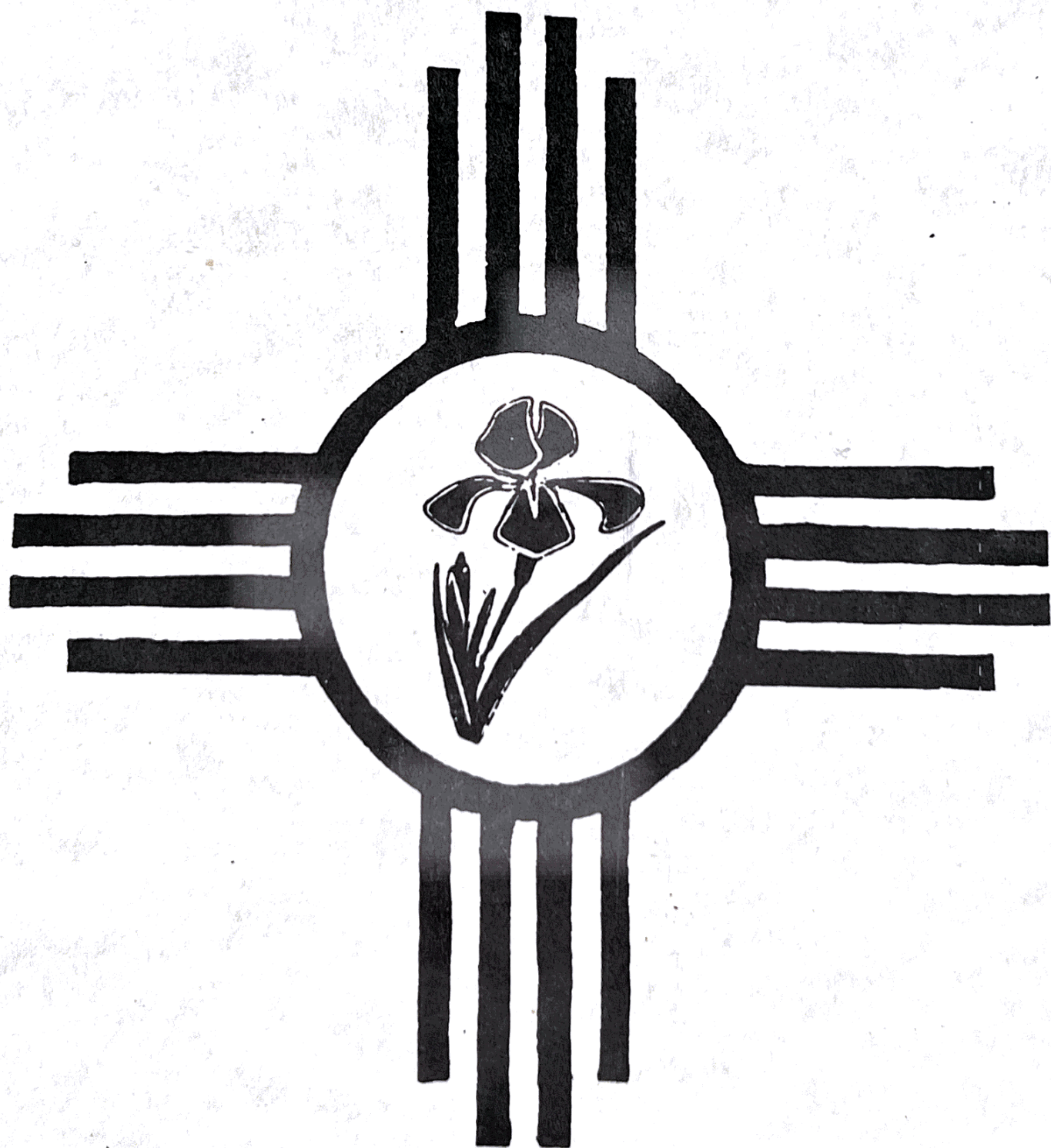


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RVP MESSAGE

Greetings from the RVP to all the regional membership. I trust everyone is recuperated from the spring shows and all the joyous work that goes into showtime. From the 1987 show reports, you northern affiliates had an excellent bloom season with the amount of entries entered into the shows. It seems you were somewhat spared the freezing temperatures that the south experienced prior to our bloom season. Reports from judges were very good on the amount of entries with three or more open blooms on the stalk. Read about the Winners Circle in the Newsletter for the highlights of the spring bloom.

I would encourage each Region 23 member to begin making plans for the upcoming fall convention to be hosted in Albuquerque on August 22-23, 1987. The Regional Conventions are a time to have fun and fellowship with the irisarians of New Mexico who are in attendance. The New Mexico Iris Society is diligently working on preparations and conducting this convention. Dr. John Weiler from Rialto Gardens in Fresno, California, will be our guest speaker at this year's convention. Let's all start planning, and lend our support to the Region's only big annual function - all our membership will benefit from this.

I state this because I have been approached by some to discontinue the practice of a yearly convention, for various reasons, and go to every other year. I would remind and point out that the membership in Las Cruces at their convention also heard this same comment of discontinuance. This was voted on by those in attendance at that particular meeting for continuing with the Regional Conventions. According to most regions, there would be two conventions held per year - spring and fall. It is the desire of past and present RVP's to promote a rotation format to the affiliates in hosting the convention in Albuquerque, Las Cruces, Hobbs, Roswell, Santa Fe, and back to Albuquerque. Of course, this depends on the Society wanting to host this undertaking. This would encourage and bring the convention to those areas where members could attend an AIS State function that, maybe, they could not attend due to health, financial, distance, or whatever the reason might be. If there are those who dislike this, and want an every other year convention, then I ask you to write your suggestions in a formal letter directed to the RVP and officers. We will take your

comments and present them to the entire membership as presented by you, for a Statewide conclusion to a redundant question. I, for one, am in support of yearly and rotational conventions; I enjoy visiting with the various members in the local affiliates and outside Region 23 members who attend. By the way, there has been a definite increase of outside attendance by other iris affiliates. This only helps to promote Region 23 and what we are doing here in New Mexico. I have just talked to three other hybridizers who are interested in coming to the Albuquerque convention on August 22-23. This only benefits the Region 23 members when they can talk to other iris professionals and be with them on a one-to-one basis.

So, come on, members - let's support New Mexico Iris Society endeavors for this year's convention and the future ones to be hosted by your affiliates. Dr. Weiler should be a fine and interesting speaker. I personally want to hear about his remontant irises and where he is headed in hybridizing. See the registration form for more details about the convention. See you there

David Ray

PROGRAM CHAIRPERSON: If your Iris Society needs a boost after bloom season, or the archeological blues for iris rhizomes for your local sales - Relax - this late summer/early fall with slide programs on irises, conventions or contact an AIS Section for particular species of interest. This is a very good AIS program available to all our affiliates, contact Howard Shockey for slide sets. They are being updated with current slides of irises.

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REGION 23 CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

When: August 22nd and 23rd, 1987

Where: Radisson Inn - 1901 University Blvd. SE, Albuquerque, NM

Guest Speaker: Dr. John Weiler

Member and Non Member Registration Fee: \$17.50

Registration fee includes Dinner Banquet. There will be no charge for Judges Training.

Please make check payable to: NEW MEXICO IRIS SOCIETY

Mail check to: Mrs. Louise Kuykendall
23 Serena SE
Rio Rancho, N. Mex. 87124

Please complete the form below:

Name(s) _____

Street _____

City, State & Zip Code _____

Total Amount enclosed _____

We must pre-order for the Banquet. Therefore, please circle your entree selection:

Sirloin Steak _____ how many

or

Chicken Cordon Bleu _____ how many

This form must be received by August 19th. No refunds can be made after the August 19th deadline.

AIS REGION 23 CONVENTION

August 22nd and 23rd, 1987

CONVENTION AGENDA:

Saturday, August 22nd

9:00 - 9:30	Registration
9:30 - 9:45	Coffee and Socializing
9:45 - 10:00	Introductions
10:00 - 11:30	Business Meeting
11:30 - 1:00	Lunch on your own
1:00 - 2:00	Judges Training
2:00 - 2:45	Convention Slides
2:45 - 3:00	BREAK
3:00 - 3:45	Hybridizers intros"
3:45 - 4:00	Raffle Drawing
4:00 - 6:30	ON YOUR OWN
6:30 - 7:00	Social Hour - no host bar
7:00 - ?	Dinner Banquet - Dr. John Weiler speaker Auction

Sunday, August 23rd

9:00 - 9:15	Sign in for Judges Training
9:15 - 10:15	Judges Training
10:15 - 10:30	Coffee Break
10:30 - 11:30	Judges Training

Radisson Inn
1901 University, SE
Albuquerque, New Mexico
87106

Phone (505) 247-0512

Single or Double - \$45.00 (Request AIS Reservation Block and rate)
Reservations must be made by August 11. Hotel checkout is 12:00.



Treasurer's Report-Region 23

Bank balance from 4/21/1987 \$2,199.80

no deposits -0-

interest earned on account

May 21, 1987 \$ 8.65

June 19, 1987 \$ 8.13

Total \$2,216.58

disbursements on account

May 1, 1987 Quickprint \$ (115.61)

May 1, 1987 Postage (44.00)

expense total \$ (159.61)

ending bank balance as of

July 1, 1987 total \$2,056.97

Bill Brown, Treasurer

WINNER'S CIRCLE--1987 HIGHLIGHTS

Albuquerque Aril Society---215 horticultural entries

silver medal	Irene Shockey--33 blue ribbons
bronze medal	Howard Shockey--18 blue ribbons
Best Specimen	Rare Edition-IB
exhibited by	Kurt Latimer
Best Seedling	83-111-G-AB, Howard Shockey

Albuquerque Iris Guild--- 240 horticultural entries

silver medal	Irene Shockey-31 blue ribbons
bronze medal	Howard Shockey-12 blue ribbons
Best Specimen	Art Center - TB
exhibited by	Howard Shockey
Best Seedling	84-201-C-TB Howard Shockey

Youth Division -- 55 horticultural entries

silver medal	Kurt Latimer-13 blue ribbons
bronze medal	Kelly Doonan-8 blue ribbons
Best specimen	Santana - TB
exhibited by	Kelly Doonan

WINNER'S continued...

Lea County Iris Society---no show, froze out bloom season

Mesilla Valley Iris Society --158 horticultural entries

silver medal	Maxine Perkins--7 blue ribbons
bronze medal	Louella Danielson--6 blue ribbons
Best Specimen	Turkish Fez-AB
exhibited by	Maxine Perkins
Best Design	Jan Meissner
Artistic Sweepstake	Cathy Peterson
Best Seedling	LDP-7-87-AR, Louella Danielson

New Mexico Iris Society---377 horticultural entries

silver medal	Sara Doonan--25 blue ribbons
bronze medal	Valerie White--17 blue ribbons
Best Specimen	Pacific Mist-TB
exhibited by	Justin Morris
Best Design	Eloda Nelson
Artistic Sweepstake	Mary Fry
Best Seedling	83-22-11-TB, Sara Doonan

Youth Division--25 horticultural entries

silver medal	Kelly Doonan--7 blue ribbons
bronze medal	Christine Roger--1 blue ribbon
Best Specimen	Pacific Mist-TB
exhibited by	Justin Morris
Best Design	Anna-Marie Matalucci

Roswell Iris Society---no show, froze out bloom season

Santa Fe Iris Society---126 horticultural entries

silver medal	Larry Anaya--18 blue ribbons
bronze medal	Betty Gonzales--6 blue ribbons
Best Specimen	Fabulous Frills-TB
exhibited by	Nora King
Best Design	Tomi Lucas
Artistic Sweepstake	Kate Collins
Best Seedling	84-18-17-TB, Sara Doonan

Youth Division--4 horticultural entries

silver medal---	tie Kelly Doonan--1 blue ribbon
	Eric Boland-- 1 blue ribbon
Best Specimen	Temple Gold-TB
exhibited by	Kelly Doonan
Best Design	Francesa DiPalma

What's Happening - Region 23

Societies - HELP - send money! No, what I need is your help in contributing news articles to the Region 23 newsletter.

* Lea County Iris Society

MORADO

Bill Brown reports he was overwhelmed with Howard Shockey's introduction MORADO, a tall, bearded iris. Bill displayed a cut bloom stalk at a local nursery which displayed six open blossoms. He stated that the blooms were well spaced and in good proportion. This new iris even managed to survive the 18° late freeze that devastated our local bloom season. With this kind of bloom indication and heavy growth, **Morado** proves to be worthy in my garden, and a good introduction from Howard Shockey. The public at the nursery viewing the stalk were amazed by the color and immense blooms on this iris, also.

Bill Brown

This is a good reporting angle to include in the newsletter. Members who have outstanding reports on irises, make your comments known to the rest of us. Drop us a line.

Editor

* Roswell Iris Society

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Roswell's outgoing president, Mrs. Evelyn Siegfried reports that the local iris society has elected new 1987-88 officers. They are: President

Alta Marvin
1501 Sears
Artesia, NM 88210

Vice-President

Dorothy Cook
2404 Cornell
Roswell, NM 88201

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Elda Keith
607 W. Tilden
Roswell, NM 88201

Treasurer

Kay Ewart
1600 Cottonwood
Roswell, NM 88201

Their Society is bouncing back with new AIS members. Evelyn and new officers - keep up the good work, promote AIS - you have a great bunch of ladies and gentlemen who love iris and the many other flowers. I appreciate your written comments from the Roswell Council.
submitted by Evelyn Siegfried

Ed.

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The Roswell Iris Society has elected new 1987-1989 officers. Affiliates please furnish new officer listings as soon as possible for updating to the RVP and AIS National members who will keep sending you the right materials or information to your Society. Thanks...Roswell, Editor.



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