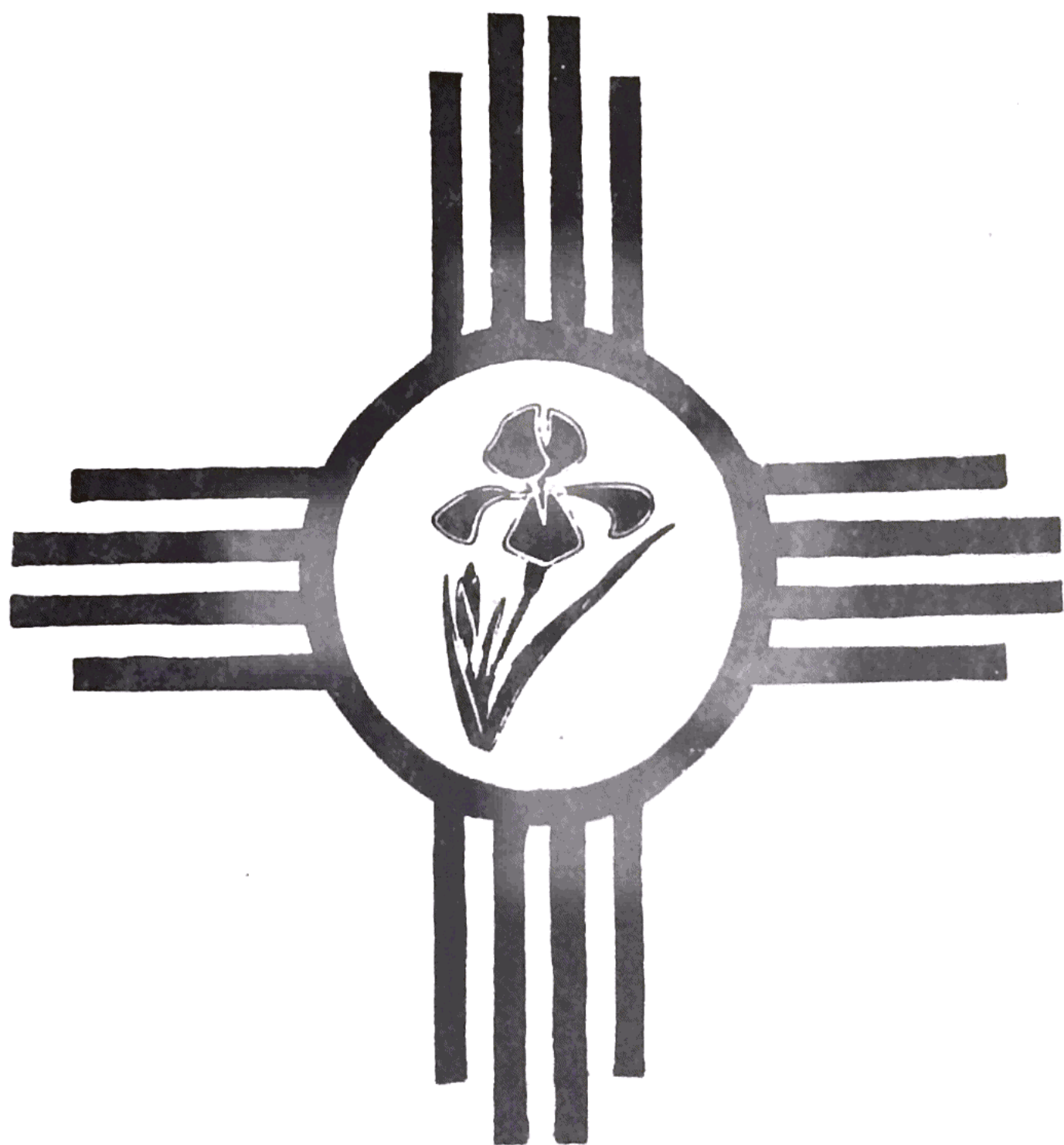


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RVP MESSAGE

The 1987 bloom season is here or upon us, wherever you are located in the State. For some affiliates we are disappointed since the late winter weather in Southern New Mexico devastated our bloom season and many local shows have had to cancel out totally. This certainly hurts our image when trying to promote AIS to the public, and the public doesn't get a chance to view a local iris show, our judges can't get their needed hours, apprentices are stymied for another bloom season a year away on credit, it hurts our pocketbook when Societies have spent for needed show items and there's no follow-through, it's frustrating when we can't view our newly acquired introductions, and especially the seedlings. New Mexico - one thing is for sure - the weather highs of 70°-80° one day and the next look at the thermometer below freezing; it's a wonder we have any plants surviving in some areas of this varied weather state.

For you, and the affiliates who are having a show and enjoying your irises, good luck and bring in the blues!

As your new RVP for Region 23, I would hope all the affiliates would bind themselves together in a spirit of comradeship for AIS. Our records from AIS are showing a decrease in overall AIS membership, judges and apprentices. I need your positive support in recouping our lost members from the State's societies and bring in those new members. Have you taken a good look at your own Society? Do you need a transfusion? Old blood or new, we all need to receive new members to keep our interest alive and prosperous, or soon all of us will become deadwood or we're burned out because we have had to carry the load for too many times, and in some cases for years. I praise the members who are the seniors who established many of the local iris affiliates, but we must continue to increase, multiply and promote AIS within Region 23. Will you be a "Doer" for the Region? I am here to help you, and I would encourage you to help me. Let's see Region 23, New Mexico grow, with increased stock and bloom, with the fruits of our labor showing.

....David Ray

What's Happening - Region 23

Societies, send in your news events to list what's going on in our Region - nobody will know unless we can get the word out - anything that's news-worthy, send it to the RVP or Editor. We will strive to inform everyone of iris events or Society functions, etc.

* from Hobbs Lea County Iris Society

Public Viewing Garden Created

The City of Hobbs Parks Division and the Lea County Iris Society have joined forces to create a new public iris garden at the new remodeled and expanded library facility and grounds. The local society will receive help from the City and also provide help in maintaining the iris bed. Plans call for establishing large clumps of iris with each variety identified by name and type. Our new library is attracting much attention and many visitors. The library staff is also helping to provide information to the patrons about our local society and AIS. The iris garden will enhance the landscaping with added beauty, and hopefully attract new members to our society, and perhaps customers to our iris sales too.

This is one way we are attempting to promote AIS, our Region and finally, our local Society. We certainly think public viewing gardens are one way of promoting irises, and what better area than on library grounds where people are constantly coming and going, where we can educate people on irises.

The garden is attempting to have planted the more recent introductions - a boon to judges and avid irisarians in the region. In July the Lea County Iris Society will begin accepting donations to the garden by other societies within the state or by any hybridizer wishing to show his or her new introductions. Contact the Lea County Iris Society for details.

..... Bill Brown

* from Santa Fe Iris Society

Proclaimed, "Iris Day In Santa Fe"

May 23, 1987 has been proclaimed "Iris Day in Santa Fe" by the Mayor of Santa Fe, if all goes well, according to Society President, Larry Anaya. May 20, the local society will host a seminar at DeVargas Mall for the public on "Show Preparation on Iris" prior to their show date. The seminar will be given by Margaret Johnson and will cover all aspects of entering the local iris show, grooming your specimens, and what judges are looking for in the irises.

The Santa Fe Society is planning to sponsor a Hybridizing Seminar on May 30, 1987, to be held at Rancho de la Flor de lis at Cerrillos, New Mexico. Members who hybridize will be conducting the seminar: Mr. Julian Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Steele. Those attending will be shown how iris are hybridized and the basic history of the iris. Each person attending will be allowed to make an iris cross. Seeds will be sent at a later date with instructions on how to germinate.

The two seminars are for the general public's knowledge in hope of raising interest in the iris, and the aspect of showing them. AIS judges credit hours are not being given for these two programs.

..... Larry Anaya, President

IT'S SHOWTIME - REGION 23 - 1987

Albuquerque Iris Guild-Albuquerque Garden Center-May 16-17	
Albuquerque Aril Society-Albuquerque Garden Cent.-May 2-3	
New Mexico Iris Society-Albuquerque Garden Center-May 9-10	
Lea County Iris Society - Broadmoor Mall	May 2
Roswell Iris Society - Roswell Inn	May 3
Mesilla Valley Iris Society - Mesilla Mall	April 25
Santa Fe Iris Society - DeVargas Mall	May 23-24

Treasurer's Report - Region 23

Beginning Bank Balance \$ 1,379.80
(Deposits from affiliates 1-1-87 to 4-1-87)
(Albuquerque Aril Society \$100.00
(Albuquerque Iris Guild \$150.00
(Lea County Iris Society \$300 RVP fund/\$100
Convention fund
(New Mexico Iris Society \$100.00
(Roswell Iris Society \$50.00
Total Deposits \$ 800.00
Interest Earned \$ 20.00

Ending Bank Balance as of April 21, 1987 \$ 2,199.80

No disbursements have been paid out of Region 23's checking account since April 21, 1987. Next newsletter will show expense items to be paid out.

Bill Brown, Treasurer

GEAR-UP NOW - REGION 23 CONVENTION

The New Mexico Iris Society will be hosting the annual fall convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico on August 22-23, 1987. Sara Doonan, President, has notified me that Dr. John Weiler from **Rialto Gardens, Fresno, Calif.** will be our guest speaker for that weekend. His introduction of Thick and Creamy, Fresno Calypso, Fresno Frolic, has earned him Awards of Merit. Dr. Weiler has also received HM awards for several reblooming SDB's. Let's all begin to gear-up for the fall convention in Albuquerque. As more information is received, I will furnish it in the newsletter. (Thanks, Sara for this info. Ed.)

..... Sara Doonan, President

NEWS ARTICLES - next printing July 1987. If you have an article or comment, please send information to Editor prior to June 1, 1987.

Ed.

A Word For All Of Us

THIS IS A STORY ABOUT FOUR PEOPLE: EVERYBODY, SOMEBODY, ANYBODY AND NOBODY. THERE WAS AN IMPORTANT JOB TO BE DONE AND EVERYBODY WAS ASKED TO DO IT. EVERYBODY WAS SURE SOMEBODY WOULD DO IT. ANYBODY COULD HAVE DONE IT BUT NOBODY DID IT. SOMEBODY GOT ANGRY ABOUT THAT BECAUSE IT WAS EVERYBODY'S JOB. EVERYBODY THOUGHT ANYBODY COULD DO IT, BUT NOBODY REALIZED THAT EVERYBODY WOULDN'T DO IT. IT ENDED UP THAT EVERYBODY BLAMED SOMEBODY WHEN ACTUALLY NOBODY ASKED ANYBODY.



Dear RVP and Region 23,

The Southwestern Michigan Iris Society will host the Region 6 spring meeting in June of 1989. Hybridizers are cordially invited to send guest iris this summer if they are interested. Guest iris will be received under the same rules as usual. Please send to:

Mr. James Copeland phone (616) 668-2156
34165 C.R. 652
Mattawan, Michigan 49071

Judges Corner - Region 23

Please make note, regional AIS members. Our new Judges Training Chairperson will be Mrs. Maxine Perkins from Mesilla Valley Iris Society. Between her duties and mine, we hope to bring more judges training and keep the records current and updated, to let each judge in Region 23 know where you are standing. There is a definite need to beef-up training and add new prospects as AIS judges.

Training and requirements will strictly be enforced as mandated by the American Iris Society's policy and standards. Questions should be addressed to Maxine Perkins or myself if you cannot make contact with her.

Judges Corner (continued)

Congratulations to Maxine Perkins (or is it "oh me!") Region 23 Judges, be patient - we are moving to help all seven affiliates.

Ed.

NOTICE - Judges, the AIS official ballot has been mailed to all the AIS Judges. Please make a note to VOTE. This is a requirement, so be certain not to overlook it. New Mexico has had judges dropped for not voting this ballot. So, don't get caught by misplacing it, or just failing to take time to sign it and return it in the mail.

Helpful Hint - Region 23

Have you been bugged lately, or have you felt the weeds and grasses tugging at your pant legs? You know, with spring and early summer warm weather, we are all going to find ourselves fighting varmints, critters, creepy-crawlies, and those tropical bush weeds and grasses. Are you frustrated when reading the new pesticide and herbicide labels; you need a college degree just to understand all the warning and hazard information prior to even beginning the actual mixing of the elements to water. How about the amount per acre(s) rate, when all you want to treat is 100 or 1,000 square feet? It's a proven fact that gardeners overdo it with agricultural chemicals. If a little dab will do it, then a whole lot will do more. This comment is heard often, and is not true at all. Our new chemicals on today's market are more powerful than ever. Please clip and use the conversion table for your chemical applications.

LIQUID CONVERSIONS

1 pint/100 gallons = 1 teaspoon/gallon
1 quart/100 gallons = 2 teaspoons/gallon
1 teaspoon = 1/3 tablespoon, 1/6 ounce, 80 drops
1 tablespoon = 3 teaspoons, 1/2 ounce
1 fluid ounce = 2 tablespoons, 6 teaspoons
1 cup = 8 ounces, 1/2 pint, 16 tablespoons, 48 teaspoons
1 pint = 16 ounces, 2 cups, 32 tablespoons, 1/2 quart
1 quart = 32 ounces, 4 cups, 2 pints, 64 tablespoons
1 gallon = 4 quarts, 8 pints, 16 cups, 128 ounces

CONVERSION TABLE FOR USE OF PESTICIDES ON SMALL AREAS

Rate per Acre	Rate per 1,000 sq. ft.	Rate per 100 sq. ft.
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LIQUID MATERIALS

1 pint	3/4 tablespoon	1/4 teaspoon
1 quart	1-1/2 tablespoons	1/2 teaspoon
1 gallon	6 tablespoons	2 teaspoons
25 gallon	4-1/2 pints	1 cup
50 gallon	4-1/2 quarts	1 pint
100 gallon	9 quarts	1 quart

DRY MATERIALS

1 pound	2-1/2 teaspoons	1/4 teaspoon
3 pounds	2-1/4 tablespoons	3/4 teaspoon
10 pounds	1/2 cup	2 teaspoons
100 pounds	2-1/4 pounds	1/4 pound



REMINDER - REGION 23 OFFICIALS AND MEMBERSHIP -

Please make note that many of the AIS members dues are up for renewal. Please check with your local Society President for expiration dates. I have received the new AIS computer listing with several members up for deletion for nonpayment of AIS dues.

Join the American Iris Society!



- Single annual membership - \$9.50
triennial - \$23.75
- Quarterly illustrated bulletins
- Send dues to A.I.S. Membership:
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