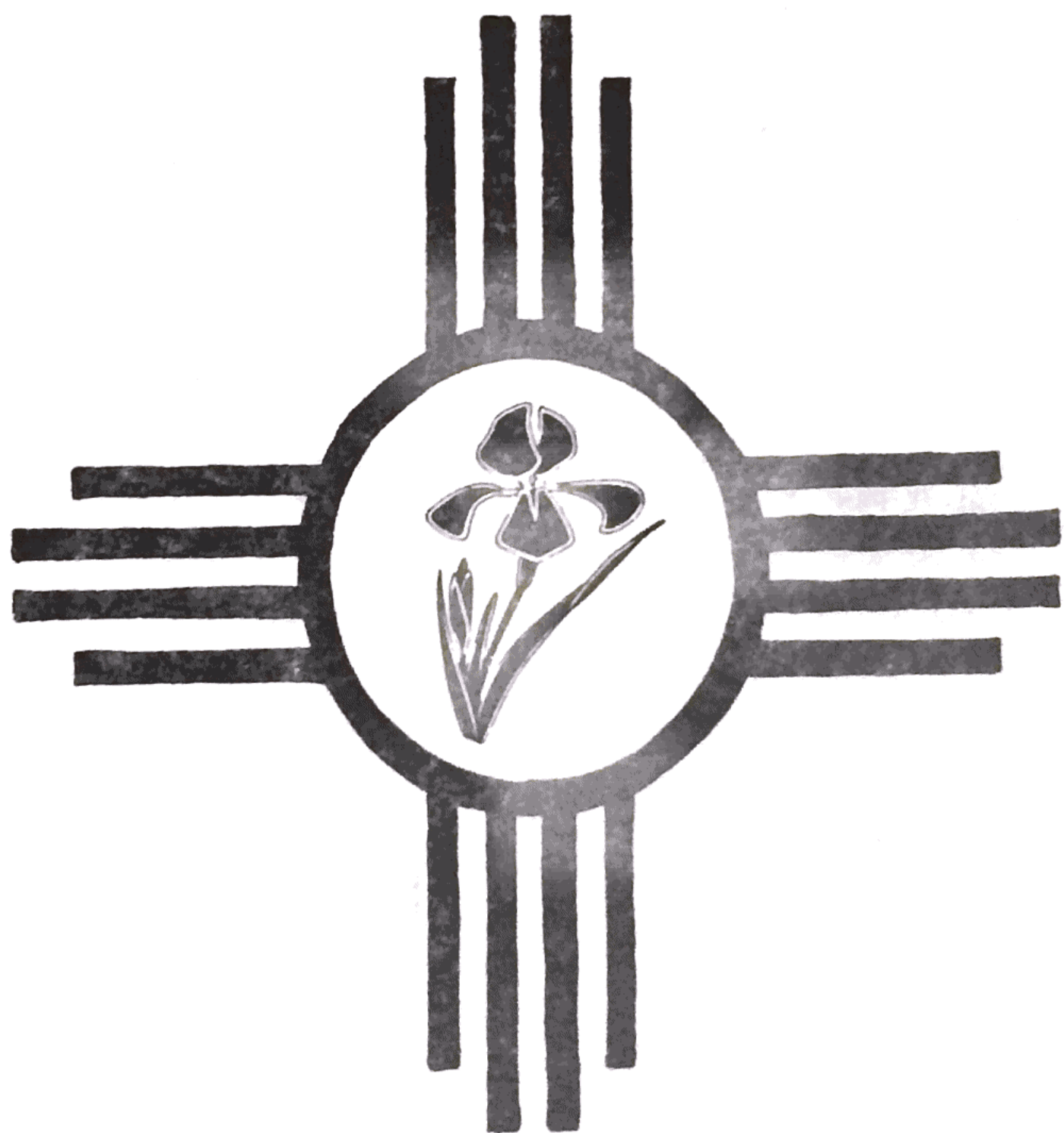


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RVP MESSAGE

Iris season is rapidly descending upon us--are you all ready for it? I'm not, but getting there. Hopefully we can luck out with the weather and all have a good season. I have a feeling it may be different, as our past fall and winter weather was most unusual for our state.

Many gray days of the past winter were spent rereading AIS Bulletins--from 1957 to the present. I was particularly impressed with the wealth of various material and information of all types to be found in our AIS Bulletins over this period of time. We are indeed fortunate to have such a treasure of print available through our AIS membership! This should be our biggest selling point for gaining new members. True, all areas of information are not covered in a few issues, or even a few years in some instances, but over a period of time one may find all areas and all iris types discussed. Our present AIS Editor, Keith Keppel, is continuing this policy, and it is a very good one. His coverage of various areas and types is entirely dependent on material received from AIS members. The same holds true with our Regional Newsletter--no submitted material, no articles. "Someone else" hasn't been doing it, so why don't you?

In reading the Bulletins, I stumbled over an AIS rule regarding election of RVPs. Our past policy in Region 23 of having write-in provisions on the RVP ballot is in conflict with the existing AIS rule. Although the rule has not been rigidly enforced, it is still a rule. (I checked it out). In view of this and other reasons, I appointed a committee to submit completely revised By-Laws for membership ratification. Members of this committee were: Barbara Figge, Susan Latimer, Bonnie Lowenstein, and Jim Mahoney--I served as Ex-Officio. The committee has recommended approval of the proposed new By-Laws as are printed elsewhere in this Newsletter. These By-Laws provide for equal representation throughout the Region, and also serve to better bring the election under the supervision of the RVP (a specified duty), who is responsible for certifying the results to AIS. They serve to fill several other voids in our present By-Laws, and also provide a system of secret balloting for new RVPs as was dictated by the membership in 1983.

As it was duly voted by the membership at our 1984 Regional Meeting, to present proposed By-Laws amendments (published in the Fall Newsletter) for voting, it is being done so. However, acceptance of these amendments will still result in the need to ratify new By-Laws through further mail voting. Acceptance of the proposed new By-Laws will eliminate need for any further mail balloting. These can always be amended in the future, if the membership so desires.

Howard

SHOWTIME----1985

ALBUQUERQUE ARIL SOCIETY	Albuquerque Garden Center	May 5
ALBUQUERQUE IRIS GUILD	Albuquerque Garden Center	May 18 & 19
MESILLA VALLEY IRIS SOCIETY	Mesilla Valley Mall	April 27 & 28
NEW MEXICO IRIS SOCIETY	Albuquerque Garden Center	May 11 & 12
SANTA FE IRIS SOCIETY	DeVargas Mall	June 1 & 2

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CRUCES IN OCTOBER!

Our 1985 Region 23 Convention will be held in Las Cruces on October 12 and 13, 1985. Guest speaker will be Alan Ensminger (Mr. "Doodle Strudel", himself). Alan, immediate past RVP Counslor for AIS, will be accompanied by his wife on the long trip from Nebraska. By attending the convention, let's let him know that we indeed appreciate his coming. Details with registration forms will be mailed this summer by the host Mesilla Valley Iris Society.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Gladys O'Kelly and Margaret Johnson have become Master Judges. For the benefit of newer members who may not know, this reflects a 15 year history of service as an AIS Judge.

Bill Coursey and Floyd Stopani have been elevated to Garden Judges. Both completed their requirements in one year.

Bill Brown of Hobbs and Lucille Mahoney of Albuquerque are new Apprentice Judges.

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MASTER JUDGES

Under AIS policy which began last year, Master Judges do not receive a new card every year. If you will note, there is no expiration date listed on the card you received in 1984. Should you lose or severely damage your present card, please notify the RVP for a replacement.

REGION 23 JUDGES TRAINING SCHOOL
APRIL 28, 1985
PLEASURE IRIS GARDENS
CHAPARRAL, NEW MEXICO

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

8:00 AM Registration at Pleasure Iris Gardens.

9:00 AM to 1:00 Judges Training, Pleasure Iris Gardens.

Part 1--Mrs. T.C.(Maxine) Perkins

Part 2--Mrs. Henry(Luella) Danielson

R.S.V.F. BY OR BEFORE APRIL 12, 1985.

ACCOMMODATIONS Lunch will be served, compliments of Henry and Luella Danielson.

The first part of the program on Exhibition Judging of Aril and Arilbreds will be taught by Maxine Perkins. The second part of the program will be given on Garden Judging, in the garden by Luella Danielson. All judges must take written exam of each part of the school to receive credit for the training school. Four hours of training is being planned; however, bloom conditions may dictate shortening the session to three hours.

Registration fee of \$3.00 will be accepted at Pleasure Iris Gardens.

(Ed Note: Please honor the RSVP request! Have you ever prepared lunch for 10 people and had 20 show up, or visa versa?)

If planning to attend, please clip and mail the following response to:

Pleasure Iris Gardens
425 Luna
Chaparral, N.M. 88021

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I (we) plan to attend the Judges Training Session on April 28, 1985.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PLEASE RETURN YOUR R.S.V.F. BY APRIL 12, 1985

SPURIA IRIS PROGRAM AT LUBBOCK

The South Plains Iris Society of Lubbock, Texas has extended an invitation to all Region 23 members to attend their meeting on Monday, March 25th at 7:30 p.m. Dave Niewonger of Cape Girardeau, Missouri will speak on "All About Spuria Irises". Meeting will be held at the Municipal Garden-Arts Center, 4215 University Ave. Please call Betty Cartwright at 806-795:5136 if planning to attend.

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INDIANAPOLIS----1985

As you are probably aware, the 1985 AIS Convention will be held in Indianapolis, Ind. May 19-23. This is the area in which Paul Cook and several other famous hybridizers developed their irises. There are ten gardens slated for tour, all but one of which are spacious suburban and countryside gardens. So you can plan on a treat of seeing beautifully grown irises in beautiful surroundings. Over 4,000 guest irises are being grown for the convention tours! Early registration deadline is April 15. Check your January AIS Bulletin for details.

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WELCOME----NEW MEMBERS

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Emily Woods	1837 Newton	Las Cruces, N.M.	88001

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EC BALLOTS

All judges voting an EC Ballot at a show must turn it in to the proper show official (Show Chairman or Judges Chairman), as these ballots must be sent in with the Show Report.

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REGION 23--AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY

BY LAWS

ARTICLE I. NAME

The Name of this organization shall be Region 23 of the American Iris Society.

ARTICLE II. OBJECT

The object of Region 23--AIS shall be:

- (a) To assist its members in study and in efforts to advance the culture and improvement of irises.
- (b) To coordinate regional iris activities and expedite the policies of the American Iris Society.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

All AIS members residing within the boundaries of New Mexico shall automatically be members of Region 23--AIS.

ARTICLE IV. DUES

There shall be no dues assessments.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

The officers shall be Regional Vice President, Assistant Regional Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

ARTICLE VI. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Duties of the Regional Vice President shall be:

- (a) To interpret the policies and rules of the American Iris Society to the membership.
- (b) To appoint the Chairman of the Judges Training and Membership Committees and other Chairmen as necessary.
- (c) To serve as ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.
- (d) To preside at all called meetings of the Region.

Duties of the Assistant Regional Vice President shall be:

- (a) In the absence of or due to the inability of the RVP, the Assistant RVP shall assume the duties and exercise the power of the RVP.
- (b) Should a vacancy occur, the Assistant RVP shall assume the office of RVP for the unexpired term.
- (c) Approval of this appointment will be confirmed by the AIS Board of Directors.

Duties of the Treasurer shall be:

- (a) To serve as custodian of all funds of the Region.
- (b) To disperse Regional funds as authorized by the RVP.

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Duties of the Secretary shall be:

- (a) To record the minutes of all regional meetings.
- (b) To receive and transmit any regional items of business as required by these By-Laws or as directed by the RVP.

ARTICLE VII. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- (a) The Nominating Committee shall consist of five regional members each having at least five years of continuous AIS membership.
- (b) Duly affiliated societies shall send names of candidates (who have consented to serve if elected) to the RVP by Feb. 1 of the election year. Each affiliate society may name one candidate. Names of these candidates shall be published no later than March 15 in the Spring Newsletter, along with a ballot.
- (c) Ballots must be returned to the RVP prior to April 5.
- (d) The five candidates who receive the greatest number of votes will serve as the Nominating Committee, and the individual receiving the greatest number of votes will act as Chairman.
- (e) If five candidates are not timely submitted by the affiliate societies, the RVP shall name sufficient candidates to fill the committee, and all nominees shall be considered elected without balloting. The RVP shall designate the Chairman. The RVP shall make an effort to fill any such vacancies with candidates from Affiliates not already represented.
- (f) The Nominating Committee shall serve for three years.
- (g) The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of officers to the RVP by June 1 of the election year.

ARTICLE VIII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- (a) The RVP shall present the proposed slate of officers to the membership by June 15.
- (b) Additional nominations may be made by petition of the general membership. Each petition shall be signed by the nominees and endorsed by at least 5% of the regional membership as determined by the latest AIS computer printout. Any such petition shall be returned to the RVP prior to July 5.
- (c) If no nomination petitions are received by the above date, the slate of officers as presented by the Nominating Committee shall be deemed elected without necessity of a vote.
- (d) Should a nomination petition be timely received per paragraph (b) above, the RVP shall mail a ballot listing all nominees to the membership prior to July 20.
- (e) Election shall be by secret written ballot, and a plurality of votes cast shall be necessary to elect. Verbal voting will not be considered.
- (f) Single ballots shall be provided for all members in good standing as reflected by the latest AIS computer printout. Affiliate societies shall not receive ballots.

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- (g) Ballots shall be returned to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee for tally prior to Aug. 15. Envelopes shall be retained to determine timeliness of ballots. Ballots not postmarked prior to the deadline shall not be counted. Ballots which have been altered in any manner shall not be counted.
- (h) Counting and tally of votes shall be done by the Chairman of the Nominating Committee together with two other Region 23 members not on the committee, as approved by the RVP.
- (i) Ballot envelopes shall not be opened until counting and tally is commenced per paragraph (h).
- (j) Vote tally along with ballots and envelopes shall be turned over to the RVP immediately upon completion of tally, who shall retain same for 30 days after the next regional meeting, at which time, they shall be destroyed if no contest exists.

ARTICLE IX. VACANCIES

- (a) In event of vacancy in the offices of Assistant RVP, Secretary, or Treasurer, the regional Nominating Committee shall make nominations for replacement, which shall be published in the next newsletter or in a special ballot for membership vote.
- (b) In event of a vacancy on the Nominating Committee, the position will be filled by RVP appointment.

ARTICLE X. RULES AND POLICIES

- (a) A statement of Rules and Policies shall be made and attached to these By-Laws.
- (b) Rules and Policies are subject to implementation, revising, or rescinding by a majority vote at any Regional Meeting.
- (c) Such Rules and Policies shall not be in conflict with existing By-Laws.

ARTICLE XI. CONFLICTS

These By-Laws or any amendments thereto shall not be in conflict with rules and policies of the American Iris Society.

ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS

- (a) Amendments to these By-Laws may be proposed at any Regional Meeting by any member of Region 23, and with the consent of the majority of members present, shall be presented to the membership with a written ballot in the following Spring Newsletter.
- (b) Ballots shall be returned to the RVP within 60 days, and, after tally, the Amendment(s) will be considered adopted if a plurality of the votes cast so indicate. The RVP shall retain such ballots as outlined in Article VIII, para. (j).

ARTICLE XIII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

"Robert's Rules of Order Revised", latest edition, shall be the parliamentary authority for procedures not covered by these By-Laws.

REGION 23 RULES AND POLICIES

1. REGIONAL MEETING:

The members directed that the policy shall be that the host group (society or area) shall make disposition of any profit as follows: 50% to the host group and 50% to the Region and earmarked as Regional Meeting Fund, because the Region would bear the burden of all loss. The RVP would coordinate with the host society his/her recommendations for setting up the meeting. All responsibilities belong to the host group.

Note: Please retain this Newsletter. If the By-Laws are approved, the center two sheets can be removed and will serve as your personal copy.

The following article was originally published by Region 18 Bulletin. Jim Morris has presented some truly perspective views.

WHAT DO SHOW JUDGES DO WRONG?

By Jim Morris

Having been on both the giving and receiving end of show judging for several years. I have observed varying levels of competence. I'm sure you have too. The judges' decisions are out in the open, subject to close scrutiny and second guessing by exhibitors and the general public. As the Judges' Handbook states, the spotlight is merciless.

Let us make one statement up front. Judges are biased! All human beings are. But there is a difference between discriminating according to a set of criteria and discriminating because of personal bias. Discriminating taste is considered desirable. To be emulated. Discrimination is what judging is all about. Surprised? Shocked? You shouldn't be. Judges should strive to select the specimens most deserving of awards according to well-established AIS standards.

Okay, so what do show judges do that is wrong? How many of you have heard a judge say, "That thing shouldn't get a blue ribbon, it's too old?" Or, "I can't give that a blue. I don't like the color and it should have never been introduced in the first place."

PREJUDICE — Pre-determined bias against a variety because of its age or color is wrong even though it isn't covered by the Civil Rights Act. So is prejudice against a particular hybridizer or exhibitor — even though that exhibitor might be unknown (and is, according to the covered tags).

LACK OF KNOWLEDGE — Have you seen misnamed inses awarded ribbons? I have and it is embarrassing. Embarrassing to the Show Committee and to the judges themselves. If in doubt the variety should be looked up in the check list that the Show Committee should have available. We have an obligation to members and the general public that specimens are properly identified. If someone selects a variety for purchase and is later surprised when that pink turns out to be blue, they are likely not to be charitable.

TOO MUCH THE EXPERT — Any judge that doesn't bring his Judge's Handbook to the show is automatically suspect in my mind. None of us knows all of the criteria that well. The aura of infallibility is not realistic. We all make mistakes. Mutual respect should exist between judges, but holding another judge in awe because they are a master or emeritus judge is probably not healthy nor in the best interests of the show.

TOO MUCH THE SPECIALIST — Should your judges' panel be blessed with someone who is a specialist in a particular ins type or species, by all means respect that specialized knowledge and use it to good advantage. But the other judges shouldn't allow themselves to be overly influenced by the specialist. Remember! The judges' handbook is your bible, your ultimate guideline. Look it up. Check him out. Judge for yourself how good he really is.

INADEQUATE EVALUATION — Judges can go too fast thus missing blossom tears, dirt bags, missing parts, artificial help such as glue, toothpicks, wedges and lacquer. And ribbons should not be awarded to "sport" blooms that are abnormal, e.g., four standards or falls instead of a trio. Judges sometimes can go too slow also, not respecting show time limits. The show clerks or show chairman have to help out by politely reminding the judges, because they may be so engrossed in their labor of love that they have lost touch. They want to do such a good job, you see.

FEELINGS — Judging is an honor, an obligation and a job but it should be fun too! Judges shouldn't hurt the feelings of other judges, but if a judge bleeds easily he probably shouldn't be a judge in the first place. Bad tempers have no place in iris show judging. Differences of opinion do. The browbeating or bulldogging of others should not be tolerated. Each judge is entitled to his full say and opinion.

FAVORITISM — In some ways this is a form of prejudice. Favoring a particular iris for an award such as section rosette or best specimen, if done because it is from the judge's region, or from a hybridizer in the show's region, is patently wrong. On the other hand, if all things (meeting of criteria) are equal, selecting the pink you like over the plicata may be a sound decision.

CONSISTENCY — Before the start of judging, the show chairman will brief the judges regarding the show schedule and the weather conditions that affected the specimens in the local area. Also, the judges should take a quick walk around to get an overall impression of show quality. Judges should *not* walk around before entries close. Sometimes judges start out judging either too severely and ease up, or too leniently and progressively get tougher. Then too, in the case of more than one panel of judges, one group may be very strict and another very easy. I have seen silver medals won and lost because of such inconsistency. The show chairman's "charge" to the jury (in this case, the judges) is extremely important and cannot be overly stressed. If the show chairman has any doubts or is insecure, he should seek the advice of more senior members of the sponsoring club. If he doesn't and the judges lack proper instructions, they may make the wrong assumptions and the show may suffer. If there is a Youth Section to the show, sometimes the judges will not be as lenient as the Show Committee might desire. Young people need encouragement. If they have made a lot of effort it probably should be rewarded. However, if their efforts aren't up to snuff...

TOUCH ME NOT! — Judges should NEVER touch show specimens or move the containers. That is why we have show clerks to assist the judges. But if there is a clumsy clerk the judge should instruct the clerk to be more cautious. Several years ago as show clerk I once dropped and completely smashed a specimen. I was mortified. It was a lesson I will never forget. I have seen show judges' as well as show clerks break off standards and falls and it knocks the specimen out of the box before it has a chance to compete.

POLITICS — During judging, extracurricular discussions of AIS activities, politics and the judges' health are inappropriate and to be avoided. Judges have a job to do and they should get on with it.

STAMINA — The Show Committee has a responsibility to have enough judges to assure completion of show judging in a reasonable time frame. However, if the show outstrips the judges' normal endurance they should take a short break. They have an obligation to maintain the consistency we discussed earlier.

EDUCATIONAL — If judges set a proper example they have a real impact on everyone connected with the show. It could be a negative impact if they fail to train their apprentices and of course show clerks also receive training — albeit unofficial. When

judging Educational Displays, too many judges do not adequately review the display. Judges should thoroughly **READ** them, **STUDY** them, and **UNDERSTAND** them. They shouldn't discount the display if they disagree with its thesis unless a significant portion of the display is incorrect.

ARTISTIC — AIS judges should not pretend to be experts in judging artistic displays unless they truly are. If possible, this section should be judged by Federated Garden judges.

So! Do you want to be an AIS judge? We can always use more good ones. As you can see, all judges make mistakes, or they wouldn't be human. Try not to criticize the judges even though you may heartily disagree with their choices, for the shoe may be on your foot in the future. But if you can tap dance, disco or do a soft shoe in that merciless spotlight, then come join the party.

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CONTROL OF FIELD BINDWEED

HOW PLANTS GET THEIR NAMES

CONTROL OF FIELD BINDWEED

Field bindweed can become a serious pest in established landscape plantings and turf areas. Long term control of field bindweed with herbicides depends upon movement of sufficient herbicide into the root system to kill the roots and root buds. This requires the use of translocated herbicides such as 2,4-D and Roundup. Timing herbicide applications to the growth stage of field bindweed is important for long-term control. Translocated herbicides move with the sugars in the plant, so the best control is achieved when the herbicide application coincides with maximum sugar movement to the roots. Sugar flow to the roots is high in the summer and fall, and herbicide treatment of regrowth at that time has given good long-term control of field bindweed.

To be successful, summer or fall treatments for field bindweed control must be applied when soil moisture is plentiful and bindweed has at least 12 inches of growth. It is very important that the bindweed plants not be under drought stress at the time of application. Thoroughly irrigating the area to be treated two weeks before treatment will greatly enhance results. Roundup would be best used in landscape areas around trees and shrubs while 2,4-D would be best used in turf areas. Several applications a year will probably be necessary for control. Although once field bindweed has become established it can never be completely eradicated, with the diligent and proper use of herbicides it can be controlled to a manageable level.

Adapted from *Weed Control Notes*, August 1983, by Larry Mitich.

REGION 23--FINANCIAL REPORT

Fall Meeting Fund

Balance	8/1/84	\$457.75	
Donation from Albuquerque			
Iris Guild--1984 Convention 11/27/84		147.22	
Balance	3/5/85	604.97	\$604.97

RVP Operating Fund

Balance	8/1/84	\$756.42	
Less RVP Expenses	7/9/84 thru 8/28/84	(57.90)	
Less Fall Newsletter and			
postage expenses	8/28/84 thru 2/14/85	(197.44)	
Balance	3/5/85	501.08	\$501.08
Balance All Funds	3/5/85		\$1,106.05

Submitted By: George A. Nickel, Treasurer.

BY-LAWS BALLOT

Clip and mail by May 1, 1985 to:

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VALID FOR ____ VOTE(S)

Note: Vote for ONE Proposal Only.

FOR

1. Acceptance of proposed new By-Laws as printed in this newsletter, and as recommended by the By-Laws Committee.
2. Acceptance of Amendments as published in the 1984 Fall Newsletter.

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