

NEWSLETTER OF REGION 23



◆ Santa Fe Iris Society

◆ Albuquerque Aril Society and
New Mexico Iris Society

◆ Pecos Valley Iris
Society

◆ Mesilla Valley Iris Society

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AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

THE AIS MEMBERSHIP OFFICE IN RICHMOND, VA
WILL CLOSE AUGUST 2, 2002 AND WILL REMAIN
CLOSED FOR ALL BUSINESS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1,
2002 AT WHICH TIME IT WILL REOPEN IN
BALTIMORE, MD.

AFTER AUGUST 1, 2002 DIRECT ALL
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RVP RAMBLINGS

Thanks to all of the Society Presidents for getting your show reports back to me for inclusion in this publication. Look for articles on each affiliate show on the following pages.

I attended the America Iris Society Convention in Memphis, TN this Spring. It was GREAT! Elke Longworth served as the Convention Chairman, she and her committee did an outstanding job of coordinating the meetings, special events and tours. Elke possesses a wonderful sense of humor and keen wit, these traits helped to enliven the MC duties at the banquets! Oh to have such talent!

The Board of Director's meeting was interesting to those of us who have not attended in the past. A tremendous amount of business must be presented in the form of reports by all committees, as well as proposed policy change. My only comment would be that they perhaps debated some issues to death before taking appropriate action, making for very long sessions, but on the other hand it's a job that must be handled through proper channels. Many efforts are being taken to bring AIS happenings and correspondence efforts into the 21st Century with the request for e-mail addresses. These will be published to make contact with directors and committee chairs quicker and easier. Look for this feature in future Bulletins.

Karen Bergamo, Reita Jordan, Dorothy Gordon, Phil Doonan and I traveled to Tucson, AZ to judge their show held on April 13. They had a lovely show with beautiful specimens. Karen, Reita, Dorothy and I traveled on to Phoenix, AZ and visited the gardens of Bobbie and Don Sheppard and Ardi Kary. The Tucson Iris Society is planning on staging a fall iris show, featuring rebloomers.

All information pertaining to the upcoming Regional Convention, hosted by Mesilla Valley Iris Society in Las Cruces, NM on September 14 & 15, 2002 is included in this publication. If you or your society has any business that may need to be included on the agenda, please get the information to me as soon as possible-----**THANK YOU-----AND SEE YOU THERE!**

Respectfully Yours, *Patricia Randall*

Region 23 of the American Iris Society

PECOS VALLEY IRIS SOCIETY SHOW

The Pecos Valley Iris Society of Roswell, NM staged their annual iris show at the Roswell Mall. There were a total of 18 exhibitors showing a total of 100 varieties/cultivars and 105 entries. Tall bearded, intermediate bearded, arilbred and species were shown.

"*Iris Tectoru, Dragonfly*" won the Best Specimen of Show honors, and was shown by Mary Herrington. There was no Best Seedling of Show award. Georgia Schoenecker received the Silver Medal and Mary Herrington the Bronze Medal.

Best Design of Show and the Artistic Sweepstakes went to Georgia Schoenecker.

There was one youth exhibitor who entered 2 cultivars for judging. There was no report of Section Rosettes being awarded.

Dru Hager, Dorothy Gordon and Pete McGrath, Albuquerque; Elizabeth O'Brien and Sarah Murcock, Cloudcroft; Luella Danielson, Chaparral; Alesse Arnold and Billie Corbell, Amarillo, TX; and Glenna Keesee of Lubbock, TX. served as the judges.

*Report provided by Gary Biggs
President*

PECOS VALLEY IRIS SOCIETY NEWS

The Spring Show was held on Saturday April 27th at the Roswell Mall. There were 105 entries with 18 exhibitors. Public attendance and interest was fantastic. Best Specimen was won by Mary Herrington for her (species) "*Iris Tectorum Dragonfly*". This award is titled "The Col. Bill Harris Award" in honor of one of our early and promoting members. Col. Harris passed away on Saturday, May 4, 2002.

Best Artistic Design (Pinky Marshall Award) was awarded to Georgia Schoenecker. Best Artistic Design for Youth was awarded to Ashley Scitern.

Silver Medal was awarded to Georgia Schoenecker, Bronze Medal to Mary Herrington.

An Awards Dinner was held on Thursday, May 2, at a local restaurant recognizing achievements of exhibitors and appreciation for those who helped put on the show. Everyone had a good time and appreciated a chance to relax and socialize.

The club is growing with new members or prospective members. Attendance is good at all monthly meetings which are held on the 3rd Monday of designated months at Eastern New Mexico Medical Center at 6:30 P.M.

Our May meeting will feature the AIS slide show on 200-2001 new introductions.

There will be no annual rhizome sale this year to give club members a break from this time consuming task, which always occurs during the vacation season. However, there will be a silent auction at our annual summer potluck festivity for club members.

This is all for now from PVIS.

Sincerely,
Gary Biggs, President

FALL HAPPENINGS

The Pecos Valley Iris Society of Roswell, New Mexico will not be hosting a Fall Iris Show this year.

**Region 23 Fall Convention.....September 14 & 15, 2002
Mesilla Valley Inn-----Las Cruces, NM**

The Annual AIS Fall Board Meeting will be held November 1 - 3, 2002 at the Wilson World Hotel in Irving, TX.

SANTA FE IRIS SOCIETY SHOW

The Santa Fe Iris Society hosted their annual iris show on May 18, 2002, at the DeVargas Mall in Santa Fe, NM. There were 27 exhibitors with a total of 112 entries. Entries included 90 horticultural, 19 artistic and 3 educational. There was a total of 89 varieties/cultivars shown. Tall bearded, border bearded, intermediate bearded, standard dwarf bearded, arilbred, miniature tall bearded, Dutch, Siberian and seedlings were shown. Best Specimen of the Show was "*Quick Step*," a tall bearded shown by David and Carol Brown. There was no Best Seedling of Show awarded. The Silver Medal was won by John and Rosemary Cain with the Bronze Medal being won by Barbara Mann. Best Design of Show was exhibited by Doris Jackson. Doris also received the Sweepstakes for Artistic Designs award. Cindy Rivera, Pam Lackey and Patricia Randall were all voted worthy of a Bronze Medal for their Outstanding Educational Exhibits.

Section Rosettes were presented to John and Rosemary Cain in Section A, tall bearded and Section C, medians. Henry Day received a Section Rosette for Section G, historic iris.

Dorothy Gordon, Reita and Scott Jordan, Alma Maxwell, and Pete McGrath, Albuquerque; Philip Doonan and Patricia Randall, Rio Rancho; Pegi Naranjo, Roswell; and Barbara Vance, Santa Fe (National Council of Garden Clubs Judge) served as judges for the show. Pam Lackey and Hsia-fen Tien, Albuquerque; and Henry Day, Santa Fe served as Apprentices.

*Report provided by Bill & Pat Feather
Show Co-Chairman*

MESILLA VALLEY IRIS SOCIETY SHOW

A pre-show survey of the membership indicted that few stalks would be available for the show, and also, we couldn't get enough judges, so there technically wasn't a show. We did present a showy display, with many varieties, that attracted many viewers who wrote

REGION 23 ANNUAL MEETING
Hosted by
MESILLA VALLEY IRIS SOCIETY
September 14 & 15, 2002

MESILLA VALLEY INN
Best Western
901 Avenida De Mesilla
Las Cruces, NM 88005
PH# 505 524-8603

Exit from I-10 West on Exit 140 to Avenida DE Mesilla
Mesilla Valley Inn on your right

Exit from I - 25 on University Ave. drive to Main St.
Turn right on Main and drive to Avenida De
Mesilla. Turn left and Mesilla Valley Inn
will be on your left

**The inn has set aside a block of rooms for us at \$50.00
a night until Sept. 1st. Send your reservations early.**
Extra charge for more than two occupants.

(Tentative) AGENDA

Saturday

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| 8:00-9:30 | Registration & Door Prize Drawing |
| 9:30-11:00 | Regional Board Meeting |
| 12:00 - 1:30 | Lunch on your own |
| 1:30 - 2:00 | Registration & Drawing |
| 2:00 - | Digital pictures taken at the 2002 American Iris Convention by Jack & Pam Lackey |
| Break till 6:00 | Cocktails at Mesilla Valley (no host) |
| 6:30-7:30 | Banquet |
| 7:30- 8 - 8:30 | Guest speaker Keith Keppel |
| 8:30- ?? | Auction (we have some great things) |

Sunday

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| 8:00 - 8:30 | registration, coffee & muffins or etc |
| 8:30 - 10:00 | Judging school by Keith Keppel |
| 10:00 - 10:15 | Break |
| 10:15 - 11:45 | class continued |

We are glad you came and hope you had a good time,
BE CAREFUL GOING HOME !

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ -Zip _____

Phone # _____ Number of persons _____

Full Registration ----- \$45.00

(Includes banquet & judges training)

After Sept. 1st full registration will be \$55.00

Banquet only will be \$25.00

Judges Training only (3 hours). \$5.00

For the Saturday night meal please check your choice

Roast Prime Rib _____ or

Chicken Cordon Bleu _____

A ticket of your choice will be in your registration envelope

Please bring it to the banquet to help the servers

REGISTRATION

Full registration _____

Banquet only _____

Judges training only _____

Total _____

Send your completed Registration form and check made

Payable to Mesilla Valley Iris Society to

GAIL JAMES

1310 AVENIDA BLANCO

LAS CRUCES, NM 88005

down names and requested information about the sale. In that respect, the "show" was a success. Visitors were invited to choose 2 iris that they thought were the best. The results were diverse and interesting: *Panama Fling*, *Diabolique*, *Proud Tradition*, and *El Morado* all received 3 votes. Six varieties received 2 votes, and 20 other varieties received one vote.

*Information printed in the Mesilla Valley Iris Society
Newsletter, May 2002
Chuck & Ann Colwell, Editors*

NEW MEXICO IRIS SOCIETY SHOW

The New Mexico Iris Society hosted their annual show on May 11 & 12, 2002 at the Albuquerque Garden Center.

There were a total of 20 exhibitors, 134 entries and 114 varieties/cultivars. TB's, BB's, IB's, SPU's, SIB's, LA's, MTB's, AB's and species were shown. The Best Specimen of Show and Best Specimen/Youth Division was won by Kelsey McGrath showing "*Coming Up Roses*". The Silver Medal was won by Patricia & A.J. Bonham and the Bronze Medal by Hsia-fen & Pei-lin Tien.

The Best Design of Show and the Artistic Sweepstakes Rosettes were won by Patricia Randall.

Pam Lackey and Patricia Randall received Bronze Medals for their Outstanding Educational Displays.

Section Rosettes were won by Hsia-fen & Pei-lin Tien, Section A. Tall Bearded; Valerie White, Section B, Arils/Arilbreds; and Ken Fladager, Section D, Miscellaneous.

In addition to her Best Specimen awards Kelsey McGrath received the Silver Medal in the Youth Division while her sister Whitney McGrath received the Bronze Medal.

Serving as judges were: Reita and Scott Jordan, Bill Coursey, and Valerie White of Albuquerque; Ken Fladager and Phil Doonan of Rio Rancho and Bill Huey of Tesuque. Hsia-fen Tien of Albuquerque and Cindy Rivera of Los Lunas served as apprentices.

Report provided by Jack Lackey, Show Chairman

ALBUQUERQUE ARIL SOCIETY SHOW

The Albuquerque Aril Society hosted their annual iris show on May 4 and 5, 2002. The event was staged at the Albuquerque Garden Center of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Aril, arilbreds, border bearded, intermediate bearded, standard dwarf bearded and miniature tall bearded cultivars were exhibited. Best Specimen of Show was Babylonian Fires, an AB-OGB shown by Pete McGrath of Albuquerque. Best Seedling of Show was McAR99-6-2, an AR-OH also shown by Pete. The Silver Medal was won by Valerie White of Albuquerque, and the Bronze Medal was won by Kelsey McGrath (Youth Member) of Albuquerque. Section Rosettes were awarded to Valerie White for Sections C (arilbreds) and F (intermediate bearded) and Kelsey McGrath for Sections G (miniature tall bearded) and Section H (border bearded). A Bronze Medal was also awarded to Cindy Rivera of Los Lunas, New Mexico for her Outstanding Educational Exhibit on Aril and Arilbred Irises.

Fran Evers, Golden, CO; Luella Danielson, Chaparral, NM; Dorothy Gordon, Bill Coursey, and Alma Maxwell of Albuquerque, NM; Maxine Perkins, Mesilla Park, NM; Helen Stopani, El Paso, TX; Pat Feather, Santa Fe, NM; and Patty Clauser, Corrales, NM served as Judges. Hsia-fen Tien, Henry Day and Pam Lackey (Judges Apprentices) also assisted.

*Report provided by
Pete McGrath, Show Chairman*

SYMPOSIUM BALLOT

Be sure to vote your Symposium Ballot

Deadline date is September 1, 2002

mail to me - Patricia Randall

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO VOTE

IN SYMPATHY

Our condolences to Mary Ellen Tafoya on the recent loss of her husband George. Cards may be sent to:

Mary Ellen Tafoya

Happy Flats Iris Garden

P. O. Box 262

Hillsboro, New Mexico 88042

GET WELL WISHES

Audrey Roe has suffered a broken hip from a recent incident. She has under gone surgery, has been released from the hospital to therapy, and is now back home. She would welcome your cards. Her address is:

Audrey Roe

2816 Charleston Street

Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110

PUBLICATION DEADLINE

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Fall 2002 Newsletter

Deadline date - August 15, 2002

Publication date - September 15, 2002

Be sure to get all the latest news, anything of interest to the members of Region 23, to me for publication is this issue. Your contributions are what make this newsletter a success.

Thanks to those who contributed for this publication.

HAPPY GARDENING ALWAYS

Patricia Randall, Editor

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REGION 23 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

\$4353.66

STARTING BALANCE as of 9/1/2000

INCOME:

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|---|---------------|
| Albuquerque Iris Guild | \$100.00 |
| South Plains Iris Society | 100.00 |
| Bill Huey, Judges Training | 5.00 |
| I. Shockey, Judges Training | 5.00 |
| Pecos Valley Iris Society | 250.00 |
| Santa Fe Reg. 23 Convention (Convention Profits) | 470.41 |
| New Mexico Iris Society | 200.00 |
| Mesilla Valley Iris Society | 500.00 |
| Santa Fe Iris Society | <u>250.00</u> |

TOTAL INCOME \$1880.41

EXPENSES:

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| B. Figge, newsletter/postage | \$481.55 |
| K. Bergamo, gift (H. Nichols, training) | 56.00 |
| S. Chambers, newsletter/ postage | 193.00 |
| Pecos Valley Iris Society (newsletter/postage) | 139.00 |
| B. Figge, AIS Convention (2001/York, Penn.) | 500.00 |
| V. Hendricks, newsletter/ postage | 118.61 |

TOTAL EXPENSES \$1847.62

ENDING BALANCE as of 9/1/2001

\$4386.45

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