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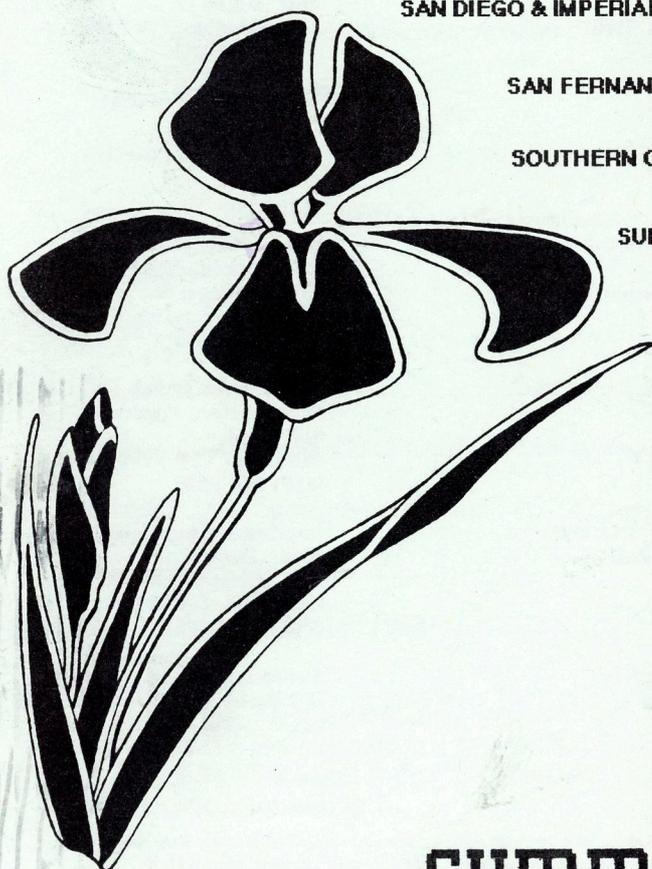
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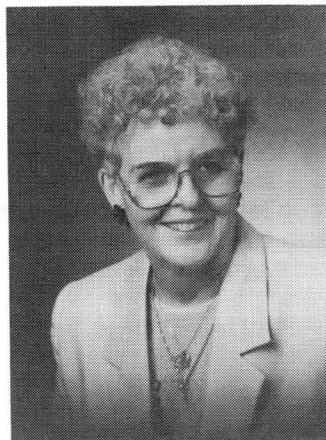
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A MESSAGE FROM THE REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

April 1992 is now history! And what a great history it has made! Region 15 had a wonderful Spring Trek hosted by the San Diego /Imperial County Iris Society. The AIS Convention in Atlanta was well attended and enjoyed by quite a few Region 15 members. AND Region 15 can claim the first woman president of the American Iris Society, Claire Barr. Congratulations Claire!! Region 15 loves you! Bernard Hamner collected his share of awards at the awards banquet in Atlanta. Most of us know that Bernard received the Hybridizers Medal for all his wonderful efforts in hybridizing. Bernard's '91 introduction of SNOWBURST won the Franklin Cook Award in Atlanta. Congratulations Bernard!



Our Region 15 Spring Trek was enjoyed by many. It is always good to see friends of many years and to make new friends. We enjoyed the humor and knowledge of Clarence Mahan. Clarence has untapped knowledge of the siberian and japanese iris. He showed slides of some beautiful blooms. Many of us can only dream of growing them. The gardens we visited were all beautiful. Bob Brooks' personal garden was full from front to back with delightful plants and iris. The daylilies were tempting our curiosity to return again. From Bob's we went to Cordon Bleu Farms where we needed a whole day to look around. I have never seen the farm look better. Much of the improvement is due to the hard work of Steve. He really knows his plants. Regretfully we had to leave without seeing nearly enough. All of the Region 15 auction iris were planted here. A lot of them were blooming well. From there we went to Ralph and LaVern Conrad. It is always a pleasant visit at the Conrad oasis. The iris were nice, but Don and I couldn't get over the roses. Some of them were taller than I am. They were beautiful! As always, LaVern was the hostess with the mostest. She had her famous spread of chips and dips and a sip of the grapes. After a delightful lunch we went to the Arnold Chaney garden. The Chaney's had the guest iris growing very well. They have a great start on what can be a very beautiful front yard. Linda Moore's garden was next in line. I'm afraid Linda's black stallion took more attention than the iris. He was beautiful and was certainly showing off for all of us. Linda had wonderful iris beds in the front and had delicious cakes made by hand and delivered by Hazel Carson.

Don and I arrived home Sunday at noon and I left for Atlanta the next morning at 7:30. That's fast suitcase switching! I arrived at Atlanta airport by 1 PM Arizona time. Many other AIS people were at the shuttle stop waiting to go to the hotel. On our shuttle we had one lone orphan going to Atlanta for golf. We almost had him talked into going on the iris tour with us! Tuesday and Wednesday were taken up with the AIS Board Meeting. Some important matters dealt with at the meeting were: Claire Barr's election as 1st woman president of the AIS; The vote in favor of one RVP sitting on the AIS Board with a vote; The ground work for a national AIS library; Our 501C3

Tax Exemption status has been approved by IRS; The problem that there is still no projected date for printing 1980-89 checklist; The 1993 AIS convention will be held in Dallas, April 20 through 24, hotel cost will be \$75.00; The new directors elected for 1992 are Melody Wilhoit, Larry Harden, Dave Niswonger, and Olive Rice-Waters; The AIS recording secretary position will be handled by Jeanne Plank; The new awards system will go into effect in 1993; Ron Mullin will retire as AIS Bulletin Editor in January of 1993; The '93 Personnel Committee consists of Hilda Crick, Dave Niswonger, Paul Gossett, Jim Fry, and Bobbie Shepard; and miscellaneous other necessary legalities.

More about the library. The HIPS Society has done a lot of work to establish the ground work for a library to house all the historical records for AIS. The current location in Nebraska has become unsatisfactory. The proposal is to find a building in a central location where the AIS library could be run like a real library with a librarian and a proper display of all the AIS archives. Anyone wishing to make a donation to such a cause should send it to the "AIS Library Endowment Fund." Any donations of printed material would be appreciated also.

The change in AIS bylaws must be voted on by the general membership. Very shortly each AIS member will be receiving a ballot for voting. Please vote and return it as soon as possible. There are several changes, but the important change is to allow one RVP to sit and vote on the AIS Board.

I hope April was a wonderful month for each of you. My petition for 60 days in April and skip August is still pending. Any signers?

See you next in Tucson. The Region 15 Fall Meeting will be October 9 and 10. I hope all of you will come and make this a meeting to remember. Tucson is doing their share!

Bobbie Shepard

REGION 15 SPRING AND FALL MEETING SCHEDULE OF ROTATION

Year	SPRING	FALL
1992	- SDICIS	Tucson IS
1993	- Hi-Desert IS	SFVIS
1994	- Orange Co I & DC	Inland IS
1995	- Tucson IS	So Cal IS
1996	- SFVIS	Sun Co IS
1997	- Inland IS	Hi-Desert IS
1998	- So Cal IS	SDICIS
1999	- Sun Co IS	Orange Co I & DC

REGION 15 SPRING TREK "Springtime in San Diego"



Irisarians at the Handlery Hotel preparing to board trek buses.

The San Diego/Imperial Counties Iris Society could, if they were so inclined, boast of a rich tradition of successful spring meetings including the national convention of the American Iris Society in 1975. It was obvious at checkin on Friday, April 24 that they retain that magic combination of graciousness and efficiency which makes their guests feel comfortable, at home.

Saturday morning was typical of late spring along the Southern California Coast: overcast but increasingly bright skies provided perfect light for photographers and enhanced color for non-photographers as well.

Eager irisarians experienced good bloom at the Vista home of Bob Brooks and Norm Allin. Their one-acre property is tastefully planted in perennials in a southwestern theme. The mature, casual, natural look here presented is produced only with great skill and restraint. Irises of several classes are artfully placed among other plant materials and matted, as in a painting, with groundcovers tolerant of foot traffic.

Bob, in partnership with Ray and Janice Chesnik, is also the creator of Cordon Bleu Farms in nearby San Marcos. Primarily a mail-order source of spuria and louisiana irises and hemerocallis, this second tour stop is a kaleidoscope of horticultural delights. The four-acres provide a triangle of spurias, a wedge of Louisianas, a rectangle of bearded irises as well as a block of daylilies. Viewed from different vantage points these provide varying patterns of color not unlike those produced by twisting the cylinders of the instruments produced by Ray and Janice

In 1975, or so the story goes, leprechauns led Ralph and LaVerne Conrad and LaVerne's brother Clarke Cosgrove to an oak-studded canyon nestled among the avocado orchards and citrus groves of Bonsall. Since '75 paths and terraces have been developed working up from the all-year stream which bisects the property. While 90 guests and generous donations from good friends Ben Hager and Sid DuBose have been added to their long standing bearded iris collection on the upper level, it is the naturalized plantings of PCN seedlings under the oak canopy which gives visitors the greatest pleasure. While the sheets of color they earlier provided were not present on the 24th, flamboyant cultivars were regaling visitors of pleasures past.

After lunch in San Luis Rey, which is state-of-the-art thoroughbred country, our busses headed east and into an environmental and chronological timewarp.

On our way to the Valley Center home of Arnold and Barbara Chaney, we were transported to an earlier time when the voluptuous brown hills were not carved down and paved over. While few cattle crested the ridges as in the rancho period, the slopes instead presented verdant collections of citrus and avocado. Arroyos were festooned with sycamore and oak and their steep sides often featured toyon, manzanita and occasionally impenetrable stands of cacti.

Such is the setting of the Chaney home, a hillside with an unobstructed view of Mt. Palomar. While peak bloom in the east county had been even earlier than in the morning gardens, a welcome representation of guest iris were present. Among cultivars in the beds that worked up the hill from the roadside to the house was ACOMA of Tom Magee (the favorite iris of this Spring Meeting). A fortunate few of the irisarians were accorded a special treat in the form of a guided tour of Arnold's extensive exotic bird collection. As this is nesting season, this opportunity was unexpected and greatly appreciated.

Continuing through alternating enclaves of habitations and swatches of native vegetation (though intermingled with the imported eucalyptus), we tardily arrived at Linda Moore's in Ramona. On approximately two acres of the four acre property, Linda operates a mail-order nursery specializing in daylilies and iris. Her catalog lists over 300 varieties each of the hems and the irises. In addition she has hosted an ample number of guests for this trek. Although past peak, we found new cultivars as well as old friends in bloom. The remaining two acres are home to 18 Arabian horses. In the first enclosure on the left a black colt was both spooked by and drawn to the invaders. In this ambivalent state, he could not help but show off.

Black stallions and Allesandro country. As pleasant as this trip through the mythical state of Deja Vu was, weary travelers eagerly anticipated a brisk shower, a cold glass and conversations with good friends new and old.

Bill Rinehart
Assistant RVP

SAN DIEGO & IMPERIAL COUNTIES IRIS SOCIETY

Hip Hip Hurrah! The Spring Garden Iris Trek of April 24 - 25 1992 has come and gone. Walter Gorrell and Vern McCroskey with their volunteers are congratulated and thanked for a job well done.

On Friday a nice sized group attended both the general meeting and the judges training session given by Clarence Mahan.

Things went well on Saturday... considering late buses and late food service. We want all the garden hosts to know that we enjoyed the results of their work. We offer our apologies to the garden hosts who put so much labor and time into preparing their gardens and then were left with so little viewing time allotted to trekkers.

The Saturday night banquet was really lovely. Colorful iris bouquets and delicious food set the tone. Our speaker, Clarence Mahan, gave an interesting program with beautiful slides. Raffle and door prizes added anticipation and excitement to the get-together. Irisarian get-togethers tend to be fun.

Our "Sailing-Winning with Iris" show was nice (after hearing "It's late! We don't have any bloom left for the show"). Thanks goes to all who brought in bloom stalks and to the artistic arrangers for their efforts.

Vern McCroskey, Walter McNeel, and their volunteers put a good show together. Dot Rundy, the keeper of the kitchen, saw that the workers enjoyed the food brought in by the faithful members. Also appreciated was the time spent by the good judges, some who traveled far. The public showed their appreciation by buying over \$1,000.00 worth of rhizomes. May 2-3 was early for digging and selling, but we needed to refill our coffers after the Spring Trek.

Our annual Potluck and Region 15 Iris Rhizome Auction and Awards presentation will be held at the home of Cliff and Hazel Carson on July 26, the 4th Sunday. This is a week later than announced. The date for our Annual Park Sale in August has been changed as well. It will be held August 9 (2nd Sunday instead of the 3rd Sunday) in Balboa Park, 10 AM - 3 PM.

Bill Gunther, a long time member of AIS and SD/ICIS, passed away in April. He had been a very generous, active person, giving talks on how to raise Japanese irises in San Diego and writing many articles for various publications on Iris and other plants including Palm trees. His home and gardens have been open for meetings and iris treks. He has been editor of the California Garden Magazine. He has won many ribbons for his Japanese iris also for Artistic Division arrangements. He was active musically, playing with an Ensemble in Lao Jolla and traveling in the United States with the musical group.

Hazel Carson,
SD/ICIS President



SD/ICIS SHOW AWARDS

HORTICULTURE DIVISION:

Queen of Show: PREMIER (spuria) entered by Dorothy Rundy
Silver Medal: Norm Allin
Bronze Medal: Fred Higgenbotham

ARTISTIC DIVISION:

Best of Show: Dorothy Driscoll
Hazel Carson Perpetual Trophy: Hazel Carson

HI-DESERT IRIS SOCIETY

Hi-Desert held its 1992 Spring Show in Palmdale on May 2 and 3. Although Hi-Desert gardens had past peak by the time the show took place, there still was a very respectable number of iris classes represented in the 150 or so stalks entered in the show's Horticulture Division. "The Desert in Color" served as the show's theme. Fern Owen, Show Chairman, and her committee are to be commended for all the work they put into making the show a success.

Local newspapers gave the show excellent publicity and made a special effort to point out the tribute paid to Mona Boswick by Hi-Desert members when they dedicated the 1992 show to her memory.

On June 17, Hi-Desert will hold its installation dinner at the Palmdale Ramada Inn. This is the last formal meeting of the season. Regular meetings resume again in September. The newly elected officers to be installed are:

<u>President</u>	Cal Boswick
<u>Vice President</u>	Jan Borg
<u>Secretary</u>	Mary Patterson
<u>Treasurer</u>	Barbara Turner

Next Spring, for the first time in its rather young life, Hi-Desert will host the Region 15 Spring Trek. This year the club held a "dress rehearsal" mini-trek allowing club members to preview the gardens slated for next spring's gathering. An interesting addition to the '93 Regional will be the 500 rhizomes planted by color, in beds around the Palmdale Ramada Inn, trek headquarters. Numerous cultivars were used in this group of plantings, however, the real emphasis is directed toward the landscape values of color and mass, not toward displaying recent introduction nor toward gathering a large number of different cultivars. The Ramada Inn iris are not "trek guest iris." They are irises of various ages, collected from various sources. Their function is to bring attention through color and beauty to our region meeting, to the usefulness of iris in landscaping, and to provide pleasure to Irisarians participating in the Trek. The hotel is so delighted with the planting that they encouraged its extension to more and more areas!

Look ahead and plan now to attend the Region 15 meeting in Palmdale at the Ramada Inn in 1993!

(Editor)



HIGH DESERT SHOW RESULTS

HORTICULTURE DIVISION

Queen of Show SULTAN'S ROBE (Siberian) entered by Mary Duvall
Silver Medal Flo Doull
Bronze Medal Mary Duvall
Best Seedling hybridized by Cal Boswick

ARTISTIC DIVISION

Best Artistic Mary Duvall

TUCSON AREA IRIS SOCIETY

Another good iris year in the desert! Our members were all fretting as to whether we'd have a small show as with sooo much rain our gardens were getting ahead of themselves. Not to worry! We had an OUTSTANDING show with 303 entries, 278 cultivars/varieties, 28 exhibitors, and 20 artistic arrangements. Awards included 137 blue, 74 red, 53 white, and 12 honorable mentions. We also gained 14 new TAIS members AND were only \$8 over budget! This year we had two novice classes in the Artistic Division - one for ladies and one for gentlemen, as our men have not been involved in this aspect of our shows before. We're very proud of all of them - but especially our gentlemen who, although reluctant exhibitors, are now muttering to themselves "that was kinda fun, I might even do it again next year!" Hooray for them! We even had 9 members of the Ohara School of Ikibana volunteer to do arrangements for us in the varying styles of Ikibana flower arranging as a demonstration of their art. We had some wonderful - but very tired judges when all was said and done. Next year, we plan six horticulture judges rather than only three.

Our Annual Potluck/Auction/New Iris Giveaway program will be held on August 8; our Annual Rhizome Sale is scheduled for September 12-13 at the Tucson Botanical Gardens. New officers will be elected at our October meeting.

We are delighted to be active in Region again. You can never get enough iris activities! Five of our members attended the Spring Trek in San Diego, enjoyed it thoroughly, and shared their experiences with us at our May meeting via video tape. When Bobbie stated at the Trek that she was glad to see Tucson "active again"... well, we believe she meant in Region activities - as our show obviously proves we have been "active" growing our iris!

Tucson Area Iris Society is most pleased and proud to host the October 1992 Fall Trek, October 9-11. Accommodations will be at the Hilton East for \$69 per room, per night (single/double/quad). We thank the Hilton East for this very special rate, as Tucson's "high season" rates usually go into effect in September! Our weather is beautiful at that time of year. Average 85 degrees with only a trace of rain and a low 25% humidity! Lots to do and see in Tucson before and after the Trek too, such as the Tucson Botanical Gardens, the world famous Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, Colossal Caves, Sabino Canyon, Saguaro National Monuments... and possibly even some of our members' gardens. The Fall Trek announcement and reservation form is in the centerfold portion of this Newsletter and will be in the centerfold again in the Fall Newsletter. Additional information, as it becomes available will be mailed directly to region club presidents and/or will appear in the Fall Newsletter. Our Trek Chairwomen are Melania Kutz and Peggi Andersen. If you have questions, please contact Peggi at either (602) 795-6221 days or (602) 743-9711 evenings.

Bill Huffman,
President TAIS

TUCSON SHOW RESULTS

HORTICULTURE DIVISION - 303 entries

Best Tall Bearded: *TITAN'S GLORY entered by Barbara Evans
Median: CHICKASAW SUE (BB) entered by Merleen Hunt
Arl/Arlbred: JEWELLED VEIL entered by Sally Cooperman
Space Age: UNICORN entered by Gail Barnhill
Barless: L. pseudacorus entered by Bill Huffman

Queen of Show: *TITAN'S GLORY entered by Barbara Evans
2nd Day Queen: WINDRIVER entered by Myrleen Hunt
Sweepstakes: Jim Sinski
Sweeps runner-up: Merleen Hunt
Shepard Small Garden Award: *TITAN'S GLORY entered by Barbara Evans

ARTISTIC DIVISION - 20 arrangements entered

Best Arrangement: "Glitter Glamour" created by Mary Ann Kutz
Best Novice Arrangement: "Desert Dawn" entered by Tony Kutz
Sweepstakes: None



Iris trekkers take delight in a field of dreams.

or

If you plant them, they will come!

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION:

Deadline for the Fall Edition, Region 15 Newsletter is **AUGUST 10**

Delivery date target is **SEPTEMBER 1 (!!)**

We urge you to send us news from your club, from around the region, from around the iris world. Send to: Jeanne Plank - 8426 Vinevalley Drive, Sun Valley, CA 91352

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IRIS SOCIETY

Despite the torrential rains, we had 42 Irisarians on hand to hear our visiting expert from New Mexico, Louella Danielson, present her program on arils & arilbreeds to the February 12 meeting. For those who were able to ford the floods, there was a reward of interesting instruction illustrated by fine slides, seasoned with humor and topped off by a generous helping of gift rhizomes.

At the March and April meetings we prepared for the Easter weekend show. Jean Cooper, National Council judge and noted flower arranger, presented a flower arranging demonstration in March, offering tips and tidbits on how better to come up with that perfect arrangement to enter in the show. In April, Pete DeSantis and three SFVIS members who are accredited AIS judges... Jimmy Jones, Judy Mogil, and Caroline Sutherland... provided an evening of instruction, illumination and insight for anyone planning to enter the show's horticultural division. Pete's presentation which gave instruction on all aspects of the mechanics of entering, was followed by an illuminating demonstration from the three judges who judged mock entries "out loud," offering the audience insight into the process as they explained what they were looking for as well as what was good or not good about the entry before them. AND, of course, in the middle of April, we put on our very successful show (see the following show information report).

In May, we trekked in person; trekked by proxy; and trucked for profit. While several SFVIS members were still at the AIS National Convention in Atlanta, our Spring Trek was held on May 2 under balmy skies in seven beautiful gardens sporting plenty of bloom. The gardens on display were the Carpenter, DeSantis, Sage, Squires, Rinehart, Vance and Zeldin gardens. At Zeldin's, in keeping with a tradition going back many years, trekkers took their lunch break and enjoyed another SFVIS tradition, Zeldin "spumoni" for dessert. Peggy Carpenter was the very able Trek Chairman. For the May 6 general meeting, Jeanne Plank recapped the AIS Atlanta National in a program which used selected slides from the collections of Bob Plank and Jerry Snyder. Three days later, SFVIS conducted its 4th Annual rhizome sale at the Sepulveda Basin Garden Center Plant Fair. We literally brought in truck loads of irises dug from members gardens to be sold at this late spring sale. It was our best ever showing for a Sepulveda Basin sale: \$2,715.00. (Our *REALLY BIG* sale is in the fall). Jean Bossier served extremely well as Sepulveda Sale Chairman.

The June meeting is our "Annual Meeting" where we enjoy a potluck supper followed by the presentation of show awards and the election of officers for the coming year which begins July 1.

(Editor)

SFVIS SHOW RESULTS

The San Fernando Valley Iris Society held their 18th annual show on April 17 & 18 at the Northridge Fashion Mall. Because the mall was closed on Easter Sunday, we were limited to a two day show. Nevertheless, according to the Northridge Mall operations manager, our show was the best show of any kind ever held in the Mall! The theme this year's show was "Rediscover America" in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Discovery of America by Christopher Columbus. Artistic arrangement classes were dedicated to Cities (eg. "Detroit," "Hollywood," etc.) and all classes were required to have recycled materials used in the creation of the design. The arrangements were outstanding!

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HORTICULTURAL DIVISION - We had 297 entries submitted by 22 exhibitors in the horticulture division. All types of Iris were entered, except the evansias.

Best Tall Bearded	*MISS JEANIE entered by Theresa Sage
MTB	LITTLE PAUL (MTB) entered by Judy Mogil
Border Bearded	BOY 'O BOY entered by Judy Mogil
Intermediate Bordered	BOLD PRINT entered by Judy Mogil
Standard Dwarf Bearded	SHERLOCK entered by Judy Mogil
Novelty	LET'S PRETEND entered by Pete DeSantis
Louisiana	PROFESSOR IKE entered by Judy Mogil
Spuria	BETTY COOPER entered by Pete DeSantis
Species	<i>I. ochroleuca</i> entered by Jan Lauritzen
Pacifica	ORCHID SPRITE by Pete DeSantis
Arilbred	LEBANESE SNOW entered by Jean Bossier
Arilmed	FAIRY GOBLIN entered by Jean Bossier
Siberian	STEVE entered by Myrna Hood
Japanese	IPSUS entered by Jeanne Plank
Seedling	92-1 entered by Judith Gasser
Collection	entered by Judy Mogil

*Queen of Show	MISS JEANIE entered by Theresa Sage
The Silver Medal	Pete DeSantis
The Bronze Medal	Jean Bossier
Multiple Section Award winners	Judy Mogil (6)

Pete DeSantis (3)
Jean Bossier (2)

ARTISTIC DIVISION - Theme: "Rediscover America"

Best Design of Show:	"Detroit" by Francis DeSantis using a car muffler
Best Use of Recycled Material:	Eileen Fuimara
Sweepstakes:	Eileen Fuimara
Section award - Intermediate:	Lee Thompson
Section Award - Novice:	Lou McCann

Eileen Fuimara
Show Chairman



REGION 15 CANDIDATES NOMINATED FOR ELECTION TO OFFICE FOR 1992-1993

Regional Vice President:	Bobbie Shepard
Assistant Regional Vice President:	Bill Rinehart
Secretary:	Hazel Carson
Treasurer:	Cal Boswick

Submitted by the 1992 Nominating Committee: Judy Mogil (SFVIS), Chairman; Charlene Errigo (Sun Country); Mary Duvall (Hi-Desert); Jimmy Jones (SCIS)



REGION 15 FALL MEETING & DESERT GARDEN TOUR

Hosted by the Tucson Area Iris Society
October 9th & 10th, 1992

WHERE: Tucson Hilton East: 7600 E. Broadway, Tucson, AZ 85710
Phone (602) 721-5600
Rate: Is \$69.00 per room per day + \$7.56 taxes for Single, Double, Triple or Quad. Please make your own reservations prior to September 9th, and mention you are with the Region 15 Iris Meeting and our special rate. This rate will be honored 3 days prior and/or following the meeting if you wish to extend your stay.

REGISTRATION: \$45 Luncheon AND TOUR or \$35 Luncheon only* if postmarked by August 1, 1992. (\$50/40* after August 1st.)

SCHEDULE:

<u>Friday</u>	3:00	Registration Opens
	3:30	Executive Board Meeting
		<u>Dinner on your own</u>
	6:00	Region General Meeting
	7:00	Judges Training
<u>Saturday</u>	7:30	Continental Breakfast
	8:00	Garden Tour
	12:30	Luncheon/Speaker/Doorprizes/Raffles
	3:30	Judges Training

SPEAKER: Dave Niswonger, "The Pleasures of Hybridizing"
JUDGES TRAINING: Louella Danielson, "Arils and Arilbreds"

GARDEN TOUR STOPS:

Our first stop is at the home of Dr. & Mrs. Paul Bessey, which is a wonderful representation of home-gardening in the Tucson area, incorporating both conservation and beauty. Dr. Bessey is an Assistant Professor Emeritus of the University of Arizona Department of Plant Sciences. He writes gardening and horticultural articles for the Arizona Daily Star Newspaper as well as the Tucson Home & Garden Magazine, and is currently President of BOTH the Tucson Men's Garden Club and Tucson Botanical Gardens. Paul says he is lucky and privileged to be able to enjoy a profession that is also his hobby and pleasure! Paul and Fran are members of long standing in TAIS.

Our second stop will be the Tucson Botanical Gardens, landscaped with more than 500 different native desert plants, herbs, flowers, fruit and shade trees, and greenhouse. There are many special exhibits such as the Composting Demonstration Area, Sensory Garden, Historical, Native Seeds, Cactus, Xeriscape Demonstration Garden, the Tohono O'odham Round House and Children's Multicultural Garden.

QUESTIONS ?: Contact Peggi Andersen (602) 795-6221 (work) 743-9711 (home)

*******REGISTRATION FORM*******

Please reserve _____ places in the name(s) of _____

_____ representing _____ Iris Society

For: _____ Luncheon Banquet & Garden Tour* _____ Luncheon Banquet only*

Make Checks to: Tucson Area Iris Society or TAIS
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ORANGE COUNTY IRIS AND DAYLILY CLUB

Our club has had some outstanding speakers thus far this year: Jimmy Jones, President of SCIS; followed by Jay Conklin and Nancy Webb on reblooming iris; Richard Stretz, RVP for Region 7 of the American Hemerocallis Society; and Jeanne Clay Plank, Curator of the Descanso Gardens iris display gardens. Nancy Webb and Martha MacFarland gave two joint presentations at local garden clubs on old and new iris.

Members participated in the annual garden show at the Crystal Court shopping mall, and "spread the word" about iris and daylilies. In late April, we again participated in the annual "Green Scene" plant sale at the UC Fullerton Arboretum, our major fund raising event of the year. We were also represented at the Region 15 Spring Meeting in San Diego, and at the AIS Convention in Atlanta, as well as at the Inland Iris Society trek on May 7.

We held an iris mini-show at our April 14 meeting, judged by Ken Mohr, Jay C. Conklin, and guest speaker Jeanne Plank.

Thirty entries were judged in the mini-show. Entries included spurias, louisianas and PCN seedlings along with various types of bearded iris. Ten blue ribbons were awarded to introduced cultivars and two were awarded to seedlings. Queen of Show was awarded to WILD JASMINE (Hamner '83), a TB entered by Winnie Conklin.

Plans are still in the works for an extended iris planting at the Discovery Museum in Santa Ana to further promote the growing of iris.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings, the second Tuesday of each month; call Ruth Greiner (714) 893-1289 for information.

Ruth Greiner,
OCI&DC Secretary

Editor's note:

Apologies are offered to Martha MacFarlane for the error printed in the OCI/DC column, Region 15 Newsletter, Spring Issue. It was printed that OCI/DC had honored her because she had... "helped found the club and was its secretary for three years..." Martha MacFarlane was indeed a club founder, however her service as club secretary encompassed EIGHT years, not the mistakenly reported three years. The copy was received correctly. It was in transfer to the computer that the error occurred.

↓ATTENTION AIS JUDGES & JUDGES PROGRAM TRAINEES ↓

All active judges accredited by the AIS are reminded to mail their ballots to Kenneth Waite before the July 1st deadline.

Everyone in the judges program, including students and apprentices, should receive activity reports in early June. If a report form is not received by June 15, please contact Bill Rinehart (see address and phone number inside front cover) to obtain a replacement.

INLAND IRIS SOCIETY

Excerpted from the Inland Iris Society Newsletters: Mar, Apr. & May issues

In keeping with their custom of engaging interesting, out-of-region speakers who are also qualified and willing to provide an hour of judge's training as well as the program for their meeting, Inland welcomed Jim McWhirter as guest speaker for March. Jim's subject was on exhibition judging, an appropriate subject for a time when irisarians are busily engaged in preparing for spring shows.

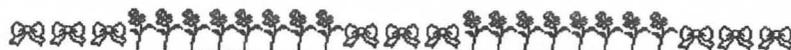
The April 6 meeting program was focused on the up-coming spring show, as well. Pete DeSantis speaking on "Transporting and Grooming Irises", shared the speakers platform with Elaine Straw, Master Judge and member of the Judge's Council of Orange County and So. California, who spoke on how to present flower arrangements to fit the show class theme.

On the Friday and Saturday of Easter weekend, those well prepared IIS members put on their Spring Show, with results that rewarded show chairman Ralph Strane and his committee for their hard work and pleased one and all. The 1992 Spring Plant sale, held in connection with the Spring Show, was very successful, thanks to Carol Morgan and her committee. The rhizome sale fired by the beautiful blooms displayed on the show benches and artistic tables, brought in over \$3,400 to the IIS treasury. IIS will hold another plant sale in September.

The Inland Spring Trek was held on Thursday, May 7. About 60 trekkers turned out to go on what would probably be, for most, the last, and maybe the best, iris trek of the '92 season. Although the gardens were past peak, there was more than enough bloom to provide plenty of interest for trekkers who had a wonderful day touring the five gardens. At the Cal-Dixie stop, people enjoyed a delightful luncheon prepared by Bob Vogel and served to them as they looked out over the iris fields, and enjoyed the time to socialize.

Trek Chairman Carole Buckheim and her committee are congratulated for an excellent job. Well done!!!

(Editor)



INLAND SHOW RESULTS

The Inland Iris Society held their show on April 17 & 18 at Riverside Plaza, Riverside CA. We had 187 entries submitted by 26 exhibitors. Nine (9) types of Iris were entered.

HORTICULTURE DIVISION

Queen of Show	TRAIL BLAZER (PCN) entered by Ellie Hubley
Best Seedling	#85-206 (BB) entered by Bernard Hamner
Silver Medal	Joe Daugherty
Bronze Medal	Ralph Strane

ARTISTIC DIVISION - "Let's Go To The Movies"

Best Design of Show	Mike Monninger
Sweepstakes	Carol Bachheim

Ralph Strane
Show Chairman

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IRIS SOCIETY

Like it does to everyone else, Spring brought to the members of the Southern California Iris Society an avalanche of activities tumbling down one on top of the other.

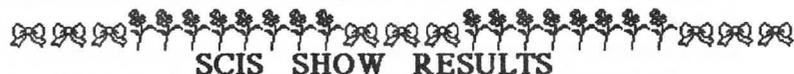
At our March meeting we were very pleased to have an interesting program presented on Siberian irises by Jean Erickson from Region 14, President of the Santa Rosa Iris Society, former RVP for Region 14 and former President of SPCN.

Our only show this year, "The Beauty of Spring," was held on April 11-12. It proved to be one of our most successful shows in recent memory. A recap of the show, written by Lynn McIlwain, follows this report.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on June 27 at our normal meeting place, the LA Arboretum. Business for the day will include the election of officers and giving out the awards for the Spring Show. Jeanne and Bob Plank will present a slide program they have put together on the AIS National Convention in Atlanta.

Our Annual Rhizome Auction and Picnic will be held on August 15 at the LA Arboretum.

Jim Jones, S.C.I.S. President



SCIS SHOW RESULTS

The Southern California Iris Society held their show on April 11 & 12 at the Los Angeles County Arboretum. We were able to put on only one show this year because with the many iris activities going on within region, the timing of Easter and of this year's national convention, we were presented with unsolvable conflicts that prohibited the scheduling of two shows. Our one-and-only show came between the time usually scheduled for our Early Show at the end of March, and our Mall Show at the end of April.

We also held a plant sale in conjunction with the show. We had 120 potted irises priced at \$5.00 apiece. We sold out in the first hour. It was a nice sunny weekend and we had many visitors to the show.

HORTICULTURE - We had 278 entries by 28 exhibitors. All types of irises were entered, except Japanese irises.

Best Tall Bearded:	SOLANO entered by Duncan Eader
Best Plicata:	LAREDO entered by Jim Weinstock
Best Median:	SHENANIGAN (BB) entered by Lynn McIlwain
Best PCN:	DRIVE YOU WILD entered by Duncan Eader
Best 1/4 Aril:	WIND SHADOWS entered by Lynn McIlwain
Best 1/2 Aril:	COOL OASIS entered by John Wight
Best Beardless:	* E. C. EVERINGHAM entered by Pete DeSantis
Best Seedling:	AB 63-3 (a blue streaked aril) entered by John Wight
* Queen of Show:	E. C. EVERINGHAM, (LA), by Pete DeSantis
Silver Medal:	Duncan Eader
Bronze Medal:	Pete DeSantis

ARTISTIC DIVISION - 58 arrangements were entered by 21 adults and 3 youths.

Best Design:	"Hiking In the Woods" by Dorothy Jean Spoelstra
Sweepstakes:	Mary Ann Spurlock

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(So Calif. Iris Society report continued from previous page)

YOUTH DIVISION

Best Design "Beauty of Spring" created by Jamie Burnes

Sweepstakes Shawn McIlwain

(Elizabeth Cheney was our third youth exhibitor. We are happy to see our youth section growing and hope we can encourage more to enter next year.)

Lynn McIlwain, Treasurer, SCIS



Spurias in bloom at Cordon Bleu Farms.



Guest irises attract attention at the Chaney hillside home.

SUN COUNTRY IRIS SOCIETY

Fellow Irisarians:
 Hasn't this been an exciting month! I think most of us have been caught up in a whirl of conventions, treks, and spring shows of some kind. It sure has been fun.

We here in Phoenix are already looking forward to rhizome sales. Our own club iris auction will be held in July followed by the auction of Region 15 iris in August.

Sun Country's annual rhizome sale will be held September 12. The sale will take place at two locations: One location will be at Christown and the other will be at the Valley West Mall. It would be nice if some of you could attend our sales. It's always nice to see our fellow members.

Maudie Brown
 Sun Country President



SUN COUNTRY SHOW AWARDS

As excerpted from the May issue of *Sun Country Iris News*

HORTICULTURE DIVISION - 155 entries from 25 exhibitors

- Best Tall Bearded:** *OPPORTUNITY entered by Jan & Gary Meeker
 CHICKASAW SUE (BB) entered by Hall Bradshaw
Median: JEWELLED VEIL entered by Sally Cooperman
Avil/Adlored: BELISE entered by Carole Spiess
Spuria: CLARA GOULA entered by Charlene Erigo
Louisiana: PURPLE SENSATION entered by Gail Barnhill
Bulbous: EARLY SPLENDOR entered by Marge Larson
Collection: 91-5 (TB) Hall Bradshaw
Seedling: *OPPORTUNITY entered by Jan & Gary Meeker
Queen of Show: Gail Barnhill
Sweepstakes: Jan & Gary Meeker
Sweeps runner-up: Jan & Gary Meeker
Shepard Small Garden Award: Gloria Beatty

ARTISTIC DIVISION - 32 arrangements were entered by 10 exhibitors

- Best Design of Show:** "That Old Black Magic" created by Clemence Newcomb
Sweepstakes: Jack Weber

YOUTH DIVISION - Horticulture and Artistic

- Best Horticulture:** SOLANO (TB) entered by Ben Bernhagen
Artistic Design: "Atracandra" entered by Michelle Barnaby

 The Sun Country Awards Banquet was held May 5. The election of officers for the coming year is a part of the Annual Awards Banquet. Sun Country's newly elected officers for 1992 - 1993 are:

- President:** Ray Kary
Vice President: Dimeria Cecil
Secretary: Diane Miles
Treasurer: Gloria Beatty
Board Member: Ralph Schoenberg

1992 REGION 15 SPRING SHOW RECAP

CLUB	QUEEN OF SHOW	TYPE	EXHIBITOR	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL
Hi-Desert	SULTAN'S ROBE	Siberian	Mary Duvall	Flo Doull	Mary Duvall
Inland	TRAIL BLAZER	Pacifica	Ellie Hubley	Joe Duagherty	Ralph Strane
OCI/DC*	-	-	-	-	-
San Diego	PREMIER	Spuria	Dorothy Rundy	Norm Allin	Fred Higgenbottom
SFVIS	MISS JEANIE	Tall Bearded	Theresa Sage	Pete DeSantis	Jean Bossier
So. Calif	E. C. EVERINGHAM	Louisiana	Pete DeSantis	Duncan Eader	Pete DeSantis
Sun Country	OPPORTUNITY	Tall Bearded	Jan & Gary Meeker	Gail Barnhill	Jan & Gary Meeker
Tucson	TITAN'S GLORY	Tall Bearded	Barbara Evans	Jim Sinski	Merleen Hunt

* Held a "mini-show" which was judged by accredited AIS judges, but it was not a "AIS sanctioned show."

CLUB	BEST SEEDLING	HYBRIDIZER	BEST ARTISTIC	ART. SWEEPS
Hi-Desert	-	Cal Boswick	Mary Duvall	-
Inland	85-206 (BB)	Bernard Hamner	Mike Monninger	Carol Bachheim
OCI/DC*	-	-	-	-
San Diego	-	-	Dorothy Driscoll	-
SFVIS	92-1	Judith Gasser	Fran DeSantis	Eileen Fuimara
So. Calif	AB 63-3	John Wight	Dorothy Jean Spoelstra	Mary Ann Spurlock
Sun Country	91-5	Hall Bradshaw	Clemence Newcomb	Jack Weber

CLUB	YOUTH ARTISTIC	YOUTH SWEEPS	YOUTH HORTICULTURE
So Calif	Jamie Byrnes	Shawn McIlwain	-
Sun Country	Michelle Baraby	-	Ben Bernhagen for SOLANO

DESCANSO GARDENS

At this writing (5/26), there are still several cultivars in bloom in the Descanso Iris Garden and there are even a few stragglers "not-yet-but-about-to" come into bloom! We who enjoy iris in our gardens really should take serious note of late bloomers and welcome them as eagerly as we welcome early blooming varieties. Cultivars that bloom at the very end of the season, like those that bloom at the very beginning, help extend the time we have quality iris bloom in our gardens. Early and late blooming varieties are often excellent plants with excellent flower form and substance, but they are often underrated or over-looked when it comes to awards and popularity polls. Most garden visiting is planned for, and, understandably, local, regional and national treks are deliberately scheduled for "the expected period of peak bloom." At peak bloom time, "opening act" and "closing act" varieties are either well past prime and/or over, or barely out of the fans. In either case, they are certainly not in a stage of development likely to get attention in the midst of the hoards that are at prime in mid-season. Support your late blooming iris! Adding a well-chosen late variety or two to your garden, for example: CHICO MAID, AUTUMN HEIRESS, GYPSY CARAVAN, OR CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL (to name just four of Descanso's "closing act" cultivars) can add enjoyment to the garden in a surprisingly greater proportion than adding several more mid-season varieties to a collection already likely to have a large majority of mid-season varieties.

Ground breaking ceremonies for the Descanso rose/iris garden renovation project are scheduled to take place October 2. We will be removing all the iris from their current beds this year. There is less apprehension about the move, right now, because it looks like we have found a place to store the iris collection right at Descanso. The proposed storage area is a section on the East side of the main parking lot in a large, currently uncultivated space next to the newly installed AARS Rose Test Garden. Many things about this location make it ideal. First, it will be much simpler if we can relocate and store the collection inside the Gardens during renovation. Second, in this location the Descanso public will still have access to viewing the iris, no matter how long the renovation process takes. Thirdly, those of us who tend the Descanso iris will be able to continue in much the same fashion as before. We certainly hope this proposed solution will become the accepted solution.

We need iris-experienced volunteers, willing to help with the digging-marking-relocating process, which will begin soon and which will go on, undoubtedly, throughout most of the summer. If you would like to join in the fun, we will welcome your assistance. For more information, contact Jeanne Plank, (818) 767-5512 or Barbara Brow, (818) 248-4423 or drop by the iris area on any Tuesday between 9 AM and 12 noon when there is usually some one there who will be happy to answer your questions.

Jeanne Clay Plank
Volunteer Curator, Descanso Gardens Iris Garden

SIBERIAN IRISES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

By Pete De Santis

(Reprinted from THE SIBERIAN IRIS, Fall 1991, Vol. #7, No. 4)

Are you kidding? Siberian irises in Southern California? No, I am not kidding, they do grow in Southern California, even though I was told not to waste my money on them.

So being the renegade that I am, I set out to determine do they or do they not grow here. I live in Reseda, CA. which is in the center of the San Fernando Valley. The temperature varies from 29° F (-2° C) to 101° F (38° C), and water is being rationed.

I have received blue ribbons for SPARKLE (Hager '77), CAESAR'S BROTHER (Morgan '31), SPARKLING ROSE (Hager '67), SILVER TIP (Cleveland '39), and LIGHTS OF PARIS (Rich '66), and red ribbons on some others. I have twelve different Siberian clumps hybridized by Steve Varner, Dr. McEwen and the Hollingsworths, who live in different parts of the country. These Siberians are all doing very well in my garden.

One of my friends, Michael Zarky, lives in Culver City, twenty miles southwest of me, and he has also had very good luck with his Siberians. He has received blue ribbons for BLUE MOON (Scheffy '52), CAESAR'S BROTHER, ORVILLE FAY (McEwen '69), PANSY PURPLE (McEwen '69) and SPRINGS BROOK (Warburton '88). Another friend, Betty Squires, whose garden is only ten miles away from mine has also had good luck. In fact she was awarded the best of Siberian section with SPARKLE. My friend, Joe Daugherty, in Alta Loma, sixty miles east of me, is also a good Siberian grower, and Judy Mogil of Woodland Hills (The Vanowen Iris Garden) is also doing very well with her Siberians - I could go on and on. Because we have entered them in different shows, the iris and garden public have fallen in love with the dainty Siberian iris.

I must tell a story about my friend, Jeanne Plank, who not only grows Siberians in her home garden close to me, but is in charge of the iris bed at Descanso Gardens which is world renowned for its flowers, plants and trees. She also has Siberians on display there - but back to my story. One day while visiting Jeanne at her home garden, I spotted a beautiful clump - and I mean clump - of CAESAR'S BROTHER. It was 4 1/2 feet tall, with numerous bloom stalks and dark green foliage. I was so intrigued by this clump, because in my garden it only grew 3 feet, that I began to ask the usual questions. What did you put in the soil? When and what fertilizer did you use? How often do you water? She answered all my questions and I slowly shook my head in wonder because I had been using the same culture for my Siberians and mine had never grown that tall. A month later I received a call from Jeanne telling me that the mystery of her tall CAESAR'S BROTHER was solved. She found out that a sprinkler pipe running under the clump had broken and her CAESAR'S BROTHER had had all the water it had wanted!

Yes, Siberian irises will grow in Southern California, from the desert to the sea and to the mountains, and from hybridizers all over the country. I learned a very important lesson in the iris world - don't believe all you hear. Go out, try it - and that goes for all types of irises.

AIS Region 15 - EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - April 24, 1992

Handlery Hotel, San Diego, CA

Attending:

Bobbie Shepard, RVP
Bill Rinehart, Ass't RVP & Judges Training
Hazel Carson, Secretary
Cal Boswick, Treasurer
Jeanne Clay Plank, Newsletter Editor
Ollie Rust, Youth Chairman

Represented:

Hi Desert Iris Society: Pat Grl
Inland IS: Joe Daugherty
Orange Co I & DC: Gene Strawn
SD/ICIS: Hazel Carson
SFVIS: Jeanne Clay Plank
So Cal IS: Jim Jones
Sun Co IS: Maudie Brown
Tucson IS: Gail Barnhill & Bo Hitzke

The meeting was called to order by RVP Bobbie Shepard. She welcomed all and thanked everyone for coming.

The minutes of the previous fall and winter meetings, printed in the Region Newsletter, were approved after correction.

Treasurer Cal Boswick gave the treasurer's report. (Ed: The report is printed elsewhere in this Bulletin.) Cal recommended that we have \$1,000 available in the General Fund so that we do not have to draw from the CD. The treasurer's report was accepted. RVP Shepard suggested that Cal conduct an investigation on how best to invest the region's money and report his findings at the fall meeting of the Board for action.

RVP Shepard handed out the AIS Notice of Affiliation slips to club presidents and representatives.

RVP Shepard asked representatives for the kind of response they received when the proposed Fall/Spring meeting "wheel," introduced at the Winter '92 board meeting, was presented to their club. All present said the response was favorable; their clubs would participate.

RVP Shepard introduced Bo Hitzke and Gail Barnhill representing Tucson, the host club for the Fall Meeting. RVP Shepard asked that all clubs particularly encourage their members to attend the '92 Fall Meeting since it offers a wonderful opportunity to show Tucson that we're glad they're active in region again.

RVP Shepard discussed region auction iris distribution times. All the region auction iris are being grown by Bob Brooks at Cordon Bleu. Since he will be on vacation from June 30 to July 15, he will need to dig all the iris at once for distribution. The RVP asked for each club's scheduled '92 auction date. The dates given were: Hi Desert - Aug 29; Inland - Aug 31; OCI/DC - None; SD/ICIS - July 26; SFVIS - Aug 12; SoCal - Aug 8; Sun Country - Aug 4; Tucson - Aug 8.

Copies of the Region 15 auction iris list were handed out. The RVP observed that this is the best list of auction irises she has seen; that they are all newer irises and that the quality of this list should be emphasized to attract participation in this most important region fund raising project. A copy of the list accompanies these minutes into the file. (Ed: The list has been reproduced inside the back cover of this issue)

Bill Rinehart reported on judges training. All records are current. Twelve hours of judges training have been given in Region 15 this year to date. Bill noted recent changes to the judges roster as well as the addition of three new student judges, for a present total of 18 student judges. Bill passed out a Summary of Exhibition Judging sheet to be filled out and returned to him.

Newsletter Editor Jeanne Plank restated the May 10 deadline for the Newsletter summer issue. She asked representatives to send her information on club activities: shows, plant sales (telling when and where), important milestones and outstanding programs that would be of interest other clubs. RVP Shepard complimented Jeanne on her editing of the Region 15 Spring Newsletter.

Youth Chairman Ollie Rust reported that we have three youth members: Two in Sun Country and one in SD/ICIS. Claire Barr has signed up her grandchild. Ollie suggested others could follow Claire's lead and sign up their grandchildren.

(Executive Board Meeting Minutes - continued from previous page)

Gail Barnhill of Tucson (TAIS) announced the upcoming Fall Meeting to be held in Tucson at the Hilton Hotel East on October 9 - 11, 1992. It will be a weekend event with judges training sessions and Region 15 meetings being held on Friday evening and Saturday (Sunday departure is recommended since the excellent TAIS rates are good only for the two nights of October 9 and 10. Editor's note: See center fold pages in this Newsletter issue for complete Fall Trek information.)

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hazel Carson, Secretary

AIS Region 15 - GENERAL MEETING - April 24, 1992

Handlery Hotel, San Diego, CA

The Meeting was called order at 6:45 PM by Regional Vice President Bobbie Shepard, who welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

RVP Shepard asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes as printed in the last Newsletter. There being none, Pete DeSantis moved, Joe Daugherty seconded that the minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Treasurer Cal Boswick read the treasurer's report. The Region General Fund balance is \$6,404.51 and the Regional Vice President's Fund balance is \$5,609.04. The treasurer's report was accepted and put into the record.

Bill Rinehart announced the judges training session, conducted by Clarence Mahan, will be conducted following the adjournment of this meeting.

RVP Shepard introduced the representatives from Tucson, Bo Hitzke and Gail Barnhill.

Gail reported on the plans for the 1992 Region 15 Fall Meeting being hosted by Tucson. Meeting dates are scheduled for October 9 - 11. Meeting headquarters will be the Tucson Hilton East Hotel. This is peak season for Tucson. Nevertheless, TAIS has been able to negotiate very good room rates for those of us attending the Fall Regional (See center fold Trek Registration for full information).

RVP Shepard called upon the new AIS Membership Contest Chairman Clarence Mahan to speak to us about the 1992 AIS membership contest. Clarence instructed us that one may acquire points in the membership contest through the upgrading of old memberships as well as through new member enlistment.

RVP Shepard reported on the Colorado tri-state iris tour to be held in June.

Ralph Strane gave a pep talk encouraging the sale of raffle tickets to help the Region 15 RVP Fund.

Region 15 Trek Garden Chairman Walter Gorrell thanked everyone for coming, gave instructions for boarding the bus in the morning and relayed the happy news that everyone on each bus would receive a gift iris rhizome.

SD/ICIS President Hazel Carson welcomed and thanked everyone for coming, and then explained the mischievous, devilish San Diego wharf rats and roof rats who play havoc with SD/ICIS members' activities in every way! She warned trekkers that these "critters" could still do mischief with alarm clocks, cameras etc. and that SD/ICIS members are not to be held responsible!

RVP Shepard thanked SD/ICIS for hosting the Spring Regional Iris Trek. There was a round of applause from the membership.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hazel Carson, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT - AIS REGION 15

April 24, 1992

Balance Sheet as of January 1, 1992

BEGINNING BALANCE (Jan 1, 1992)		
Checking Account	\$1,683.66	
Region 15 CD	5,000.00	
TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE		\$6,683.66
RECEIPTS		
Interest on Region CD	57.67	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		57.67
TOTAL RECEIPTS & BALANCE		\$6,741.33
DISBURSEMENTS		
Region 15 Meeting	47.57	
Region 15 Spring Trek	150.00	
R. V. P. Expenses	350.00	
		547.57
BALANCE (February 14, 1992)		* \$6,193.76
* This balance was transferred to Palmdale Bank Branch on 2/14/92		
OPENING BALANCE 2/14/92		\$6,193.76
RECEIPTS		
Refund bank charges	\$ 20.00	
Proceeds of RVP C.D.	7,101.15	
		7,121.15
Total receipts and balance		\$13,314.91
DISBURSEMENTS		
Bank service charge	\$ 7.00	
Check and bank charge	25.60	
RVP AIS convention allowance	700.00	
Region 15 trophies	77.70	
Transfer to RVP Fund	6,401.15	
Spring Newsletter	494.42	
Total Disbursements		\$ 7,705.87
BALANCE AS OF 4/24/92		\$ 5,609.04
Checking Account	\$ 609.04	
Certificate of Deposit	5,000.00	
		\$5,609.04

AIS REGION 15 RVP FUND ACCOUNT BALANCE SHEET AS OF 4/24/92

1/1/92 BEGINNING BALANCE		\$7,058.27
RECEIPTS		
Interest income	42.88	
FUND BALANCE AS OF 2/14/92		*\$7,101.15
* Fund transferred to money market account, Palmdale 2/14/92		
2/14/92 OPENING BALANCE*		\$7,101.15
RECEIPTS		
Interest income	3.36	
		\$7,104.51
DISBURSEMENTS		
Repay convention allowance to Reg 15 regular checking account	700.00	
FUND BALANCE AS OF 4/24/92		\$6,404.51

Submitted, April 24, 1992

Cal Bostwick, Treasurer

REGION 15 IRIS FOR AUCTION - 1992

ASPEN	(Byers '91)	LIGHT SHOW	(Keppel '91)
LUCKY DOLL	(Hamner '91)	BLUE BALLET	(Keppel '90)
BOUNTIFUL HARVEST	(Hager '91)	MAHARISHI	(Keppel '90)
CANTINA	(Byers '90)	NOTABLE	(Ghio '91)
CAPE HORN	(Byers '91)	NOTORIOUS	(Ghio '91)
CARACAS	(Ghio '91)	OPEN ARMS	(Byers '89)
CHEROKEE TEARS	(Hager '91)	OPPORTUNITY	(Keppel '90)
CHUTNEY	(Ghio '91)	PASSION FLOWER	(Byers '91)
CITY LIGHTS	(Dunn '91)	PHENOMENON	(Byers '89)
CLASSMATE	(Keppel '91)	POWER SURGE	(Ghio '91)
CONJURATION	(Byers '89)	ROCK STAR	(Byers '91)
CONTRIBUTION	(Hager '91)	SEA WORLD	(Byers '90)
DASHING	(Byers '91)	SIGNPOST	(Ghio '91)
DESIGNING WOMAN	(Gatty '90)	SILVER FIZZ	(Hager '91)
DISTANT ROADS	(Keppel '91)	SNOW BURST	(Hamner '91)
FOREIGN ACCENT	(Keppel '91)	SOCIAL EVENT	(Keppel '91)
GALLANT ROGUE	(Blyth '86)	SOFT CARESS	(Gatty '91)
GODSEND	(Byers '89)	SPARKLE BERRY	(Hamner '91)
GOTHIC	(Byers '91)	ST. PETERSBURG	(Byers '90)
HIGH DRAMA	(Gatty '91)	STANZA	(Byers '91)
HONEY BUTTER	(Hamner '91)	STRUTTIN' HIGH	(Hamner '91)
HORATIO	(Hager '91)	SUNNY SHOULDERS	(Hager '90)
IN PERSON	(Hager '91)	SYLVA	(Byers '90)
ISTANBUL	(Byers '89)	THORNBIRD	(Byers '89)
KATMANDU	(Ghio '91)	WIDE HORIZON	(Gatty '91)
		WILDEST DREAMS	(Keppel '90)

Each of the seven participating Region 15 Affiliates will receive 1/7th of the 51 irises listed above. (One of our eight affiliates does not participate but makes a yearly contribution directly to the region, instead) Keep in mind, that because these iris must be divided between 7 affiliates there is no certainty that any particular iris on this list will be included in the rhizome selection received by a particular affiliate.

This is a high quality list of irises of recent introduction. Thirty-four were introduced in 1991! Of the rest, ten were introduced in 1990; six were introduced in 1989 and one, the oldest one, was introduced in 1986! You will notice that the list includes 17 Monty Byers irises both "space-agers" and rebloomers. Introductions from Keppel, 9; Hager and Ghio, 7 each; Hamner, 5; Gatty, 4; and Dunn and Blyth with 1 each, comprise the remainder of this exciting collection. Any purchase from this '92 Region Auction collection should provide a new and exciting beauty for the garden.



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