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NEWSLETTER**

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1995 Region 15 Spring Trek

**Hosted by the Inland Iris Society
April 21, 22, 23**

WHERE: Radisson Hotel, 295 North E Street, San Bernardino, CA 92401
Room Rate: \$ 55.00 + Tax (per day) (2 Double Beds or 1 King Size Bed
rooms available)
Make Reservations by calling (909) 381-6181
**(Make sure you mention you are with the Inland Iris Society for the
special room rate!)**

Trek Registration: \$ 45.00 if postmarked by 1 April - \$ 55.00 if postmarked after 1
April

Garden Tour **ONLY:** \$ 35.00 (Includes Lunch)
Banquet **ONLY:** \$25.00 (Prime Rib or Vegetarian Plate)

Schedule of Events

Friday

3:00 p.m. Registration Opens
4:00 p.m. Executive Board Meeting
Dinner: On Your Own
7:00 p.m. Region 15 General Meeting
7:30-9:30 p.m. Judges Training

Saturday

7:15 a.m. Buses Load
7:30 a.m. Buses Leave Hotel
7:50-8:30 a.m. Tour Rust Garden (Continental Breakfast Served)
Morning Tour to Hamner Gardens & Cal Dixie Iris Garden
Noon Lunch (Served at Hamner and Cal Dixie Iris Gardens)
Afternoon Tour Bromberger and Conway-Smith Gardens
3:00 p.m. Buses return to hotel
6:00 p.m. Social Hour
7:00 p.m. Region 15 Banquet

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Open Gardens

REGISTRATION FORM FOR SPRING TREK

Please reserve _____ places.

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

☎ Telephone: () _____

Local Iris Society _____

Banquet Entree Choice:

Prime Rib Vegetarian

I plan to stay at the Radisson: Yes No

I plan to visit the open gardens on Sunday: Yes No

CONVENTION COSTS:

Full Convention Prices:

(If postmarked by 1 April)

\$45.00 per person

Please Reserve _____ Places

(If postmarked after 1 April)

\$55.00 per person

Please Reserve _____ Places

Bus Tour and Lunch Only: \$35.00

Please Reserve _____ Places

Banquet ONLY: \$25.00

Please Reserve _____ Places

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

(Make checks payable to Inland Iris Society)

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American Iris Society

Spring edition

RVP Message

by *Bill Rinehart*

The legendary Satchell Paige is quoted as admonishing an audience to, "Never look back; something may be gaining on you." Satchell Paige was his own man, never answered to anybody. RVP's however, are serving the membership of their region and should dance occasionally with those who 'brung em'.

Despite the distractions of fire, tremors and floods and being declared a disaster area for all three, Region 15 again proved resilient and ingenious. 1994 was a good year by any standards and a fantastic year under the circumstances.

But one example of this was the San Fernando Valley Iris Society's 1994 show. Scheduled to be held in the very Northridge Mall which the world saw in ruins on their televisions following the January 17th quake, the show was held as scheduled in another venue. With an infrastructure which literally disappeared, with gardens crushed by falling walls and trampled by workmen, the leadership of this society put on a superlative show three months after the earthquake. Think about it!

The budget for '94 was forged in the American tradition with income projected as less than the projected expenditures and the dollars necessary to balance coming

out of reserves. Making up this deficit became the number one unofficial priority for the year. As the treasurer's report, found below, will show, a focused effort resulted in a healthy financial position.

More obvious, was the resolve to improve the participation in the symposium. While only 86 members of Region 15 returned their symposiums in '93, the number of ballots received in '94 totaled 133. I was very pleased with the result, but admittedly surprised to find that this was the third highest in the AIS. Second place with 138 went to a region with more than 100 members more

The judges training program was again successful, as of January '95 ten students were advanced to apprentices showing the positive results of recruitment and training over the past three years. This makes a total of thirteen apprentices in the region with fourteen students still in training.

Region 15 members attending the Portland Convention were outnumbered only by the host Region 13. And I thought that some of the hosts who registered might have been too tired to attend the banquet. It looked like we had as many stand at the roll call as they did. Nevertheless, 20% (109) of

the members of this region were in attendance. While the difference in travel expense might mitigate against the same turnout in York, it is already evident that we will be well represented.

In response to our invitation to guest irises in our region trek gardens, thirteen region 15 members submitted cultivars- Of these George Sherman was the first winner of the Bernard Hamner Award

for best seedling guested by a Region 15 hybridizer. Congratulations George. No one else can ever be the first.

On a national level, Floyd Wickenkamp won the Eric Nies Medal with *SON OF SUN*, and Eleanor McCown was second runner-up with *HIGHLINE CORAL*. Floyd also received AM's for spurias *SONORAN SENORITA*,

REGION 15 BUDGET INFORMATION

	1994 Budget Proposed (Estimate Only)	1994 Budget	1995 Proposed Budget (Estimate Only)
Income:			
Advertising	0.00	160.00	160.00
Iris Auction Donation	2,500.00	5,178.00	2,000.00
Interest Income	125.00	132.98	125.00
Transfer from Invested Income	1,375.00	36.00	1,165.00
Totals	4,000.00	5,506.98	3,450.00
Expenditures:			
RVP Pins	150.00	150.00	0.00
Newsletter	1,800.00	1,346.93	1,800.00
Spring Meeting	500.00	500.00	500.00
Fall Meeting	500.00	500.00	500.00
RVP Expense	350.00	0.00	350.00
Judges Training	100.00	48.72	100.00
Iris Purchase	500.00	0.00	0.00
Misc Expenses	100.00	212.05	200.00
Totals	4,000.00	2,757.70	3,450.00

than we do. Oddly enough had both husbands and wives voted in all households where both were eligible to vote, we would have more than made up the difference, Congratulations and thank you!!

Membership is still a concern. While we had a net gain, any member lost is a **LOSS**. We are going to be very poor losers in 1995.

and *KITT PEAK* and was a runner-up with *SONORANAN CABALLERO*. Don Shepard was AM runner-up with his Arilbred *SPLASH DANCE*.

HMS went to Bernard Hamner for tall bearded *SNOW BURST* and to Eleanor McCown and Floyd Wickenkamp for spurias *HIGHLINE SNOWFLAKE* and *ORO DE SONORA* respectively.

Pete De Santis was awarded an H-C. for one of his spuria seedlings.

Exhibition Certificates went to Bernard Hamner, Jerry Moorhead and Don Shepard for tall bearded. Teresa Sage was awarded an EC for a Californicae and Charley Jenkins an EC for a spuria.

Congratulations are due these recipients of awards, but also to those of our judges who are looking seriously at the seedlings which are developed in Region 15 gardens.

Sara Holk was a runner-up in the AIS membership contest,

And we are justly proud that two of our members continue to lead the American Iris Society: Claire Barr as president and Jeanne Plank as secretary.

But I think it is also appropriate that we look a little further back than the past year, because it is important that we discover who we are in terms of our history and the resulting legacy that we are left to husband.

Claire Barr, mentioned above, is one of three AIS presidents contributed by Region 15. The other two being Marion Walker of Ventura and Clarke Cosgrove deceased.

Region 15 has hosted four national conventions although the first of these was held in Southern California before California was split into two regions.

Three of the medals presented annually by the AIS are named for former members of Region 15: the Nies Medal for best spuria is named

for Eric Nies deceased formerly of Hollywood, the C.G. White Medal for Arilbreds is named for Clarence G. White deceased of Redlands and the Williamson-White Medal for MTB's named for Alice White (co-honoree) deceased of Hemet. (Incidentally the Eric Nies award first presented in 1956 and every year since has only been won by two persons not members of Region 15 and one of these was a former member.) Region 15 members have won this award 29 out of 38 possible times.

Among the Hybridizer's Medal Recipients have been Clarence G. White, Eric Nies, Carl S. Millikan, Tom Craig, Walker Ferguson, Neva Sexton, Eleanor McCown and Bernard Hamner.

Marion Walker and Clarke Cosgrove have received the Distinguished Service Medal.

There was a button distributed a few years back bearing the message, "Damn I'm Good." I've seen far too much trash talk and conceit on our sporting fields to suggest that we be boastful, but I do feel that it has been demonstrated that out of 24 regions we have had more than our share of success. We have every reason to feel good about ourselves. And the natural projection of feeling that good is to want to share that feeling with others. May that generate some new members!

GROW IRIS, BUT CULTIVATE FRIENDS!

1995 REGION 15 MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

REGION 15 NEEDS YOU! It needs you as an AIS member, and it requests your help in recruiting additional AIS members!

Contest winners will receive **1993 OR NEWER RHIZOMES** for their assistance in this program. The winner of each affiliate contest will compete with the winner of the other seven affiliates to become the

Region 15 Champion. (Non-affiliated AIS members may also compete for the Region Championship)

The contest will run from March 1st '95 to Sept 30th '95. Winners will be announced and rhizomes awarded at the Region 15 fall meeting.

The membership must be **First Time AIS members** residing in **Region 15**. All entries will be counted on a Regional level and then forwarded to the national membership contest. So you could win on three levels!

Send a check for the proper dues payable to American Iris Society to Bobbie Shepard, Membership Chairman, 3342 W. Oranewood Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85051 Include the following:

1. Check for the proper dues
2. A 3 X 5 index card with the following info:
 - a. New AIS members name
 - b. Complete mailing address
 - c. Telephone number
 - d. Club affiliation if any
 - e. Type of membership i.e.- annual, triennial family or individual
 - f. Name of recruiter with complete address and affiliation. Only one affiliation will be counted for each recruiter.

These checks and new member information will be forwarded to the AIS membership chairman, **but must go through region records first in order to count.**

GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF YOU! MAY THE BEST RECRUITER WIN!

FALL MEETING

Congratulations are in order for the Orange County Iris and Daylily Society. They provided us with a weekend of fun and education at Region 15 Fall Meeting.



Laverne Conrad, Bill Rinehart & Claire Barr (L to R) Laverne was presented the RVP. pin.

Excellent judges training was provided. Evelyn Hayes provided



Winnie Conklin admires the flowers Irene Benton will use in her Arranging Program.

an excellent session on Louisiana's. This session was enhanced by the audience's contributions on their experience's with the care and culture of the American iris.

At the same time as the session on Louisiana's, Irene Benton provided



Jay Conklin (center) tickles the ivories while Lynn McEllwain (left) and Mary Ann Spurlock (right) provide vocal support.

a lesson or two for the artistic side

of the Irisarian. Her charm and creativity was well received by the group she entertained and instructed on her Tips and Tricks in the Art of Arranging. It was amazing what this lady can do with a few flowers in a very short period of time.

Dr. John Weiler provided the 2 hours of judges training and was the guest speaker for the Luncheon. At the time of the fall meeting he was the president of the Reblooming Iris Society and thus his topic of instruction. His slide presentation and discussions indicate that the once blooming TB has come a long way and if you plan your garden properly, you should be able to have bloom almost year round. The culture of the TB has lead to the creation of early-early bloomers, early bloomers, mid-bloomers, late-bloomers, late-late bloomers, and then the whole cycle again for rebloomers. However, you have to provide much more care for the rebloomers to reach their potential. This did not seem to dissuade members of his audience, because many were vigorously writing the names of varieties they liked during his slide presentation.

Thank you OCIDS for a fun filled and exciting weekend in Orange County.

SAN DIEGO/IMPERIAL COUNTY IRIS SOCIETY

Hazel Carson - President

Claire Barr showed a tray of Bob and Jeanne Planks excellent slides of the Portland Convention iris gardens in August.

In September our annual iris sale in Balboa Park did very well for us. Rhizomes from the Holks and members brought in \$1,459.00 to our coffers. We have 175 potted iris to sell at our Spring show.

October we enjoyed a lasagna and home made apple pie dinner and discussed By-law changes on Hazel Carson's patio.

November was an especially enjoyable meeting. We voted on By-law changes. Our year is now from January to January.

Our RVP, Bill Rinehart, presented the "Recognition of Service" pin to past Region 15 RVP's that are in our area; Archie Owen, Janice Chesnick and Bob Brooks. Laverne Conrad had received her pin at a prior meeting. Eleanor McCown has been unable to come from Holtville to receive hers.

We were also honored with the presence of Bernard Hamner at this meeting. Bill Rinehart gave a really fine historical rundown and showed slides of all of Bernard's introductions. Bernard's sense of humor came through in his added comments.

December -- a wonderful potluck Christmas party held at Claire Barr's home. At the January meeting we voted and installed the Officers, giving us a new Treasurer, Ruth Bryce. Having just served 6 months the three other officers were re-installed. Hazel Carson Pres., Claire Barr Vice Pres., and Dorothy Driscoll Secretary. Bob Brooks talk and slides were a perfectly pleasant program of past, present, people and places. We liked our new meeting place; Josly Senior Center at 18402 West Bernardo Rd. Easy to find and plenty of close parking.

Our February 11th (Saturday) Birthday Bash will be held at 7 Seas Motel. Cocktails at 11 a.m., lunch at noon. Our speaker will be Mike Moller, RVP of Region 20 (Colorado) and he will be speaking about the Loomis Test Gardens.

March 12 (Sunday) Sara Holk will present "Preparing Iris for the Show".

April 8 (Saturday) a stroll through Dr. and Mrs. Robert Grahams Escondido Estate garden.

May 6-7 - our Spring Show.

July 9 (Sunday) Annual Potluck and Region 15 iris Auction to be held at Walter and Pat Brendels home in Fallbrook.

September 10 (Sunday) 10 to 3 Annual Iris Rhizome sale in Balboa Park.

INLAND IRIS SOCIETY

Mike Monninger - President

The Inland Iris Society had a successful September iris sale at the Landscapes Southern California Style in Riverside. Most of the iris rhizomes sold and those that didn't were donated to various non-profit groups for their use or sale.

RESERVE APRIL 21, 22, AND 23 ON YOUR CALENDARS!! Inland Iris Society will host the 1995 Region 15 Spring Trek. Trek headquarters will be the Radisson Hotel in downtown San Bernardino. The cost for BOTH the garden tour and the banquet dinner is \$45. Don't be fooled by the low price, the trek will be the BEST we can make it, and all IIS trek costs above \$45 will be paid by the Inland Iris Society. We are subsidizing the cost to increase attendance. Five gardens will be on the trek and we plan to maximize time at them with a box lunch. As customary, goodies will be available at each garden so there is no need to eat breakfast. Mike Moller, RVP of Region 20 (Colorado), will give judges training on point scoring Friday evening, and a presentation on the Loomis Test Gardens Saturday night. Several other gardens will be open to visit on Sunday. We are planning a great trek, see you there!!

TUCSON AREA IRIS SOCIETY

Gail Barnhill - President

Our 1994 Sale, Chaired so magnificently by Bob Baker, was our most profitable to date bringing \$4206 to our coffers!! For the past three years we've been holding our sale in an outdoor ramada at the Tucson Botanical Gardens on our "traditional" weekend after Labor Day. THIS year we had the sale several weeks later on September 24-25th and the weather was MUCH more comfortable.... don't

know why it took us so long to figure that out.... our brains musta been fried! So now we have a "new tradition".

At our October meeting the Officers for the next two years were elected: Gail Barnhill-President, Greta Dunnigan-Vice President, Bo Hitzke-Treasurer, Shrilly Donaldson-Secretary, Bob Baker, Director (2 years), and Merlene Hunt-Director (1 year).

We only hold two Executive Board Meetings each year. At our December 1994 meeting we decided to ask all the Committee Chairs to join us in preparing our 1995 budget. It always helps to have more input.

Our Spring schedule of events is filling up fast:

We will hold a Public Tour this year (April 9th) of our "future" Spring 96 Trek Guest Gardens. We figured - what the heck, we've done all this spiffing up, might as well try to earn some profit from it to help our Trek budget. Tickets will be \$8 per person and will include a drawing at each of 6 gardens for a free canned iris.

Our Spring Show (only 1 this year) will be held at Foothills Mall on Friday/Saturday, April 14-15, and is being chaired by a newly returned member, Sandy Britain - now THAT'S jumping back in with both feet!

Although the dates aren't firmed up as yet, we hope to again man iris information booths at both the Reid Park Garden Fair and the Pima County Fair. In the past these two events have added a LOT of names of prospective members/buyers to our mailing list! (This list is the most productive and least expensive "advertising" means we have... ALL of these people are interested in receiving postcards announcing our Shows, Sales, Tours, etc. I would HIGHLY recommend starting such if you haven't already!!!)

Our Community Service Committee will be taking the St. Luke's Home for Elderly Women "under our wing", teaching them about iris and their culture, building

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a new iris bed for them and filling it with donated rhizomes for their enjoyment and participation as they are able.

These events are in addition to our members plans to attend both the Spring '95 Trek in San Bernardino AND the National Convention.

HOW ARE WE EVER GONNA FIT ALL THIS INTO APRIL? Fortunately, my boss, (whom I've dubbed the Patron Saint of TAIS) doesn't expect to see much of me in April... and it didn't take him long to figure THAT one out, bless his heart!

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IRIS SOCIETY

Jimmy Jones - President

SCIS had a very successful Christmas Brunch at Peppers, in Arcadia, on Sunday, Dec 18th. Jimmy Jones showed slides he took when on the AIS tour of Japan.

January 28 Mike Monninger presented a slide show of Tall Bearded Iris after our usual pot-luck dinner at the Arboretum.

February 20 we had a party (Valentine-President's Day) at Quiet Cannon in Montebello, 1901 Via San Clemente, Dr. John Weiler, former president of the AIS Reblooming Society will up-date us on Reblooming Iris - 4:30 pm.

March 25 Pete DeSantis and Eileen Fiumara will demonstrate on how to arrange and show your iris at an iris show. Pot-luck at the Arboretum.

April 1 SCIS will have its own Spring Trek.

April 8-9 SCIS Iris Show at the Los Angeles County Arboretum in Arcadia.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IRIS SOCIETY

President - Peggy Carpenter

What's been happening in the San Fernando Valley besides record rainfall and heat waves? SFVIS

SFVIS meetings have produced a string of excellent programs.

In November, Perry Dyer presented a program on Louisiana Iris. The program covered the work of, many hybridizers, with emphasis on the achievements of John Taylor.

December we celebrated with our annual pot luck and Christmas party. A very deserving Tanya Lamoreaux was at this time presented with our David T. Ross Service Award.

In January, record amounts of rain and Mr. & Mrs. Terry Aitken dropped in on the San Fernando Valley Iris Society. As usual Mr. Aitken delivered a crowd pleasing program. A judges training was combined with the program titled, "Iris Things To Come".

Outstanding is the only word to use in describing the program Lorena Reid gave at our February 2nd meeting. Mrs. Reid received much attention at the Oregon AIS Convention with her eye-catching Sino-Sibe, *Dotted Line*.

Showchair, Iris Larson and the Show Committee, are preparing for the SFVIS's twenty first show. "Toying With Irises" is the chosen theme for this year and is scheduled to take place April 28th and 29th at the Promenade at Woodland Hills.

Spring would not be the same without our annual SFVIS Trek. This event has really become a tradition. Members open their gardens for a casual day of trekking. Loren, Helen and Sid Zeldin offer their garden for your picnic lunch and socializing. Garden chair Teresa Sage wants you to know fun starts at 9 A.M. April 15th and you are welcome to join us.

For details call T. Sage at (818) 347-174

HI-DESERT IRIS & DAYLILY SOCIETY

President Anita Condon

UP COMING GARDEN EVENTS

Mar. 18th Regular meetings of the Hi Desert Iris and Daylily Society.

Apr. 29th & 30th Hi Desert Iris Show Senior Center

May 20th Regular meeting Hi Desert Iris and Daylily Society., Cultural Center.

Jun. 17th Hi Desert Installation Dinner (to be Announced)

Jun 22nd thru 26th National Daylily Convention, Knoxville, Tn.

SUN COUNTRY IRIS SOCIETY

President - Barbara Isaman

The winter went by fast. The nice rains helped the iris to really grow.

We sold potted iris at the Home and Garden Show in January. We also had a great opportunity to introduce people to the Sun Country and invite them to join us.

The guest speakers we had were wonderful. In January, Perry Dyer of Oklahoma spoke on "Louisiana's of Australia", while in February Terry Aiken from Washington spoke on "Hybridizing - with emphasis on Medians".

Upcoming club meetings will bring our own Ardi Kary to speak on "Arils & Arilbreds" in March. Then a review of how to prepare, pick, and enter the spring show which will be April 8-9, at Christown Mall. With the warm weather now and recent rains we are anticipating a great show.

Sun Country will be hosting the Fall Trek this October. We invite all of you to come. More information on the trek will follow. Hope to see you there.

JUDGE'S TRAINING

By Herb Holk - Judge's Training Chair

Club presidents and/or Show Chairmen are asked to invite apprentices to apprentice in the Club Shows. All apprentices are required to apprentice at two shows and at the same time receive one-on-one tutoring from a different

judge at each of the two shows. Show Chairmen may increase the number of panels by reducing the number of judges on each panel and thereby assist more apprentices as only one apprentice may serve on a panel.

All judges including students, are reminded that they must submit an Activity report by July 31, 1995. All accredited judges are requested to help our students and apprentices complete their training requirements.

A complete list of AIS judges can be found in the January 1995 AIS Bulletin.

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YOU BE THE JUDGE

1. Exhibition judging consists of answering two basic questions relative to each of the specimen:(one) how well is the specimen grown and (two) how well is the specimen prepared for entry. When making the first judgment what is the standard for making that decision? Which is more important culture or grooming and placement? C-17

2. An older iris has won a blue ribbon. It is a perfect example of the particular variety- In the selection of the Best of Section and of the Best Specimen of the show how should this exhibit be treated? C-69

3. The judges evaluate a cultivar. After each judge has taken a turn the following comments have been made: there is a very small tear in the same place on each of the falls, there are some smudges, possibly fingerprints, on the stalk. the spathe and the leaves obviously have been trimmed. How should each of these

conditions affect the judging of this specimen? **C-20, C-21**

Handbook Material Relating to the Scenarios Presented Earlier

Remember! the Judges Handbook is the ultimate authority in all such circumstances. It is important that judges agree on what the handbook dictates. The only opinions which should be considered are opinions as to what the handbook does or does not say. The fact that a judge does not agree with the handbook is irrelevant, and disclosure of this differing opinion is better left to a more appropriate time. Speculation as to inferences made by the text or on the intent of the authors is interesting, but also not appropriate to the decision making process. A rule book does not infer, and a collaborator on a book of rules must live or die with what he did say. Until revision that is!

Judges Handbook re: Situation 1 (C-17) (C-18) "Each stalk is evaluated against the maximum typical performance of the variety being judged." The scale of points at the bottom of C-17, top of C-18 indicates that Cultural Perfection is 75% of the possible score and Condition and Grooming 25%, a 3 X 1 ratio.

Judges Handbook re: Situation 2 (C-69) "This select specimen should be the one named variety which best exhibits the characteristics most typical and nearly perfect for its classification. This does not suggest that only the latest introduction can qualify for the honor, but an older variety of obviously outdated features should not be selected even if the entry is an excellent specimen for the variety."

Judges Handbook re: Situation 3 (C-20) (C-21)

TEARS- "A bad tear in a petal seriously affects the form and must be heavily penalized.----Unless one has grown these varieties, it is nearly impossible to determine if a small serration in the petal edge is a sign of damage or if it reflects the flower's typical form."

SMUDGES- Slight smudges or fingerprints on the stalks demand little penalty and are easily removed when the exhibitor gently wipes the stalk with a soft tissue."

SPATHES- "Detectable trimming of the spathes is unacceptable."

LEAVES- "Trimming is necessary when there is faint discoloration, disease or injury to leaf edges. Such procedure should remove less than 1/4 inch of foliage edges and should follow the natural contour of the leaf in its entirety. Blunt edges or massive trimming in totally unacceptable."

SYMPOSIUM TOP TWENTY

Region 15 1995

1. DUSKY CHALLENGER
2. SILVERADO
2. EDITH WOLFORD
4. GOING MY WAY
5. BEVERLY SILLS
6. JESSE'S SONG
- 7- VICTORIA FALLS
8. PERSIAN BERRY
5. SKY HOOKS
9. TITAN'S GLORY
11. MARY FRANCES
12. ACOMA
- 13- RUSTLER
14. HONKY TONK BLUES
14. CITY LIGHTS
- 16, BREAKERS
16. SKATING PARTY
16. VANITY
19. CATALYST
20. LADY FRIEND

Region 15 1994

- 1 DUSKY CHALLENGER
- 2 JESSE'S SONG
- 3 BEVERLY SILLS
- 4 EDITH WOLFORD
- 4 VICTORIA FALLS
- 5 PERSIAN BERRY
- 6 QUASAR
- 6 CHIEF REDSKIN
- 8 VANITY
- 8 SKY HOOKS
- 11 INLAND PRINCESS
- 11 MARY FRANCES
- 11 MOUNTAIN VIOLET
- 11 TITAN'S GLORY
- 15 LIAISON
- 16 SILVERADO
- 16 CATALYST
- 18 A. B. BABSON
- 19 BREAKERS
- 19 GOING MY WAY

- 19 JOYCE TERRY
- 19 MYSTIQUE
- 19 WILD JASMINE

AIS National poll

- 1 DUSKY CHALLENGER
- 2 SILVERADO
- 3 JESSE'S SONG
- 4 EDITH WOLFORD
- 5 BEVERLY SILLS
- 6 TITAN'S GLORY
- 7 VANITY
- 8 STEPPING OUT
- 9 LACED COTTON
- 10 HONKY TONK BLUES
- 11 SONG OF NORWAY
- 12 MARY FRANCES
- 13 GOING MY WAY
- 14 VICTORIA FALLS
- 15 LADY FRIEND
- 16 BREAKERS
- 17 SUPERSTITION
- 18 SUPREME SULTAN
- 19 MYSTIQUE
- 19 NAVAJO JEWEL

comments: Six Dykes Medalists in first seven choices. (Going My Way #4 is the intruder). total of nine Dykes medalists among top twenty.

In answer to many observations re: the disappearance of Hamner iris on the ballot. They did not score high enough on the national ballot or receive the necessary AIS awards. Note that five Hamner iris made the Region 15 top twenty the previous year, none on the current ballot.

Still a West Coast bias evident. Only Acoma #12 is not from California or Oregon. The national poll has no iris in the top twenty that is not from California or Oregon.

New to the top twenty this year: Lady Friend (20), Skating Party (16), City Lights (14), Honky Tonk Blues (14), Rustler (13), and Acoma (12).

Falling out of the top twenty: Wild Jasmine (13 to 31), Mystique (19 to 24), Joyce Terry (19 to 21), Anna Belle Babson (18 to 31), Liaison (15 to -), Moi Violet (11 to -), Inland Princess (11 to -), Chief Redskin (8 to -), Quasar (6 to -).

SPECIAL NOTE

Region 15's own Pete DeSantis has registered his first iris. His spuria 82-6A will be registered under the name of *Franakins* in 1995, (I wonder where he came up with the name?).

Congratulations Pete and thank you Fran for allowing him to name it in your honor.

IN MEMORIUM

Since our fall publication Region 15 has lost two long time members. Celeste Hamner and Ethel Strawn. Celeste passed away last Dec and Ethel in Feb. The past work and friendship of both ladies will be missed by all iris lovers.

COOLEY'S GARDENS

by Rick Ernst

It's true, winter's supposed to be 'slack', but it seems to be busier every year. I hope the following will be satisfactory. There are very few hybridizers alive today that I have not had the opportunity to engage in conversation, and of the 20 or so more prominent hybridizers, I have tried to establish a roll call of credibility. What I have noted most of all, is that all hybridizers have made mistakes. This is generally why a well promoted introduction, hailed by the Society as the greatest thing since sliced bread, is not to be found three or four years after introduction. One objective of a hybridizer should remember: Don't make mistakes. if you do, don't introduce them.

Unfortunately it is not that simple. An iris that proves itself flawless for five years may decide never to throw a lower branch again the year you introduce it. The stock you saved and coddled for replant the year after successful introduction might bloom out the next year, but only if you catalogued it and lowered the price.

Murphy's Law sometimes appears to have been an accidental outcross, establishing a basis for the Murphy syndrome in the seedling bed. I'm sure most hybridizers would agree.

I began hybridizing ignorant and innocent of the many pitfalls that lie ahead. That was 1975. Today I am more cautious, more careful, and try to sidestep potential hazards. To achieve this I have laid out some ground rules that I occasionally follow.

1. Never make a cross with an iris that doesn't have a good branch. (Larry Gaulter)
2. Always make the same cross at least 15 times. (Gus Schreiner)
3. Keep good records.
4. Research the parentage before making the cross.
5. Pay as much attention, if not more, to the foliage as you do the flower.
6. Never count buds or branches on first year bloom.
7. Discard "losers" immediately when found.

Of these "Seven Commandants of Hybridizing", I'm pretty good at adhering to numbers one, two and five. I have found that Larry Gaulter was quite correct with his branching rule. Once the branch is out, it is usually futile trying to bring it back. Commandment #2 from Gus is just common sense, although if he hadn't told me, I may not have taken the time, and space. The more times a given cross is made, the higher the number of "takes", the larger the quantity of seed, and the end result is more different combinations of the gene pool. The more attention I pay to Gus's rule, the better my results.

Rule #5, the foliage rule is, in my opinion, the rule most abused in the iris world. To simply rely on the quality of a flower is unfair to the potential buyer. As such the introduction will come back to bite you. Foliage should look healthy. From my standpoint, dark blue-green foliage with 3 to 5 increases is the goal. It really doesn't matter how wonderful the flower is if it doesn't have a healthy plant to back it up.

My weak points are the other four commandments. As good as my

records are, they could still be better. This shows up when I go to register a variety. Researching parentage is where you find that other hybridizers kept sloppy records too. The terms *lost parentage*, *mixed seed*, and *bee cross* appear many times in the check list, and are like trying to drive through a dead-end street. Watching a horrible seedling bloom shifts you into the same mode as the parent of a bad child. You continue to transplant and grow the thing thinking "maybe it will be better next year". Children can change. Iris seldom do. Somewhat in contrast to rule #7 is the rule #6. Many times I have saved a seedling which has no buds or branch on a first year clump, only to have it perform well in subsequent years. Had I discarded these *losers* the first year, they would be lost forever. However, after dividing and replanting for three or four years, you need to come to the reality of it all. Your child should be thrown away. Do it and be done with it. Go make some more.

I have a method, I believe originally from Walt Luhn, that I have tried to use with as much consistency as possible. As seedlings from a given cross flower, select the best color, form, branch, bud count and growth.

Line out these five seedlings and cross them with each other. This is a practice outlawed in most states. The idea is to try and force all these good traits into the same hybrid. When the grandchildren bloom, select the best (if there are any worth keeping) and line them out,

crossing them back to the original parents when they flower. The resulting great-grandchildren should be representative of most of the possibilities of the original cross. Now if all the aforementioned crosses were done in accordance with rule #2, it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that you've just filled up your neighbor's farm down the road.

Fortunately, Ma' Nature (and Murphy, who may be nature's

deadbeat dad) tosses in some limiting factors like poor takes, poor germination, lack of fertility, bloom out, the seed thief (he lives underground) and Mr. Rott. Even so, this method still takes a lot of space, but for success in line breeding, it will work.

Now line breeding can become a doldrum routine, so to break up the boredom, forget rules one through seven, and mix'em up. After all, your line has to have a beginning. The biggest advantage to the

outcross is that you know in your heart that "nobody would be stupid enough to do this!"

Whichever route you choose, the narrow, disciplined road of carefully researched line breeding, or the million-to-one longshot of the spur-of-the-moment outcross, remember to keep in mind, if not in practice, the seven rules. They might not help, but they can't hurt Happy irising.

SPRING TREK '95

by Jim Giles

Why should I attend the Spring Trek '95, you ask? I am glad you did and I will try to answer that for you. Being relatively new to the world of the iris I might be a little naive about our Treks and region meetings but that may be good. I attended my first spring trek and fall meeting last year and found out more about the genus and species than I could ever absorb. This year's Trek is going to be no different, because it really doesn't matter who puts on the show, I found that the real value of the meetings is the sharing among other irisarians, seeing old friends and making new ones.

This Spring's trek will feature Mike Moller. Mike will be the guest speaker at the banquet and will be discussing the Dr. Loomis Iris Trail Gardens. The Loomis Garden currently has over 75 hybridizers participating in the program. They test irises over a three year period and point score them during that period of time. Mike will share with us what is currently going on in the garden.

The day of trekking will begin with a stop at Ollie Rust's garden in San Bernardino. Of course you will have to get a bite to eat (isn't that a main reason for the trek?) as a continental breakfast will be served so you can build up the needed energy for the day. Oh yeah, don't forget to tour her garden. Ollie has been digging and planting in preparation for this event for as long as I can remember. You might even get to see her hat collection, I hear it takes up a lot of space at her home.

Then the group will split and half will go to Bernard Hamner's Garden and half will go to Cal Dixie Iris Garden and the home of Herb and Sara Holk. Both of these are wonderful gardens that can be visited over and over. Bernard's because of the number of irises he has introduced for our enjoyment and Cal Dixie because of the awesome variety of irises grown, and Herb does a little hybridizing himself. Mid-morning the groups will get on the buses and swap gardens. Of course lunch will be served around noon. Box lunches will be provided so that you will have more time in the gardens. Or is it so that irisarians can do the two things they love the most, view iris and eat.

After lunch we will travel back over the hill and visit the Conway-Smith garden in Yucaipa and Bromberger garden in Redlands, and of course eat some more. I have not seen either of these gardens but I have heard of the trials and tribulations they have been enduring in preparation for this day, and what I have heard makes me believe we are in for a great visual experience.

Come and join in on the experiences that a trek offers, fun, friendship, new knowledge and beautiful gardens.

A Little Humor

The young man was waiting nervously to be examined by the doctor.

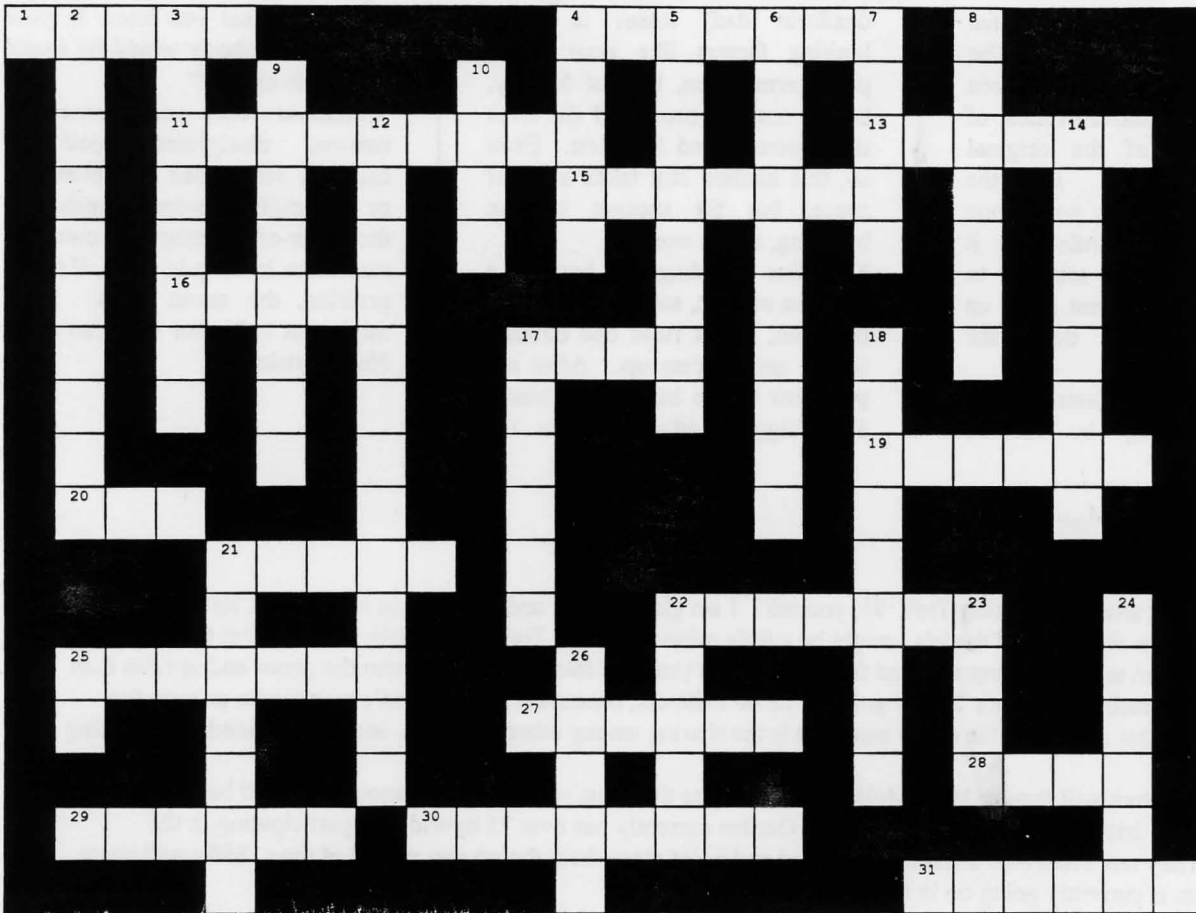
'Come in,' he called in answer to a knock.

'Right!' said the lady doctor who entered. 'Strip off all your clothes so that I can give you a through check-over.'

At the end of the examination she lay down her stethoscope. 'Any questions?'

'Just one. Why did you knock?'

The Iris Puzzle (solution found on page 14)

**ACROSS -**

1. Difficult to grow except in the warm/dry regions of US
4. Having two sets of chromosomes.
11. Iris that is native to the American Gulf Coast.
13. Referring to all bearded iris except MDBs and TBs.
15. A more or less horizontal underground stem.
16. Bearded
17. The constricted part of stds and falls near the center of the flower.
19. Small version of the TBs in the same height range.
20. Bearded iris are divided in ___ groups.
21. The flat expanded portion of a leaf or petal.
22. Very tall iris with blooms that suggests orchids.
25. A pattern of stitched and dotted edges of white or yellow flowers.
27. A seldom used term for the falls of an iris flower.
28. The shape of the flower
29. Having standards and falls of different shades of the same color.
30. Blooms are usually huge, ruffled and flat. Bloom about a month after TBs.
31. A bearded iris with white stds and colored falls.

DOWN -

2. Bloom more than once in a growing year.
3. Hybrid of *I. pumila* and tetraploid tall bearded parentage.
4. Referring to only the MDBs.
5. In iris flowers, collective term for standards and falls.
6. Type of Aril Iris.
7. Standards of an iris when they are rounded and closed.
8. Native to a particular region, restricted in area.
9. A true bearded iris.
10. Largest of the bearded iris.
12. Iris ranging in height from 8 to 15 inches.
14. Produced from crossing arils or aril-breds with dwarfs or medians.
17. The offspring of genetically unlike parents.
18. Iris that requires wet/cold conditions for ideal growth.
21. Having standards and falls of different colors.
22. A leafless flower stalk arising from basal leaves.
23. An iris flower with standards and falls of the same color.
24. The pollen-bearing structure of the flower.
25. Designation for acidity or alkalinity of soil.
26. One of the inner series of standards of the iris flower.

AIS Region 15 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Orange County/Irvine

October 8, 1994

Attending

Bill Rinehart, RVP
Herb Holk, Asst. RVP/Judges Training/IIS
Cal Bostwick, Treasurer
Gail Barnhill, Secretary/TAIS
Jim Giles, Newsl. Editor
Pete De Santis, Nominating
Sara Holk, Circulation
Claire Barr, AIS President

Nathan Reed, OCIDC
Jimmy Jones, SCIS
Peggy Carpenter, SFVIS
Mike Monninger, IIS
Hazel Carson, SDICIS
Barbara Isaman, SCIS
Anita Condon, HDIDS

RVP Rinehart called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm at the Holiday Inn at Irvine/Orange County Airport, welcoming all attendees. He distributed a detailed Agenda as well as a new List of 1994 Officers, Committee Chairman and Affiliate Presidents (EXHIBITS A & B).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Minutes: It was MOVED. SECONDED AND CARRIED to approve the Minutes of the April 22, 1994 Executive Committee Meeting as published in the Bulletin.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bostwick distributed Balance Sheets for both the General Fund and the RVP Fund (EXHIBITS C & D). He noted that our beginning checking balance in January was \$5,204.77 and our CD was \$3,380.16. Receipts include Affiliate Auctions at \$4,303.00; Advertising Income of \$140.00 for a total Income of \$4,443.00. Disbursements were \$2,271.70; (Trek Guidebook-\$76.05; Past RVP Pins-\$150.00; Judges Training Expense-\$48.72; Postage-\$500.00; W. Barr Memorial-\$100.00; So Cal Auction Rental-\$50.00; So Cal Trek Assistance-\$500.00; Spring News Expense-\$340.92; Summer/Fall News-\$506.01). CD Interest Income was \$96.38. The current balance of our General Funds Account (checking and CD accounts) is \$10,852.61. Treasurer Bostwick noted that we will be receiving a SFVIS Auction check for \$925.00 shortly to be added to Income. Treasurer Bostwick reported RVP fund had Interest Income of \$90.50 and an Disbursements for an RVP Expense Allowance of \$700.00. The current RVP Fund balance is \$5,360.48 It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED to accept the Treasurer's reports as submitted for forwarding to audit. Treasurer Bostwick pointed out that our CD will be maturing on November 3, 1994, and asked for directions in reinvesting these funds. It was MOVED. SECONDED AND CARRIED that the Treasurer seek a higher rate of return for these funds, yet maintain them in insured markets.

Awards: Chairman Jones said we need to encourage more support from our members attending Spring Treks in the voting of ballots for awards. It would be helpful too, if the Guest iris are better labeled to indicate which awards they might be eligible.

Judges Training: Chairman Herb Holk reported that during the past year there have been a total of 27 hours of Judges Training opportunities in our Region. Eight Student Judges have been recommended to AIS for appointment as Apprentice Judges (this is voted upon at the AIS Fall meeting and appointments take place in January of 1995). We both gained and lost 3 Students/Judges throughout the year. All Students and Judges will receive letters informing them of the requirements they need to meet to maintain/advance in status. Club Presidents should also be tracking their Judges' status throughout the year, encouraging them to meet requirements. Chairman Holk expressed his thanks to all participating in the program, especially the Master and Teaching judges. (EXHIBIT E.)

Membership: Chairman Bobbie Shepard was unable to attend the meeting. RVP Rinehart said that she reported, that we have had a net gain in AIS members during the past year, but are still losing too many. The AIS Membership Contest didn't really ever get off the ground. Only a few members participated and of those, the winner of Most New AIS Members is Sara Holk. Sara also won for the most entries from the Inland IS, Gail Barnhill for the most entries from Tucson, and Georgia Gudykunst for the most from Sun Country. Their awards will be presented at the Luncheon.

Newsletter: Editor Giles thanked those who were prompt with their reports throughout the year. He further stated that he would like to receive more editorial articles, possibly interviewing some of our Region hybridizers. Nathan Reed stated that while the Editor should correct grammar and spelling, he should not change content of material without prior consent. Editor Giles agreed, stating that he can, however, only publish information he has actually received.

Circulation Editor: Sara Holk reported that our new Bulletin Advertising program this year generated \$140.00 in extra income. Editor Holk, in response to a query, noted that those advertisers who purchase advertisement space, are also listed in the "Advertisers Index". Advertisers wishing only to be listed in the Index, pay \$10.00 for that listing. She further stated that \$158.65 remains in the Newsletter Postage budget, a savings generated by using bulk mail rather than first class this year. (EXHIBIT F.)

Nominating Committee: Chairman DeSantis reported that his Committee, consisting of himself, Greta Dunnigan, Sara Holk, Jeanne Plank, Lynn McIlwain, will present and recommend the following slate of Officers for the 1995 year at the General Meeting: Bill Rinehart, RVP; Herb Holk, Asst. RVP; Barbara Turner, Treasurer; and Gail Barnhill, Secretary. He further pointed out that all nominees have accepted their nomination. RVP Rinehart said that after presentation of the Nominating Committee's recommended slate of officers at the General Meeting, nominations from the floor will be requested, the proviso being that anyone nominated from the floor has previously agreed to be nominated.

Youth Committee: Chairman Nancy Webb was unable to attend and forwarded no report.

OLD BUSINESS

Affiliation: RVP Rinehart again pointed out the areas of our Region with groups of AIS members not affiliated with our Region. He said some of these people from Bakersfield were approached about becoming affiliates during the Portland Convention with no results as yet, and others such as the Santa Barbara/Lompoc group have been approached in the past and appear not to have an interest in joining. RVP Rinehart said that the areas of Oxnard/Ventura are also a potential for an affiliate group, as is the Santa Maria/San Luis Obispo area. RVP Rinehart will give further updates of his attempts to incorporate any or all of these groups when available.

Awards: Chairman Jones said that the voting at the last Spring Trek for the awards available was somewhat disappointing and encouraged the Club Presidents to urge their members to vote in future.

After a brief discussion it was **MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED**, that the Region again sponsor an "Out of Region Guest Iris" award at future Spring Treks. It was also **MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED** that this award be of a fixed design to be awarded to each winner (such as the Bernard Hamner award) and not a "perpetual" award. Chairman Jones was asked to perform and present research for design and costs of such an award for presentation at the January Executive Committee meeting. After discussion as to who will receive the awards it was **MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED** that the award be given to the hybridizer and not to the commercial garden submitting the Guest Iris (if that is the case). It was also generally agreed that payment for the "Best Introduced Region 15 Iris" award will continue to be paid by the Trek Host Clubs (around \$50.00), as it should not be difficult to "foot" such a bill once every 8 years.

Past RVP Recognition: RVP Rinehart announced that only one of the Past RVP's was able to attend this meeting, and thus we won't be able to recognize them all in person at the Luncheon as planned. Their pins and letters of thanks will be mailed or otherwise presented to them. The one past RVP who will be at the Luncheon is Laverne Conrad. Claire Barr was asked to help present her pin to her.

Region Auctions: RVP Rinehart said that we had budgeted \$2400 in income from this event and actually received \$5200 - a very good Auction this year. He stressed to future Spring Trek Guest Iris Chairs that the Guest Garden owners must be the ones responsible for digging and preparing the Guest Iris in their gardens after the Trek. This is not something that should be done by one person, but garden by garden. He also stated that the Guest Iris need to be dug by late June as many of the Club Auctions begin early in July.

Role Call at Luncheon- RVP Rinehart again asked that when he introduces the Club Presidents at the Luncheon, they stand and first introduce any of their officers attending with them, and then ask the rest of their members in attendance to stand.

Symposium Ballot Results: RVP Rinehart said he was pleased that Region 15 had cast more of these ballots this year: 136 ballots vs. 85-90 in 1993, but stressed that we need to continue to urge more of our members to participate in the future. (EXHIBIT G.)

NEW BUSINESS

Spring Trek 95: Inland Host Club President, Mike Monninger, distributed copies of flyers to each Club President for distribution to their members with their next Club newsletter. He stated that they are trying to keep Registration at \$45 which means their Club will be subsidizing some costs. (EXHIBIT H.)

Fall Trek 95: Sun Country Iris Society in Phoenix will Host this event. Club President Barbara Isaman said they are now beginning to put together their committee.

Region Iris Auction Purchases: RVP Rinehart asked for discussion regarding this \$500 annual expense, specifically if the 'return' was worth the cost. The Region has given these funds to the Spring Trek Host Club to purchase brand new introduction iris to be planted in Guest Gardens "one year" (actually 5 months) before the Trek, so that we would have some of the newest possible iris for our Auction, but pointed out that \$500 only purchases about 12 new rhizomes at \$40 each. We do receive "extras" from the growers, but they are usually a year or several older. Also, when in the ground for only 9 months, very little increase is achieved. He also

pointed out that many consider these purchases "thank you" for past donations to Treks, but at the same time, it would take years to "thank" all participating in this manner. Some of the ideas considered were: Purchase 1 or 2 year old rhizomes - more iris for money spent. Purchase new iris but plant 2 years (18 months) before - more increase for money spent. Eliminate these purchases. It was **MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED** to table this discussion at this time.

January Executive Committee Meeting: RVP Rinehart said that he has scheduled January 14, 1994, as the next Committee meeting date. Location to be announced at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Barnhill,
Secretary

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Exhibits Attached to Original Minutes

AIS NATIONAL FALL BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Among actions taken by the AIS Board at Albuquerque, New Mexico were:

the election of Bonnie Nichols as treasurer succeeding Glenn Corlew.

the election of Lynda Miller as a new director who with reelected directors, Clarence Mahan, Harold Stahly and Jean Witt, will serve a term expiring in 1997.

the acceptance of the resignation of David Niswonger from and the Board of Directors and the subsequent appointment of Glenn Corlew to fill the vacancy thus created-

the recognition of the service of out-going Director and Judges Training Chair Hilda Crick. (At a later point in the meetings) the announcement that Mrs. Crick would be awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

the appointment of Glenn Corlew as Judges Training Chair and with it the chairmanship of Handbook Revision Committee.

the announcement of the appointment of Keith Keppel as temporary Registrar and of Jean Erickson as Advertising Editor.

the appointment of Marky Smith as chairman of the Personnel Committee , the addition of John Weiler to that committee as the Section Representative and the addition of Hal Stahly as a replacement to Glenn Corlew who resigned-

the announcement that approximately 20% of the AIS membership returned their Symposiums with Region 14 having the highest number of voters (180). followed by Region 18 with 138 and REGION 15 with 133.

the announcement of the following Judges' Training Sessions at the AIS Convention in York, PA-: Siberians by Mary Smith, Louisiana by Faron Campbell and Ethics by Phil Williams.

the distribution of the following information re: spring conventions-

1995 York, PA, Ramada Inn, 1650 Toronita St. May 23-27

1996 Sacramento, CA, Hyatt Regency, 1209 L St. Apr. 23-27

1997 Detroit, MI, Hyatt Regency, Dearborn MI June 3-7

1998 Denver, CO, Sheraton-Denver Tech Center June 1-5

1999 Oklahoma City, OK May 4-8

2000 Dallas, TX

the formation of a committee to consider a ruling that slides or pictures be submitted with applications for registration or introduction-

the receipt of a report from the Committee to Study Liability Insurance which stated that an agency had been found which would be willing to provide the AIS with such a policy- The committee was then instructed to bring their recommendation of a specific policy to the Board for approval.

the agreement to reopen negotiations with Beltsville, Maryland for a research library and with Dresden, Tennessee for an artifacts museum inasmuch as a final contract with Dresden re: the library could not be agreed upon.

receipt of the report of Membership Secretary Marilyn Harlow indicating a total membership of 8,221, a net gain of 100.

the announcement that The World of Irises would not be offered for sale temporarily due to insufficient supply, and the appointment of Clarence Mahan to negotiate a contract for reprinting of same-

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