



# Fall *AIS Region 15* NEWSLETTER

Arizona and Southern California

◆ Twelve Affiliate Iris Societies

◆ September 2007



Peak bloom in Production 1 field at Mystic Lake Gardens.

## 2007 Region 15 Spring Trek in Ontario, CA hosted by Inland Region Iris Society



Arizona Trek attendees: (back) Linda Rossman, Haley Sibayan, Linda Smith, and Vera Stewart, (seated) Judy Book, Stanley Book, and Bonnie Haughton.



Marty Richards  
with Richards  
2005 TB RE Intro.



Irene Benton with  
with Jenkins 1993  
Spuria Intro.



Jimmy Jones at Saturday  
Night Banquet



Kathy Chilton  
with Kerr 2006 TB Intro.



Jane Troutman  
with Kerr 2007 TB Intro.



Four Region 15 Women on Spring Trek  
with Irises Named after Them

# 2007 Region 15 Spring Trek in Ontario, CA



*Southern California Iris Hybridizers at lunch on Sunday afternoon of the 2007 Spring Trek before Garden Judges Training with Fred Kerr at Mystic Lake Gardens.*

## AIS Region 15 Spring Trek April 20-22, 2007

*By Carole Buchheim*

The Ayres Hotel was a beehive of activity as I.R.I.S. members set up for a full weekend of Spring Trek activities. By 3:00 p.m. on Friday, Naomi Hildreth had the registration table stocked and ready for business. Sixty full registrants booked into the hotel and prepared for the events.

Most of our rooms were located near the Huntington Room where we had the Boutique. Thank you to Shirley Davis, Carol Morgan, Steve McCullough and their staff of workers for managing the boutique. And thank you to Carol Morgan for putting together the complimentary gift baskets received at the hotel registration desk.

It was delightful having a local artist, Jennifer Ali, at the boutique. She had many beautiful prints of her paintings available for sale. You can view more of Jennifer's and her husband's work at their web site [www.wildlandimages.com](http://www.wildlandimages.com).

Lining the hallway to the meeting room were many beautiful irises from Mystic Lake Gardens. Thank you to Mike and Elaine Monninger for selecting them early Friday morning, preparing them, and exhibiting them for our pleasure and enjoyment.

On Friday evening we had a 2-hr. Judges Training program on Median Irises by Jerry Hoke. Jerry's love for Medians was very evident in his enthusiastic and masterfully taught session. I've never heard the history behind the different classes of Medians and Jerry put the details together in a very memorable fashion. It was truly a delightful and enlightening program.



*Steven McCullough manning the cash box at the boutique.*

*Barbara Lauck purchasing an art print from Guest Artist, Jennifer Ali.*



*Kitty Stanton checks out boutique sale and raffle items.*

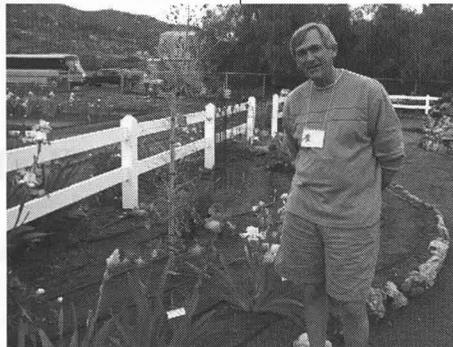
*Part of the iris exhibit prepared by Mike and Elaine Monninger.*



*Jill Bonino, Mary Anne Abrahms, Naomi Hildreth and others at the Sunday Morning JT.*

The morning of the garden tours is always greeted with activity and excitement. We had an additional 42 register for the tour swelling our numbers to just over 100. Two large coaches were filled to the hilt and ready for action. Our bus captains were John Reinschmidt and Pete DeSantis on one and Chuck and Barbara Brooker on the other. I've heard lots of positive comments on their informative and humorous commentary.

Five gardens were visited: Mystic Lake Gardens hosted by Paul and Carole Buchheim, the Jim and Janet Giles Garden, the Herb and Sara Holk Garden at Jurupa Mountains Cultural Center, hosted by Carole Morgan and Steve McCullough (and Sara Holk was there as well to greet the morning trek visitors), the Karl and Barbara Lauck Garden, and the Sims Tree Learning Center, hosted by Susan Sims and Audrey Kenyon.



Bob Van Liere of Iris 4 U by his guest irises at Mystic Lake Gardens.



Kathy Chilton hams it up with John Reinschmidt (l) and Pete DeSantis (r).

The evening banquet was in the Convention Center adjacent to the Ayers Hotel. Due to double booking the banquet room with a wedding party, we had to have our banquet next door. We discovered that booking an event over two years in advance can sometimes present difficulties. The hotel did, however, give us some discount incentives to sweeten our bottom line cost.

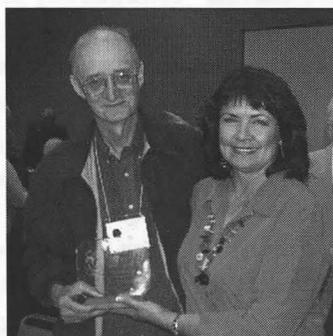
Seventy-seven were in attendance at the banquet. Though the room did not offer the opulence and beauty of the Hotel's facility, the hearts of our attendees were warm and vibrant. Iris lovers seem to have a bond of friendship independent of the surroundings and this warmth was felt. The banquet was delicious. Top Sirloin, Salmon, and Pasta Prima Vera were the entrees of choice.

It was a pleasure to have Bob Van Liere from Iris 4 U in Denver, CO as our guest speaker. He shared with us a PowerPoint presentation on his hybridized beauties. His cultivars were in three of the guest gardens. Their vigorous growth and beautiful flowers attracted much attention. Congratulations to Bob for winning the Best Out-Of-Region Seedling Award for #23 BT 22.

Sunday morning found us back in the meeting room with a Judges Training session on Tall Bearded irises by Fred Kerr from Rainbow Acres. Meaningful instruction laced with humor is Fred's endearing style. Congratulations to Fred for winning the Best Out-Of-Region Cultivar Award for KATHY CHILTON.

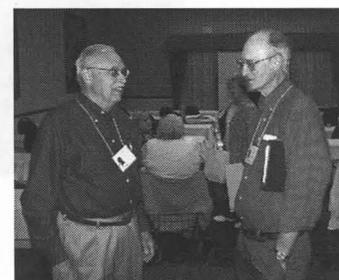
For most, the 2007 Spring Trek was now a memory eclipsed by thoughts of home and travel needs. But for a some there was yet another event. The Southern California Iris Hybridizers group met at the Perris Sizzler Restaurant for lunch. Conversation, of course, focused on one of their favorite subjects: iris. After lunch they proceeded to Mystic Lake Gardens for a Garden Judges Training session with Fred Kerr on Tall Bearded seedlings. Though not yet in peek flower the Buchheim seedling beds offered much for discussion. The garden tour and training session was followed by test.

Thank you to all who gave of their time and energy to make this event a reality and thank you to all you attendees for your presence, exuberance, and heartfelt appreciation.



Kathy Chilton presents the Claire Barr Award to Fred Kerr for the Best Out-Of-Region cultivar.

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Jerry Hoke, Friday evening speaker, with Fred Kerr, Sunday morning speaker.

### 2007 Region 15 Spring Trek Awards

#### Herb Holk Award

Best In-Region Cultivar  
MEN LIKE ME (Deaton '07)

#### Claire Barr Award

Best Out-of-Region Cultivar  
KATHY CHILTON (Kerr '06)

#### Bernard Hamner Award

Best In-Region Seedling  
#91 26 (Jerry Moorhead)

#### Best Out-of-Region Seedling Award

#23 BT 22 (Bob Van Liere)

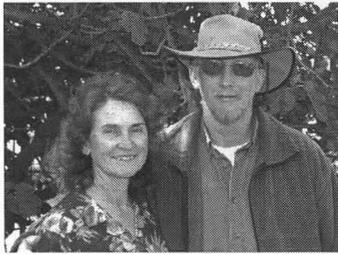
#### Best Louisiana Award

Best Louisiana seen on the Trek  
SUNSHINE BRIDGE (O'Conner '01)

#### Best Spuria Award

Best Spuria seen on the Trek  
Irene Benton (Jenkins '93)

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Carole and Paul Buchheim



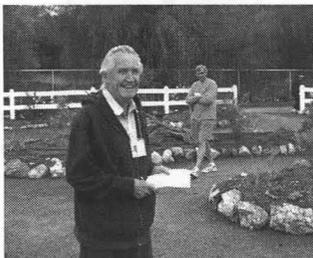
BOWLED OVER  
(Ghio '05)



Fred Kerr discussing a seedling  
with Paul Buchheim.



Pond with  
Friendship Garden  
Louisianas in the  
display garden.



Jerry Moorhead, winner of the  
Bernard Hamner Award for Best  
In-Region Seedling, # 91-26.

Garden Tours of the  
Inland Region Iris Society  
2007 Spring Trek

The Paul & Carole Buchheim Garden

By Carole Buchheim

**M**ystic Lake Gardens opened its gates to over a hundred visitors on the Region 15 Spring Trek. The first bus rolled in right on time and more than 50 curious irisarians poured out to see what this new commercial iris garden was all about. Though just shy of peak bloom, there were thousands of irises to welcome one and all with their beauty and diversity. The second bus arrived just after lunch with exuberant irisarians like bees anxious to get to the flowers. Though cool and breezy, it didn't dampen the spirits of garden visitors.



Garden JT with Fred Kerr in the seedling beds.

Irisarians entered the acre-and-a-half fenced area and proceeded to the "mostly healthy" snack table piled high with fruit, granola bars, nuts, biscotti, cheese, crackers, other goodies, and water. Trek gardens are known for their well-stocked refreshments and the Buchheims didn't want to break with tradition.

Just north of the snack station was a two-railed white fence bordered with the Dykes Medal winners. Starting at the west end one could walk through time and observe how bearded irises have advanced. From smartly tailored beauties in a limited color palette to richly-toned marvels decked with undulating ruffles (and some with space age appendages), the world of iris has certainly changed.

The focal point of the display garden was the guest iris planting in raised redwood planter boxes forming a double octagonal pattern. One of the most spectacular irises in these beds was Joe Ghio's '05 BOWLED OVER which bloomed for eight weeks straight! A surprise rebloomer, Kasperek's '05 IB DOE Z DOE bloomed continuously for nearly six months! Surrounding these beds were meandering pathways rimmed with native pegmatite rock forming raised beds. Though newly planted, these beds will be filled with autumnal color when the reblooming irises mature.

The melodious song of the stream, waterfalls and pond added charm and a natural element to the garden. One hundred thirty-six guest irises representing 33 hybridizers were planted in the display garden; 117 in the planter boxes, an additional 10 (Bob Van Liere irises) in an adjoining bed. The pond housed the nine 2004 Friendship Garden Louisianas.

Also within the chain-link fenced area were eight 100' double rows of irises. These comprised 2004 and 2005 American introductions as well as nearly all of Barry Blyth 2005/06 introductions and many of his 2006/07 introductions. Several 100' rows featured Vincent Christopherson's recent introductions.

Roughly four acres of the fourteen comprising Mystic Lake Gardens were in iris cultivation. Production fields one and two were east and southeast of the display garden. A large seedling bed in maiden bloom lay just south of production one. Iris hybridizing efforts focusing on rebloomers and uniquely colored rim patterns continue with their first introductions several years away. Before too many moons the Buchheims plan to build a home overlooking the iris fields.

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### The Jim & Janet Giles Garden

By Derry Gerald

This was my first visit to the garden. I had heard it was a "Red Hat Garden." We were greeted by the Giles and their dog, Spencer. Spencer was in theme with his big Red Hat bow.

Both sides of the drive were lined with irises. The yellow iris with its narrow white rim, CHEERFUL ONE (Hamner '89), caught my eye. AFTER THE DAWN (Ernst '93) was really putting on a show with its blended violet-peach standards and creamy falls.

The property appeared as a normal-sized lot but it was almost an acre-long and narrow in shape. Past their beautifully landscaped home was a rose garden in its first flush of bloom.

Then on to the guest irises. To the right, along the fence, was a row of Spuria and Louisiana irises. The lavender and yellow Spuria, IRENE BENTON (Jenkins '93), was in bloom (and later received the Best Spuria Award at the banquet). The Louisianas were planted in five-gallon containers partially sunk in the soil and they were not yet in bloom. A Tall Bearded white self, Marshmallow Clouds (Christopherson '05) was commanding attention.

The guest beds were well-manicured and wide enough for a row of irises on each side of the bed with open space in the middle planted in annuals.

The pathways between the beds were lined with wood chips to maintain dust control and define the walking space. They lent a formal air to the garden by defining the shape of the beds. They also added color and texture to the overall garden design.

The potting shed was painted purple with a red and purple trimmed door. Red hats, the bench with "Maxine," the purple arch, with its purple and red bench and stepping stones carried the theme right down to the red and purple petunias at the base of the arbor.

We then got out our cameras for a few photos—too cute not to. Oh no! They were calling us back to the bus. On the way I noticed that there must be a breathtaking view from the patio above the garage of the San Bernardino valley and mountains beyond. I sure wish we had more time.

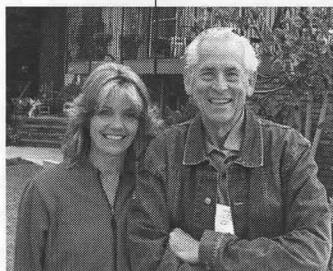
### The Herb & Sara Holk Garden at Jurupa Mountains Cultural Center

By Kathy Chilton

This garden is the Inland Region Iris Society's Club Garden. It was started in August of 2005 to honor Herb and Sara Holk, as well as the memory of other club members who have passed away. It is in a large, level cleared area near the front entrance to the Jurupa Mountains Cultural Center. The morning tour was



Red Hat  
Welcome!



Janet and Jim Giles



Janet and Jim Giles by the purple arbor of their Red Hat theme garden.

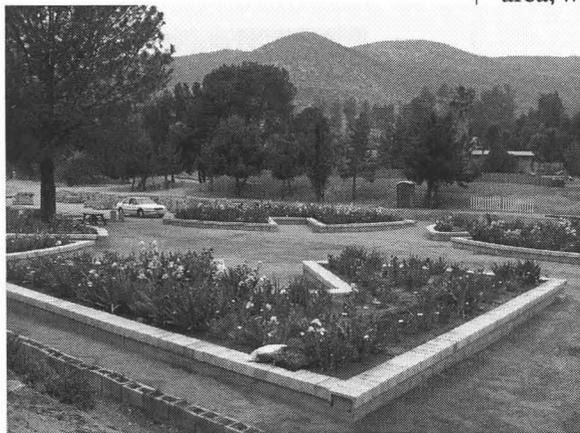


Irisarians peruse the well-groomed Giles garden.



Steve Davis (deceased), Carol Morgan, and Steve McCullough, primary caretakers of the Holk Garden at Jurupa.

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*Iris beds at the Holk garden feature guest irises, classics, newer cultivars, and irises hybridized by Inland Region Iris Society members/hybridizers over the past 45 years.*



*Holk seedling # 375-B*

*Raised brick planter beds provide eye-level viewing of irises.*



*ALL ABOARD  
(Christopherson '03)*

greeted by a very special and gracious hostess – Sara Holk. It was a treat for those who got to greet this lovely lady who, with her late husband Herb, has always been a generous and strong supporter of Region 15.

The roomy raised planters are laid out in a pleasing geometric design around an open central area. The club members had generous refreshments set up in this area, where they hope to eventually erect a gazebo. The planters were constructed of donated block and were constructed by local firefighters. They were lined with fine-grade chicken wire to discourage gophers & were filled with well-amended soil. Club members, headed up by Carol Morgan, her brother Steve McCullough and recently deceased Steve Davis planted and cared for the irises. Besides guest irises, the beds contain a collection of Dykes Medalists and club member favorites.

Trek attendees were treated to well-grown irises in a roomy, comfortable setting that allowed for easy viewing of the plants in full bloom. A sentimental favorite was a lovely and vigorous bright yellow reblooming seedling #375-B by garden namesake Herb Holk. Herb was a very discerning hybridizer & only chose vigorous cultivars that he believed to be an improvement over others available.

Several Region 15 hybridizers' creations were in bloom. Pete DeSantis's indomitable SCOONCHEE was putting on the show we've all come to expect a vigorous clump displaying an abundance of velvety purple flowers held well above the foliage. Not to be outdone, Cheryl Deaton's MEN LIKE ME put on an equal display, showing off tall stems with an abundance of flounced yellow flowers with lots of personality. Men weren't the only admirers – it won the Herb Holk Award for Best Introduction by an In Region 15 hybridizer! Richard Richards' unusual greenish #22501 was doing well. Margie Valenzuela's YOUR HIGHNESS also garnered votes for its large, beautifully patterned blue luminata-plicata blooms. Jerry Moorhead's # 91-26 was exhibiting the form that won it the Bernard Hamner award for Best Seedling by an In-Region hybridizer.

The Out of Region Seedling Prize went to Bob Van Liere, who was on hand to see his blue amoena spaceage #23BT22 displaying a gorgeous stalk & flower. The Claire Barr Award for Best Introduction by an Out of Region Hybridizer went to (surprise!) a personal favorite of mine. It is the dark variegata KATHY CHILTON with dark old gold standards and deep velvety maroon black falls.

It was a real "Kodak" moment for me to be able to present Fred Kerr with the award for an iris he chose to honor me with.

Among the other outstanding guest irises that caught my eye was ALL ABOARD (Christopherson '03). It was a healthy clump of lovely sky blue flowers with darker standards. Other blues that performed well were MARIPOSA SKIES by Rick Tasco and 'SEA OF LOVE' by Larry Lauer. Besides MEN LIKE ME, the yellows were well represented by 'Melted Butter' by Chun Fan, and Devonshire Cream by George Sutton. Other favorites included QUEEN'S CIRCLE, the 2007 Dykes Medal winner by Fred Kerr.



*QUEEN'S CIRCLE (Kerr '00)*

Inland Region Iris Society members are to be congratulated on a beautiful and enduring creation, whose beauty honors the members who have gone before them. Flowering trees being planted around the perimeter in their names. Thank you to all IRIS members who continue to make this a special place.

## The Karl & Barbara Lauck Garden

By Marilyn Pecoraro

The garden of Barbara and Karl Lauck was a gem-filled treasure and not one they found. They worked long and hard to fill that chest. It may have been a 25-year "work-in-progress" but most of us realize we couldn't accomplish that feat in twice the time. It was a wonderful garden!

While Kim Ung and I went through the front yard strolling the small pathways curving by large clumps of irises, shrubs, and potted plants, it was tempting to enjoy the scenic beauty and take time that is never enough on a garden tour. Under the shade of the tall trees that must be a real blessing during the summer, there was a display of good design. Nothing prepared me for entry into the back yard. It was a huge explosion of garden paradise.



*Jerry Hoke explores more photo opportunities.*

I talked a few minutes to what seemed to be a very exhausted Karl. No wonder! The days before a garden opens work goes from early morning to after dark. There is always something to do and apparently they did it. Trees fill the long stretch of yard. Vines and climbing roses covered the fences. Perfect for shade, the big-leaf mulberry shared the space with magnolia, almond, huge flowering plums, curly willow, citrus and so many others. Roses seemed to be the original flower showcased with nearly 500 covered in spring bloom. Irises lined the paths competing for attention with the roses. I have a very nice new-ish clump of the magnificent yellow **THAT'S ALL FOLKS**. The Laucks have a **WALL** of **THAT'S ALL FOLKS** (Maryott '05). All of the irises were large and lush.

Small patios separate the back creating places to stop and admire surrounding plants, lots of potted plants, and the garden art. Statues of a boy and a girl and a giant turtle have claimed their spaces. A sweet little fairy hides in clumps of blue and white iris.

I finally found Barbara near the back of the yard and tried to get a good luck arm rub. I am realistic, though, as it takes a commitment most of us don't have. When a garden is complete it doesn't get easier, it just grows bigger. She does enjoy sharing this great accomplishment and has done it many times. That is perfect for the rest of us who want to see it again. There just isn't enough time.

## The Sims Tree Learning Center

By Cheryl Deaton

This was my second visit to the Sims Tree Learning Center, and I was once again amazed at everything contained within the fences. This is truly a labor of love for Gary, Susan, and Kevin Sims, and Susan's mother, Audrey Kenyon. "Tree Learning Center" is somewhat a misnomer, as not only are there tree collections, but also sculpture, floral displays, ponds, Percheron horses, a conservatory, museum, antique cars – the list goes on and on. Audrey was showing off her birthday present, a new golf cart.

New additions to the TLC since my last visit were an English garden, a gazebo, lots of blooming roses, and a French Potager full of lemon balm, oregano, parsleys,

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*Barbara and Karl Lauck*



*THAT'S ALL  
FOLKS  
(Maryott '05)*



*Elaine Monninger and  
Ladona Cypret in the Lauck  
Garden.*

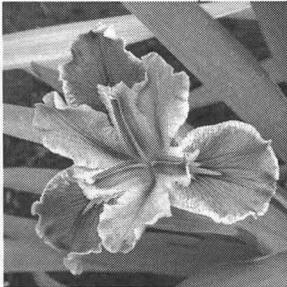


*Susan Sims and Audrey Kenyon*

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*A lovely garden featuring red, pink, and white roses interplanted with other pink, violet, and purple perennials.*



**ROCHESTER LILACS**  
(H. Pryor '04)  
*One of the nine Friendship Garden Irises.*



**SUNSHINE BRIDGE**  
(O'Conner '01) *Winner of the Best Louisiana Award for the best LA seen on the trek.*

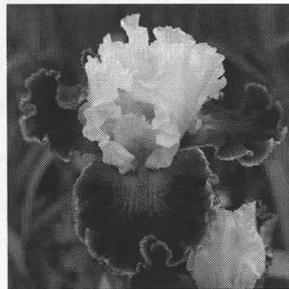
catnip, and mint along with artichokes, tomatoes, lettuces, and peppers. Every pathway led to new delights. One path was lined with historic irises, another with red amaryllis. The recent frost we had was evident on many of the palm varieties and a Kaffir Plum near the Joe Casey Cactus and Succulent Garden. I caught Joella Olsen there flirting with the man leading his mule!

A visit to the conservancy was a tropical delight. Varieties of coleus, rex begonias, and elephant ears were growing around the pond. A Macaw Palm had huge thorns that covered the leaves and stems. An orange hibiscus had blooms as large as cereal bowls.

Nearby, the Louisiana irises were glorious. Haymon's 2004 FREDERICK DOUGLASS, Bernard Pryor's 2004 LAKE HAMANA, and Heather's 2004 ROCHESTER LILACS, were in bloom, but my favorite was O'Connor's 2000 intro, SUNSHINE BRIDGE. That clump was fantastic!

The guest iris weren't showing their best faces, but there were a few that stood out. Region 15 hybridizers, Kim Ung had a seedling, #5F2 1/2 I, was showing off as did Richard Richard's #22403. Keep an eye out for these two in the future. Larry Lauer's 2006 NIGHT MOVES, a violet and plum TB with white shoulder markings and fire red beards was in bloom along with his 2005 intro, Heaven and Earth. Ghio's APPLAUSE LINE, a 2005 intro from a Starring cross, showed off white standards and blackish red-purple falls. I saw Tom Burseen's GREAT GRINS GORDAN, a 2005 TB spaceager in light pink with scarlet beards ending in pink flounces (don't you just love the names that Tom comes up with?).

Down another path I spotted RVP, Kathy Chilton, canoodling with Fred, one of the Percheron horses. Kathy admitted that she would love to drive a team of draft horses on her ranch. I barely had time to step into the museum for a glance at some of the displays holding insects, hummingbirds, fungus and diseases of plants before the whistle blew for us to get back on the bus. Darn! I'm just going to have to come back for a longer visit.



**APPLAUSE LINE** (Ghio '05)

*Audrey Kenyon takes Jane Troutman for a ride in her new golf cart.*



*Joella Olsen gets friendly with an old time prospector.*



**Join us for the  
Region 15 Fall Meeting in San Diego  
at the Best Western Seven Seas Lodge**

**October 13, 2007**

*Call in your registration now!*

*Hosted by San Diego & Imperial Co. Iris Society*

## *A Message From. . .* **RVP Kathy Chilton**

Hello Region 15 Irisarians,

As this newsletter comes out, we are starting another season of iris activities. Most affiliates have already held their region auctions and some are upcoming. Almost every club has fall sales planned, with the attendant digging and marking parties. Those new iris orders have arrived and we anxiously awaited their arrival in those “holey” boxes! I had a postal worker once ask me if there were snakes inside! Yes, fall is a time of work and anticipation, amending and fertilizing, buying and planting, all with the glory of spring bloom in mind.

Of course, if you grow some reblooming irises, you won't have to wait until spring to have beautiful, fragrant irises! I hope you've already sent in your Registration flyer and plan to attend the San Diego Fall Trek in October. If you haven't, please call Patricia Wurtele, the registrar for the meeting, at (760) 788-8052. Details are on the enclosed flyer. The focus of the programs and judges training will be on reblooming irises. There will be lots of giveaways, raffle and boutique opportunities you won't want to miss! Two hybridizers who focus on rebloomers will be featured – Richard Richards and George Sutton. They are both witty and entertaining speakers and will share their knowledge of these highly desirable irises.

Your AIS Symposium ballots arrived with your July AIS Bulletins. I received quite a few mailed by the cut off date of September 1<sup>st</sup>. Some chose to vote electronically and emailed me the numbers of your choices – this is a most efficient way to cast your ballot and it is easy for me to then register your votes.

Special thanks to the hard-working folks at Inland Region Iris Society! After all the work of putting on a fabulous Spring Trek, they are now digging, trimming and marking all the guest irises for the region auctions. Thank you, also, to all of you who attend your affiliate auctions and bid on these well-grown, newer irises! Not only is it a lot of fun - the money raised at the auctions is the primary funding for all our region activities. We truly appreciate your support!!

Our new Region 15 web site is under construction and our webmaster, Tim Valenzuela is doing a great job. Check out <http://www.region15ais.org> to see the progress. I urge every affiliate to send me information you would like displayed on this web site. We want contact and membership information for every affiliate, as well as news about your upcoming sales and meetings. If you already have a club web site, we will feature a link to it. If not, you will have a page available to post information for your members and anyone interested in irises.

We have had a good season of monsoon rains here in the desert, but the heat and humidity is definitely discouraging to working in the garden. Large numbers of Arizonans flee to San Diego during the summer to escape the heat. So many that they are known in San Diego as the “Zonies.” I haven't had the opportunity to join this group yet, so I am very excited about heading to San Diego in October to enjoy the cool ocean breezes. I look forward to seeing all you there!!

Kathy Chilton



*Kathy Chilton of Tucson, AZ*

## *Region 15* **NEWS**



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*“Bread feeds the  
body, indeed,  
but flowers feed  
also the soul.”*

*—The Koran*

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# Region 15



## NEWS



### KARY IRIS GARDENS

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Tall Bearded-Arillbred-Median

## Youth Report *By Cheryl Deaton*

Well, we have an active bunch of youth members in Region 15. From all reports, the Classroom Iris Projects at Robles Elementary School in Tucson have gotten their irises planted with the help of Kathy Chilton and other volunteers from the Tucson Area Iris Society. The teachers are excited about all the projects and activities they are utilizing. I've even heard that there are third graders who can't wait to get into one of the fourth grade classes next semester so they can start to grow irises. What a wonderful way to encourage young people to grow irises.



*Cheryl Deaton*

San Fernando Valley Iris Society had a very successful Youth Artistic Division at their spring show this year. Members from the Girl Scout troop that Peggy Carpenter and Pat Tjosaaas have been mentoring provided quite a few interesting and creative designs to go along with their theme, "Iris Holidays". The Girl Scouts are very enthusiastic, so I'm hoping we can convince them to become another CIP.

It doesn't take much to get a young person interested in growing irises. I became interested because my grandmother was so thrilled every time her favorite iris, China Maid, bloomed in the spring. My grandmother had the most prolific garden with roses, begonias, daffodils, hydrangeas, pansies, snapdragons, artichokes, fruit trees, zinnias, bachelor buttons and more roses (she must have had 30 different varieties!), but when China Maid bloomed she seemed to enjoy it more than anything else in her garden. Share your enthusiasm with a young neighbor, or a local youth group. Volunteer to put on a program after school. Plant a garden at your church or park and get the young people to help with its care. Sometimes the most basic talks are the most successful.

In this way, we will spread the "Iris Virus" to young people, who are the future of our clubs and the American Iris Society. You'll be glad you did. Let me know if I can help you in any way. Happy Irising!

## REGION 15 TREK WHEEL

### *SPRING TREK*

- 2007 Inland Region Iris Society
- 2008 Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society
- 2009 Sun Country Iris Society
- 2010 Tucson Area Iris Society

### *FALL MEETING*

- 2007 San Diego/Imperial Co. Iris Soc.
- 2008 Prescott Area Iris Society
- 2009 Sonoran Desert Iris Society
- 2010 Orange Co. Iris & Daylily Club



*Jimmy Jones at the Region 15 2007 SpringTrek Saturday Night Banquet.*

## **James Humphrey Jones B.S.,M.S. 1921-2007** *By Dr. Ed Murry*

Jimmy Jones was born in Hartford, Wisconsin on March 19, 1921. His father worked for the Kissel Car Company. Then the family moved to Madison, where he studied biology at the University of Wisconsin, receiving a B.S. degree. After graduation WWII saw him serving as a biologist with the American Army in Great Britain.

Jimmy's first acquaintance with iris was through his good friend, Clarke Cosgrove, President of the American Iris Society and a fellow Los Angeles high school administrator. Jimmy served as a guidance counselor to the students of Belmont High School in

Los Angeles for 30 years. At the University of Southern California he obtained a Master of Science in school administration. He was twice president of the Southern California Iris Society and served in other capacities for many years. Jimmy visited Australia, China, Europe, Japan, and New Zealand. Good friends often accompanied him on these trips. One of his fondest was an iris trek to see the marvelous Japanese iris gardens sponsored by the Japanese Iris Society together with Larry Lauer and Jim McWhirter.

Monthly Jimmy and I would travel to the San Fernando Valley Iris Society meetings as well as monthly to the Orange County Iris and Daylily Club meetings in Garden Grove. We enjoyed three week-long visits to see the gorgeous iris nurseries of Salem, Oregon in 2004, 2005, and 2006.

This year we left on May 14\* for a 4-week visit to New Orleans and numerous Florida gardens. Jimmy had never before seen Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama or Florida. He and I both were enthralled to see that New Orleans was very much alive. Everyone is deeply charmed by the French Quarter.

Florida is a remarkable state. We enjoyed the spectacular blossoms of the newest daylilies in the Frank Smith Garden in Apopka. We visited this garden three times. Grace Stamile greeted us in their garden and Dan Trimmer was a gracious host in their fine garden. Cypress Gardens was a vast place with many acres of gardens sprawling over the countryside. Fairchild Tropical Garden in Coral Gables, a southern Miami suburb, displays a huge array of tropical plants from all over the world. Many of the plants were acquired by David Fairchild in his worldwide travels to tropical equatorial regions. This was the best garden in all of Florida. After visiting many historic homes, we returned to Homestead to visit the lovely RF Orchid Nursery. Next we traveled through the Everglades on the Tamiami Trail to Naples and north to Sarasota.

In Sarasota, Jimmy and I visited the Selby Botanical Gardens known for its exotic species and cultivars of orchids and bromeliads. We also toured the Ringling Museum of Art and the Circus Museum which now includes a vast miniature circus. We toured Saint Petersburg Beach and began to head north and west to return home when we arrived in Tallahassee. The night of May 31st Jimmy had shortness of breath and was taken to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital. He died while in the hospital on June 22, 2007.

Jimmy was 86 and finally made it to Florida! Jimmy Jones will be long remembered for his lovely smile and gracious nature with everyone in the three garden clubs he belonged to. He lived life to the fullest and always enjoyed traveling.

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## **Sara Holk**

In the early morning hours of September 30, 2007 **Sara Holk of Cal-Dixie Iris Gardens** passed away. About two weeks prior she was hospitalized at Riverside Community Hospital for tests and observation. She suffered a stroke while there. Her family brought her home on Saturday to convalesce.

Sara attended the Inland Region Iris Society's September 10 program and appeared to be in good health and high spirits.

A write-up about Sara will be featured in the Region 15 Spring 2008 Newsletter.

*-The Editor*

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### Arizona & So. California Iris Hybridizers

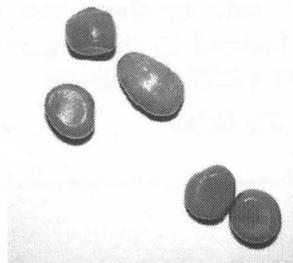
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## Iris Hybridizers of Arizona Meetings to Continue

By Margie Valenzuela and Stephanie Lee

Good news friends and fellow Arizona iris hybridizers. Our IHA meetings will continue with twice yearly meetings. Our next meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2007 at the Casa Grande Library from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The address is 449 N. Dry Lake, Casa Grande, Arizona. The telephone number is (520) 421-8710. (We haven't decided as yet whether to meet at 10:00 a.m. for brunch or take a break at 1:30 p.m. for lunch.)

I'm "stepping down" as the director/organizer of IHA and now we have TWO wonderful people "stepping up." Stephanie Lee of TAIS, who is also a hybridizer in the Tucson area, has volunteered to take my place as the director/organizer for our meetings. Linda Smith of VAIS in Cottonwood, Arizona has volunteered to be her assistant/helper. (Linda has her first iris seeds waiting to be planted!)

A big THANK YOU goes to Stephanie and Linda for their new leadership thus allowing us to continue holding our IHA meetings that are so beneficial and so much fun.

Presently the agenda for the meeting is a discussion about the future of irises and where hybridizers are going with their next generations. Amaryllis, tulips, daffodils, and many other single flowers are now available in double form. What about iris?

Linda will bring her lap top and projector if you would like to bring photos of your seedlings to share with us. You can bring them on a thumb drive/jump drive or a disk. Plan on no more than 15 or 20 for your show and tell.

Bring iris/gardening-themed door prizes if you can. We will raffle them off and add the profits to our IHA kitty. We look forward to seeing you Nov. 3!

## So. California Iris Hybridizers Spring Meeting Report

By Carole Buchheim

Sunday afternoon of the Region 15 Spring Trek, SCIH members and those needing JT credit had lunch together at the Perris Sizzler Restaurant. Afterward we took part in a "show-and-tell" Garden Judges Training session masterfully led by Fred Kerr in the seedling beds at Mystic Lake Gardens. About 15 were in attendance.

Emphasis was on evaluation of seedlings for their overall plant health and performance, stalk quality, and floral characteristics and distinctiveness with worthiness for introduction in mind. It was an excellent learning experience.

## So. California Iris Hybridizers Fall Meeting

By Carole Buchheim

Those attending the San Diego Fall Meeting on Saturday, October 13 are invited to stay afterwards for dinner and an informal meeting (at the hotel or a local restaurant). Bring a disk or thumb drive with photos of your crosses for a show-and-tell session on your seedlings. Since Rebloom is the theme of the day, we will discuss tactics for improving form and consistency in rebloomers. The time and place is still to be arranged. We should also make plans for more formal organization and leadership. Bring your ideas and suggestions.

# Improving Your Success for Desired Crosses to Become Viable Seed Pods!

By Margie Valenzuela

The southwest has its own particular problems when it comes to fertilizing an iris. While many parts of the country have to deal with tons of rain, we have to deal with intense heat, dry, dry weather, and a LOT of sun during our spring months!

Now this information isn't only for southwest iris hybridizers; there are many pointers given in this article that will benefit all. So, how can we improve our chances to get that much desired cross to "take" and develop into a full grown seedpod? Well, here are a few things I've learned and maybe this information can help you too.



*Contrasting Flounces on a Seedling*

One of the most important factors I've found is that the ground should be watered the night before or early that morning (a couple hours before pollinating takes place). A moist ground seems to cause the iris blossom to become more receptive, possibly because it may help the plant to hold up better in warm breezes or withstand quickly climbing temperatures. I'm not certain why—but I've discovered (even with irises planted in pots) that if they are watered the night before (or early that morning), having moist soil when fertilization is taking place increases the chances of that cross significantly.

Another factor I've found to be true is how high the temperature of the day will reach to. If the temperature of the day reaches over 82-83 degrees while the iris sits in full sun then it won't matter how much you do, or how careful you are to make that cross - - it just won't take! The plant will choose to combat the stress factor of the heat and sun rather than produce a pod. However I've also found that if the irises are given sufficient shade in the afternoon then they will tolerate temperatures up to 86-88 degrees before choosing to give up the fertilization of that cross.

A third factor I've found is that in many cases if there are aphids on the blossom or hiding in the plants' sword-like leaves then that cross will not take either. Make SURE before you make that special cross that no aphids are present. They will literally suck the life out of your fertilized iris embryo—sometimes before or sometimes after it "takes".

Other factors I've found to help increase your chances to get that much desired cross to "take" is A.) Look for that shiny, sticky area just inside the lip area of the style arm. If it's not shiny and sticky don't waste your pollen; wait until it IS shiny and

sticky. B.) If you want that cross to take then pollinate it heavily. C.) I've found that fresh fluffy pollen will pollinate better than old pollen. But, if you only have old pollen then use it. Many times I've found it will work too! D.) After you place the pollen inside the lip then carefully, gently press that area you've just pollinated using your thumb on one side and your finger (or two fingers if you have small fingers) on the other. It helps to seal the pollen onto that sticky substance.

Another thing I've noticed is that light breezes seem to be OK on a newly fertilized iris, but not so much so if it's terribly windy.

**Question:** Now - Let's say you have potentially awful (way hot, cold, or rainy, etc) weather a lot of the spring, but you'd like to have a nice seed pod or two develop on this one certain favorite iris of yours. What can you do to help improve the chances?

**Answer:** In the fall plant a couple of rhizomes of your desired favorite iris in a 5-gallon or larger container or pot.

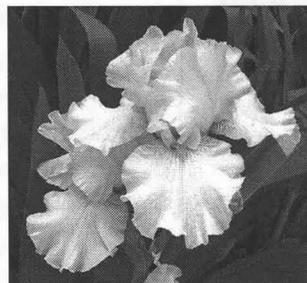
Leave it outdoors as you would your other irises, only slightly more protected, possibly under a porch or next to the house.



*PSE A11 Plicata Seedling*

When spring arrives and the stalks produce buds that are beginning to open (and if the weather is hostile) then bring the pot indoors. Once indoors use a spray-mist bottle to create a more humid environment for the potted iris. Then proceed with the fertilization process. If the weather continues to be unfriendly then leave the plant indoors misting it on a regular basis. You may also take it outdoors again as the weather turns nice, and then bring it back in when the weather becomes hostile again. I'll be the first to admit the

chances are not THAT good, but they are not bad either!!! I've had several fertilizations "take" indoors using this method. **But Note:** Once you can see a pod forming, don't think it's free and clear to put it back outdoors. Oh no, wait until the pod is of good size before you



*SHxFOF 02-8 Seedling*

put it outdoors in extremely hostile conditions (way too hot, too cold, too rainy, too windy, etc.). Or wait until the weather is nice. If the pod is young/ too immature and placed outdoors in hostile weather, then once again the plant will sacrifice its' pod due to the stress factor it has to overcome. The iris plant will choose to protect the health and energy in the rhizome over caring for its' pod. These pointers improve your seed pod results just a little then I've done my job. And if many of these pointers increase your chances 50% to 75% then you'll be happier during the iris hybridizing season than you've ever been—as you gaze upon ALL those seed pods.

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## Desert Sunset Iris Society *By President Avery Poling*

Nothing has happen since the Spring Trek as we do not meet in the summer. Too many of our people travel during the hot summer months in Arizona. We are looking forward to September when we have our Plant Share and Region 15 auction. Then we'll start our Fall meetings with fresh enthusiasm and energy.

We'll see you in San Diego for Fall Meeting.

## Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society

*By President Richard Jamison*

Hi-Desert was very successful this spring. We enrolled several new members and sold lots of iris at our three events. We had built a great line of communication with our local newspaper, The Valley Press. They visited, took many photos, and covered our club's events in two nearly full-page articles plus one monthly magazine article. The public response was so great that we sold all but about 300 plants.

We have amended the bylaws to set standards of conduct for officers and members and due process for those who have offended. We have established a set of standing rules which are designed to assist in the administration of the club. The rules allow us to manage not by "that's the way we always did it" to "we manage not from memory but from written work".

We are in the last stage of completing our club book which contains the above plus written statements by officers and chairs as to what the position entails, how they did it in their term of office including contacts that were made.

This should ease the transition from one office holder to the next. The work was hard and often contentious. I believe that the work will be rewarding in that it takes away the mystery that new office holders confront on how they must carry out their duties.

The 2008 Trek committee is in the process of writing the biographies of the guest gardeners. I have been in touch with our guest speaker, Barry Blyth, and he is looking forward to visiting our 2008 Trek which will be held at the Antelope Valley Inn in Lancaster, CA on April 25-27, 2008. We will tour five guest gardens located in Antelope Acres, Quartz Hill, and Palmdale. The tour covers 25 miles and most of the day. Tourists will be provided lunch at the Home Town Buffet in Lancaster. I hope that we will see folks from near and far away at this event. We have had a great deal help from our advisor Cheryl Deaton. She is an officer in Region 15 and a past president of our club. She has helped put on treks for our club and the San Fernando club. Her well of experience and knowledge is deep.

We will be digging irises within the next two months. I doubt that the weather will cooperate. We are trying to limit our nursery to about 2000 pots. We run into trouble trying to care for 3000 to 3500 pots especially if sales are small like they were in 2006. The plants get root bound and the soil becomes so hard that the water runs down the sides of the pot instead of being absorbed.

We awarded our Show Ribbons and Medals at our meeting on July 21, 2007. Best of show went to Kim Ung for his "Pink Swan". The Silver Medal went to Leigh Moon for winning 11 blue ribbons and 9 red ribbons. The Bronze Medal went to Kim Ung for winning 11 blue ribbons and 3 red ribbons.

# Inland Region Iris Society

By President Barbara Lauck

The Spring 2007 Trek is just a memory now, but many will remember it with fondness and all have gained from the experience. We enjoyed having so many gracious and kind guests in our gardens. It was an especially elated experience seeing the hybridizers of many of the plants examining their "babies" in the garden settings. I was so happy that the weather cooperated with us and everyone seemed to enjoy the day. Our thanks to all who came and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

We had many interesting programs throughout the year, even while we were in full swing for the Trek. February brought Mr. Tom Abrego of Schreiner's to give an informative presentation on Spuria Irises.

We then had the pleasure of a presentation by Mr. Rick Tasco of Superstition Iris Gardens on Historic Irises in March. Many members were present to see the background of present day irises. It sparked interest in Historics which pleased Rick immensely.

May 2007 brought Highlights of the AIS National Convention by Dr. Paul and Mrs. Carole Buchheim. It's always wonderful to see the photos and commentary by Paul and Carole, very well done and received. We had a few scares in Oklahoma with the weather, but all in all we had a great time. There were certainly beautiful gardens to see.

We had our election of officers in June, followed by a program by Mrs. Dana Brown of Malevil Iris Gardens in Texas on Aril and Arilbred Irises. It was so informative and interesting. We were delighted with Dana, she has a wonderful program and we all learned a lot about Arils and Arilbreds. Our new slate of officers are: Barbara Lauck, President; 1st Vice President, Paul Buchheim; 2nd Vice President, vacant; Recording Secretary, Irene Benton, Treasurer, Karl Lauck; Corresponding Secretary/Editor, Carole Buchheim.

We had our Member's Only Auction on August 13 at the Sims Tree Learning Center with about 35 in attendance. The Region 15 Auction will be on September 10 at the Sizzler Restaurant.

The heat has descended upon us and the water meter is orbiting rapidly, I hope this isn't the way the entire summer is going to be. Southern California set a new low record for low rainfall this last year. I hope they don't ration water too much this year. . .that would mean less baths because my iris need water!

I am extending a cordial invitation to you to join us. We meet the second Monday of the month at the Sizzler Restaurant on Clay and Van Buren at 5:30 for dinner with a 6:30 meeting time. We have a good group and would love to see you. Have a safe and relaxing summer.

# Lompoc Valley Iris Society

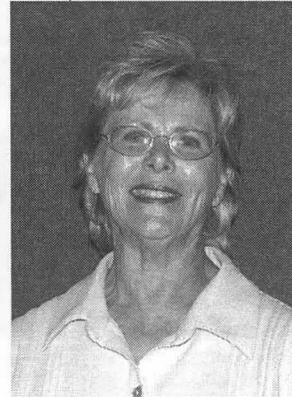
By President Ben Schleuning, President

Well, it's about time—the Lompoc Valley Iris Society is now a member of the AIS and also of Region 15. We hope to become active and participate as much as possible. So, you ask, who are you? We have just gone through a name change in the last couple of years. We were formally known as the Robert R. Young Iris Society and our society has been in existence for more than 35

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Barbara Lauck



LVIS Officers: (back row) Ben Schleuning, President, Larry Huyac, Secretary, Holly Palmer, Membership, (middle) Kiki Shappell, V. President, Darlene Stein, Treasurer, (front) Virginia Grimes, Hospitality.

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Lompoc Valley Iris Society Spring Show.



LVIS iris preparation for sale, (background) Kathy Chilton, (foreground) Flow and Ben Schleuning.



Derry Gerald

years. In fact, our 35<sup>th</sup> annual Iris Show is coming up in April of 2008. We are a small group of dedicated individuals who love iris and put in a lot of work to promote their culture in our community.

Lompoc is north of Santa Barbara. Highway 1 passes through our small town of 40,000+. Our members come from Lompoc, Santa Barbara and the Santa Ynez Valley. The annual Lompoc Flower Show and Festival is held here each year in June.

Our Society meets five times per year, plus the Iris Show, Sale, and Annual Picnic. We begin our year's activities in February with the first meeting establishing our committees and planning programs and events. March finds us discussing the Iris Show which is held during the last weekend of April.

April is a month in which we are all busy especially during show time. Of course we are debating whether the bloom is going to be okay for the show. This past April we squeezed in a weekend field trip to Sutton's Iris Gardens and met some nice irisarians from Region 14. Our June meeting is a potluck meeting that is relaxed and gives us a chance to review the Show and iris popularity votes by our guests. July activities center around our Iris Sale.

Speaking of our Iris Sale we just held it, and it was the best ever, raising \$3500 in a matter of three hours! We were honored to have Kathy Chilton, AIS Region 15 RVP and her friend Jane Troutman visit us and help with the preparation of the iris for the sale. . .marking, trimming, cleaning, and sorting

August brings us to our Annual Picnic at which time we receive our iris door prizes which are drawn for at each meeting. We will also draw to see which of the new iris purchases qualified members will be growing for the following year. These will become the door prizes for 2008. The picnic's auction is always fun, especially when a bidding wars start over an iris variety.

Our last meeting of the year is the October meeting when we elect officers for the following year. Are there any volunteers?

## Orange County Iris & Daylily Club *By President Derry Gerald*

Hello to all. I would like to invite all of you to visit or join our club. We meet the second Tuesday evening of each month at 7:00 p.m. (6:30 for pot lucks) at the First Presbyterian Church of Garden Grove, 11832 Euclid St., Garden Grove, CA. Please feel free to call me if you would like further details. My phone number is (562) 420-9190.

This has been an exciting spring. I think the highlight was the Region 15 Spring Trek. Inland did an absolutely wonderful job. I want to say thank you to all of you. I can only imagine all of the work you did—fantastic!

Our meetings have been varied. Frank Cusenza gave a PowerPoint presentation of the 2006 American Hermerocallis Society National Convention in New York hosted by the Long Island Daylily Society.

Our members really came through and had a very successful iris and daylily sale at the Fullerton Arboretum. Unfortunately it was the same weekend as our Spring Trek.

Our Round Table was very informative. It always amazes me how knowledgeable our members are. Everyone loved Carole and Paul Buchheim's program

of the 2007 Oklahoma National Iris Convention. Our July program was our Potluck, wonderful fellowship, and procurement of iris and daylilies. This is when our members bring back the extra increase of the newer plants they have grown for us. Members were able to get 2006 iris and \$75.00 daylilies for \$5.00. What a deal! August will be our members Only Auction and potluck and September will be the Region 15 Iris Auction and potluck. We are very fortunate as the church has a wonderful picnic area and kitchen for our use.

On a sad note, we have lost our long time member Jimmy Jones. He and Ed Murray had been on a wonderful trip which Jimmy really enjoyed. We will really miss him.

## Prescott Area Iris Society

By President Vera Stewart

The Prescott Area Iris Society has had a very busy springtime, and some really wild weather, as many other areas of the country have experienced. One early non-weather and significant happening was a revamp of the club's By-Laws – so now what we're doing is in sync with what our By-Laws state.

We showed up for the Region 15 Spring Trek with eight of our members, plus one iris-loving granddaughter from Ontario. It was the first Trek for some, and for sure will not be their last! The Inland Region Iris Society put on a fantastic event - "The Artist's Palette" - we salute you for providing it for us.

On May 5 we had our 2<sup>nd</sup> Member Tours of the gardens of four of our members, plus the Yavapai College Garden where we had planted several iris varieties. Do you remember the motto of the Pony Express – well, we had wind, rain, sleet, and snow along the way, but the nasty weather did not dampen the spirits of 39 members & friends!

The following week Barry Golden opened his iris garden for a Sneak Peak, followed by a potluck enjoyed by 29 members and spouses.

"Iris Splendor" was the name chosen by our Exhibit Chair, Bonnie Haughton, which was held May 19<sup>th</sup> at Mortimer Nursery – this year we were inside, where air conditioning really made the atmosphere more pleasant than the tents the previous two years, plus wind had been a problem also. The number of single stalk entries decreased from 73 in 2006 to 62 this year, and artistic arrangements also were down from 23 to ten. Usually we have several non-member entries, but not this year - we surmise that the weird spring weather and later than usual exhibit date contributed to lack of submissions from non-members. Our Treasurer, Linda Rossman, garnered a commanding number of awards, and since she is going commercial, (watch for the opening of Hummingbird Iris Garden later this year), we won't be competing with her in 2008! The number of visitors to our exhibit didn't go down however, and our love of the iris flower was certainly communicated to the public – we even hit the front page of the *Courier*, our local paper, with a gorgeous picture of "Linda's Child" and very positive article.

A huge challenge has been the action planning for the irises we were bequeathed by our beloved member Charles Maxwell, who died late December 2006. There are over 100 named iris in his garden, and even more seedlings from his hybridizing efforts. Confirming his map by taking digitals during the recent bloom, and comparing with his extensive lists has been a real labor of love. In July we will begin potting the named ones for sale at the local Farmers' Market and our Rhizome Sale.

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Other events to look forward to include: the Digging Demonstration at Barry Golden's Garden on July 14<sup>th</sup>, the Marking Party at Linda Rossman's on July 27<sup>th</sup>, the Annual Rhizome Sale August 4<sup>th</sup> at Sharlot Hall, and our Silent Auction and Potluck September 8<sup>th</sup> at Stan & Judy Book's home. I wish to thank Carole Buchheim for her willingness to help PAIS by providing an earlier dig time for the Region 15 Auction iris – for successful growth the rhizomes need to have time to get established at this mile high elevation, before freeze time occurs.

We're looking forward to the Region 15 Fall Meeting in San Diego in October – especially since we're hosting in 2008, the first time the Prescott Area club has stepped up to sponsor a Region meeting. I know we'll get lots of help and encouragement from those of you who have done this before, and we welcome that. So, enjoy your summer, and we'll see you in October.

## San Diego & Imperial Counties

### Iris Society *By President Leon Vogel*

The 2006-2007 year saw the San Diego/Imperial Counties Iris Society reach out into new territory to sell iris, talk iris culture, and recruit new members. We participated in two Flower Shows and Sales events at the Del Mar race track and fair grounds.



*Sylvia Ginsberg, Spring Show Co-Chair, presents a trophy to Rose and Ted Hows. They won many trophies, 28 blue ribbons plus more with some of their seedlings.*

We also participated in the Bernardo Winery Fall Plant Sale sponsored by the San Diego Horticultural Society. In all three of these events, we met and talked to many gardeners who had some irises and they wanted to have more—and they had lots of cultural questions too. Also there were many gardeners who did not have iris but when we talked to them, they bought iris and got into the “iris business”.

In the past we have had two yearly events and they were both in the Balboa Park Casa Del Prado building. That didn't allow us to meet many new gardeners each year and our membership was not growing. With the new activities, we have gained both AIS members and Local Only members who possibly will become AIS members when we get our PR activities in full gear.

At the June meeting, we held our annual election and re-elected Leon Vogel, President and Pat Wurtele, Treasurer. Benne Hanenburg, previously the secretary, is now our vice president, and Janis Shackelford is a new board member and was elected as our Secretary.

We are hosting the 2007 Fall Region 15 Meeting on Saturday, October 13. We are extending it to include Friday evening Hospitality Night so our local members may meet other Region 15 attendees and “talk iris” all evening long. There will be complimentary refreshments served.

We are working on different ways for our members to attend Spring and Fall Region 15 meetings and getting some of their registration fees paid by the Society. Hopefully, we can more than triple the number who attend these events.

After attending the Spring Trek business meeting when there was discussion about reducing the number of gardens to visit on a Trek, we agree that less than five would be very acceptable.



*Sylvia Ginsberg wins “Queen of Show” with Species Iris, Roy Davidson.*

## San Fernando Valley Iris Society

By President Mary Anne Abrahms

April and May seemed incredibly busy this year. We managed to squeeze in our Spring Show, Easter, the Region Trek, a marking party, sales at both the Chatsworth Spring Festival and the Sepulveda Garden Center, the National Convention, and culminating in our own Garden Trek on May 12.

Despite our unusual weather, we managed to have about the same number of entries in our Spring Show as last year. We had 19 exhibitors and 145 entries in Horticulture and 20 exhibitors and 43 entries in Artistic. Kim Ung's tall bearded Snow Brook won the Best Specimen of Show award. Mary Anne Abrahms won the silver medal and Leigh Nicolai-Moon the bronze medal. Randy Squires won the Best Seedling award with his tall bearded 2K-74. Some section award winners were: best BB – Jean Bossier's Queen Bee; best SDB – Harriet Uhl's Gnu Generation; best Spuria – Loren Zeldin's Finally Free. In the Artistic Division Peggy Carpenter won the Best Design of Show; Frances Landin won the Artistic Sweepstakes award; and Jan Lauritzen won the Best Theme award. Section award winners were: Advanced – Peggy Carpenter; Novice – Frances Landin; Youth – Eryn Canfield. Eryn also won the Youth Sweepstakes award.

I was pleased that many of our club members were able to attend the Region 15 Trek this year. The new Mystic Lake Gardens and the Herb and Sara Holk Garden were really spectacular. I wouldn't mind going back there again.

Since all our weekends were taken up in April, we had to schedule our Garden Trek for the second weekend in May. As our irises had finished blooming, Trek Chairman Judith Gasser managed to schedule something different. We saw 5 gardens in all and were treated to garden sculpture, waterfalls, epiphyllums, a rain forest (which had rain-on-command), and many roses and other plants.

In July, Joan Citron presented a program on Garden Plants of Southern California. Our August program featured a slide program by Jill Bonino on the Region 15 Trek and the Oklahoma National Convention.

## Sonoran Desert Iris Society

By President Darol Jurn

The Sonoran Desert Iris Society held their 2007 Iris Show April 14 at the Beatitudes Adult Community in Phoenix. There were a total of 28 horticulture entries of Tall Bearded, Spuria, Louisiana and Aril Bred. The show judging was based on a public popularity vote. Interestingly enough, the Iris with shades of blue were by far the popular winners with the visitors, the winners in order of votes included first: Blueberry Bliss (TB, Darol Jurn), second: Bye Bye Blues (TB, Darol Jurn) and third: Star Surge (TB, Darol Jurn) with a tie for fourth: Mesermizer (TB, Carole Speiss) and Brown Tiger (SPU, Darol Jurn).

This past winter/spring our meeting agendas included guest speakers from the Phoenix Chrysanthemum Society, Arizona Pond Club and a speaker from Gardener's World. The speaker from Gardener's World spoke of soils, soil preparation and included state of the art soil amendments to promote plant growth. All of the members were very interested in each of the topics and participated in some of the representative club functions. Of interest was the "state of the art" soil amendments provided by the speaker from Gardener's World. A slide show of the Ontario 2007 Spring Trek was also presented showing the different gardens as well as many seedlings and current iris.

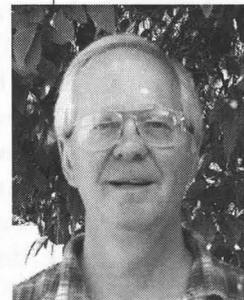
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## Southern California Iris Society

By President Marilyn Pecoraro

Bless April and all of the beauty it brings. Now, if only we had time for every flower event. Just as our irises are throwing up stalks, we're digging up the rhizomes. That is what a club must do to take advantage of the public sales. Ours is the Spring Garden Show at the South Coast Plaza in Costa Mesa. It is a popular show that allows us to meet a very large public, and the sales are good. It requires being at the plaza during all "open" hours of the four-day event and features the sanctioned AIS show on the weekend. All of the horticulture and design entries are in a large open area that serves as a passage-way for shoppers. It is a bit of a chore keeping visitor hands off the blooms and sometimes judges have to squeeze themselves to the front of the masses, but it just shows the interest generated.

The following is a list of the 2007 horticulture and design awards. And, you know who won Best Specimen of Show with Mesmerizer. He also won the Silver Medal (Horticulture Sweepstakes), and Best of Section TB with Fundamental, and Best of Section Historic with Going My Way, and Best of Section, Space Age with Mesmerizer. He'd be mad if I didn't mention his name, so it's Kim Ung, already. Leigh Nicolai-Moon won the Bronze Medal and Best of Section, Louisiana with Bout Midnight. In the AIS Artistic Design section Mike Monninger won Best of Show with "Charlie Chaplin", and the Artistic Sweepstakes was a tie with Angie Fierro and Mike Monninger. Oh, by the way, Kim Ung also won Best of Show at this spring's San Fernando Valley Iris Society show with Snowbrook, and with Pink Swan at Hi-Desert Iris & Daylily Society. What a show off! SCIS has some non-sanctioned (AIS, that is) section awards, three of which were won by Leigh-Nicolai-Moon. K.U. won another one.

I was pleased to attend the convention in Oklahoma. It was a presented by some very dedicated who had to be exhausted after such an event. Besides all of the iris effort, they had to worry about tornados. I flew home on a Sunday planning some purchases of irises seen in the convention gardens. That very night I was sick with a lung infection that had me in bed for three weeks. Now the point of mentioning this is to ask---Why? There are 52 weeks in the year. Why did I have to miss the three weeks of major bloom! The good news is that I got to see the early ones like a favorite, Bay City, Paul Black, Red Masterpiece, Expose, and That's All Folks. When wellness returned I was greeted by the bright yellow Amarillo Frills. Growing under a garden umbrella was Larry Lauer's Mango Passion with triple sockets on tall multi-branched stalks that bloomed at my back door for weeks. The June meeting had the presentation of awards and election of officers. We are looking forward to the Membership only Auction in August, the Reg. 15 Auction in September, and the Beardless Auction in October.

## Sun Country Iris Society *By President Ardi Kary*

The first half of 2007 is behind us and now it's time to concentrate on all the fall activities. It's time for Digging and Dividing. We need to get our rhizomes ready for replanting in our gardens; donating to our club for our Rhizome Sales; and donating our unknown rhizomes to our Gardening Angel Program for the community.

We have several locations for our Fall Rhizome Sales. Our Sale dates will be September 8, October 13, 14, 15 and 20<sup>th</sup>. This is about 3 weeks later than last year, so I hope it works for us. Our weather is still very warm in October so it

makes it an ideal time to plant. Many of our September days have temperatures over 100 degrees and many people prefer to wait until it cools down to under 100 degrees before they plant.

Our Rhizome Auctions will start at the August meeting. These auctions give our members a chance to get some "new and newer" rhizomes at a reasonable cost. We are still encouraging our members to plant "new and newer" rhizomes in their gardens. Of course, we all want to keep the old favorites, but some of the plants can be replaced with newer varieties. This gives us something new to look forward to seeing in the spring when these new varieties bloom.

This will be the first year for our members to turn in their NIIP rhizomes. Our NIIP (New Iris Investment Program) began in 2005. Our club bought 2005 introductions in 2005 and distributed them to those members who wanted to participate. We asked that they grow the irises for two years and then turn in all the increases except one that they will keep for themselves.

The 2009 Region 15 Spring Trek Committee is ready and waiting for the guest irises to arrive this fall. The owners of four gardens are ready to get them planted. We are looking forward to caring for them and watching them grow.

## **Tucson Area Iris Society** *by President Peggi Ishman*

The Tucson Area Iris Society members are having a very hot summer here in southern Arizona. As I sit here writing this it is predicted we will reach a high of 113 today in Tucson. That is hot! Our summer rains will bring the temperatures down, but they are not here yet. We are all hoping they come soon!

Our club has the annual potluck and Region 15 auction coming on Saturday, August 25th. This is always a lively fun event with the members socializing and having fun getting new irises for their gardens at great auction prices. Plus we know we are helping our Region 15.

This year we will combine the handing out of new introduction irises to all our active club members who generously gave of their time to help in club events this year. We appreciate their help and like to show that appreciation through our gift to them of a new iris. Each member grows it for two years in their own garden, and then brings the increases to our fall sale. Another way for members to get newer irises at a lower price.

Saturday, September 8th we will drive to Safford, AZ for our annual dig at Terrell Taylor's house. He is a local hybridizer, who every year donates irises from his garden for our club fall sales. These are a wonderful boost to our bottom line. It is an enjoyable trip to his garden and the club members enjoy the digging, trimming, and marking party to prepare them for the sale.

On Saturday and Sunday September 15th and 16th we will sell our rhizomes at Harlow's Nursery on East Pima Rd. Then on Friday and Saturday September 28 and 29th, we hold a rhizome sale at the Tucson Botanical Gardens in conjunction with their annual fall plant.

This year we will be getting some additional volunteer helpers for both these sales from Comcast Cable. They are willing to help out non profit organizations within their communities.

Our next club meeting will be the elections of officers in October.

I look forward to seeing the fellow regional members in October in San Diego at the fall meeting. Take care and stay cool.

# *Region 15* **NEWS**



## **Letters From Our Presidents**



*Peggi Ishman*

# Region 15



## NEWS

### IRISES ONLINE

#### American Iris Society

[www.irises.org](http://www.irises.org)

*The following Region 15  
Iris Clubs have iris websites:*

#### San Fernando Valley Iris Society

[www.geocities.com/sfvis](http://www.geocities.com/sfvis)

#### Sun Country Iris Society

[www.suncountryiris.org](http://www.suncountryiris.org)

#### Tucson Area Iris Society

[www.tucsoniris.org](http://www.tucsoniris.org)

## Region 15 General Meeting Minutes

### April 21, 2007 Ontario, CA

RVP Kathy Chilton welcomed everyone and thanked them all for participating. There was one order of business that needed to be discussed, that of the judge's training requirements for Region 15. The Board recommended to change the JT requirements for Region 15 so that they were the same as the National AIS JT requirements. It was moved by Paul Buchheim and seconded by John Reinschmidt to adopt the Board recommendation. Motion carried.

A Roll Call was held where every Region 15 affiliate was named and the members in attendance were recognized. It was announced that we have a new affiliate – Lompoc Iris Society. A warm welcome was extended to them.

The following awards were given:

Holk Award: Best In Region intro., "Men Like Me" by Cheryl Deaton

Barr Award: Best Out of Region intro., "Kathy Chilton" by Fred Kerr

Best In Region seedling, "#91-56" by Jerry Moorehead

Best Out of Region seedling, "#23BT22" by Bob Van Liere.

Best Louisiana, "Sunshine Bridge" by O'Connor.

Best Spuria, "Irene Benton" by Charlie Jenkins

The Fall Trek will be hosted by San Diego and Imperial County Iris Society on October 13, 2007. Everyone was invited and encouraged to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Deaton, Region 15 Secretary

## Region 15 Spring Board Meeting Minutes

### April 20, 2007 Ontario, CA

Attendees: Kathy Chilton, RVP, Avery Poling, Asst. RVP, Jill Bonino, Treasurer, Cheryl Deaton, Secretary, Joyce Poling, Barbara Lauck, Mary anne Abrahms, Derelyn Gerald, Darol Jurn, Vera Stewart, Pete De Santis, John Reinschmidt, Jane Troutman, Carole Buchheim, Leon Vogel, Mrs. Vogel, Edith and Jim Schade, Alex Stanton.

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm by RVP Kathy Chilton. A copy of the agenda was passed out. The minutes from the Fall meeting were published in the Region Newsletter. There was a correction made regarding the Judge's Training Committee; it should have read "A committee was formed to study the Judge's Training requirements for Region 15". It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given by Jill Bonino (see attached report). The checkbook balance as of 4-20-07 was \$9568.12. The RVP CD was at \$8521.21. The Region 15 CD was at \$13,438.70. Total stands at \$31,258.03 for the Region. It was moved by Joyce Poling to accept the Treasurer's report for audit, seconded by Barbara Lauck. All in favor.

The Judge's Training Committee Chair, Avery Poling, had the judges report available so all judges could check their status, and he requested that all judges turn in their activity reports in a timely manner to him. The committee recommended that Region 15 judge's requirements be changed to align with the national American Iris Society requirements effective January 1, 2007. It was moved by J. Bonino and seconded by B. Lauck to align the national judge's requirements on pages 6 and 7 of the current Judge's Handbook for Region 15, to be voted on at the General Meeting. Motion carried.

Awards Chair, Jane Troutman has enough trophies for 3 years for all awards.

Membership – no report submitted.

Newsletter – no report submitted.

Ways & Means – it was recommended that the person in charge of each year's Spring Trek rhizome distribution be named as that year's Ways & Means Chair for the Region.

Youth – there are currently 74 youth members in our region. Report attached.

Our Region web site has not been updated in over a year. Tim Valenzuela is beginning a web business and will offer to do our web site for a 3-yr. contract at \$495, which is a considerable value. It was moved by Avery Poling and seconded by John Reinschmidt that we offer Tim Valenzuela a three year contract in the amount of \$495 to design, update and operate the Region 15 web site. Motion carried. It was suggested that a request of a \$50 donation from each Region 15 affiliate would help to defray the cost of the Region web site. We will need to check with Jim Giles regarding the domain name.

We have a new affiliate – Lompoc Iris Society. Kathy Chilton visited with them and got all their affiliation papers in order. They will observe the Region's activities and hopefully enter the Trek wheel within a few years.

The budget for the year was discussed. Currently, the projected budget is in the red, so either the Region must generate more income, or cut expenses. Due to late income from the Region auctions, the projected budget was adjusted as follows:

| <u>Expenses:</u> |        |          |        | <u>Income:</u> |        |
|------------------|--------|----------|--------|----------------|--------|
| Newsletter       | \$2000 | Awards   | \$ 50  | Advertising    | \$ 200 |
| RVP Travel       | \$1000 | Web site | \$ 500 | Auctions       | \$4500 |
| Officer Fund     | \$2000 | Misc.    | \$ 100 | Web donation   | \$ 500 |
| Spring Trek      | \$1500 | Total    | \$7750 | Total          | \$5600 |
| Fall Meeting     | \$ 600 |          |        |                |        |

There is \$1635 in the checking account that is designated youth funds. The youth expenses, such as the annual youth award and funding of CIPs will be disbursed from this fund, which will be allocated to a separate CD to better control the youth funding.

It was moved by Cheryl Deaton and seconded by Barbara Lauck to approve the proposed budget for 2007. Motion carried.

A review of the Trek wheel showed the following:

| <u>Spring</u>      | <u>Fall</u>      |
|--------------------|------------------|
| 2007 Inland Region | San Diego        |
| 2008 Hi Desert     | Prescott Area    |
| 2009 Sun Country   | Sonoran Desert   |
| 2010 Tucson        | Orange County    |
| 2011 San Fernando  | To Be Determined |

The president of Sonoran Desert Iris Society is not sure they will be ready to host a Fall Meeting, but they were left on the wheel at this time. It is hoped that Lompoc will be able to host a Fall Meeting perhaps in 2011.

The affiliates filed their reports.

It was felt by most in attendance that hosting an AIS National Convention in 2010 was not feasible.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50PM.

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Deaton, Region 15 Secretary

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# Region 15



## NEWS



*Carole Buchheim*

### *...From the Editor*

It's been a great iris year with beautiful spring bloom. Now we're happy for cooler days and wonderful fall rebloom. Rain seems to have become an illusive dream.

I've been especially busy with many responsibilities including Co-chairing the Inland Region Iris Society's Spring Trek, hosting a Guest Garden, digging, shipping, and computer work for our new commercial iris garden, Mystic

Lake Gardens, editing the I.R.I.S. monthly newsletter, and the Region 15 Newsletter.

Spring was pretty much a blur in getting ready for the Spring Trek. Summer's end brought the task of digging and shipping an incredible abundance of guest irises. My thanks to the hybridizers for contributing so generously and the hard work of our five guest garden hosts.

I really appreciate the articles and affiliate president messages that give body and substance to this document. Thank you also to my brother, Alex Stanton, for the many photographs submitted for this newsletter. Thank you to those of you who sent pictures along with your articles. Photos always add interest and pizzazz to the written word.

I am delighted to welcome our new affiliate club, Lompoc Valley Iris Society. We're looking forward to hearing much more about you and your members. —*Carole Buchheim*

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## AIS 2006 CLASS & AM AWARDS

\*Number of votes listed first  
(TVC = Total Votes Cast)

**DYKES MEMORIAL MEDAL** (TVC = 469)  
110 QUEEN'S CIRCLE (Frederick Kerr)

*Runners-up:*

- 46 STARWOMAN IB (Marky D. Smith)
- 37 GOLDEN PANTHER (Richard Tasco)

**JOHN C. WISTER MEDAL (TB)** (TVC = 1249)

- 75 STARRING (Joseph Ghio)
- 63 RING AROUND ROSIE (Richard Ernst)
- 54 DAUGHTER OF STARS (Donald Spoon)

*Runners-up:*

- 52 HOLLYWOOD NIGHTS (Roger Doncan)
- 49 ITALIAN ICE (Anna & David Cadd)
- 44 MY GINNY (Donald Spoon)

**KNOWLTON MEDAL (BB)** (TVC = 280)

101 GO FOR BOLD (Paul Black)

*Runners-up:*

- 66 TEAPOT TEMPEST (Lynn Markham)
- 59 CLASSIC NAVY (Carol Lankow)

**HANS & JACOB SASS MEDAL (IB)** (TVC = 335)

156 DELIRIUM (Marky D. Smith)

*Runners-up:*

- 73 MING (Marky D. Smith)
- 55 MISS MAUVE (Richard Tasco)

**WILLIAMSON-WHITE MEDAL (MTB)** (TVC = 310)

96 MADAM PRESIDENT (Hugh Thurman)

*Runners-up:*

- 84 SOMEWHAT QUIRKY (Riley Probst)
- 60 YELLOW FLIRT (Kenneth Fisher)

**COOK-DOUGLAS MEDAL (SDB)** (TVC = 300)

38 MUSIC (Keith Keppel)

*Runners-up:*

- 35 NEUTRON (Thomas Johnson)
- 34 JUST A CROC (Brad Kasperek)

**CAPARNE-WELCH MEDAL (MDB)** (TVC = 206)

61 WISE (Thomas Johnson)

*Runners-up:*

- 60 YAK ATTACK (Brad Kasperek)
- 32 TINGLE (Paul Black)

**CLARENCE G. WHITE MEDAL** (TVC = 117)

(AR & AB) (Pure aril & arilbred irises of  
½ or more aril content)

49 OMAR'S EYE (Carl Boswell)

*Runner-up:*

- 39 BYZANTINE ART (Lowell Baumunk)

**WILLIAM MOHR MEDAL (AB)** (TVC = 98)

(Arilbred irises of ¼ but less than ½ aril content)

50 HAKUNA MATATA (Anna & David Cadd)

*Runner-up:*

- 23 DESERT SURPRISE (Lin Flanagan)

**FOUNDERS OF SIGNA MEDAL**

(SPEC) (TVC = 109)

72 BAYOU BANDIT (Jeff Weeks by Farron Campbell)

*Runner-up:*

- 37 SYLVANSHINE (Clarence Mahan & Carol Warner)

**RANDOLPH-PERRY MEDAL (SPEC-X)** (TVC = 139)

67 SIBTOSA PRINCESS (Thomas Tamberg)

*Runner-up:*

- 58 ALPHA GNU (Brad Kasperek)

**SYDNEY B. MITCHELL MEDAL (CA)** (TVC = 48)

8 PACIFIC MISS (Lois Belardi)

*Runner-up:*

- 7 MENDOCINO BLUE (Robert & Janet Canning)

**DEBAILLON MEDAL (LA)** (TVC = 166)

64 MY FRIEND DICK (Richard Butler by M.D. Faith)

*Runners-up:*

- 26 WHISTLING DIXIE (Mary Dunn)
- 22 JAZZ HOT (Heather Pryor)

**MORGAN-WOOD MEDAL (SIB)** (TVC = 295)

93 SHIPS ARE SAILING (Marty Schafer & Jan Sacks)

*Runners-up:*

- 58 SOMEBODY LOVES ME (Robert Hollingworth)
- 50 CARMEN JEANNE (Calvin Hersley)

**ERIC NIES MEDAL (SPU)** (TVC = 155)

43 MISSOURI ORANGE (O.D. Niswonger)

*Runners-up:*

- 42 MISSOURI MOONLIGHT (O.D. Niswonger)
- 41 ELFIN SUNSHINE (B. Charles Jenkins)

**PAYNE MEDAL (JI)** (TVC = 121)

49 DIRIGO PINK MILESTONE (John White)

*Runners-up:*

- 32 LITTLE BOW PINK (Donald Delmez)
- 24 RASPBERRY CANDY (Robert Bauer & John Coble)

**WALTHER CUP**

(Most HM votes in any category)

145 FLORENTINE SILK TB (Keith Keppel)

*Runners-up:*

- 137 PLUM QUIRKY MTB (Riley Probst)
- 112 DIVIDING LINE MTB (Charles Bunnell)

**AWARD OF MERIT**

**TALL BEARDED**

197 PAUL BLACK (Thomas Johnson)

140 DRAMA QUEEN (Keith Keppel)

113 SLOVAK PRINCE (Anton Mego)

105 CRACKLING CALDERA (J. T. Aitken)

76 VENETIAN GLASS (Keith Keppel)

62 TELEPATHY (Keith Keppel)

59 FIRST WAVE (Richard Tasco)

57 ALPENVIEW (Keith Keppel)

49 SOLAR FIRE (Richard Tasco)

46 PARIS FASHION (Keith Keppel)

45 ABIQUA FALLS (Schreiner)

45 JUKE BOX HERO (Larry Lauer)

44 INSIDE TRACK (Keith Keppel)

44 PRESBY'S CROWN JEWEL (Schreiner)

44 SPICE LORD (Barry Blyth)

43 BADLANDS (Schreiner)

43 LADY OF LEONESS (Donald Spoon)

43 MIAH JANE (Tom Parkhill)

42 CRANBERRY SAUCE (Paul Black)

41 CODE RED (J. T. Aitken)

41 DOROTHY DEVENPORT (Hooker Nichols)

40 CARL AND SISSY (Paul Black)

40 DUNCAN'S SMILING EYES (Larry Lauer)

*Runners-up:*

38 BOLD ENCOUNTER (Paul Black)

38 FOREIGN LEGION (Keith Keppel)

37 DEVIL DAVID (Anna & David Cadd)

37 GAME PLAN (Keith Keppel)

37 LOVELY SENORITA (Schreiner)

37 SAMBUCA (Larry Johnson)

37 VAPOR (Joseph Ghio)

**BORDER BEARDED**

49 HEART OF AFRICA (Brad Kasperek)

46 CONGO BONGO (Brad Kasperek)

*Runners-up:*

45 BORDER GUARD (Joseph Ghio)

38 WAITING FOR OCTOBER (Larry Lauer)

**INTERMEDIATE BEARDED**

46 JUMP START (Keith Keppel)

44 DUDE (Keith Keppel)

*Runners-up:*

41 BOLD STATEMENT (Richard Tasco)

40 HARMONIUM (Marky D. Smith)

**MINIATURE TALL BEARDED**

81 DANCING LILACS (Stephanie Markham)

60 CONNECT THE DOTS (Lynda Miller)

*Runners-up:*

- 59 PUG (Eugene Kalkwarf)

57 LARRY'S GIRL (Stephanie Markham)

**STANDARD DWARF BEARDED**

67 FIRES OF FIJI (Paul Black)

64 ULTIMATE (Thomas Johnson)

39 BOURGEOIS (Paul Black)

35 DANCING BUNNIES (Paul Black)

33 BALLISTIC (Paul Black)

*Runners-up:*

29 NAVY RUFFLES (Thomas Johnson)

28 SABRINA'S SONG (A. & D Willott)

28 TICKETY BOO (O.D. Niswonger)

**MINIATURE DWARF BEARDED**

43 WATERMARK (A. & D. Willott)

40 CHEMISTRY (Paul Black)

*Runners-up:*

37 CROWN OF SNOW (A. & D. Willott)

36 BLUE ASH (A. & D. Willott)

**ARILBRED**

(Arilbred irises of ¼ but less than ½ aril content)

16 KARAMEL PIZAZZ (D. L. Shepard)

14 ULALENA (George Sutton)

*Runner-up:*

- 13 FLAMBOYANT AFFAIR (Sharon McAllister)

**ARIL AND ARILBRED**

(Pure aril & arilbred irises of ½ or more aril content)

32 KALIFA'S CAPE (Robert Annand)

31 PINK SERAPH (Howard & Irene Shockey)

*Runner-up:*

- 30 MASADA'S GLORY (James Whitely)

**SPECIES**

64 VERSICLE (Marty Schafer & Jan Sacks)

34 FOXCROFT FULL MOON (Katherine Steele)

*Runner-up:*

- 29 CROUCHING TIGER (Eric & Bob Tanquesley-Clarke)

**INTER-SPECIES CROSS**

87 ALLY OOPS (Dana Borglum)

85 DOLCE (Paul Black)

*Runners-up:*

45 WILD PETTICOATS (Lynn Markham)

32 ROY'S LINES (J. T. Aitken)

**CALIFORNICAE**

12 STAR OF WONDER (Joseph Ghio)

8 MOCHA MELODY (Alphild Lind)

*Runners-up:*

7 DRIP DROP (Joseph Ghio)

6 MAGIC SEA (Lois Belardi)

**LOUISIANA**

41 HENRY ROWLAN (M. D. Faith)

21 ANN FAITH (M. D. Faith)

*Runner-up:*

- 25 RASPBERRY RILLA (Rilla Hickerson)

**SIBERIAN**

68 RUFFLES AND FLOURISHES (Robert Hollingworth)

64 BANISH MISFORTUNE (Marty Schafer & Jan Sacks)

44 CHINA SPRING (R. Bauer & J. Coble)

*Runners-up:*

42 EMILY ANNE (Robert Hollingworth)

40 LAVENDER FAIR (Robert Hollingworth)

**SPURIA**

48 LACED SUNSHINE (D. L. Shepard)

44 BUTTER RIPPLES (B. Charles Jenkins)

*Runners-up:*

- 37 BLUEBERRY SUNDAE (O.D. Niswonger)

**JAPANESE**

19 BLUSHING SNOWMAIDEN (Chad Harris)

18 DIRIGO STAR (John White)

18 SLUMBERING DRAGON (R. Bauer & J. Coble)

*Runners-up:*

15 ANGEL MOUNTAIN (R. Bauer & J. Coble)

15 PEAK OF PINK (R. Bauer & J. Coble)

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