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SHOW RESULTS

<u>Place of Show</u>	<u>Silver Medal</u>	<u>Bronze Medal</u>	<u>Best Specimen</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>
<u>REGION 23</u>				
Albuquerque, NM	Irene Shockey	Howard Shockey	Theresa (AR)	Irene Shockey
Albuquerque, NM	Irene Shockey	Howard Shockey	Fun Feet	Peter Mc Grath
Albuquerque, NM	Kurt Latimer	Valerie White	Dusky Challenger	Ken Fladager
Hobbs, NM	Montez Bertram	Doug Goodnight	Satin Satan	Doug Goodnight
La Cruces, NM	Ann Wright	Chris Haddaell	Casalo (LA)	Maxine Perkins
Roswell, NM	Lealie Jobe'	Katherine Mc Daniel	Night Affair	Lealie Jobe'
Santa Fe, NM	Pat Feather	Maggie Rubino	Mary Frances	Erlinda Lujan

ARTISTIC SECTIONS

<u>Place of Show</u>	<u>Best Design</u>	<u>Artistic Sweepstakes</u>	<u>Best Design Youth</u>	<u>Artistic Sweepstakes Youth</u>
<u>REGION 23</u>				
Albuquerque, NM	June Bailog	June Bailog	-----	-----
Hobbs, NM	Kerry Romine	Elaine Bartlett	-----	-----
La Cruces, NM	Donna Holland	Donna Holland	-----	-----
Santa Fe, NM	Maggie Rubino	Diana Capahav	-----	-----
Roswell, NM	Leslie Jobe'	Leslie Jobe'	-----	-----

<u>Place of Show</u>	<u>Silver Medal Youth</u>	<u>Bronze Medal Youth</u>	<u>Best Specimen Youth</u>	<u>Exhibitor Youth</u>
<u>REGION 23</u>				
Albuquerque, NM	Kurt Latimer	Shannon Latimer	Evelyn's Echo	Monica Mc Grath
Albuquerque, NM	Catherine Pagano	Shannon Latimer	Titan's Glory	Whitney Mc Grath

YOUTH SECTION

RVP Letter

Well region members, it is once again mixed emotion time for me. I have enjoyed the past three years very much, but it is now time to pass the leadership to Maxine. She has a very good slate of officers. It is my prayer that you will support your new RVP the same way that you supported me.

Our region is said to be one of the friendliest in A.I.S. All of our members are responsible for this. I thank you very much for this.

Region 23 has grown to a membership of 227, and thanks to all of the Roswell members we now have 8 societies. This should tell us that the overall total means much more when we retain new members.

Please continue to promote our youth members. These young people will be members of today and our leaders of tomorrow.

It has been one of the greatest pleasures of my life to serve as your RVP. I feel that the friends I have made in the last 3 years are worth more than worldly goods could ever be.

We have had a few minor problems, but I feel that most of them were resolved with a minimum of skin being lost.

To be your RVP was the small part of our region. The great officers that we had made it all possible. Thanks to all of you. It has been such a pleasure working with you, let us all keep working for A.I.S.

In Loving Friendship,
Doug

A.I.S. Library

The A.I.S. Library has outgrown its home in Ponca, Nebraska. Therefore we are now searching for a new home. Donations are needed very much. We are in need of land and a building. If we were to receive a donation of this magnitude it would put A.I.S. in the real estate business and we are ready for this. It would be very nice to have it in our region.

I am writing to you about the A.I.S. Library Project, and soliciting your support and positive action. Those of you who were able to attend the A.I.S. Board meeting in Atlanta will be familiar with the issue. The discussion and resolutions that were passed by the Board are covered in the minutes in the July Bulletin.

A.I.S. owns an invaluable collection of books, catalogues, official records, personal records, magazines, journals, hybridizer's records, correspondence, and other historic materials all relating to irises. The bulk of this material, officially designated the Archives, is currently in the basement of the Ponca, Nebraska Public Library. Larry Harder, the A.I.S. Historian, arranged to store the material there as a service to A.I.S. The market value of these materials undoubtedly is in the millions of dollars. But the value of these materials is far greater than dollars. . .it is our iris legacy, our history, our source for knowledge.

The city of Ponca has asked AIS to remove its material from the Ponca Public Library basement because the area is needed for public use. Ponca officials agreed to let the material remain there for one more year in return for a \$2,500 payment. Bookcases, file cabinets, crates, boxes and stacks of material fill the entire basement.

Ever since I first joined AIS I have heard various people talk about how we need a real library. Over the past year and a half this desire for a library swelled up in the Historic Iris Preser-

vation Society (HIPS), of which I am currently president. People even started sending money to HIPS to organize a library project. At the AIS Board meeting in Atlanta the current HIPS Board of Directors was named to the Library Endowment Fund Committee. The goal is to have a library located at a permanent site, operated by a professional librarian on a full time basis.

To achieve our goal we need two things from you. First, we are exploring the creation of a permanently endowed fund devoted exclusively to pay for the operation of the library, including a full time librarian. For present, the AIS Board has created an AIS Library Fund which will be used for this purpose. Please let your local societies know about this fund, and ask them to send donations to the AIS Library Fund to AIS Secretary Jean Sayer. We welcome contributions, and really need them. I was very proud a few months ago when Region 4 donated a \$1,000 check to the fund.

The second way you can help this deserving project is to consider having the permanent library located in your region! We need a building to house the library, and we need it soon. We are looking for a donation. First preference will be afforded an offer of an outright gift of land and an exsisting building. If such an offer does not come, consideration will be given to alternative proposals such as a long term no-cost lease, association with an arboretum library, or similar arrangement. The committee welcomes any reasonable proposal.

Crucial to any proposal of this sort is that AIS must be in sole and absolute control of all its material. For example, if a local arboretum wished to offer space on a no cost basis to house the AIS Library, there would have to be a legal contract that provided for complete control over the AIS material by AIS. Access to AIS material would be controlled by AIS, and AIS staff would be selected and directed solely by AIS.

We would have hoped to have more time than we have to solicit and evaluate proposals for a permanent library site. But AIS must get its material out of the Ponca Public Library basement. Moving material of this sort is potentially harmful, and having to put the vast store of items into temporary storage this coming year is not the most desirable course of action.

In recommending a site for the library to the AIS Board, the AIS Library Endowment Fund Committee will consider adequacy of the building to house the valuable archival material, access factors for AIS members visiting the library such as local airports, and physical security factors. In this day of information technology it doesn't really matter if it is on the West Coast, East Coast or somewhere in the middle, and all areas within the continental U. S. will be equally considered.

If your region or one of your locals wants to make an offer of a building or other permanent site proposal, submit the "deal" and terms to me. I will present all proposals to the full committee which will recommend selection of the one deemed most satisfactory. This proposal, along with information on all other proposals, will be presented to the AIS Board when it meets in Fort Worth next spring. We ask that all proposals be made before March 30, 1992, if possible.

If anyone is considering making a proposal and has questions, have them write me or call me at (703) 893-8526 after 6:00p.m. In the next month or so I would appreciate your letting me know how many proposals you think may be coming from your region.

Let's get AIS a library that preserves its heritage, and makes material available to researchers, students and writers!

Sincerely,
Clarence, Mahan, Chairman
AIS Library Project

What can I do to help preserve old irises?

(After I join HIPS, of course!)

Most of us deeply involved in iris are collectors at heart. We talk about landscaping our garden and doing more to diversify our varieties - but, the bottom line usually consists of more and newer Tall Bearded. Many of us keep and add to the Dykes Medalists as our contribution towards displaying the history of our favorite flower.

Be different - To Conserve and Preserve, don't just grow the Dykes: instead...

- Select a hybridizer and grow his/her introductions that interest you.
- Grow a few introductions from the year you were born - (for some of us these will fall into the historical category!)
- Chose a decade - grow the outstanding cultivars of that ten year span.
- Feature some of the introductions of an old Nursery.
- Select a color break and grow a living record of its development
- Are beardless iris your favorites? Grow a few clumps of old Sibs or collect a half dozen historical JIs
- Edge your TB planting with some old SDBs.
- Start the season with a handful of historic IBs.

Grow the Dykes if you must, but do grow some of the other older iris as well.

Historic Iris Preservation Society

Membership Application

HIPS MEMBERSHIP RATES Please check rate desired

Single Annual...\$5.00 _____ Single Triennial...\$12.00 _____
Family Annual...\$6.00 _____ Family Triennial...\$15.00 _____

Sustaining \$20.00 or more _____

Single life membership...\$100.00 _____

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A Youth separate membership...\$3.00 _____

A Youth membership with adult membership...\$2.00 _____

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Verona Wiekhorst
4855 Santiago Way
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City, State, and Zip Code

4-H IRIS PROJECT OF REGION 14

Keeping 4-Hers busy with an iris project isn't hard when you have four adult iris lovers brainstorming. These leaders in Glenn County are Bill and Cloudia Owen and Rex and Shirley Clark. The 4-H year starts in October and ends in June. We don't try to cover too much in the hour meeting. It's better to cover just a little and have them remember that, than exposing them to a large amount of material and just overwhelming them. We encourage parents, grandparents, etc. to attend the meetings with the 4-hers. They often get "hooked" as much as the 4-Her.

On our first meeting we passed iris catalogs around so they could see all the colors of iris available. Then we explained a few of the different iris species. Our next meeting we showed a video of a commercial iris garden, which was interesting to them. Another meeting we passed out blank iris pictures that could be colored. Then the terms bi-tone, plicatas, bi-colors, etc. were explained, and they picked the proper color in a catalog and colored their iris the same on their worksheet. Another meeting we used a word puzzle to acquaint them with the parts of an iris. Another sheet with the parts of an iris was also given to them. Bill Owen demonstrated on a live iris pointing out the different iris parts as they completed their puzzle. Bill also explained how iris are hybridized. Each 4-Her was given four reblooming iris to get started. They will win other iris as door prizes at different meetings. Two of the older girls have volunteered to be on the placement committee at our Society's Spring Iris Show. Upcoming meetings will include: How to prepare iris for show, the part iris have played in art, tours of local iris gardens, a meeting to encourage them to enter the youth iris essay contest, how to make a dish garden using dwarf iris. These will be

exhibited at our local fair and the Society's Iris Show. A popular meeting was when Robert Annand demonstrated how to use iris in flower arrangements. These are a few of the subjects we cover at our meetings. Some remain in the project 3 years, but 2 years is average, as there are so many projects to choose, the kids like to experience as much as possible. Even with one year they get acquainted with the joy of raising iris. Anyone can be an iris project leader. It's easy and fun. If you are interested in starting a 4-H iris group in your area contact Rex L. Clark, 135 East Chapman St. Orland, CA 95963. We would also appreciate any ideas you may have that enhance our project.

Rex L. Clark

Teen-ager finds cure for leaf blight plaguing irises

ELDORADO, III. (AP) — A teen-ager's discovery of a cure for the leaf blight threatening much of the country's iris crop earned her scholarship money, science awards and recognition from the American Iris Society.

Amanda Poole, 17, spent a year in her mother's kitchen finding the right combination of antibiotics to rescue the colorful, spring-blooming flowers.

"We thought the research was very worthwhile in its own right. But it was most impressive for a youngster of her age," said Dr. Currier McEwen, a Maine physician and president of the society's science committee.

"There are a lot of family businesses that are making ends meet with irises. Some people may lose their livelihoods without a cure for this disease," said Melody Wilhoit, past regional vice president in Illinois for the American Iris Society.

Three years ago, University of Illinois plant experts identified the

disease after Ms. Poole provided a sample from her father's garden. It was her father, a science teacher, who challenged the youngster to find a remedy for the blight.

"At first I was pretty cocky about this," Ms. Poole said. "But then after a while, I said, 'Oh my gosh, how many thousands of antibiotics will I have to test?'"

The Iris Society contributed \$2,000 to the project for equipment and supplies.

For her efforts, Ms. Poole won state and national science prizes. The American Iris Society Journal is publishing her research. The scholarship will pay for one year at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, where Ms. Poole plans to major in microbiology.

"I really love to do research," she said. "It seems so tedious to other people, but you never know what you might find or what you'll discover."

OUR HEARTFELT SECTION

Our regional family has had so much sadness this year. Our hearts go out to all of their loved ones. Alta Peterson of Roswell and one of our retired master judges, Virginia McClintock of Carlsbad passed away this year. We will miss these nice ladies very much.

Virginia McClintock, age 82, died September 22, 1992 in Carlsbad, New Mexico, after a long illness. She is survived by her husband, James E. McClintock of Carlsbad; son, James Jr. of Hinckley, Ohio; daughter, Dorothy Willot of Beachwood, Ohio; 10 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Mrs. McClintock was active in the American Iris Society for many years and served a term as Region 6 Treasurer. She was a Master Judge of AIS and was the founder and first president of the North East Ohio Iris Society. She introduced one iris variety, the standard dwarf ON FIRE, which won an Honorable Mention.

The New Mexico Iris Society and Region 23 have lost one of their most devoted members. Bonnie Lowenstein died on September 6, 1992. Born in San Jose, California, Bonnie graduated from the University of California with A. B. and M. A. degrees in bacteriology. Her lifelong interest and love of irises and other flowers began as she grew up in California where her parents, Albert and Pearl Blomquist, had a garden in the redwoods south of San Francisco. There were clumps of Ochroleuca in the garden and native iris species in the nearby woodlands. Bonnie was married to Dr. Bernard Lowenstein for 59 years. Bernie was a physician in the U. S. Indian Service and Veterans Administration. They travelled extensively in the Western U.S. during his tenure with the government and abroad as well. After having spent a year in Albuquerque at Kirkland Air Force Base in 1941, they returned to Albuquerque to build their home in 1951.

Then Bonnie was to begin gardening in earnest! After joining AIS in 1956, she became a judge and later RVP, beginning that term of office in 1967. She was a founding member of the New Mexico Iris Society and a past president of that organization. She held membership in April International, Ikebana International, the Chrusanthemen, Rose and Hemerocallis Societies as well as being a member of the Albuquerque April Society and La Noche Garden Club. She was a Master AIS and National Council (Flower Show) Judge and a Coordinator of the Albuquerque Garden Center at the time of her death. Her enthusiasm, energy and expertise is sorely missed by her friends and associates. She was truly a very special lady.

Karen Bergamo\Barbara Figge

We also have several members who lost loved ones; Maxine Perkins' father, Sara Doonan's mother, Vida Stoner's son and Jennie Goodnight's sister. Keep your heads up ladies, our prayers are with you.

BOARD MEETING

The Greater Kansas City Iris Society sure rolled out the red carpet for all of us at the Fall Board Meeting. To thank them we will print the article that Dr. J. Waddick wrote.

The by-law changes that were voted on by the membership passed so AIS now has a 3rd yr RVP on the board with voting rights.

The board also approved the merger of LISA and SLI into a cooperative society with the American Iris Society. This cooperative society will still carry the name Society for Louisiana Irises. This has to be approved by the members of SLI.

We now have our first Lady President. Congratulations are in order for Claire B. Barr.

The Greater Kansas City Iris Society has some pretty well known members. Everything from award winning hybridizers to international authorities on iris. And we have a good share of involvement with Regional and National AIS activities.

Among our hybridizer/members we are lucky to have Jim Hedgecock. Jim is the owner of Comanche Acres one of the largest iris growers in the US. Although his hybridizing program is fairly new, one of his tall bearded irises, "Dracula's Shadow" was a prize winner in the International Iris Competition in Italy this year. Dr. Norlan Henderson has been hybridizing for longer and has released a few special cultivars. We're especially proud of his tall bearded iris named "Kansas City". One of our newest hybridizers of tall bearded iris is Mitch Jameson of "Knee Deep in June" in nearby St. Joseph, MO. His first introductions hit the iris world with a splash and we all look forward to even more. One of the few hybridizers of Miniature Tall Bearded Irises is our own Betty Wyss. Her first registration is on its way toward introduction soon.

We have to at least mention a few far flung members who also hybridize, but don't get to too many meetings: Evelyn and Bennet Jones of Washington State (Evelyn has been a member for longer than we should mention), Jim Fry of Wichita, KS and Calvin Helsley of Mansfield, MO are members and special friends of GKCIS. Congratulations to all of these and more just beginning to pollen daub.

We can also praise our Iris Scholars leading off with Prof. Emeritus Dr. Norlan Henderson. Norlan is actively engaged in reviewing the irises of North America as part of a major floral revision centering at the Missouri Botanical Garden. Our Chinese expert Dr. James W. Waddick published an exciting new book Iris of China with his associate and our friend Prof. Zhao Yu-tang of Changchun, China. Dr. Waddick and Prof. Zhao are trying to raise new funds to make a joint trip to observe iris in Western China in the spring of next year. We wish them luck.

But we have other member who also "get involved". President Donna Aldridge has just had her garden named an official Display Garden for Japanese Irises - she can't get enough of these things. Betty Wyss reigns over an official Display Garden for MTBs. Wilma Little is working with HIPS to develop a complete check list of Antique Siberian Iris as well as locate as many of these older cultivars as possible to try to save them from oblivion. Jim Hedgecock is an officer in the Median Iris Society. Dr. James Waddick is a member of the AIS Scholarship Committee and is working on a SIGNA Committee to develop Species and Species-Cross check lists to reflect new AIS Awards and Medals for these categories. Donna Aldridge, Forrest Townsend and Dr. James Waddick are all Board Members of Region 18.

And we don't slack in the judging department either. Our star is Dolores "Dodo" Denney our Active Master Judge. We have five more active Garden Judges, Faye Carpenter, Jim Hedgecock, Mary Jean McHugh, Katherine Perry and Mary "Betty" Wyss and hope to add three new ones next year! We are also proud of Matt McHugh our Retired Master Judge and a number of students aiming for apprenticeship next year.

Kansas City sits in the middle of our region, Region 18, and we have focused a lot of activity based on this position. Special Judge's Training, outside speakers, gigantic iris sales and even hosting the National AIS Fall Board Meeting take advantage of our central location. Our members try hard to make some positive impression in Region 18 and the nation. Society membership has jumped to nearly two hundred with enthusiasm running high. We look forward to more activities, more involvement and more irises.

THE GREATER KANSAS CITY IRIS SOCIETY: "A GENUS IRIS SOCIETY" by Donna Aldridge, President

GKCIS is a "Genus Iris Society". Our members grow most every type of iris obtainable that will grow in the heart of America. While TB's continue to be the most popularly grown iris here, most gardeners also grow many medians and miniatures and quite a range of beardless! Some gardens specialize in Siberians or Spurias or Species. MTB's or Rebloomers, while still growing many of the others. We have gardens that are a veritable smorgasbord of iris, displaying a goodly selection of each—including many of the more recent award-winners and fine new introductions along with a host of intriguing species and many of the best antique cultivars. We have many casual garden visits among each other to see special blooms of interest or the whole garden as it shifts from week to week or month to month.

GARDEN TOURS & JUDGES TRAINING: We have also enjoyed the formal Garden Tours we've had the last several years. This year, in conjunction with a strong Judges Training Program we have developed in GKCIS, we presented a series of Garden Tour/Training Events where we visited one particular garden in bloom and had a two-to-three-hour accredited Judges Training session open to both those enrolled in the program and others. This has been a dynamic success with remarkable attendance and interest! We featured Medians, MTBs, TBs, Siberians, Japanese and Rebloomers, offering 13 hours of in-garden training experience. We will also have had training on Exhibition Judging, Louisianas, Species and more on MTBs for a total of 20 hours just this calendar year. We have a good number of new people enrolled in the Judges Training Program with several others nominated to move to higher levels. Next year, in conjunction with Region 18, GKCIS will hold a five-hour Judges Training session on Siberians, versicolors, laevigatas, pseudacorus and virginicas in two gardens. We hope to have some wide crosses in bloom then, too. We also hope to have other garden tour/training sessions, as well.

IRIS SHOWS: We have at least two shows each year now displaying our wealth of irises including minutoaurea, cristata, tectorum, gracilipes, MDB, SDB, IB, BB, MTB, TB, AB, pallida, aphylla, Siberian, Spuria, Louisiana, fulva, pseudacorus, Japanese, a few other species here and there and members' seedlings. The public attending our shows has been amazed and delighted at the beauty and breadth of irises!

AUCTION/SALES: Greater awareness, knowledge and understanding has really paid off for members in being better able to select, and then grow well, the many irises they acquire at our two large annual Auction/Sales. This year we sold, at very reasonable prices, over 2000 bearded and more than 1200 beardless iris to members and the public—accompanied by some excellent cultivation information sheets as well as answers from members. A majority of these iris were very recent or new introductions to upgrade our area gardens and stimulate more interest and excitement in iris gardening.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES: The Kansas City Star has been very helpful in spreading the iris word. They have done articles on several members including a huge color photo article on Jim Waddick and his garden's species iris and Mildred Meinke and her wonderful Reblooming garden this year. They have taken photos of Donna Aldridge's Japanese iris for an article next year to appear just before bloomtime.

NEW MEMBERS: Since May our many activities have garnered us dozens of new memberships in GKCIS. We strongly encourage membership in AIS. We are developing a "New Member Packet" to help people recently joining get a better perspective of all the wonderful possibilities and aspects of irises and the many supportive organizations. We will include a back issue of an AIS Bulletin and Region 18 Bulletin, GKCIS Yearbook and Bylaws, Culture Sheets on different types of iris, list of regional commercial gardens and other helpful information.

DEDICATED MEMBERS: We have some very dedicated and active members who contribute very generously of their time and spirit. We really do have a good time. We share information and irises, help when we can and laugh a lot. We learn a lot, too, and teach in turn. We are very fortunate. We have members who are quite active beyond the local level, as well, as Jim Waddick will tell you in an accompanying note.

We're proud of GKCIS, proud of Region 18 and proud of AIS! We hope you enjoy your time with us.

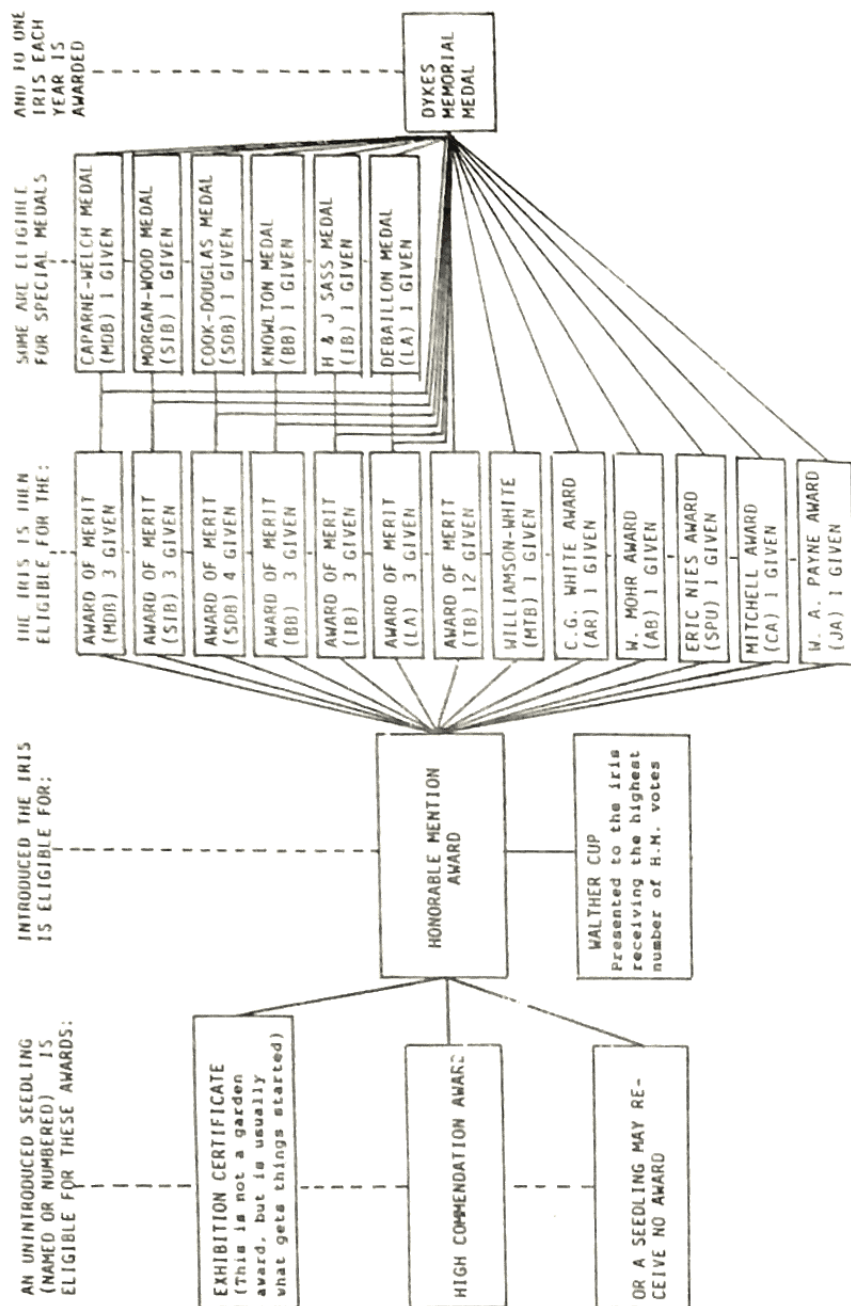


Diagram of Garden Awards courtesy of Ralph Strane.

REGION I NEWS

Region I was asked by the AIS board at the Atlanta meeting to take charge of the new John Wister Memorial Medal for tall bearded irises. You may have noticed on page 81 of the July AIS bulletin that we've decided to have a competition for the design. I'd appreciate it if you could drum up some interest in your region for the competition - entries are coming in very slowly. We also will be arranging for the making of the die and casting of 20 medals. Jim Foreman is helping us with that and estimates the cost to be approximately \$5,800 - \$6,000. We already have \$1,500, donated by Region I and 22 and their affiliates, and hope that each region will contribute according to their ability and interest, recognizing that some regions are more TB oriented than others. Checks should be made payable to: WISTER MEDAL FUND and sent to: Marty Schafer, 337 Acton St. Carlisle, MA 01741.

Barbara Schmieder
Assistant RVP, Region I

AIS MEMBERSHIP RATES

Single Annual	\$ 12.50	Dual Triennial	37.50
Single Triennial	30.00	Single Life	250.00
Dual Annual	15.50	Dual Life	300.00
Youth Member, Without Bulletin			3.00
Youth Member, With Bulletin			4.50

OVERSEAS RATES

Single Annual	\$15.00	Dual Annual	\$18.00
Single Triennial	37.50	Dual Triennial	45.00
Overseas memberships include first class Bulletin and are payable in U.S. Currency			

	single annual	single triennial	family annual	family triennial
Median Iris Society	5.50	15.00	8.00	22.50
Society for Siberian Irises	5.00	13.00	8.00	15.00
Spuria Iris Society	5.00	12.00	8.00	14.00
Society for Japanese Irises	3.50	9.00	4.00	10.50
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
Dwarf Iris Society	3.00	8.00	4.50	12.00
Historic Iris Preservation Society	5.00	12.00	6.00	15.00

Membership in AIS sections is open to all AIS members. Payment may be made directly to the Section, or may be made payable to the American Iris Society and sent to AIS Membership Secretary, Marilyn Harlow, P.O. Box 8455, San Jose, CA 95155

REGION CONVENTION

We the members of the Lea County Iris Society wish to thank all of you who attended the region convention. You made it all possible by being here. The society really did a number on the early arrival dinner. Most things go well when we work together. The minutes will cover all that we did.

I would like to say thanks again to those Hybridizers who assisted us with our Auction Iris: Dave Niswonger, Bill Maryott, Lia Danielson, Sharon McAllister, Don & Betty Shepard, Terry & Barbara Aitken, Lynda & Roger Miller, Keith Keppel and John Weiler.

I would be remiss if I did not thank our local members. Each one did an outstanding job. It was such a pleasure folks, so keep up the good work.

LET'S DESIGN A MEDAL !!

Region One has the great honor of being commissioned by AIS to arrange for the design and casting of the new JOHN WISTER MEMORIAL MEDAL for tall bearded irises! The medal award will be voted for the first time in 1993, and the medal will be presented for the first time at the 1994 National Convention. We want this medal to be really outstanding, so we are launching a NATIONAL COMPETITION for its design and inviting all members to participate. PLEASE DO!

The design should feature a tall bearded iris, which will be cast in relief on the face of the medal. It should express the elegance of this most dramatic of the bearded irises, but do bear in mind the space limitations of a three inch diameter medal which must also accommodate lettering around the edges. Less may well be more!

The initial evaluation of the entries will be done by a panel of Region One judges who are tall bearded iris growers and/or breeders. Their selections will be presented to the full AIS Board of Directors at the 1993 National Convention for a final decision. The designer of the winning entry will receive a LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY.

In order to give the judges ample time to study the entries, we must ask that they be mailed no later than December 1, 1992 to:

Lynn F. Markham, Chairman
Wister Medal Committee
61 Upland Avenue—P.O. Box 154
Lunenburg, Massachusetts 01462

There is no limit on entries—the more we have, the more beautiful this very important medal will be. COME ONE, COME ALL!

AIS REGION 23 1992 REGIONAL CONVENTION HOBBS, NEW MEXICO

Region 23 meeting was held in Hobbs, New Mexico on August 8th and 9th, 1992 and was hosted by the Lea County Iris Society.

RVP Goodnight called the meeting to order at 10:10am. W. A. Brown led the invocation. Welcoming remarks were given by David Hooten, Lea County Iris Society President.

RVP Goodnight told the group he had enjoyed a fantastic three years gaining new friendships, plus growing in AIS knowledge. He reported fifty-four (54) in attendance at the early arrival brisket barbeque dinner that he and wife Jennie hosted. Doug thanked all the Region 23 Societies for their help and cooperation during his term.

RVP recognized the region officers:

Secretary	-Elaine Bartlett
Judges Chairman	-Maxine Perkins
Youth Chairman	-Karen Bergamo
Vice Chairman	
& Treasurer	-Absent

Past Region 23 RVP's present:

David Hooten and Howard Shockey, Member National Board and Slide Chairman.

Out of State Guests:

Speaker Dave Niswonger, Past RVP Region 17, Ramona Howard, RVP Jim Keefe and family along with six (6) other Region 17 members.

Guests from Region 22 were RVP Paul Gossett and C. J. & Kittie Lack, National Publication and Sales Chairman.

Guests from Region 14 were Bill Maryott and Marilyn Harlowe, National Membership Chairman.

Roll call for the region affiliates was as follows:

Albuquerque Aril Society	- 7
NM Iris Society	- 4
Albuquerque Iris Guild	- 5
Santa Fe Iris Society	- 5
Roswell Iris Society	- 7
Mesilla Valley Iris Society	- 5
Pecos Valley Iris Society	- 4
Lea County Iris Society	-12

Eight (8) members were in attendance for their first Region Convention.

Iris Hybridizers recognized were: Howard Shockey, Dave Niswonger, Bill Maryott, Lou Danielson and Jo Ella Olsen.

The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurers report was read by RVP Goodnight. Convention Fund balance: \$704.97, RVP Operating Fund balance: \$2,202.80. Total Funds: \$2,907.77. The report was questioned by Howard Shockey stating a donation from the Aril Society should have been to Convention Fund rather than RVP Fund. Doug will check with Treasurer Stopani. RVP has a large postage bill to present. Statement from Western Bank, 7-31-92, attached.

Deceased members and relatives acknowledged:

Alta Patterson
Jennie Goodnight's Sister
Sarah Doonan's Mother
Vida Stoner's Son

Col Margaret R. Johnson made a motion to send a memorial of \$25.00 to AIS in memory of Alta Patterson and two honorariums of \$25.00 each in honor of retiring Judges, Bob & Dot Steel. Motion was seconded and approved.

Elda Keith reported that Roswell Iris Society had also sent a memorial in memory of Alta.

Committee Reports:

Youth Chairman, Karen Bergamo, presented National 2nd place runner-up to Kurt Lattimer. She reported that Catherine Bergamo won silver award for third time. Pete McGrath's daughter won a blue ribbon. Six to eight youths are active in Region 23. She pleaded for members to encourage youths to pay dues and let them learn by helping at shows.

Judges Training - Maxine Perkins report attached.

Nominating Committee Co-Chairman, Karen Bergamo, reported:

RVP	- Maxine Perkins
Assistant	- Karen Bergamo
Treasurer	- Floyd Stopani
Secretary	- Ellen Tafoya

Chairman appointed by Maxine Perkins:

Newletter Editor	- Doug Goodnight
Youth Chairman	- Karen Bergamo
Judges Chairman	- Barbara Figge
Report Attached	

New RVP, Maxine Perkins, thanked all for accepting and having faith in her and said all officers would try diligently to work together in the best interest of the region.

Doug reported that AIS-RVP was a great job; that he got inoculated at Phoenix for all types of iris. People have been behind me 100%; was a fantastic three years. It pays to straddle the fence and try to treat each person the same way you would like to be treated. He loves all and will never forget each one. He urged all members to work with their capabilities for the new RVP.

Items were raffled at each break of the convention.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: David Hooten mentioned that societies would have to be assessed postage dues for newsletters if societies didn't voluntarily donate to the RVP Operating Fund.

Doug reminded all to stress judge's ethics and practice them at all times, especially during shows. That it was not good for husband and wife to be on the same panel while judging and that it was not good ethics to exhibit in show if you are judging same. Judges must have respect for exhibitors - without exhibitors there is no show.

The New Mexico Iris Society invited the members to come to Albuquerque in 1993 for Region Convention - Invitation Accepted. Roswell's time in 1994 - Mesilla Valley in 1995.

Announcements: RVP announced that there would be a panel discussion of the hybridizers present on iris diseases and that he would present a slide program from National Convention. Then, there were tours of Alma Maxwell's and Lou Ann McPeter's gardens and homes with banquet at country club and auction of new rhymes to follow.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Elaine Bartlett
Recording Secretary



THE JUDGE'S CORNER

Two of our Master Judges, Bob & Dot Steele, retired this year after many years as active judges. Our thanks to the both of you. We have had three judges resign: Donna Hooten, Mrs. James A. Mahoney and Janice M. Wilson. Thanks a million for your many years of service. You will all be missed from the judge's ranks.

We are pleased to announce that we have two new Master Judges: Susan Latimer and Irene Shockey. Congratulations to both of you, and we thank you for your many years of service to AIS and hope that you remain active for many more years.

We are please with our two new Garden Judges: Karen Bergamo and Alma Maxwell. Thanks Ladies.

We are also blessed with having 6 apprentices: Kurt Latimer, Janet Bench, Mary Ellen Tafoya, Peter McGrath, Elda Keith and Leslie Jobe'. This represents a lot of youth. Keep up the good work.

American Iris Society Conventions

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1994	Portland, OR	May 21-25
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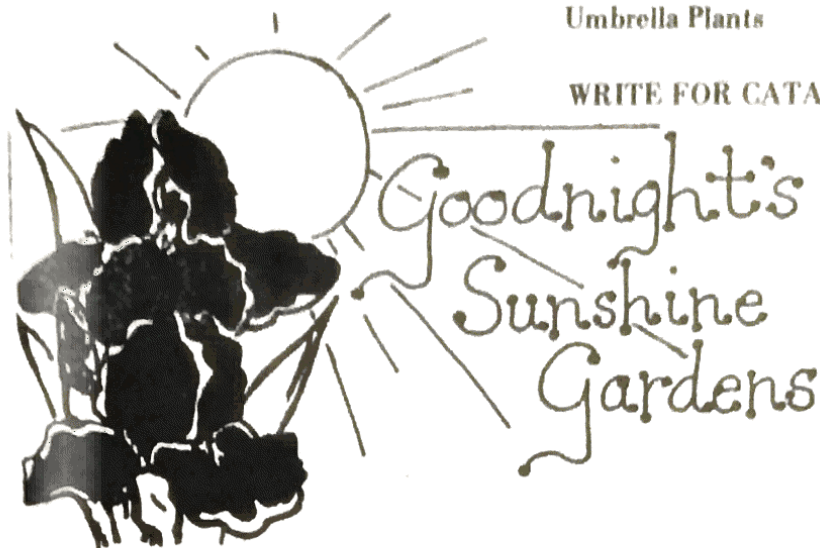


FIGURE 1 FLOWER FORMS. A—Tall bearded. B—Reticulata *Iris danfordiae* with large style-crests; minute standards are not shown. C—*Regelia Iris korolkowii*. D—*Juno Iris magnifica* with large erect style crests and small standards which swirl below the falls. E—Siberian iris. F—Single form of Japanese iris with large falls and small standards. G—Spuria iris. H—Crested *Iris tectorum* showing extremely narrow hafts of the standards and flat form. I—Louisiana iris.

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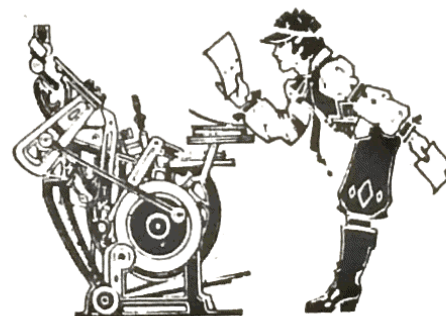
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