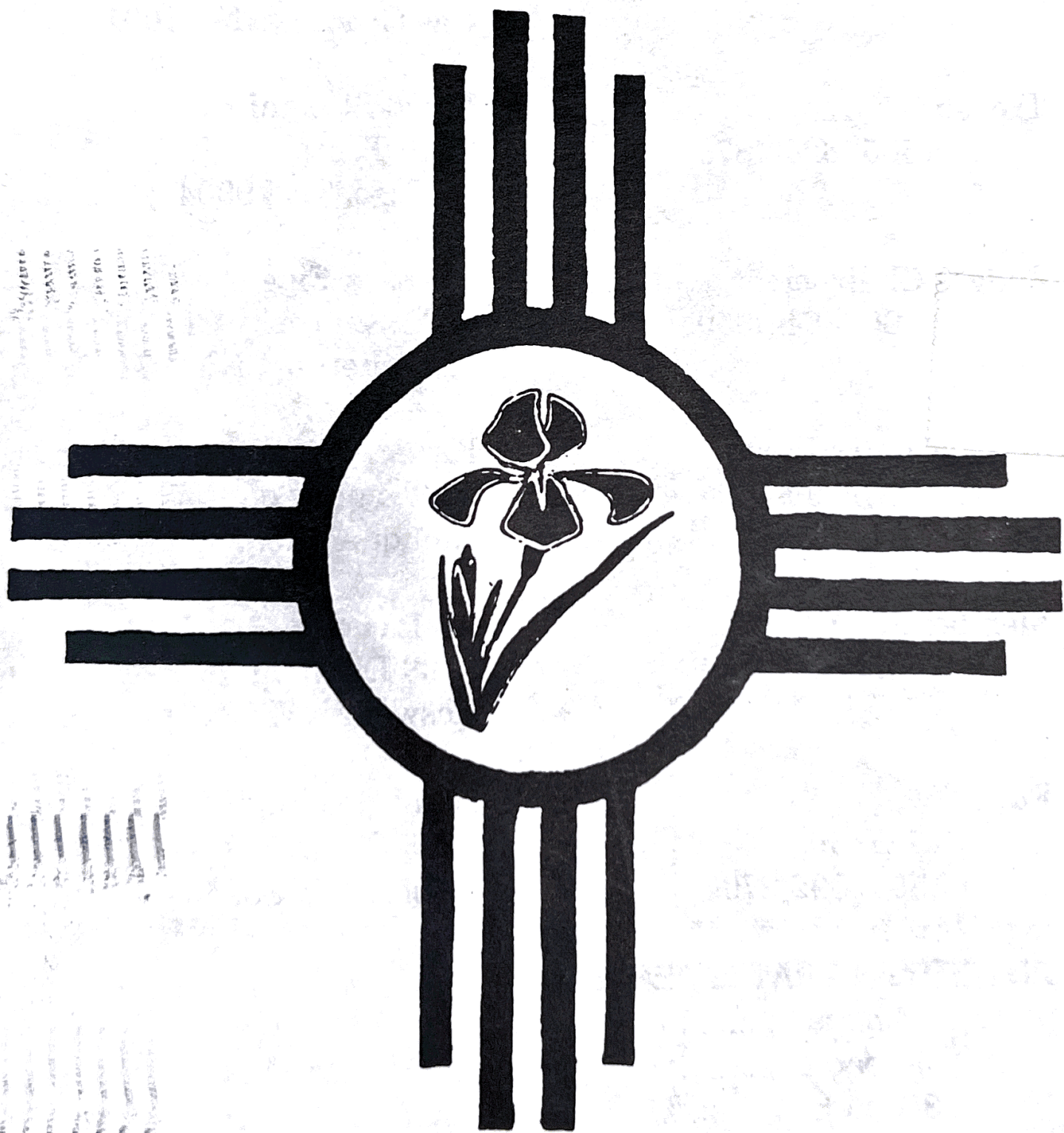


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### Fall Greetings From Your RVP:

There has been a host of iris activities for all of us since the spring newsletter and I hope everyone had a great summer in spite of the temperature records we set across the state of New Mexico.

Perk and I are both well and enjoyed traveling to Portland for the AIS Convention with our new travel trailer. We also spent a week in Colorado with our children and their families. It was great fun, but dealing with the weeds and grass when we got back hasn't been fun.

Region 23 had five spring shows with beautiful iris, even with the variable weather of early spring. I've given up on ever having A "normal" spring, but I'm still hoping for an "Indian Summer" this fall.

"The" highlight of this year has to be the AIS Convention in Portland for the many New Mexico iris lovers who attended. It was all we hoped it would be and will live in our memories forever. Unbelievably beautiful fields of iris looking like patchwork quilts and gardens of iris surrounded by companion plants greeted us at every garden. All of Oregon is green in the spring, even the trees have green moss on the trunks and the barns have moss on the roofs. I've never seen so many hues of green.

The return to semi-arid Las Cruces with 100° or better temperatures was hard to adjust to and I guess I never did adjust, because I still have beds to weed and iris to plant and it's near the end of September.

We had a wonderful return of Symposium ballots this year. Thanks to all of you who sent them in. We had 81 returned as compared to 65 last year. That's great! The top 50 iris in our region are listed later in this newsletter.

If you didn't come, you missed a great time in Roswell at the Region 23 Convention. The Roswell and Pecos Iris Societies are

### Fall Greetings con't.

to be commended for an interesting and well-planned meeting. Our compliments especially to Elda Keith and Leslie Jobe', the co-chairmen of the convention, and all the members we saw making things run smoothly. The minutes will be printed later in the newsletter.

Bill Maryott and Marilyn Harlon from Region 14 were welcome guests and Bill was the judging instructor in place of Keith Keppel, who was unable to attend.

Bill's session on garden judging of tall-bearded iris and the value and importance of each judge doing their job well was outstanding. He presented it in a way that had the group participating and there was a question and answer session that covered many points, even some culture and show questions. I always learn something new and this was a great session.

I'm in Houston taking care of Cary's daughters while he is on a business trip. I am writing this in longhand and hope Doug can make sense of it. I also hope everyone went home from the convention and passed the word around that the newsletter editor can only send out a newsletter if the region members send him news. Please help make our newsletter interesting by sharing information with us.

'See you in the spring.

Maxine



## REGION 23 SHOW REPORTS FOR 1994

### Albuquerque Aril Society Show, May 1, 1994

Silver Medal: Scott & Reita Jordan  
 Best Specimen of Show: Ravid (AR)(OH), Peter McGrath: Exhibitor  
 Best Seedling: 91-3-A Howard Shockey: Hybridizer  
 Bronze Medal: Valerie White

### Albuquerque Iris Guild Show, May 14 & 15, 1994

Silver Medal: Irene Shockey  
 Best Specimen of Show: Armada (TB) Howard Shockey: Exhibitor  
 Best Seedling: 89-207-A (TB) Howard Shockey: Hybridizer  
 Bronze Medal: Howard Shockey

### Mesilla Valley Iris Society Show, April 16 & 17, 1994

Silver Medal: Ann Wright  
 Best Specimen of Show: Hello Darkness (TB) June Mazzolini: Exhibitor  
 Best Seedling: Royal Affair X SA 8217 (AH) Lou Danielson  
 Bronze Medal: Maxine Perkins  
 Artistic Design: Fern Gold  
 Artistic Sweepstakes: Ellen Tafoya

### New Mexico Iris Society Show, May 7 & 8, 1994

Silver Medal: Scott & Reita Jordan  
 Best Specimen of Show: Dusky Challenger (TB) Isaiah Price (youth)  
 Best Seedling: 4-30 (Spu), Lu Danielson  
 Bronze Medal: Peter McGrath  
 YOUTH DIVISION:  
 Best Specimen, Youth: Dusky Challenger (TB), Isaiah Price  
 Silver Medal, Youth: Isaiah Price  
 Bronze Medal, Youth: Whitney McGrath

### Roswell and Pecos Valley Iris Societies Show, April 23, 1994

Silver Medal: Leslie Jobe'  
 Best Specimen of Show: Afternoon Delight (TB) Ruby Chambers: Exhibitor  
 Bronze Medal: Pegi Naranjo  
 Artistic Design: Leslie Jobe'  
 Artistic Sweepstakes: Leslie Jobe'

### Santa Fe Iris Society Show, May 28, 1994

Silver Medal: Pat Feather  
 Best Specimen of Show: Titan's Glory (TB) Erlinda Lujan: Exhibitor  
 Bronze Medal: Pat Soland  
 Artistic Design: Gwen Anlian  
 Best Youth Award: Stephanie Sloman  
 Best Youth Arrangement: Bianca diPalma

### Lea County Iris Society, cancelled by weather

NORTHERN OKLAHOMA IRIS SOCIETY  
 Ponca City, Oklahoma

PRESENTS

JUDGING SCHOOL  
 Saturday, November 12, 1994  
 with

**LYNDA MILLER**

Ossian, Indiana



Subject: Median Iris

Place: Hutchins Memorial, 5th & Overbrook

Time: morning session:  
 lunch on your own  
 afternoon session:

9:00-12:00

1:30-3:30

Fee: \$5.00

Credit: 5 hours

As an active Master Judge, Lynda Miller gives most of her training sessions on dwarf and median bearded iris. She has served as Region 6 RVP, as President of the Northeastern Indiana Iris Society, and Secretary-Treasurer of the Dwarf Iris Society. She is a very successful hybridizer. She and her husband own a plant nursery specializing in perennials and shrubs and a mail order iris and daylily business.

For advance registration or more information, write Dorothy Cantwell, 320 N. 9th, Ponca City, Ok 74601 or call (405) 762-4675.

"PITCH-IN" BANQUET  
 Friday, November 11  
 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of NOIS will be the night before at Hutchins Memorial, 5th and Overbrook. The last meeting of the year has become a traditional "pitch-in" banquet with special speakers or special entertainment. If you're coming long distances, don't worry about bringing food. Our members will bring extra for you. Come early and join the fun!

## Hotels/Motels in Ponca City

The Surrey Motel, 116 S. 14, 405-765-5563  
 Econo Lodge, 212 S 14th, 405-762-3401  
 Holiday Inn, 2215 North 14th, 405-762-8311  
 The Pioneer Inn, 719 North 14th, 405-765-6662  
 Marland Estate Conference Center, (Marland Mansion), 901 Monument, 405-767-0422  
 Stratford House Inn, 2300 North 14th, 405-762-9133





## ***Society News***

We started the year off like all the other societies, wondering if the weather would cooperate for our flower show and watching for tell tale signs of bloom stalks. Cleaning flower beds, etc.

In April, we had a floral designing program by Frank Foster from Colorado Springs. Our flower show was Saturday, April 23rd and our annual Spring tour of five iris gardens was April 24th.

In July, we had our annual rhizome sale. Then all we had to do was to get ready for convention!

Actually, we started in early spring, when Wayne and I went with Bill and Bettie Harris to collect yucca pods for the banquet favors.

In August, Bill O'Kelley, Sue and Ruby Chambers, Polly Brewton, along with Wayne and I, got "plastered". (We poured plaster bases for our favors.)

Then we had a group who helped "hybridize" our iris favors. Elda Keith, the Chambers, Polly, Susi Sloop, Mary Herrington, Pegi Naranjo, and Sue & Lindsay Moran did the art work.

We had a successful convention thanks to the wonderful chairmen and of course, their committees. The chairmen were; Elda Keith, Convention Co-Chairman, she also took care of the hotel and banquet arrangements and registrations. Pegi Naranjo, raffle. Letha Dent, Cliff Frosch and Bill O'Kelley, "dittybags". Cliff and Bill also collected a lot of door prizes too.

In fact, Cliff was still bringing things to me on Friday afternoon! He had fun collecting and said if he had more time, he could get more! We reminded him that we only had a day and a half to give it all away.

And last but not least, John Dent, the treasurer, who kept excellent records, down to the last penny.

We hope everyone enjoyed the convention as much as we enjoyed getting it ready. It truly was a fun project!

Now we can just sit back and enjoy our reblooming iris and plan for next year.

Leslie Jobe  
Pecos Valley Iris Society

## **REGION 23 TOUR GARDENS**

*Thanks for a job well done!*

### **CHAMBERS, 1307 S. Missouri**

When Ruby Chambers moved into her house in 1971, there was one shrub and no grass. It wasn't long before she started planting trees, lilacs, althea, honeysuckle, crepe myrtle and roses.

Her sister, Sue, lived in Albuquerque, and one of her coworkers sent Ruby three named iris. One of those was William Setchell (which to this day is her favorite). She enters one in the iris show every year.

Sue moved back to Roswell in 1984. One day the sisters were sitting under the tree in the back yard discussing how nice a deck would be. Within two weeks they had a 14x16 deck surrounding the tree.

In 1991, they toured some gardens with ponds. Ruby had her son dig a pond, then she built a waterfall. They decided to build another section of deck to the edge of the pond.

Last summer, another pond was dug and a bridge was added. There are several varieties of fish and water plants in the pond.

The rest of the back yard consists of flower beds with gravel pathways between. The deck is decorated with containers of plants.

A bed of 22 varieties of reblooming iris was added to the front parkway. Many other annuals and perennials are grown in the gardens as well. There are 425 named varieties of iris.

### **SMITH, 1407 S. Sunset**

Rex and Laverne Smith's property consists of two and a half acres beside the Hondo river channel. It includes a large man-made pond, the original irrigation source for acres of orchard, and crops on both sides of the Hondo. The pond and farm were established some 90 years ago by the first engineer on the twin dam project designed to impound and control release of the waters of the Hondo river. The two and a half story brick home north of the Smith's house is the original home on the property. The other homes in the secluded "Del Sumbre Estates" were built in the late 50's - early 60's.

Mature trees, some of the oldest in Roswell, are at one and the same time the outstanding feature of the area and its largest problem...roots. The tree root systems have prompted the Smiths to experiment with a large raised flower garden east of the center of the property. Roses and iris are the primary plants grown here. The new rose garden beside the house is also raised.

The Smiths have lived here for ten years, working to augment the neglected soil and to enhance the quality of landscaping. They have added steps, railroad tie borders on the drive, new brick fencing, compost bins and new planting areas.



#### **SMITH** con't

The pond is the most unusual feature of the landscaping. It is ringed with iris, water plants, filled with water lillies and populated by bass, catfish, grass carp and lots of frogs and turtles. There are 3 Bald Cypress trees at the S.E. corner.

The iris collection is relatively new. The Smiths collected iris for many years with no concern for the names of the varieties. Only recently have they been concerned with names for their acquisitions.

#### **HARRIS, 1007 Highland Road**

Bill and Bettie Harris started gardening in Roswell in 1953. They planted reblooming iris from the very beginning. Today they grow about 80 remontants, carefully selected from the hundreds that are available. There are two display beds of rebloomers in the city garden in the "Y" across from their home. They have taken care of this garden for the city since 1982. The Harris's and this bed have been featured in the NEW MEXICO magazine.

Companion plantings of roses, lilies, dahlias, daylillies, peonies, bulbs and annuals compliment the iris.

Outstanding reblooming performers are: Beleek Pastel, Black Magic, Blessed Again, Coral Chalice, Dorcas Lives Again, Earl of Essex, Fall Primrose, Feedback, Garden Grace, Harvest of Memories, High Ho Silver, I Do, Orchid Cloud, Perfume Counter, Pinkness and Queen Dorothy.

Several iris plantings are located at their residence as well. East of the house is a planting of 29 Spurias as well as some remontant iris.

The back yard has 27 Louisiana, 12 Siberian, a bed of MTB's and remontants as well as many other kinds of flowering plants.

The Harris's enjoy showing the gardens to interested visitors. So do drop by when you are in the area.

#### **JOBE', 3109 Diamond A Drive**

Wayne and Leslie's gardens have been planted four years come November. This garden shows what can be done in a short time.

The one acre plot is mostly flower beds and pond, no lawn. There were established trees such as Pecan, Scarlet Oak, Pinon Pines and fruit already there. Black plastic covered with wood chips covered most of the yard. A few of the flower beds were there also, although there were no desirable plants in most of them. The fact that there was no bermuda grass sold them on the yard!

The first task at hand was to plant the "garden" they trucked from Houston (in an old mail truck 24 ft. long, 8 ft. wide and 8 ft. high. Stacked to the top, with a portable pond included).

The van lines also brought some of their plants including the 100 iris. The "portable pond" kept their waterlillies and fish (that survived the

#### **JOBE'** con't

trip) until the following summer, when their two ponds, stream and bridge were finished. Then it was dismantled and is now 3 raised iris beds. Over 800 varieties of named iris are grown in their gardens. The iris date back to the 1700's (Florentina) to many 94's and even one '95. These include Louisiana, Spuria, Siberian, Japanese and Species. 160 rebloomers are also included.

The guest beds include iris from Roger Nelson, Jim Ennenga, Dave Niswonger, Tim Stanek and Hooker Nichols.

Many other companion plants are grown also. Roses, peonies, lilies, annuals, perennials, native plants and even tropicals such as ginger, orchids, ferns, azaleas, to name a few.

There are benches, chairs and an arbor where you can sit and gaze out over the pond and gardens. Visitors are always welcome!



## **Region 17**

### **Permian Basin Iris Society Show April 16th**

**President: Debra Strauss**  
5121 W. Storey  
Midland, TX 79703  
(915) 697-6340

### **West Texas Iris Society Show April 15th**

**President: Barbara Larsen**

*Please bring your irises & come visit!*



## REGION 23 SYMPOSIUM RESULTS

Rank	Votes	Name
1	57	Silverado
2	47	Dusky Challenger
3	35	Edith Wolford
4	32	Jessie's Song
5	31	Afternoon Delight
6	30	Victoria Falls
7	29	Beverly Sills
8	28	Mary Frances
9	27	Lady Friend
10	26	Queen in Calico
		Song of Norway
		Stepping Out
13	24	Titan's Glory
14	22	Laced Cotton
		Going My Way
16	21	Superstition
17	20	Mystique
18	18	Olympiad
19	17	Crystal Dreams
		Oktoberfest
		Supreme Sultan
		Dazzling Gold
23	16	Chico Maid
		Gay Parasol
		Ginger Swirl
		Honky Tonk Blues
		Joyce Terry
28	15	Mulled Wine
		Guadalajara
		Sky Hooks
		Vanity
32	14	Cherry Smoke
		Immortality
		Lorilee
		Night Ruler
		Orange Slices
		Ringo
		Rustler

## REGION 23 SYMPOSIUM RESULTS con't.

Rank	Votes	Name
39	13	Bride's Halo
		Copper Classic
		Skating Party
		Thornbird
43	12	Altruist
		Breakers
		Bubbling Over
		Camelot Rose
		Champagne Elegance
		Indiscreet
		Rare Treat
50	11	Anna Belle Babson
		Designer Gown
		Latin Lover



### *Nominating Committee*

Next year, 1995, is election year for our region. The procedure for selecting a nomination committee is carefully spelled out in our By-Laws (Article VII) as follows:

"Duly affiliated societies shall send the names of candidates (who have consented to serve) to the RVP by Feb. 1 of the election year. Each affiliate society may name one candidate. Names of these candidates shall be published no later than March 15 in the spring newsletter, along with a ballot."

Remember your spring newsletter will arrive by March 15th so send your news early! Also be sure your club is represented by a candidate.

The five candidates who receive the most votes will serve as the nominating committee. A copy of the Region 23 By-Laws is printed in this issue of the newsletter. The procedure for election of officers is found in Article VII.



AIS Region 23  
1994 Regional Convention  
Roswell, New Mexico

The Region 23 meeting was held on September 17-18, 1994, in Roswell, New Mexico, at the Sally Port Inn and was hosted by the Roswell Iris Society and Pecos Valley Iris Society.

The Roswell Iris Society President Elda Keith welcomed everyone.

RVP Maxine Perkins called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

RVP recognized the region officers:

Vice Chairman	-	Karen Bergamo
Judges Chairman	-	Barbara Figge
Youth Chairman	-	Karen Bergamo
Newsletter Editor	-	Doug Goodnight
Treasurer	-	Floyd Stopani
Secretary	-	Mary Ellen Tafoya
Parliamentarian	-	June Mazzolini

The previous Region 23 RVP Doug Goodnight was in attendance.

The following out-of-region guests were also in attendance:

Region 14	-	Marilyn Harlow (National Membership Chairman) Bill Maryott
Region 17	-	Lou Danielson Jo Ella Olson Debbie Strauss
Region 22	-	Paul Gosset Charles and Kitty Lack

Roll call for the region affiliates:

Albuquerque Aril Society	-	6
Albuquerque Iris Guild	-	4
Lea County Iris Society	-	7
Mesilla Valley Iris Society	-	8
New Mexico Iris Society	-	7
Pecos Valley Iris Society	-	12
Roswell Iris Society	-	8
Santa Fe Iris Society	-	3
New Attendees	-	9

Iris hybridizers recognized were Bill Maryott and Lou Danielson.

The minutes from the 1993 AIS Convention business meeting were read and approved with one correction being noted: Bob Steel was also a past RVP.

The Treasurer Report was read by Floyd Stopani, Treasurer. Mr. Stopani reported that RVP funds were given by the New Mexico Iris Society (\$25), Pecos Valley Iris Society (\$100), Roswell Iris Society (\$100), and the Albuquerque Aril Society (\$150). The treasury report was accepted (see Enclosure 1).

A motion was made by Karen Bergamo that \$25 be given to a library fund in memorial of Elaine Coursey. The motion was seconded by Barbara Figgy, a vote was taken, and the motion passed (see Enclosure 2).

Karen Bergamo made an additional motion that \$25 be given to the AIS in memorial of Kay Nelson Keppel. The motion was seconded by Barbara Figgy, a vote was taken, and the motion passed (see Enclosure 3).

Letha Dent made a motion that \$25 be given to the AIS in memorial of Beth and Les Kilgore. The motion was seconded by Suzanne Swizer, a vote was taken, and the motion passed (see Enclosure 4).

Youth Chairman Karen Bergamo reported that Isaiah Price from Albuquerque, NM, received the 1994 Top Youth Member award in Region 23. She stated that all Region 23 members need to encourage youth activities, and expressed the need for newsletter input and bulletin articles pertaining to any youth iris activities.

Judge Chairman Barbara Figgy reported that Rita and Scott Jordan were apprentice judges and Wayne Jobe was a student judge.

Newsletter Editor Doug Goodnight asked for cooperation from AIS Region 23 membership in providing input for the AIS Region 23 spring and fall newsletters. Please mail your inputs to Doug Goodnight, 1005 Gamblin Lane, Hobbs, New Mexico, 88240.

RVP Maxine Perkins reported that Leslie Jobe had accepted the position of Membership Chairman for Region 23, which has 223 members.

National Membership Chairman Marilyn Harlowe requested to speak to the AIS membership regarding expiration dates of the National memberships. She stated that there were two expiration dates: June and December. Anyone joining October 1 would not begin membership until January 1; anyone joining April 1 would not begin membership until July 1. She also reported that there was a great deal of one-year membership losses and asked everyone to commit to a three-year membership if possible.





## Old Business:

The RVP Fund Committee (Doug Goodnight, Bill Huey, and Suzanne Swizer) appointed by RVP Maxine Perkins at the 1993 Region 23 meeting reported their research of the RVP/Convention Funds and recommended the following motion:

"The Regional Vice President shall be entitled to reimbursement in the amount of \$500 for each of the annual fall and spring American Iris Society meetings to cover registration, travel, and subsistence expenses. To implement the reimbursement of these expenses, the Regional Vice President shall submit to the Regional Treasurer receipts for registration, travel, and subsistence up to \$500 (maximum) for each meeting if funding is available."

The motion was seconded by Bill Brown. For the duration of the discussion, the gavel was passed by RVP Maxine Perkins to assistant RVP Karen Bergamo. The amendment passed (Enclosure 4).

A motion was made by Pete McGrath to change Policy No. 1 to read as follows: 50 percent of regional convention funds shall be directed to the host group and 50 percent to the region. The regional meeting fund will be earmarked with a cap of \$1000 so the region can bear the burden of all losses. All additional profits coming to the region shall be reverted to the RVP operating fund. The motion was seconded by Susan Swizer and the motion was passed (see Enclosure 5).

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. on September 17, 1994.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Mary Ellen Tafoya  
Secretary  
Region 23

## Treasurer's Report:

as of 8/31/94  
\$1078.62 operating fund  
\$3016.00 convention fund

since 1993 Region 23 meeting contributions  
to RVP fund

Pico	\$ 100.00
Roswell	100.00
MMIS	250.00
Algo Iris Guild	150.00
Spa County	400.00
	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>

## Tulsa Area Iris Society Judging School

The Tulsa Area Iris Society will hold a judging school on Saturday, March 18, 1995. The instructor will be Mr. Robert Hollingworth, Windwood Gardens, Williamston, Michigan. The topic will be Garden Judging and Show Judging Siberian Irises with a test. The class will be held at the Trade Winds Central Inn (Best Western), 3141 East Skelly Drive, from 9:00am until 3:00pm. There will be a \$5.00 fee charged. For advance reservations, send a check, made payable to the Tulsa Area Iris Society or TAIS to: Mr. Paul W. Gossett, 1708 East 53rd Street, Tulsa, OK 74105-5726. You need not be a judge to attend. EVERONE is invited to attend and to learn more about irises.

There has been a block of rooms reserved at the Trade Winds Central Inn. The room rate is \$42.00 for 1 to 4 people. To make room reservations, telephone (918) 749-5561. Make sure that you mention you are attending the Tulsa Area Iris Society Judging School to receive the room rate. If you have any problems, contact Paul Gossett.

Also, you are invited to join us for dinner at Luby's Cafeteria, at 71st and Riverside Drive at 6:00pm on Friday, March 17, 1995.

Please contact Mr. Paul W. Gossett at (918) 834-8914 to inform him you will be attending.





# Convention Voting Results

## PRESIDENT'S CUP

Awarded to the favorite guest iris hybridized by someone from the host region—in this case Region 13—seen blooming in a convention garden.

Winner:

FEATURE ATTRACTION (Schreiner's '94) TB

Runner's Up:

CALICO CAT (Lankow '89) BB

DOTTED LINE (Reid '92) SIB

COMPETITIVE EDGE (Ernst '91) TB

REGAL AFFAIR (Shoop '90) TB

## FRANKLIN COOK CUP

Awarded to the favorite guest iris hybridized by someone from outside the host region seen blooming in the convention gardens. This is the first time a Siberian iris has won such an award.

Winner:

STRAWBERRY FAIR (Hollingworth '94) SIB

Runner's Up:

BEFORE THE STORM (Innerst '89) TB

LAKE KEUKA (Borglum '94) SIB

RHONDA FLEMING (Mullin '93) TB

## Convention Voting Results, Continued:

## FAVORITE GUEST IRISES - 1994

Ballots for the Favorite Guest Irises were returned by 658 visitors to the 1994 Portland area convention. Over 9600 votes were tallied for a large number of varieties.

Rank#	Votes	Variety	Hybridizer	Type
1.	250	FEATURE ATTRACTION	Schreiner's	TB
2.	190	STRAWBERRY FAIR	Hollingworth	SIB
3.	146	BLACK TIE AFFAIR	Schreiner's	TB
4.	131	CALICO CAT	Lankow	BB
5.	127	COTE D'OR	Schreiner's	TB
6.	124	BEFORE THE STORM	Innerst	TB
7.	121	COMPETITIVE EDGE	Ernst	TB
8.	121	MAUI SURF	Aitken	BB
9.	107	LAKE KEUKA	Borglum	SIB
10.	104	SIERRA GRANDE	Schreiner's	TB
11.	96	GYPSY ROMANCE	Schreiner's	TB
12.	94	PARDNER	Fisher	MTB
13.	80	COMING UP ROSES	Gatty	TB
14.	80	REGAL AFFAIR	Shoop	TB
15.	80	RHONDA FLEMING	Mullin	TB
16.	74	WINNER TAKE ALL	Ernst	TB
17.	73	DELTA BLUES	Schreiner's	TB
18.	72	GALLANT ROGUE	Blyth	TB

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## REGION 23 - AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE I. NAME

The Name of this organization shall be Region 23 of the American Iris Society.

### ARTICLE II. OBJECT

The object of Region 23 - AIS shall be:

- (a) To assist its members in study and in efforts to advance the culture and improvement of irises.
- (b) To coordinate regional iris activities and expedite the policies of the American Iris Society.

### ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

All AIS members residing within the boundaries of New Mexico shall automatically be members of Region 23 - AIS.

### ARTICLE IV. DUES

There shall be no dues assessments.

### ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

The officers shall be Regional Vice President, Assistant Regional Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

### ARTICLE VI. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Duties of the Regional Vice President shall be:

- (a) To interpret the policies and rules of the American Iris Society to the membership.
- (b) To appoint the Chairman of the Judges Training and Membership Committees and other Chairmen as necessary.
- (c) To serve as ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.
- (d) To preside at all called meeting of the Region.

Duties of the Assistant Regional Vice President shall be:

- (a) In the absence of or due to the inability of the RVP, the Assistant RVP shall assume the duties and exercise the power of the RVP.
- (b) Should a vacancy occur, the Assistant RVP shall assume the office of RVP for the unexpired term.
- (c) Approval of this appointment will be confirmed by the AIS Board of Directors.

Duties of the Treasurer shall be:

- (a) To serve as custodian of all funds of the Region.
- (b) To disperse Regional funds as authorized by the RVP.

Duties of the Secretary shall be:

- (a) To record the minutes of all regional meetings.
- (b) To receive and transmit any regional items of business as required by these By-Laws or as directed by the RVP.

### ARTICLE VII. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- (a) The Nominating Committee shall consist of five regional members each having at least five years of continuous AIS membership.
- (b) Duly affiliated societies shall send names of candidates (who have consented to serve if elected) to the RVP by Feb. 1 of the election year. Each affiliate society may name one candidate. Names of these candidates shall be published no later than March 15 in the Spring Newsletter, along with a ballot.
- (c) Ballots must be returned to the RVP prior to April 5.
- (d) The five candidates who receive the greatest number of votes will serve as the Nominating Committee, and the individual receiving the greatest number of votes will act as Chairman.
- (e) If five candidates are not timely submitted by the affiliate societies, the RVP shall name sufficient candidates to fill the committee, and all nominees shall be





considered elected without balloting. The RVP shall designate the Chairman. The RVP shall make an effort to fill any such vacancies with candidates from Affiliates not already represented.

- (f) The Nominating Committee shall serve for three years.
- (g) The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of officers to the RVP by June 1 of the election year.

#### ARTICLE VIII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- (a) The RVP shall present the proposed slate of officers to the membership by June 15.
- (b) Additional nominations may be made by petition of the general membership. Each petition shall be signed by the nominees and endorsed by at least 5% of the regional membership as determined by the latest AIS computer printout. Any such petition shall be returned to the RVP prior to July 5.
- (c) If no nomination petitions are received by the above date, the slate of officers as presented by the Nominating Committee shall be deemed elected without necessity of a vote.
- (d) Should a nomination petition be timely received per paragraph (b) above, the RVP shall mail a ballot listing all nominees to the membership prior to July 20.
- (e) Election shall be by secret written ballot, and a plurality of votes cast shall be necessary to elect. Verbal voting will not be considered.
- (f) Single ballots shall be provided for all members in good standing as reflected by the latest AIS computer printout. Affiliate societies shall not receive ballots.
- (g) Ballots shall be returned to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee for tally prior to Aug. 15. Envelopes shall be retained to determine timeliness of ballots. Ballots not postmarked prior to the deadline shall not be counted. Ballots which have been altered in any manner shall not be counted.

- (h) Counting and tally of votes shall be done by the Chairman of the Nominating Committee together with two other Region 23 members not on the committee, as approved by the RVP.
- (i) Ballot envelopes shall not be opened until counting and tally is commenced per paragraph (h).
- (j) Vote tally along with ballots and envelopes shall be turned over to the RVP immediately upon completion of tally, who shall retain same for 30 days after the next regional meeting, at which time they shall be destroyed if no contest exists.

#### ARTICLE IX. VACANCIES

- (a) In event of vacancy in the offices of Assistant RVP, Secretary, or Treasurer, the regional Nominating Committee shall make nominations for replacement, which shall be published in the next newsletter or in a special ballot for membership vote.
- (b) In event of a vacancy on the Nominating Committee, the position will be filled by RVP appointment.

#### ARTICLE X. RULES AND POLICIES

- (a) A statement of Rules and Policies shall be made and attached to these By-Laws.
- (b) Rules and Policies are subject to implementation, revising, or rescinding by a majority vote at any Regional Meeting.
- (c) Such Rules and Policies shall not be in conflict with existing By-Laws.

#### ARTICLE XI. CONFLICTS

These By-Laws or any amendments thereto shall not be in conflict with rules and policies of the American Iris Society.

#### ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS

- (a) Amendments to these By-Laws may be proposed at any Regional Meeting by any member of Region 23, and with the consent of the majority of members present, shall be presented to the membership with a written ballot in



the following Spring Newsletter.

- (b) Ballots shall be returned to the RVP within 60 days, and after tally, the Amendment(s) will be considered adopted if a plurality of the votes cast so indicate. The RVP shall retain such ballots as outlined in Article VIII, para. (j).

#### ARTICLE XIII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

"Robert's Rules of Order Revised", latest edition, shall be the parliamentary authority for procedures not covered by these By-Laws.

### REGION 23 RULES AND POLICIES

#### 1. REGIONAL MEETING:

50 percent of regional convention funds shall be directed to the host group and 50 percent to the region. The regional meeting fund will be earmarked with a cap of \$1000 so the region can bear the burden of all losses. All additional profits coming to the region shall be reverted to the RVP operating fund.

#### 2. REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT:

The Regional Vice President shall be entitled to reimbursement in the amount of \$500 for each of the annual fall and spring American Iris Society meetings to cover registration, travel and subsistence expenses. To implement the reimbursement of these expenses, the Regional Vice President shall submit to the Regional Treasurer receipts for registration, travel and subsistence up to \$500 (maximum) for each meeting if funding is available.

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