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Dear Iris Friends,

As this is the last Regional Newsletter that will be published while I am the Regional Vice President for the American Iris Society I want to thank a number of people. I have had a very enjoyable time being RVP, thanks in good part to these people and all of the people in this region.

Maxine Perkins was our last RVP. A lot to live up to, she was and is an inspiration and a huge help whenever I asked. I am so glad to see her on the national board. I know her ability to see things from both national and regional aspect will be of assistance to the AIS. Thank you, Maxine, for all of your help.

Bill Huey was my Assistant RVP. I know whenever I call Bill I will always get a "Hello Darlin, What can I do to help". I know he was there for me numerous times. I always look forward to Santa Fe whenever I can get there, in no small part, because of Bill. Thank you, Bill, for all of your help.

Dorothy Gordon was my Secretary. She is a dear friend and always supports me and assists when I need it. Her minutes were informational and helped us remember what we did last year. Thank you, Dorothy, for all of your help.

Floyd Stopani was my Treasurer. And, we are very fortunate that he will continue to be. I was never in a hurry to send my receipts to Floyd, but I got things back almost by return mail. Floyd is efficient to say the least and has been a good friend to me and this region. I am glad to announce that he and Helen, his lovely spouse, are again judges in our region. Thank you, Floyd, for all of your help.

June Mazzolini was my Parliamentarian. She helped us all make better more coherent motions and kept us on track when we hadn't finished what we'd started. Thank you, June, for all of your help.

Patricia Randall was my Youth Chairman. She did an excellent job of keeping us informed of what youth we have and what they are doing. I hope you all got to see the wonderful displays she has done for the region on our youth and projects being done with youth in our region. Thank you, Patricia, for all of your help.

Barbara Figge was my Newsletter Editor. I know it would make the job a bit easier if people would actually sit down and write articles and send information to the editor. I know I've held her up a number of times being late. She managed to make our newsletter interesting and informative. Thank you, Barbara, for all of your help.

Barbara Figge was my Judges Chairman. She kept track of all of the hours and classes we all took. Made sense of mounds of information and compiled it all for Glenn Corlew. This is a task made easier by the fact that she is also the most active judge in our region. (She's only a bit ahead of me because I had to go to my sisters's wedding) She is at all of the schools regionally and keeps us aware of signing up, returning the tests if we want credit and keeps judges aware if there is any discrepancies in hours and years. Thank you, Barbara, for all of your help.

Mary Herrington was my Membership Chairman. She is recognized nationally for her ability to get people to join AIS. I get such a kick out of hearing her praised. Most regions do not have a go-getter like we have in Mary. Thank you, Mary, for all of your help.

My thanks go to the Nominating Committee. Maxine Perkins chaired and the other members were, Patricia Randall, Sue Chambers, Barbara Mann, and Peter McGrath. Good Job and Thank You.

I have many others to thank. Pegi, Cliff, Reita and Scott, Lenore, Alma, Doug, Elaine, Isabel, Letha and John, Mary, Henry, Dorothy, Stormy, Ceil, Ann, Mary Ellen, Rosemary, Luella, Pat and Bill, Leslie and Wayne, Bill and Marilyn, and many others too. I have felt the friendship from the top of the state to the bottom. Iris friendships are forever.

It is with a glad heart that I exit as RVP. I know the next RVP will be a better one, but no one could have had the fun that I have had as your RVP. It has given me a perspective that is not allowed to very many and I am honored to have served the region.

Iristatically Yours,

Karen Bergamo

Karen Bergamo
RVP Region 23

The Region 23 Nominating Committee, consisting of Maxine Perkins (Chair), Patricia Randall, Sue Chambers, Barbara Mann and Pete McGrath, have decided on a slate of officers for the next three years.

The candidates for office are:

Regional Vice President (RVP)	Barbara Figge
Assistant RVP	Patricia Randall
Secretary	Dorothy Gordon
Treasurer	Floyd Stopani

The Region is grateful that these members have agreed to serve.

ARTICLE VIII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- (a) The RVP shall present the proposed slate of officers to the membership by June 15. (October 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. (October 30)
- (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. (November 15)
- (a) 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. (December 1st) 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.

The incoming RVPs are appointed at the November AIS Board Meeting. However, since we are late in performing this elective process, should there be petitions carrying other candidates, the appointment would have to be approved by the Board at a later date.

1999 SYMPOSIUM RESULTS

NO.	VOTES	NAME	NO. 1998
1	25	DUSKY CHALLENGER	1
2	15	SILVERADO	1
3	10	AFTERNOON DELIGHT	7
		BEVERLY SILLS	
		EDITH WOLFORD	5
		HELLO DARKNESS	
		LACED COTTON	7
		LADY FRIEND	7
		THORNBIRD	3
		TITAN'S GLORY	5
4	5	ANNA BELLE BABSON	

BAYBERRY CANDLE	
BEFORE THE STORM	
BEWILDERBEAST	
CONJURATION	
COPPER CLASSIC	8
DAZZLING GOLD	
GUADALAJARA	
HOLY NIGHT	
HONKY TONK BLUES	8
JESSE'S SONG	4
JOYCE TERRY	7
MARY FRANCIS	
MYSTIQUE	
OCTOBERFEST	
OLYMPIAD	
ORANGE EMBERS	8
ORANGE SLICES	
PERSIAN BERRY	
QUEEN IN CALICO	
ROSETTE WINE	
SKATING PARTY	
SKY HOOKS	5
SONG OF NORWAY	
SPIRIT WORLD	
SUPERSTITION	
SWEET MUSETTE	
TANZANIAN TANGERINE	
TENNESSEE GENTLEMAN	
TIGER HONEY	
VANITY	6
VICTORIA FALLS	
YAQUINA BLUE	

Appearing in 1998 but not PLACING in 1999 votes were: CHAMPAGNE ELEGANCE, CODICIL, GOING MY WAY, BREAKERS, RUSTLER, AFTER THE STORM, AUTUMN CIRCUS, DEBBY RAIRDON, STEPPING OUT AND RARE TREAT. If they were voted on by Region 23 members, they received less than 5 votes.

This represents a marked change in the "favorite irises" from 1998.

Odds 'n' Ends from around the Region:

From Clifton Frosch, Pecos Valley Iris Society

Our combined clubs here in Roswell just completed our annual iris sale at the park on Saturday. The sale was the day after our potluck supper we had over at Mary and George Herringtons. They always give so much time and effort to make it one of the largest club functions of the year. Both iris societies were involved and we received a very large number of irises to sell this year from club members' yards. We thought on Saturday during the sale that we were not doing as well due in part to the fact that the yearly arts and crafts fair that usually goes on in the park at the same time was scheduled a few weeks later this year. I just got off the phone with Sue Chambers and she informed me that our club alone made just over \$ 2,300 in iris sales. We had many irises left over even after pulling a variety of them for planting by our club this year at the new convention center, the Tinnie Mercantile and my place of employment at the Roswell Police Department.

The hard work of our members past and present paid off last month when the Iris was voted on to be the City of Roswell's Official Flower. We are so proud of that fact. The club has in the past few years planted in a number of different locations in Chavez County to promote the Iris and it has paid off. Just about every street you are on in Roswell has a yard or business now growing irises as part of their landscape efforts. We are trying to get Reblooming irises in every one of those areas now and are well on our way to achieving that goal.

From Barbara Mann, Santa Fe Iris Society:

BED RENOVATION - 101

If there is a problem in growing iris, it may be that iris don't do much for the soil. Those large-diameter roots are designed to let the rhizome survive in a variety of relatively inhospitable soils, not for improving soil texture. I don't care how much super-phosphate you put on your beds, if you

keep growing irises in the same bed year after year, the soil is going to become hard and relatively unappealing to even the iris. Big iris growers can just keep creating new beds, but those of us with limited space have to try a different tack - renovation of existing beds. Here's my method, which is still evolving:

1) When you dig an iris in summer or fall, plant seeds of a cover crop that can be left in place over Winter - rape seed, white clover, annual ryegrass or such. I like lentil. Keep a layer of compost around the growing plants.

2) In Spring, till the residue of this bed into the soil and plant peas (I like dwarf sugar snaps and snow peas). Let them grow all Spring. More compost! Eat the peas!!

3) Two or three weeks before time to dig iris again, till the pea plants under, and then the soil will be ready to receive iris again. If you have had problems with rot in a particular spot, do the cover-crop and peas routine for another year before trying iris there again. And don't forget the compost!

You may find if you try this method that you won't have to use super-phosphate again. Okay, I admit it's a plot to convert everybody to organic gardening! Besides you get to eat all those peas and your iris will thank you.

This article was originally written for the SFIS IRIS FAN.

Region 23 Convention:

Lea County Iris Society hosted the 1998 Region 23 Convention. Judges training was given by Carolyn Hawkins in Design and was well-presented and received. Brad Kasperek treated members on Sunday morning to a lengthy slide show of his recent creations. As always, the Lea County hospitality was top-notch and a good time was had by all! The 1999 Convention will be hosted by the Albuquerque Iris Guild and Pecos Valley Iris Society will host it in 2000!

The following is a poem by Les Peterson, hybridizer of arilbred irises like SILENT TEARS.

BEDTIME STORY

When I'm Having Trouble Falling Asleep

I Count My Iris Instead of Sheep,

There's That Ebony Black in the Far

Corner Plot -

That 'Bridal Gown' White - That Superb Apricot.

An Orange, and a Pink -

Yellow - Red - Brown - and Blue;

An Array of Arilbreds Breeze-Dance Into

View.

I Count One and All; Mustn't Miss One of

Them -

Each to Me Is a Jewel - A Real

Precious Gem.

I Yawn... My Head Nods...

Things Grow Dim to My Sight -

Eyelids Droop... Sleepily -

So, Goodnight... Goodnight!!

- Les Peterson

INVITATION FOR GUEST IRISES
For the year 2000 SPRING REGIONAL MEETING
Mendocino County, California

ATTENTION: HYBRIDIZERS

The year 2000 Region 14 Spring Regional Meeting will be hosted by the Redwood Iris Society. We are asking for guest plants of recent introductions and numbered seedlings. Up to 4 rhizomes of each bearded variety will be accepted from August 1st through September 15th, 1998. Beardless iris will be accepted through December 15th, 1998.

All official guest iris should be shipped to:

Jay Hudson
33450 Little Valley Road
Fort Bragg, CA 95437
707-964-3907 1-800 757 IRIS

The following information should be clearly marked on each rhizome:

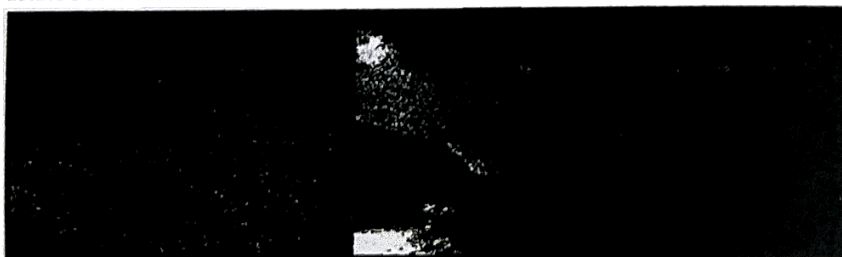
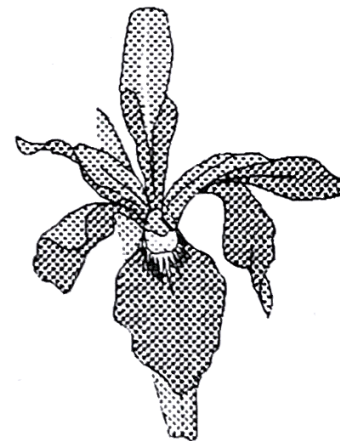
1. Hybridizer's name and address
2. Name of variety or seedling number
4. Type of iris
5. Year of introduction
6. Indication of bloom time (Early, Mid, Late)

THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT

Included with shipment should be:

1. A master packing list
2. Instructions regarding disposition of guest iris

The Statement of the Code of Ethics as printed in the A.I.S. Convention Handbook will be observed.



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