

# Region 15

## Summer 1999, Newsletter

AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY



### *RVP Message*

We have enjoyed one of the most beautiful bloom seasons ever but it is almost gone and now it is time to begin preparation for next year.

The local shows were all great successes as were the early sales. Either in spite of or because of the very cool

spring the bloom was better than ever. In our garden the bloom was late and when it started everything started at once-arilbreds, medians, tall bearded, spurias and Louisiana's as were all in bloom at the same time-most impressive

The Region 14-15 trek was both a great success and most enjoyable. It also had the largest attendance that I can remember. It is difficult when you begin to try to thank everyone whose efforts combined, presented a terrific trek so I would like, first, to say thanks to RVP Kitty Loberg and the members of Region 14 for all the time and effort they put forth to make it such a nice trek, everyone seemed to enjoy it. Certainly, it would be a miscarriage of justice not to recognize George and Margaret Sutton, and Mike too, who went beyond the call of duty to help us enjoy ourselves-not only for all their hard work but more especially for the warm hospitality in sharing their place for our lunch, as well as an opportunity to see all the beautiful irises, so we say thanks in a real big way! To all those whose gardens were on tour, a very special thanks-a true labor of love, because we recognized all the work they put into their gardens for everyone's enjoyment-they were great.

Some of our members have asked what was our contribution to this Spring Trek. I am not aware of all

the specific things that members did but one thing I do know is that Jim Giles, who is always there in time of need, did a beautiful job in getting out the trek bulletin, thank you Jim. To other members who contributed their time in various ways, we thank you also.

The AIS convention in Oklahoma City was truly outstanding and most enjoyable in spite of the weather. The strangest thing about it was that their flowers were past peak while the gardens in Southern California had not yet come close to peak bloom. One of the nicest things about the trek was the opportunity to visit some of the larger gardens on the first day and then again on the last day so that we were able to see fresh blooms of some varieties which had been damaged by wind, rain and hail that accompanied the tornado. Another memorable fact was the excellent quality of the busses, absolutely astonishing! Perhaps the most meaningful occurrence of the Convention (it certainly was to me) was the passage of the proposed change in the constitution and by-laws by the Board of Directors. The change as proposed will allow persons to be members of one or more affiliated sections of AIS without requiring such people to belong to AIS. This proposal must now be adopted by the membership following which the TBIS will be invited to become an affiliated section of AIS. Personally, I recommend passage of the changes and would welcome the TBIS as an affiliated section.

It was a good feeling to see so many Region 15 members in attendance at Visalia and Oklahoma City, and I thank each and every one of you. To those who could not attend, remember that the next Region 15 Spring Trek will be hosted by the High Desert Society and the AIS Convention 2000 will be in the Dallas-Fort worth area. Now is the time to get your plans organized.

Southern California will be hosting our Fall meeting in October at which time the election of officers will be held. You will receive one more NEWSLETTER before the fall meeting giving further details.

A few reminders-first, don't forget to get your Awards ballots in by July 1 as directed in the ballot. Next, judges get your Activity Reports back to Gail Barnhill, Assistant RVP by August 31 and last, watch for your symposium, fill it out and mail it to me. Let's see if we can bring our percentage up this year, we did good last year, lets do better this year.

Until next time, happy irising!

*Herb* caldixie@aol.com

### **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*

Greetings from HI DESERT IRIS & DAYLILY SOCIETY. It is time for the report of our activities of the last six months. How time does fly when you are having fun!

One of our objectives this year has been to have programs to help us toward a bigger and better Iris Show in the spring. We had a program on Artistic Arranging and one on Grooming Iris for the Show.

We were disappointed that the Lilac Festival was cancelled due to lack of bloom. We had counted on having our plant sale at the festival. Our friendly Greener Gardens Nursery invited us to have our sale at their premises so all was not lost-we did a rousing \$500.00 at the sale (not bad for us!)

Our program in March was put on by Gaspar's Native Plant Nursery showing us the adaptability of native plants with our iris and daylilies. Many of the native high desert plants domesticate nicely.

In April, Richard Stretz invited us to have our meeting in his garden. It was lovely and a grand time was had by all. Richard hybridizes daylilies and has an impressive planting in his garden.

While our membership was enjoying Richard's garden, eleven of us toured to Visalia to the Region 14/15 Spring Trek. We thoroughly enjoyed the lovely gardens on the trek and were impressed by all the bloom.

On the 24th of April twenty-two of us toured to Billie Stones in Ridgecrest and to Winona Stevensons in Lake Isabella. Lots of bloom and a lovely day. Winona served us lunch on the patio overlooking the lake.

Our Iris Show took place at the Antelope Valley Mall on May 1st & 2nd. Our theme was "AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS". We had 15 Exhibitors in the Horticultural Section and 1 Youth. We had a total of 91 entries in the Tall Bearded Section, Border Bearded, Intermediate and Aril and Dutch iris. There were 23 arrangements in the Artistic Division. The judges gave out 40 Blue Ribbons, 30 Red Ribbons, 17 white and 14 honorary mention.

Helen Radebaugh won the SILVER MEDAL with 13 Blue Ribbons & ROSETTE for Best Aril and Best Dutch Iris

Cheryl Deaton won the BRONZE MEDAL with 6 blue ribbons & ROSETTE for Best Specimen - THORNBIRD

We were pleased with the results of the show in that we feared little or no bloom because of the strange weather pattern we have had.

The May meeting was a Critique of the Iris Show and Election of officers. The 1999-2000 officers are:

Barbara G. Turner	President
Cheryl Deaton	Vice President
Helen Radebaugh	Secretary
Winnie Serpico	Treasurer

Cal Bostwick is looking for some guest iris coming in June. Any questions please call him at (661) 285-9575. (Please note the change in our area code).

Hi Desert Iris Society will be hosting the "Spring Trek 2000" on April 28th and 29th, 2000. Mark your calendars-we are looking forward to having you visit the high desert again.

Happy Irising,  
Barbara G. Turner

**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**

*Jim Giles, President*

We were beginning to wonder if we would have a real spring in the Inland region. Well the answer is no. We went from gloomy weather to hot in two days. It now feels like it is summer time. Get out the hoses, the iris are getting dry!!!

We had some very inspiring meetings the past few months. In February our meeting was patterned after the Jeopardy game show with most categories devoted to iris. Three contestants vied to be first by slapping a pink fly swatter to the table after the question was read. The one on the bottom was the winner and got to answer the question. It made for a very fun, educational and amusing night. Dick Richards was the winner.

In March Herb Holk provided an informative evening of "Hybridizing 101". Hopefully we will have a few members trying their hand at a new hobby and that hobby will turn into an avocation.

April, as always was a busy month, we started off with Pete DeSantis showing us how to prepare iris for the show bench. Pete has some very interesting techniques to get that blemish past the judges. His presentations are done with enthusiasm and humor and are always infections. Next was the joint Region 14/15 Spring Trek. Inland had a great turn out for this meeting and we visited with a lot of old friends and made some new friends, as is always the case at these meetings. Our spring show was held the weekend after the Trek and we had a great turn out for it. We also had one of our more successful spring sales in conjunction with our show.

Our May meeting belonged to our Show Chair, Mike Monninger, as he presented the awards to all the deserving winners. Mike put on a great show, **AGAIN**. He has also agreed to be our Show Chair again next year. Thanks Mike!

June was our elections and general business meeting. The following have been elected to represent IRIS for the coming year:

President: Jim Giles  
Vice President: John Reinschmidt  
Recording Secretary: Madeleine Stem  
Treasurer: Naomi Hildreth  
Corresponding Secretary: Sheron Burdelas  
Show Chair: Mike Monninger

July will be our installation of officers.

August is our Members Only iris auction.

September will be our fall sale at the Gardens Southern California Style, Water Wise Garden in Riverside.

October we hope to see you all at the Fall Region Meeting being hosted by Southern California Iris Society.

Jim [irisarian@aol.com](mailto:irisarian@aol.com)

**Show Results:**

Number of Exhibitors: 24

Number of Entries: 194

Number of Varieties/Cultivars: 178

Queen of Show	Mike Monninger	Sea Gal (PCN)
Silver Medal	Mike Monninger	6 Blue - 7 Red
Bronze Medal	Jim Giles	6 Blue - 4 Red
Best Seedling	Mike Monninger	L-99-3 (LA)

Best Youth	Justin Price	Pshaw (TB)
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## Section Winners

Tall Bearded	Jim Giles
Medians	Irene Benton
Beardless	Mike Monninger
Collections	Corrine Bromberger

## Artistic Winners

Best Design	Elaine Monninger
Sweepstakes Winner	Mike Monninger

### *Orange County Iris and Daylily Society*

*Marilyn Decorato*

We're back! Thanks to the generosity and effort of both Sara Holk and Derry Gerald, OCIDC has re-affiliated with AIS.

A major club project this past year was helping the city of Garden Grove beautify public gardens with both irises and daylilies. An objective is to have Garden Grove qualify with the American Hemerocallis Society as an official Daylily City. Nancy Webb and Herman Ulrich led the project aided by city landscaper and new club member, Patricia Hayes. We received plants from some hybridizers and club members and planted them with the help of city workers. A daylily bed is now in front of the main city library with over fifty varieties set in rows with walkways between. Over 200 reblooming irises were planted, in groups of three per variety, in a bed by the senior center. My recent visit to the city grounds show the daylilies faring better than the irises. The iris bed looked as if someone had really slept in it, or maybe it was the duck army. We'll keep trying. January 1999, our guest speaker was rosarian Virginia Carlson who got us started with proper pruning. February, Art Strong spoke about his efforts with tetrapoid daylilies and his search for the true red. In March, we took advantage of the southern trip of Marci Peterson, AHS Region 7 Vice President, who shared her recent slides, "My Favorite Daylilies in Mecca". That's the Orlando area of Florida. April brought "Mr. Fertilizer", Don Knipp from Bandini. Don knows all there is to know about what should go on, and in, soil. May 11<sup>th</sup> we had our mini iris and daylily show. This year it was still too early for some of us, but at least we had our brand new judge Derry

Gerald, along with Jimmy Jones, Ed Murray and Nancy Webb. The common theme was better grooming! In June, we expect Richard C. Richard to talk about getting those reblooming irises into the garden. We're going to try to get that year-round bloom. Our one public sale in April at the Fullerton Arboretum's Green Scene was the most successful so far. We are very grateful for that and for all of the club members and family members who helped.

### *SAN DIEGO/IMPERIAL COUNTIES IRIS SOCIETY*

*Steve Rocha, President*

Greetings to all in iris lands! We are once again enjoying the valley of the sun here in my garden in Ramona after a cold and cloudy winter. Nothing could slow down our society however including winds, hail and cloudy skies, and we enjoyed an outstanding show in May with one hundred fifty-seven horticultural entries and twenty-eight arrangements in the artistic division. We also were happy to have four youth showing this year with worthy irises.

We are all getting excited here in San Diego about hosting the trek for 2001. A committee has volunteered and my wife Sharlyn, who is heading up our trek committee, has been hard at work making early contacts and investigations. Four gardens are already lined up for the tours and twenty-five hybridizers have been contacted for seedlings and new introductions to display in the gardens. If there were any in region hybridizers that we have overlooked, we would like to encourage them to please contact us about displaying their guest irises for our trek. We are looking into having an optional day planned for Sunday at the San Diego Wild Animal Park. This week we reviewed the iris additions there and found them to be growing well. Forty-seven bloom stalks displaying four to eight spent blooms on each stem revealed that many of our donations did flower well. We will make additional donations this year and hope to include Louisiana irises in the batch as the park has many ponds and water gardens where they would look outstanding. The park already has a huge collection of six to eight foot pseudacorus growing everywhere as well as two types of African iris, Douglousiana, Iris florentin and now all of the tall bearded varieties we have donated.

Sincerely,  
Steve [srocha@pacbell.net](mailto:srocha@pacbell.net)

### Show Results:

Number of Exhibitors: 17

Number of Entries: 161

Queen of Show	Steve Rocha	Welch's Reward (MTB)
Silver Medal	Steve Rocha	15 Blue
Bronze Medal	Pat Brendel	8 Blue
Best Seedling	George Bange	#92-1

### Section Winners

Tall Bearded	Steve Rocha
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### SD/IC Society Awards

Best Spuria	White Heron	Bob Brooks
Best LA	Godzilla	Bob Brooks
Best PCN	Sandstone	Pat Brendal
Best Red	Lady Friend (TB)	Steve Rocha
Best Plicata	Needlepoint	Ken & Christie Pierson
Best Blue TB	Millrace	Ruth Bryce
Best White TB	Skating Party	Steve Rocha
Best Yellow TB	Solar Impact	David Vier
Best Youth	Broadway (TB)	Beth Roacha
Best Spuria Seedling	#4-96-25	Walt Brendel
Best TB	Understudy	Steve Rocha
Best A/AB	Sahara Tesh	Steve Rocha
Best Species	Roy Davidson	Dorothy Driscoll
Best SIB	Caesar's Brother	Steve Rocha

### Artistic Winners

Best Design	Jean E. Jones
Best Design w/one Stalk	Pat Brendel
Sweepstakes	Pat Brendel

## SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IRIS SOCIETY

*Gerry Snyder, President*

At our June meeting a (mostly) new set of officers was voted in. Eileen Fiumara was elected president, Iris Larson vice-president, Mary Anne Abrahms treasurer, and Debbie Babuscio secretary. Mary Anne has been treasurer of our club for a few months, having taken over for Roy Bossier who continued last year on an interim basis until a replacement could be found. The others are new at their positions (Iris is a

former president). All are competent and enthusiastic. SFVIS will be in good hands with the new officers.

Our programs this year have included outstanding speakers, three with judges trainings. In January Farron Campbell spoke on Louisiana irises. In February Clarence Mahan spoke on iris species, with a 2-hour JT. In March we had Keith Keppel with a program on plicatas, luminatas, and glaciatas with a 1½-hour JT. Because our regular May meeting date fell during the Oklahoma City national, we had two meetings in April—first presentations by club members on how to prepare horticultural and artistic entries for our show, and second Marky Smith with a presentation on SDB and IB irises, with a 1½-hour JT. In June, as always, we had a potluck dinner, show awards, and elections.

The Plant Table, which has become a regular event at non-potluck meetings, continues to more than pay the rent, and the sale of potted iris at our show brought in enough to meet all the expenses of the show. Our rhizome sale at Sepulveda Gardens did quite well, and could have done better if we had had more to sell.

## SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IRIS SOCIETY 1999 SPRING SHOW RESULTS

5/11/99

The San Fernando Valley Iris Society held its annual show on Saturday and Sunday, April 24 and 25, 1999 at The Promenade at Woodland Hills. This year's theme, "Anniversaries - Celebrate with Irises," was chosen to commemorate the San Fernando Valley Iris Society's 25 presentation of an annual spring show.

Despite unusual spring weather (once again) which effected the normal timing of bloom, 177 entries were submitted by 23 exhibitors offering a pleasing array of irises for the judges to evaluate in the show's horticultural division, and for the enthusiastic public to enjoy. Entries represented 150 cultivars or varieties, which included all types of irises except evansias and Japanese irises. The show and potted iris sale functioned smoothly, and was acknowledged by one and all as a successful representative of SFVIS shows with which to celebrate our anniversary!

### Section Awards:

Tall Bearded: **TIMESCAPE** - Jean Bossier  
Border Bearded: **DOUBLE BANDED** - Peter DeSantis

Intermediate: HONEY GLAZED - Eileen Fiumara  
 Novelty: THORNBIRD - Gerry Snyder  
 Louisiana: SEA WISP - Mary Ann Spurlock  
 Spuria: SENTRA - Loren Zeldin  
 Species/Misc. Iris: HOLDEN CLOUGH - Eileen Fiumara  
 Arilbred: LEBANESE SNOW - Jean Bossier  
 Siberian: LINDA MARY - Eileen Fiumara  
 Queen of Show: TIMESCAPE - Jean Bossier  
 The Silver Medal: 10 blue ribbons - Randy Squires  
 The Bronze Medal: 7 blue ribbons - Jean Bossier  
 Best Seedling: Sdlg #93-71-2 (TB) - Gerald Moorhead

### ARTISTIC DIVISION

Artistic arrangement classes were divided into anniversary "designations": Paper (1st Anniversary); Wood (5th Anniversary), Crystal (15th Anniversary); Silver (25th Anniversary) and so forth for a total of 8 artistic classes. Entrants were required to integrate the anniversary designation into their floral design.

Arrangements were outstanding and very appreciated by the public

Best Design of Show: Eileen Fiumara "Non-Precious Metals" (10th Anniv.)

Sweepstakes: Eileen Fiumara "Wood" (5th Anniversary)

Theme Award: Eileen Fiumara "Fruit & Flowers" (4th Anniversary)

Sect. Award, Intermediate: Warren Larson "Wood" (5th Anniversary)

Sect. Award, Novice: Debbie Babuscio "Wood" (5th Anniversary)

### *Sonoran Desert Iris Society*

*Charlene Erigo, President*

Sonoran Desert Iris Society has been official since January and already we have made new tubes for iris shows, put on an iris display for the public, gained twelve new members and are having a lot of fun.

In March a work party got together and made a new design for show tubes. We had over 15 members here working in a very efficient assembly line. Because we are so new, we did not have the finances to pay expenses for putting on a full AIS sanctioned show, so we put on a display for the public at Gardner's World Nursery. Gardner's World provided advertisement, tables and covers for us. The display

was judged by popular vote from the public. "RARE TREAT" won first place, with "RUSTLER" coming in second and "RADIANT ENERGY" coming third. We had 58 entries total from seven contestants. For spur of the moment planning, it was a very good display and caused some interest in growing iris. Don Shepard gave a lecture on how to grow iris. That created much interest.

Our May meeting was pushed ahead to the end of April. A judges training class was given on show bench judging. We have 5 new students.

Our June meeting showed slides taken at the Oklahoma City AIS Convention. Charles and Betty Howard and Bobbie Shepard attended the convention. We all lived and survived the big tornado. That was quite an experience! I think I will take snow over a tornado. In spite of the weather, the gardens were very nice and well worth seeing. Hospitality was in abundance!

Our next big project will be a potluck picnic for the 4th of July. The pot lucks always bring out the membership!

Plans are in the making for a rhizome sale for September. Our bank account is still small, but it is growing and the rhizome sale will help.

### *SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IRIS SOCIETY*

*Dorelyn Gerald, President*

Another bloom season has come and gone. Well, Skating Party, Conjunction and Eleanor Roosevelt are blooming.

Our affiliate had a great show and although the season was very late, we still had more entries than I thought we would have.

Some of us went to the extreme to open those blooms. I heard stories of hair dryers, night lights, and some blooms were out in the sun until a minute prior to judging.

Our rhizome sale, at South Coast Plaza, was very successful. It happened to fall on the same weekend as the Region Trek. Fortunately we had enough of our members, who couldn't go to Visalia, volunteer to man the sale.

The Spring Trek was a lot of fun and because of the late season, we were able to view blooms that we wouldn't normally see.

Oklahoma promised no snow, but they didn't mention the tornadoes, hail and wind. We were lucky

that none of the gardens were hit, although it came about a mile from Perry Dyer's home. AIS voted to donate \$500.00 to the victim's of the tornadoes. But despite it all (even our bus got lost several times), we had a great time and the gardens were wonderful. Everyone there worked very hard to make us welcome.

June 26<sup>th</sup> we will have a potluck, business meeting, elections, show awards and slides from Visalia and National Convention.

July will be dark

August 28<sup>th</sup> - bearded auction

September 25<sup>th</sup> - region auction

October 30<sup>th</sup> - beardless auction

Our new Vice President will probably have additional programs along with the auctions.

We have recently signed up some new members and are looking forward to meeting them.

Lastly, we have been working hard on the Fall Region Meeting, which we will be hosting. So . . . you all come—

**Show Results:**

Number of Exhibitors: 15

Number of Entries: 78

Number of Varieties/Cultivars: 70

Queen of Show	Mike Monninger	Pacific High (PCN)
Silver Medal	Lynn McIllwain	4 Blue
Bronze Medal	Kim Ung	2 Blue

**Section Winners**

Tall Bearded	Lynn McIllwain
Medians	Lynn McIllwain
Louisiana	Leigh Nicolai-Moon

*Sun Country Iris Society*

*Joliene D. Konkol, President*

They say it's been a year, now, that I've been SCIS's President. In some ways, that just doesn't seem possible.

We've done a lot in the year. Too much, really, to list out here. But some of the highpoints bear mention: Our membership has grown by leaps and bounds. The mini-educational program during each meeting has been very well received. 425+ iris were potted, babied, carted all around town and were all sold. We made a substantial profit when we were

afraid we'd lose money big time. Absolutely amazing!!

Lots of people did lots of things, so no one had to do everything. Of course, there were a few folk who could be relied on to go over the top and took on the huge jobs. Ardi Kari coordinated the entire Spring Show, with committee chairs, of course, but she held the blueprints and did a LOT. Deborah Nolan ran the potted iris project from beginning to end and all the goo in the middle. Marge Larson ran the Early Exhibit and kept the newsletter coming timely in spite of ... well, everything. Our volunteers at shows and sales, who put in hours on hours and brought in new members, educated the public, and sold things hand-over-fist, were just incredible. For fear of omitting a treasured name, I will not list those souls, but we are in their debt beyond measure.

I did not run for office again this year. Mid-July of last year started a chain reaction of very significant changes for me, and keeping up with them has really kept me on my toes. I need a little break, but I'll be an active Immediate Past President, and I expect to be a merry participant in most iris stuff for another three, maybe four, decades. In the mean-time, the board for July 1999-June 2000 at Sun Country Iris Society will be

- President: Avery Poling  
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- Vice-President: Sandy Tarango
- Secretary: Joyce Poling
- Treasurer: Deborah Nolan
- Director 2-yrs: Bill Griffor
- Director 1 -yr: Ardi Kary
- Past President: Joliene Konkol

We are discussing a list of innovative ideas that may be implemented to improve the club's service both to its members and to the public. I am certain that Avery will be happy to keep you up to date as the plans are selected and given life. We are blessed with an active, positive and merry band of volunteers and workers, as are you, I am sure. But it feels pretty good from here.

Wishing you bouquets of blessings ....

*TUCSON AREA IRIS SOCIETY*

Tucson, (yes, we are still here, although we should

have dried up & blown away), has had a very dry 1999. It's only rained once since Dec. 8, 1998! Oh, yes, and it actually snowed once, on April 4th, which was Easter Sunday and 6 days before our Spring Show. There are some things in Tucson you just don't expect to have to deal with and snow in April is one of them. It was suppose to have been a dry and warm winter, so we were expecting an early bloom season. Boy, did we guess wrong! In a normal year, we have 200 to 250 horticultural entries in our show. This year, 91. And we felt lucky to have those. Members went through all kinds of rituals to get those to the show. The show was still a success. We had educational displays, sold potted iris, signed up new members and had a little entertainment. Charlotte Clarke was our chairman this year, and she came up with the theme "Iris Fanfare; Sights & Sounds". The sights were, of course, the iris and the sounds were live music performed by member Joanne Miller's 3 piece "Blues" band. They played an hour each day and people in the mall just had to come and see what was going on. They stayed for the music, looked at the flowers and bought our plants.

#### 99 Show Results

Exhibitors	31
Entries	91
Number of Cultivars	69

Queen of Show.....	Perri Larson.....	Red At Night (TB)
Silver Medal (7) ...	Sally Cooperman	
Bronze Medal (3) .	Perri Larson	
Best TB .....	Perri Larson.....	Red At Night
Best Median .....	Kathy Chilton.....	Puppet Master
Best Arilbred .....	Jane Parks.....	Jeweled Veil
Best Beardless .....	Sally Cooperman....	Solar Prism
Best Bulbous .....	Kathy Chilton.....	Alpine Beauty
Best Blue Iris.....	Paul/ Fran Bessey...	Azure Whir
Best Artistic Design .....	Sumi Pugh	
Best Novice Artistic Design.....	Greta Dunnigan	

#### OTHER HAPPENINGS:

In March Don & Bobbie Shepard gave us a judges training on show bench judging and showed us how to hybridize an iris. Also, TAIS was in the need of some legal advice last winter and were advised by our attorney that we needed to incorporate. So, we are in the process of doing that. We will then apply for tax exempt status from the IRS. We originally expected to "piggy back" on Region 15's tax exempt ruling but,

after doing some research, it was decided that TAIS really needs to have its own tax-exempt ruling in place. There's always lots to do. It will soon be too hot to garden, so we'll take care of business instead.

### JUDGES TRAINING NOTES

Gail M. Barnhill  
Judges Training Chair

There's good news...and more good news! It appears we may have as many as 4 Students advancing to Apprentice status this year...remember Judges...if you were asked to write a letter of recommendation for advancement to Apprentice on behalf of a Student...please follow through quickly! The other good news is that since the first of the year I have received applications from 10 new Students and am expecting possibly 8 more as I write this. What's really encouraging is that 99% of the new Students are from Arizona clubs - just where we need more judges most!!

The Region 15 Judges Training Program now has the following:

- 34 Active Judges
- 10 Retired Master
- 3 Emeritus
- 0 Apprentices
- 21 Students
- 68 Members

Now is the time of year all your detailed record keeping of JT classes is going to come in handy folks! Everyone in the Judges Program should already have received the Activity Report form I sent out (if not call me immediately!)

Non-completion of this ONE requirement would result in loss of Judge Status...don't waste all those years of hard work to become a Judge just for lack of doing some simple paperwork and mailing it to me by the July 31<sup>st</sup> deadline!!

There were many excellent Judges Training Classes given this year in clubs throughout our Region. Keep up the good work - and be sure to contact me about prospective JT speakers/programs - before - committing them to come because I have to get approval for your sessions from the AIS JT Chair prior to giving you approval for same! Whew!

Gail M. Barnhill



Membership

Sara Holk

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We extend a warm welcome to all our new members and hope that if you are not already affiliated with one of the societies near you, that you will contact the one nearest to you. The Affiliate Presidents are listed in the NEWSLETTER. This is an outstanding time to get involved. It is the time of the year when the sales and auctions, both club and Region, are coming up and believe me they are a lot of fun. If for any reason you are unable to contact any one of the presidents, do not hesitate to contact me and I will try and get you on the right track-we do not want you to be without a home base.

To our Membership Chairs-now is the time to seek new members because of the new rules, those who sign up after July 1 1999 will enjoy an additional six months of membership. The expiration date will be December 31 2000. That is a good deal!

Since many of the affiliates will change command the first of July, I would like to thank all the outgoing membership chairpersons for the work they have done in helping to keep the rosters updated. I trust that those replacing them will continue to do as well-it makes easier work for all.

AIS Region 15Executive Board Meeting

April 16, 1999

Held at the Region 14 & 15 Spring Trek  
Visalia, California

Attendees:

Herb Holk, RVP  
Michelle Snyder, Treasurer  
Helen Radebaugh, Substitute Secretary  
Jim Giles, Editor  
Jimmy Jones, Awards/Bylaws  
Jeanne Clay Plank, Nominating  
Pete DeSantis, Ways & Means  
Bill Rinehart, Region Auction  
Barbara Turner, Hi Desert  
Barbara Evans, TAIS  
Carol Morgan, Inland  
Steve Rocha, SDIC

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Various Region 15 members:

Sharlyn Rocha  
LaVerne Conrad  
Ralph Conrad  
Anita Condon  
Joyce Bertram  
Cheryl Deaton  
Winona Stevenson  
Fern Owen  
Jane Parks  
Perri Larson

RVP Herb Holk Called the meeting to order by welcoming the board members and visitors present, He announced that Region 15 members attending the Trek would outnumber the Region 14 members.

Herb announced that Jay Conklin had passed away. He will be missed by his many friends and remembered for his love of iris.

Herb read the minutes of the January Region 15 Executive Board Meeting prepared by Secretary Georgia Gudykunst, due to her absence. During his reading of the minutes several items of Old Business were discussed and acted upon.

Ways & Means: It was moved, seconded and approved that the price of the Iris banners be reduced from \$15 to \$10.

Region Treks/Meetings: It was moved, seconded and carried that \$600 be given to Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society for the year 2000 Spring Trek.

Nominations: Chairman Plank reported that all positions have been filled for the October 1999, elections except Secretary and encouraged anyone interested to talk to her immediately.

Treasurer Snyder reported that it would facilitate the financial statements if our fiscal year was the calendar year. It was so moved, seconded and approved unanimously. She requested that money be sent promptly to her, not held until the next year. This will help her make accurate financial reports of yearly income and expenses.

That concluded old business contained in the minutes. They were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Michelle Snyder read the financial report as of April 1999. The General Checking account balance is \$13,743.07. The Executive Account (included in checking account

balance) is \$3,567.55. The Region 15 CD account balance is \$6,316.01 and the Region RVP CD balance is \$5,579.63. It was moved, seconded and carried that the report be approved and filed for audit.

RVP Holk called attention to the large balance in the checking account that is not drawing interest. He suggested that it would be wise to transfer some of this excess to one or more of the existing CD accounts (or open another CD) to take advantage of interest paid on such accounts. Treasurer Snyder agreed and volunteered to find out what minimum balance is required in our business account.

A motion was made that only the minimum balance required by the bank and the year's budgeted amount plus a cushion of \$1,000 be retained in the checking account. Any access money would be divided between the Region CD and RVP CD if possible or put into a temporary CD of 3 to 6 months duration until the money can be combined because the Lancaster CD will soon come due. Treasurer Snyder is authorized to take care of this transaction at her earliest convenience. The motion was seconded and approved.

Way & Means Chairman DeSantis reported that the twenty banners he advised Barbara Turner bring had already been sold. However, Barbara will be happy to take orders and send them to anyone interested. He will ask AIS if Region 15 can sell banners at the convention and if approval is granted, he will handle their sale.

Spring Trek 2000: Barbara Turner, President of Hi Desert, the host club for the SpringTrek, reported that the dates of April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> have been selected and the agenda has been determined. Judge's training has been included in the schedule and five gardens have been selected for the tour. One thing that is needed is guest iris and seedlings since there has been little or no response from our ad. Rhizomes were promised by several present as well as help in obtaining more from the Region.

Rhizomes: Chairman Bill Rinehart announced that he hopes to have 60 iris rhizomes for each club to auction in October and most of them will be newer than 1996. He will try to get a list of the iris for sale to each club prior to the auction, however, that may not be possible because of the time frame. He will be delivering the rhizomes personally (if possible) to ensure their safe arrival and good condition.

Chairman Rinehart suggested that if there are rhizomes left over from the auctions in the fall that

they be given to Hi Desert to grow for the 2000 Spring Trek. A motion was made to that effect, it was seconded and approved.

Awards Chairman Jones reported that the awards were ready to be presented. He would need some help with counting the votes after the garden tour and several people volunteered to help him.

RVP Holk adjourned the meeting with a reminder that the General Membership Meeting will be held in room Sierra B starting at 7:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Radebaugh



**Just an Interesting Comparison**

If we could shrink the earth's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, it would look something like the following.

There would be:

- 57 Asians
- 21 Europeans
- 14 from the Western Hemisphere, both north and south
- 8 Africans
- 52 would be female
- 48 would be male
- 30 would be white
- 70 would be non-white
- 70 would be non-Christian
- 30 would be Christian
- 89 would be heterosexual
- 11 would be homosexual
- 6 people would possess 59% of the entire world's wealth and all 6 would be from the United States.
- 80 would live in substandard housing
- 70 would be unable to read
- 50 would suffer from malnutrition
- 1 would be near death; 1 would be near birth
- 1 (yes, only 1) would have a college education
- 1 would own a computer

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understanding and education becomes glaringly apparent."



**Symposium**

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**Herb Holk, Region 15 RVP  
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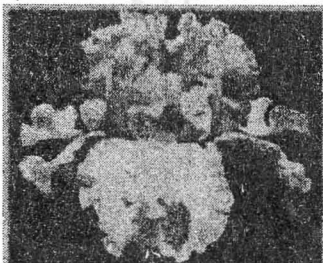


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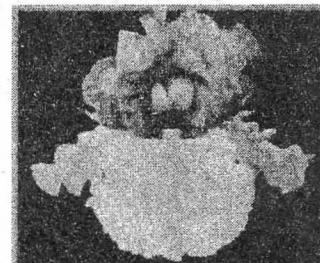
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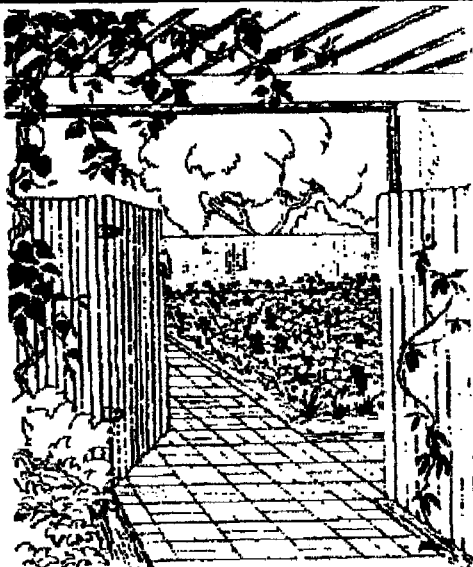


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