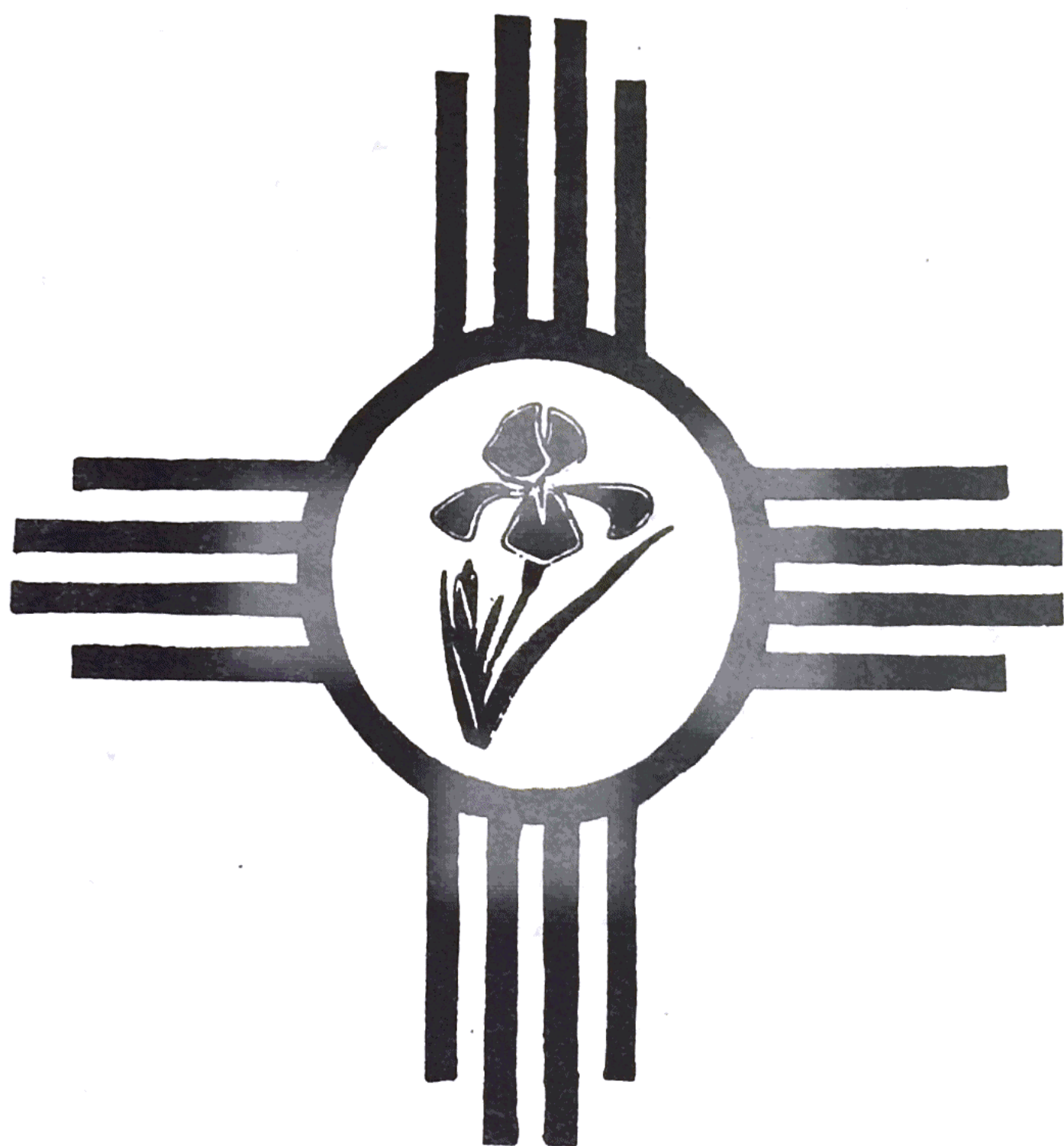


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FROM YOUR R.V.P.

The wheel that goes around comes around. Here we are at the end of another year, and what a great year it has been.

Members, getting my act together took up the first three months and that turned out to be a complete flop. This should prove that we are not all perfect. This brings to mind a poem that one of my aunts sent to me:

If your work is hard
And your rewards are few
Remember that the mighty oak
Was once a nut like you!

The above lines are for me alone.

The first quarter was not a total loss, with your help we did manage to put out our newsletter.

If you will bear with me we will drive thru the past nine months. The month of April kicked things into gear. I was able to attend Region 17's Spring Convention in Odessa, Texas and helped judge their show. It was a pleasure to visit with Terry Atiken and serve on the same judge's panel with him. His after dinner speech was great and enjoyed by all. We also enjoyed his judge's training session very much. The Odessa Society also had a very nice garden tour topped off by a wonderful lunch at the last garden.

The next stop of the merry-go-round was in Las Cruces to help judge their show. This really kicked things into high gear. The show and fellowship was very nice and it is always a pleasure to be invited.

Then, I went to Chaparral and spent the night with Lu. Oh yes! Jennie was with me. The three of us went into El Paso for seafood at the Red Lobster. Think hard on this; most people that go to El Paso think Mexican food. This may prove that we are different. The food was great and so was Lu's hospitality.

We then drove back to Hobbs for own show, and preparation for our trip to Washington, D.C. and lots of points between.

I will not bore you with the Grandpa, Mother & Friend stops in between, however, we did renew friendships in several places.

The most exciting things to happen was when we arrived almost to the convention center. I could see the Marriott, but I was worried about running out of gas before I found the entrance. It was truly a lovely place to have our convention.

The garden on tour were all great, if the bloom was a little short, the hospitality would always take up the slack.

Then after five lovely days with fellow Iris lovers we drove down the Eastern shore of Virginia. The last time that we were there was in 1958. It has changed so much, that even the map was hard to believe.

I enjoyed the trip very much, but about 4,000 miles is almost too much. We were able to catch up on our sitting.

Members, I would never be able to write about everything that happens at the national convention. Please, if you ever have the opportunity to attend a national, go for it.

I feel that 1991 was a great year for Region 23 and hope that 1992 will be even better.

Doug

THE JUDGE'S CORNER

I am very happy to announce the names of our new apprentices: Janet Bench, Albuquerque.
Karen Bergamo, Albuquerque
Alma Maxwell, Hobbs

Welcome, ladies, I am sure that you will be quite an asset to our judges program. Janet's idea was to have garden judging available in the Spring. I realize that we will not please all of the region, but this is a try for it. Lynda Miller, of Miller's Manor Gardens, in Ossian, Indiana, has graciously agreed to be our judge's training person in May. Lynda will arrive in Albuquerque the 8th or 9th of May. She will be the honored guest of Region 23 and will stay with John and Karen Bergamo. I will trust Karen to work out all of the details, and they will be in the March newsletter. The location will be in Valerie White's garden at 1428 Stagecoach Lane SE, Albuquerque and the subject will be medians. The times and exact date will be in the next newsletter.

Lu Danielson has graciously agreed to be the hostess and the training person on the aril and arilbred Iris April 11, in her garden in Chaparral, New Mexico. The rest of the story will be in the March Newsletter.

Believe it or not I will send you your test grades when I request and receive the key to the answers. I am very sorry that I was unable to attend our regional in Albuquerque.

I our new apprentices are able to travel we may have three new judges next year. We have two sessions scheduled before August and Region 20 will have one in their Mini-Convention, June 5, 6 and 7, and Region 15 will schedule for April. Thanks a lot! I would like to see all of you in Hobbs on August 7, 8 and 9.

Your judges's training person,
Maxine Perkins

OUR REGIONAL CONVENTION

Our convention is already set. Thanks to our convention chairman, Elaine Bartlett and all of her very able assistants. The Region truly salutes the Lea County Iris Society and all of its very capable members. I encourage all of you to arrive on August 7. The Lea County Iris Society will kick off the festivities on Friday, August 7, 1992, with our version of a pot luck dinner. We expect our guests to wear a few clothes and bring a big smile. Your RVP will set you up in his weed patch. We can assure you that the cost will be reasonable so come see how we do things in Hobbs.

Doug

REGION 20 CONVENTION

The Region 20 convention and garden tours will be in Colorado Springs, Dave Miller extends a very hearty welcome to all of our members in Region 23. I am very sure that it will make a very fine weekend trip, so please lets plan to attend.

OUR NEW SOCIETY

Name - Pecos Valley Iris Society
Location - Roswell, New Mexico
President (or Mother Hen) - Leslie Jobe'

This came about by the enthusiastic approach that the Roswell people have to almost every subject. This has brought in several new members. Letha Dent has been the sparkplug in the membership drive and for this we say thanks. It has been quite a while since we have had a new society so that really makes your RVP feel great.

ALBUQUERQUE CONVENTION

Lets tip our hats to the Albuquerque Iris Guild. These very capable members put on a great convention. They did have a little help from Bill Maryott and Marilyn Harlow. Their judges training was great and Bill's fifteen minute after dinner speech was super. Twenty minutes could have been too much on a full stomach. Just kidding, Bill. You are both great people and thanks again for your help in making our convention such a happy time.

OUR SOCIETIES' GENEROSITY

Societies, I am very proud of your generous support. This will be the best way to keep us solvent. It is so much easier to give, when you have the desire to, than when you are told.

Let us all be ever grateful to these lovely people. It is indeed a great honor to become a master judge. Please let's never forget the many years that our retired judges served the AIS and the general public. To be remembered is one thing, but to be forgotten is worse than death itself. So thanks again to:

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OUR HEART SECTION

A sincere, heartfelt thank you to the many Region 23 members who phoned, sent cards and notes, food, flowers and memorials following my father's death on Sunday, May 12. Sunset Iris Garden was scheduled to be open to the public on May 13 through the 19, and wonderful NMIS friends simply stepped in and relieved me of the responsibility. A very difficult time was certainly eased through your expressions of love. Thank you all.

Sara Doonan

Our prayers and love go out to all of our members who lost loved ones and friends in 1991. Sara Doonan's father, Elaine and AM Bartlett's granddaughter, Kami. Roswell lost Les Kilgore, Dr. Cecil Eiffert and Roswell had a non AIS member, Elaine Story.

1992 SYMPOSIUM RESULTS

In 1991 we had 57 members that voted. This was 28.5% out of 200 members. Our 1992 results were 64 out of 196 members. This was good for 32.7%. We placed third with this percentage. This is my last year as RVP so please vote this year for 1993 and put us number one.

HIPS: From the pen of Anne S. Lowe

It may seem something of a paradox that the newest section of AIS should focus attention on the oldest of iris. The Historic Iris Preservation Society is an organization whose time has come. Without the help of this society and its dedicated pool of conservationists, much of our iris heritage is endangered by the erosion of time, be it through neglect or disinterest.

What is this Historic Iris Preservation Society, a.k.a. HIPS? Simply stated, it is an organization for bringing older irises together with the people who want to grow them. In so doing, you get a happy hobbyist and preservation at the same time. We realize that iris preservation is not of vital concern to everyone. It is not our intent to conduct a fanatical crusade complete with banners and protest marches; nor will we throw our bodies in front of bulldozers working at old house sites and highway expansion. The conservation and collection of older irises will and must remain a matter of personal choice. We will all continue to grow old friends such as "the first iris I ever bought" or "the purple one from Aunt Tillie's side yard." Those of us who are collectors at heart will find pleasure in amassing certain groups of irises, and will delight in the challenge of finding a new (the rarer the better) addition for the collection.

HIPS is the common thread that binds together irisarians everywhere - age, location, and level of involvement are not factors here. Contact has been established with the other AIS Sections that we may help each other in planning and executing sound and feasible conservation programs. HIPS is in the process of developing dating guidelines and terminology germane to categorizing older irises. This is fondly known as the "the dating game"! It has been suggested that all AM winners prior to 1960 might be a good starting point. We are compiling a list of old irises and their owners to assist in the collection and disbursement of older iris cultivars. HIPS produces ROOTS, a twice yearly publication which provides information to members regarding availability and location of desired cultivars, conservation trends, society projects, historical background, etc.

It will take time and work to collect data and document the location of the thousands of irises which fall within the HIPS datelines - and every year, several hundred more varieties become eligible. This is a daunting prospect for those of us who have undertaken the task of organizing and guiding this new society. The granting of section status at the 1989 AIS Fall Board Meeting is only the beginning.

We need the active support of irisarians in all regions, and we encourage you to join the Historic Iris Preservation Society. Your RVP has the necessary membership information. Don't let the old ones slip away!

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MESILLA VALLEY IRIS SOCIETY

Tine Crawford, a charter member of MVIS, was honored this fall at our Southern New Mexico State Fair on October 17, 1991.

Our floriculture building was named after her and she was given a lifetime pass to the fair, a corsage and treated to lunch. She was a founder of the floriculture show at the fair and was the first national council flower show judge in Las Cruces. She is now a master judge.

Next, we had a lovely Christmas dinner on December 14, 1991 at Mr. and Mrs. Roy Anderson's home.

Our club members worked hard during the show and digs this year, but the hardest has been in our own gardens. Many have redone their iris beds and their labels, so our next year blooms should be great.

Our club voted to retain its officers for 1 more year.

MVIS President,
Mary Ellen Tofeya

LEA COUNTY IRIS SOCIETY

We have been very busy this year in the Lea County Iris Society! Elaine Bartlett did a super job. March 8, 220 Home Extension ladies enjoyed Elaine's flower designs that she did at the Cultural Arts Show in Hobbs.

David Hooten and I did three work shops in March and April. We did programs on grooming and general horticultural for three Home Extension Clubs. Two in Lovington and one in Knowles. Doug Goodnight went to Taylor Elementary School to teach the children about pollination of Irises. I think their questions made him work real hard (right Doug??).

July 20 was our Irissale and the picnic was at Tom and Montez Bertrams home. It was great fun as always.

Alma Maxwell and I did a work shop for the Lea County 4-H kids. Three of the girls did floral arrangements and corsages for the fair and would like to know more about Irises.

This year was my first Iris convention. I had the greatest time! Iris people are the nicest people in the world.

It was also my first time to be the fair Flower Show chairperson. It was scary, fun, hardwork, and super all at once. But when you have the people helping you that I had, no problem!! I love you all.

Hope to see each of you next year,
Jean Chapman
Lea County Iris Society

A NEW SOCIETY ORGANIZED

HOORAY!! HOORAY!!

Region 23 members join with us in welcoming a new society. The Pecos Valley Iris Society of Roswell holds evening meetings at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. They began with 16 society members of which 11 are AIS.

RVP Goodnight, Sec. Elaine Bartlett and two other enthusiastic irisarians Jean Chapman and Alma Maxwell traveled to Roswell on October 14, 1991, to show support for the new society and its dynamic organizers.

We enjoyed a delicious lasagne dinner at the home of Wayne and Leslie Jobe', following an interesting tour of their garden. We journeyed on to John and Letha Dent's for dessert and the business meeting.

Doug's program was a slide presentation of the Washington, D. C. National Convention plus some added attractions of Lea County and surrounding areas.

After adjournment all members scurried to the round table to get their share of a large box of rhizomes donated by RVP Goodnight (all were rebloomers).

The Society will grow because they are a warm, congenial, loving, caring, sharing group with one main interest; the love of irises.

All were invited to come to the "early arrival party" of the Region 23 convention hosted by the Lea County Iris Society members on August 7, 1992. It will precede the formal opening on August 8. We hope all can come early for a fun fellowship.

G'day Mate,
Elaine Bartlett
Region 23 Secretary

ROSWELL IRIS SOCIETY

R. I. S. holds its election in October and Elda Keith is taking over the reins as president, Leslie Jobe' as vice-president, Charlotte Long as treasurer, and Illima Freudenberger as secretary. Illima is replacing June Mims who had been elected as June and her husband are now ranching in San Angelo, TX. Texas has gained a valuable AIS member and we will miss her in Roswell. Lou Danielson came over from Chaparral and gave us a most informative talk on Arilbreds and now a lot of us are gung-ho to try growing these in Rowell.

Although it has not been officially announced by the Region 23 V.P. - Roswell now has a night-meeting club which will be known as Pecos Valley Iris Society. It operates independently from RIS, however we plan our flower show on May 2 together this first year and RIS provided "seed money" to get the club underway.

PUBLIC EXPOSURE

June Gibson wrote a very nice article about Sara Doonan and her garden, this is great because this helps place our favorite flower in front of the viewing public.

MY LAST YEAR

Most of you know that this is my last year as your RVP. One side of the coin says it has been short, but the other says I thought that it would never end. It has been a pleasure to serve our region. The love, friendship, knowledge and corrections have been fantastic and without all of them it would have been impossible.

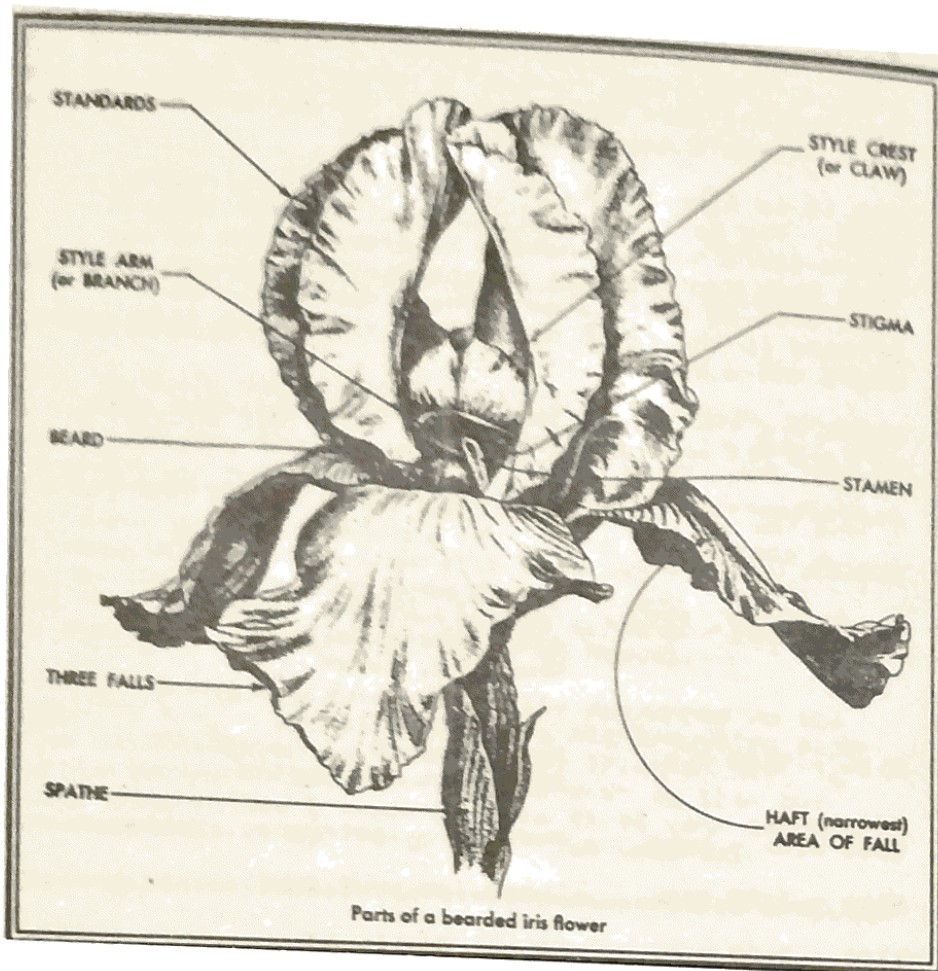
Now it is time to start thinking about my replacement. The letters have been sent out for nominations for a new nominating committee. One person from each society will be selected and his or her name will be sent to me. These names will be printed in the March newsletter along with instructions and a ballot.

Great are the things that can be accomplished when we care not who gets the credit.

JUDGES TRAINING

February 29, 1992 - Amarillo Garden Center
1400 Streit Drive
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	PROGRAM	
8:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Registration	\$5.00
	Doughnuts and Coffee	
9:00 a.m. - Noon	Medians - Instructor, Hooker Nichols	
Noon - 1:00 p.m.	LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)	
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	School Continued	
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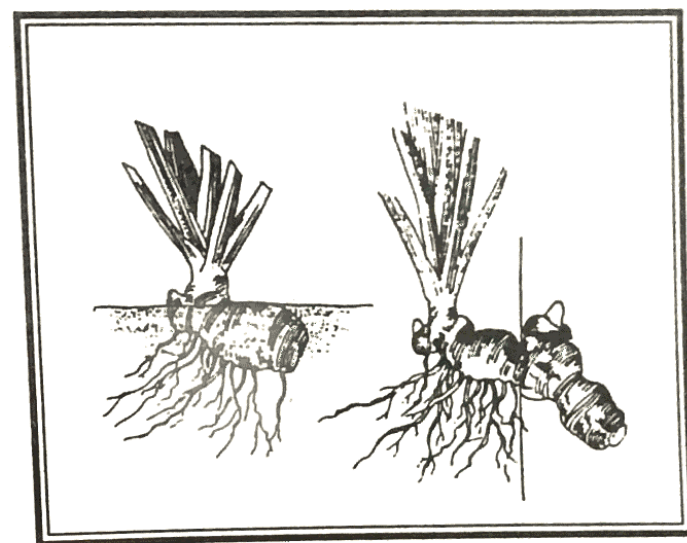


SHOW TIME

Region 23	Sil. Med.	Bronze Med.	Best Spec.	Exhibitor
Albq.	Irene Shockley	Pete McGrath	Ravid (AR)	Pete McGrath
Albq.	Kurt Latimer	Pete McGrath	Rasp. N Creme	Kurt Latimer
Albq.	Kurt Latimer	Susan Latimer	Jessies Song	Shan. Latimer
Hobbs	Montez Bertram	Doug Goodnight	Ringo	Mrs. J. Williams
Las Cruces	Maxine Perkins	Jeff Anderson	Blue Arts (AR)	J. Anderson
Roswell	June Mims	K. McDaniel	Chartr. Ruffles	June Mims
Santa Fe	Ann Boland	Peter McGrath	Status Seeker	Pete McGrath

Region 23	Best Design	Artistic Sweepstakes
Albq.	Elsie Kear	Elsie Kear
Hobbs	Doug Goodnight	Becky Seigman
Las Cruces	Donna Holland	Ellen Taloya
Roswell	Leslie Jobe	Leslie Jobe
Santa Fe	Sylvia Chavez	Gwen Anlian

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Reblooming Iris Society	4.00	10.00	5.00	12.00
Society for Pacific Coast				
Native Iris	4.00	10.00	5.00	12.00
Species Iris Group of				
North America	3.50	9.00	4.50	10.50
Louisiana Iris Society of America	3.00	8.00	4.50	12.00
Desert Iris Society	3.00	8.00	4.50	12.00
Historic Iris Preservation Society	5.00	12.00	6.00	15.00

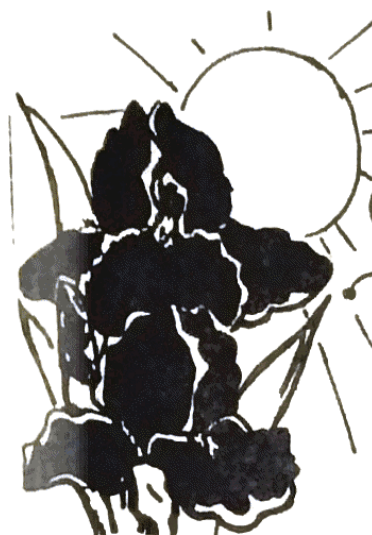
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1992	Atlanta, GA	April 28-May 2
1993	Fort Worth, TX	April 20-24
1994	Portland, OR	May 21-25
1995	Hershey, PA	
1996	Sacramento, CA	
1997		
1998	Denver, CO	

Tall Bearden Iris
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Tritoma (Pokerplant)
Roses
Umbrella Plants

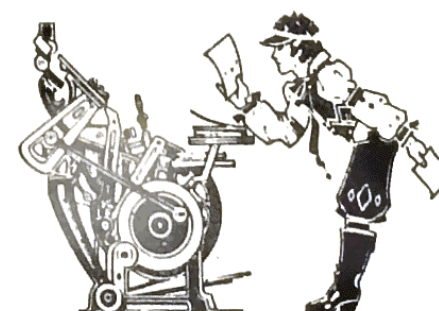
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