and payment of dues are made directly to the AIS Membership Secretary. Dues may be submitted by the recruiter or by the new member.
2. Membership Chairman of the contestant's Region (if there is an active chairman) and the AIS Contest Chairman (Lynda S. Miller, 11974 E. 191st St., Noblesville, IN 46060 should be notified by the recruiter within 30 days. First submission can be checked back to October 1 1998
3. Each new membership should be reported with the following information: name, complete address and region number of the new member the type of membership (annual, triennial, life) or conversion single annual to single triennial, etc.). Also the name, address and region number of the recruiter. Only those memberships reported correctly will be awarded points. Please print clearly or type.
4. Renewal of memberships following a lapse of two years will count as new members.
5. New memberships received by the Membership Contest Chairman postmarked after October 1 1999 or memberships not starting until January 2000 cannot be counted for the 1999 contest, but will be automatically credited to the recruiter for the 2000 contest."

A reminder--be sure to check the label of your AIS BULLETIN and the Region 15 NEWSLETTER for the expiration of your AIS membership. If you renewed after the first of the year, it will not show yet

on your NEWSLETTER label but should show on the AIS BULLETIN label.

When ordering your irises this spring, why not check our list of supporting advertisers--they are among the BEST IN THE WEST! -- Sara

NEW MEMBERS (RE Reinstated)

Judee Anderson 5108 E Terry Dr Scottsdale AZ 85254	Bert & Jill Bays 10461 Zinfandel Dr Adelanto CA 92301
Beverly Bell 8334 Avenida Leon Rancho Cucamonga CA, 91730	Alan and Susan Bradford 15401 Lorraine Way Irvine Ca 92604
Dean Brock P O Box 1282 Arroyo Grande Ca 93402	Ann Busbee & Susan Bigbee 10136 Seneca Pass Riverside Ca 92503
Brett & Kathy Cameron 7437 W Bloomfield Rd Peoria AZ 85381	Laura Carter 235 via Ramona Paso Robles CA 93446
Fred Gale P O Box 4504 Blue Jay CA 92317	Jim and Phyllis Grogan-Berry 11512 Windy Ridge Way San Diego CA 92126
M/M Fred Higginbothom P O Box 345 Alpine Ca 91903	Pat Holladay 1068 E Royal Oak Rd Tucson Az 85737
Pier Ingram 380 E Printer Voell Tucson Az 85710	W K Kaizuka 325 Travis Drive Los Osos CA 93402
Kevin Kartchner 1942 N Tanque Verde Loop Rd Tucson AZ 85749	Bob and Gloria Knox 8836 Jackie Drive San Diego CA 92119
Mary Ann Kutz 6161 E Grant Rd Apt 17101 Tucson AZ 85712	Rebekah Luther 268 Owetzal Lane Riverside Ca 92507
Joanne L Miller, The Forestal 14221 W Stagecoach Drive Tucson Az 85736	Nece Mills 942 Marco Place Venice CA 90291
Joyce Newton RE 1745 W Pierson St Phoenix Az 85015	Paul Potter 10261 Hawley Rd El Cajon CA 92021
Julia Rankin 22474 Walser Rd Caliente CA 93518	Melody Reid 21611 Tumeric Ct Santa Claria CA 91350
Richard Stretz RE 41504 Rimfield Ave Quartz Hill CA 93536	Roy L Sylvies 4620 W Ave K-12 Quartz Hill CA 93536
Lana Terry 5402 West 134th St Hawthorne CA 90250	Sandra Tountas 10100 N Calle de Carnero Tucson AZ 85737

Address Changes since August 1 1998

Mel J Carpenter P O Box 301 La Puente CA 91747	John and Mary Cuthbert 40038 Village 40 Camarillo CA 93012
Olen Joe Daugherty 1149 Central Ave Apt 8 Riverside CA 92507	Indra J Belford-Howard HC 61 Box 43 Dewey AZ 86327
Doris Lutz Honorary Iris Garden Sims Tree Learning Center	Sam Wymer 6718 Calle Dened

6111 Appaloosa Ave Riverside Ca 92509	Tucson AZ 85710
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The following members requested cancellation

Edwina Douglas Mesa AZ	Colin Hill Yuma AZ
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Deceased

Jay Conklin Fullerton CA.

**AIS Region 15
REGION 15 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Oct. 17, 1998
Ontario, California**

Attendees:

- Herb Holk, RVP
- Gail Barnhill, ARVP/Judges Tr/TAIS
- Georgia Gudykunst, Secretary/Sun Country
- Jimmy Jones, Awards/Bylaws
- Sara Holk, Membership
- Jim Giles, Editor
- Bill Rinehart, past RVP
- Bobbie Shepard, past RVP
- Mike Monninger, Youth
- Steve Rocha, SD-IC
- Carol Morgan, Inland
- Gerald Snyder, SFVIS
- Barbara Evans, TAIS
- Derry Gerald, SCIS, CA
- Joliene Konkol, SCIS, AZ
- Jeanne Plank, Nominating
- Various Region 15 members

RVP Holk called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

Minutes: It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED to approve the April 17, 1998 Executive Committee Meeting, as read.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Snyder provided a financial statement as of Oct. 16, 1998. The Checking account balance is \$13,442.45 (This is comprised of a General fund of \$10,328.53 and an Officers fund of \$3,113.92.) The CD account balance is \$6,173.11. And the RVP account balance is \$5,453.62. Treasurer Snyder also included a breakdown of the Executive officers account by officer. (EXHIBIT A) It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that the report be filed for audit at the end of the year.

RVP Holk encouraged clubs to donate to officer's fund, via iris sales. He wanted any capable individual to be able to accept office, with the help of the officer's fund.

Judges Training: Chairman Barnhill reported that we have 35 active judges, 10 retired, 4 emeritus, 0 prentices, and 6 students. We lost one student judge, who did not turn in an activity report. RVP Holk added that Region 15 has not received any judge's cards from AIS, nor "reports" on judge's status from AIS neither this year nor last. He stressed that judges keep their activity reports complete and current.

Awards: Chairman Jones reminded us that Region 15 bought only one award for best seedling. It was **MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED** that we buy ten of the Region 15 awards.

Membership: Chairman Sara Holk reported some good news - 494 members, an increase of 40 since June 1998, and 11 youth members. Holk encouraged clubs to have their members check their October AIS bulletin mailing label, for membership expiration date. Region does not receive renewal information from AIS until the end of the year or January; thus lists of AIS members to affiliates cannot be sent out to the clubs until February. (EXHIBIT B)

Newsletter: Chairman Giles notes the Feb. 1 'eadline for the spring newsletter, and appreciates 'affiliates' materials and support of the timeframe.

Nominations: Chairman Plank presented the proposed slate of officers for 1998-99: For RVP, Herb Holk; assistant RVP, Gail Barnhill; secretary, Georgia Gudykunst; and treasurer, Michelle Snyder. Hearing no nominations from the floor, it was **MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** to propose this slate to the general membership meeting this afternoon.

Rhizomes: Chairman Rinehart requests that affiliates consider having their auctions in early October and consider donations to Region 15. He will ask presidents to send lists of members who grow newer iris, for possible donation to region. Details will be provided at the January 1999 meeting.

Way & Means: Chairman DeSantis suggested that we auction the spurias donated by the Shepard's, and that other iris will be sold for \$3 and \$5. With appreciation, it was **MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED** that we do so. He also reported iris banners were still available at \$15; Barbara Turner olunteered to bring these in the afternoon and promote their sale.

Youth: Chairman Monninger suggested that affiliates encourage their youth to come to club events, and to contact elementary school teachers to generate some new interest among youth.

Region Treks/Meetings: RVP Holk requested clubs to send out copies of the Spring Trek flyers to members. The Region 14/15 Joint Spring Trek will be held in Visalia, CA, on April 16-17, 1999 with optional activities on the morning of April 18. The fee is \$45. (EXHIBIT C)

RVP Holk provided a chart of proposed fall meeting/Spring trek rotations among the affiliates. Orange County is no longer an affiliate. We need to finish filling in the chart at the next meetings. (EXHIBIT D)

Symposium: Membership Chairman Holk provided the Symposium results for 1998. Dusky Challenger and Skating Parting tied for 1st place with 40 votes each, followed by Jesse's Song 39, Conjunction 34, and Thornbird 30 votes. (EXHIBIT E)

Tax-free Status/Bylaws: RVP Holk reported the paperwork is in the process of being submitted for AIS group application for tax-free status. Also, the membership had unanimously approved at the last meeting to establish Region 15 as a separate entity and then extend the tax-free status to local affiliates. The next step for Region is to apply for 501 (c) (3) status.

The bylaws were submitted in the recent newsletter to the membership. They will be asked to vote on these at the general meeting this afternoon.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgia Gudykunst, Secretary

**AIS Region 15
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Oct. 17, 1998
Ontario, California**

RVP Holk called the meeting to order at 1:45 PM.

RVP Holk welcomed Claire Barr, past president of AIS; Jeanne Plank, secretary, AIS; past RVP's for Region 15, LaVerne Conrad, Bill Rinehart and Bobbie Shepard; and John Schuster, RVP for the

Orange County Hemerocallis society. Holk asked club presidents/members to stand in a club roll call.

Minutes: The minutes of the April 18, 1998 General Meeting were read and approved.

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Snyder reported the checking account balance is \$13,442.45 (which is comprised of a general fund of \$10,328.53 and an officers' fund of \$3,113.92). The CD balance is \$6,173.11; and the RVP account balance is \$5,453.62. It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED to accept the report for audit.

Tax Free Status: At the last meeting, the Region 15 board and membership unanimously agreed to include Region 15 in a group exception, with tax free status, as part of AIS. Furthermore, we agreed to establish Region 15 as a separate entity and extend the tax-free status to local affiliates. RVP Holk reported that the paper work has been/will be submitted for AIS group application for tax-free status. The next step is for Region 15 to apply for the 501 (3) (c) status. RVP Holk notes the biggest savings will be in postage, for the region and affiliates. We appreciate Bob Plank's efforts on behalf of region.

Bylaws: The proposed bylaws were submitted for membership review in the most recent newsletter. It was MOVED, SECONDED AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED to approve the bylaws.

Nominations: Chairman Plank introduced the proposed slate of officers for 1998-99 for Region 15; For RVP, Herb Holk; Asst. RVP, Gail Barnhill; secretary, Georgia Gudykunst; and treasurer, Michelle Snyder. Nominations were also open from the floor, provided the person had indicated a willingness to run for office. Chairman Plank, hearing no nominations from the floor for any of the offices, received a MOVE, SECOND AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED each nominee, in turn, for the office for which they were nominated. Congratulations to RVP Holk and his team.

Spring Trek 1999: RVP Holk encouraged everyone to attend the joint Region 14/15 Spring Trek in Visalia, CA on April 16-17, 1999. (There are optional gardens/training - on the morning of April

18.) Flyers were distributed to club presidents this morning to take back to the affiliates.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgia Gudykunst, Secretary

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 Ambrosia Gardens ----- <http://www.icangarden.com/Catalogue/ambrosia.htm>
 American Iris Society ----- <http://www.isomedia.com/homes/ais/>
 Argyle Acres ----- <http://home1.gte.net/argliris/>
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 Bearded Iris for the Home Landscape --- <http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/hil/hil-8506.html>
 Canadian Iris Society ----- <http://tor-pw1.netcom.ca/~cris/CIS.html>
 Croftway Nursery ----- <http://members.aol.com/Croftway/index.htm>
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 Ian Black's Gardening Page ----- <http://easyweb.easynet.co.uk/~ianblack/>
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 North American Native Iris ----- <http://molly.hsc.unt.edu/~rbarton/Iris/NANI.html>
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 Rainbow Iris Farms ----- <http://www.rainbowfarms.net/>
 Region 4 Homepage ----- <http://www.irises.com/>
 San Diego Iris Society ----- <http://www.geocities.com/RainForest/7679/societyindex.html>
 Shriners Iris Gardens ----- <http://www.oregonlink.com/iris/index.html>
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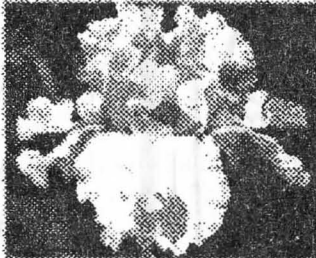


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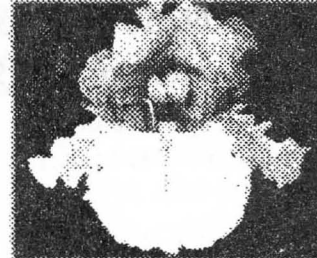
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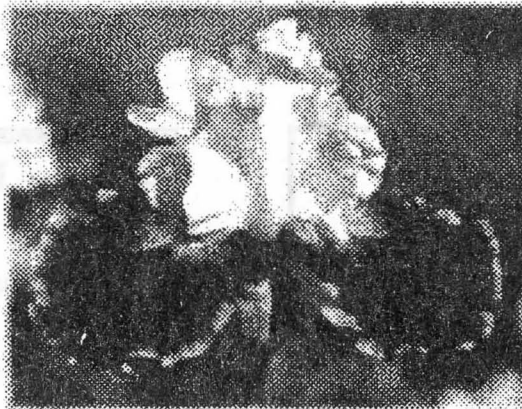
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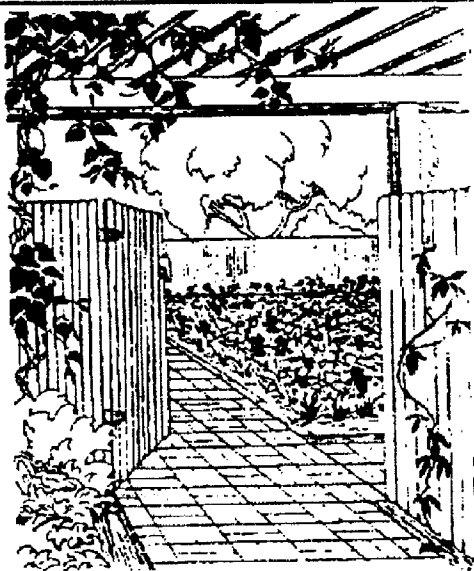
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REGION 14 and 15 JOINT SPRING REGIONAL

April 16-18, 1999

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The Regional begins Friday night with the executive Board meetings at 7:00; registration is from 6:30 to 8:00, with seedling entries accepted from 7:00 to 8:00. On Saturday there will be a continental breakfast at 7:00, with seedling entries accepted from 7:00 to 8:00. General membership meetings will be from 7:45 to 9:15. Garden tours will be from 9:25 to 4:30, with all travel by bus. Included in the day will be a catered Santa Maria barbecued tri-tip lunch and 2 hours of judges' training. Ballots for the regional awards will be collected, after which we will return to the Radisson for a no-host social hour at 6:00 and banquet at 7:00. Guest speaker that evening will be Ray Schreiner.

On Sunday there will be optional activities. At 8:00 there will be a trip to view the I. mumsii, conducted by Adele and Lewis Lawyer. At this point it looks like there are enough signups for a bus for this trip. There will also be an all day trip to the redwoods starting at 8:00, if enough interest is shown. In addition, there will be a 2 hour garden judges' training session at 9:30 at the Sutton garden.

We look forward to seeing you all in April. There should be plenty of iris for you to see, always of course if Mother Nature sends the bloom season at the right time! Those of you who attended the last Joint Regional, hosted by Region 15, will remember what fun it was to meet with not only our own region's members but also our iris friends from Southern California and Arizona. In addition there should be a number of visitors from Region 13, and even one from England!

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