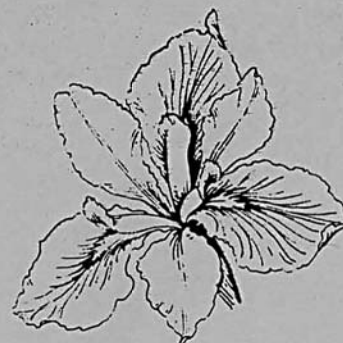


Sun Country Iris Society

PRESENTS THE

AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY

REGION 15 SPRING MEETING AND TREK



HEADQUARTERS:
Del Webb's Towne House
100 W. Clarendon
Phoenix, Arizona 85013

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

FRIDAY - APRIL 22, 1977

- 4:00 P.M. Registration in the West lobby
- 7:30 P.M. JUDGES TRAINING SESSION-Pizarro Room
Gen Jasper will speak on "What to Choose for the Show Bench". This is an accredited Judges Training Session, and should prove most helpful to each person entering an iris in any show.
- 9:00 P.M. REGIONAL OFFICERS Meeting - In the suite of RVP Bob Brooks

SATURDAY - APRIL 23, 1977

- 7:00 A.M. Registration
- 8:00 A.M. Buses leave from West Lobby Entrance for the morning garden tours
- 1:00 P.M. LUNCH - Enjoy the leisure of a garden buffet lunch at the Romero home.
- 2:45 P.M. Buses reload for the afternoon garden tours. Return to the Towne House will be approximately 5 P.M.
- 6:30 P.M. HAPPY HOUR - Liquid refreshments will be at your own expense.
- 7:00 P.M. BANQUET & MEETING - Pizarro Room
Dinner music will be played at the piano by Charles Lewis (6:30 till 8)

Mr. Herbert McKusick, Past-President of ASI, will present a slide program of "Iris of the Holy Lands".



PROGRAM OF EVENTS - Con't

SUNDAY - April 24, 1977

10 A.M. JUDGES GARDEN TRAINING SESSION
The session will be conducted by Mrs. Don Dopke, AIS Judge, and will be held at the garden of Mr. & Mrs. Doral Shepard, 1735 W. Pierson.

After the Garden Training Session you are all invited to return to any of the gardens on the trek. The gardens of Clarice Maben and Julius Reidel will be open for your enjoyment also. Descriptions and Locations will follow in this program.

We wish to thank the Hybridizers and Gardens that donated the iris for the door prizes: Joe Ghio, Bernard & Celeste Hammer, Steve Varner, Ben Hager, Eleanor McCown, Mark Rogers, Sanford Roberts and Cordon Bleu Farms.

Handcrafted door prizes were made and donated by our own members. We appreciate all the hard work and time the ladies put in on the beautiful gifts.

1977 SPRING TREK COMMITTEE

General Chairman	- Floyd Wickenkamp
Reservations	- Beverly & Don Dopke
Program	- Bobbie Shepard
Transportation	- Bill Kleinz
Entertainment & Door Prizes	- Katie Romero
Publicity	- Foster Try
Lunches	- Barbara Deremiah
Banquet Favors	- Doral Shepard

Thanks to all the committee and club members who have put in so much work.

DORALD & BOBBIE SHEPARD
1735 W. Pierson; Phoenix

This garden has about 500 varieties of the various iris. Tall Bearded are their first love, but other species are in abundance. This is the Spuria Display Garden for Arizona. There is a little of something for everyone to enjoy with every inch of ground landscaped to its fullest. A beautiful swimming pool is surrounded by iris beds. Besides the iris, these gardeners are hooked on rare cactus and succulents and have obtained a large and varied collection. The lath house is crowded with their collection. The greenhouse is full of succulents and house plants as well. Notice the pyracantha bush trimmed like a Bunny Rabbit in the front yard. It was planted on their wedding day 25 years ago!

GUEST IRIS

Ghost Story, Ghio #1-13S, Lineup from JOE GHIO; Silent Patriot from SAMFORD ROBERTS; HELL'S FIRE from CORDON BLEU FARMS; Spiced Honey, Winter Fantasy, Hamner #74-22, Hamner #70-33, Hamner 72-10-D from HAMNER'S IRIS GARDEN; Frost Tipped, Stitched Right and Nememiah from MARK ROGERS; Imperial Plum from ELEANOR McCOWN; Ice Sculpture and Vanity from BEN HAGER.

REGIONAL PURCHASES

Thanksgiving - SEXTON 76
Space Blazer - GIBSON 75

SCIS PURCHASES

Brides Halo, Old Flame, Pink Angel, Fauvette, Mystique, Frost Blush, Focus, Magic Mt., and Stalonifera.



NEWER VARIETIES Include Opening Night, Dawn Delight, Orange Wonder, Orange Empire, Sunset Jubilee, Coco Mocha, Shaft of Gold, Pagan, Dutch Treat, Woodwine, Anon, Rippling Rose, Evening in Paris and more.

MARY SCHEIDLER
7253 W. 31st Drive; Phoenix

Mary's first love are the beardless iris and then the Aril families. She has effectively landscaped her back yard in a pleasing manner with Spurias, Siberian, Louisianas, Aril and Tall Bearded iris of many varieties. Besides the latest and varied iris, one will always find the unusual in bedding plants, bulb flowers, and many trees uncommon to desert growth. Her most favorite is the Eucalyptus tree, of which she has about 18 varieties. Mary has worked hard and has achieved a very beautiful yard. Be sure to look in all the cracks and crannies for the unusual!

GUEST IRIS

Ghio Seedling #71-19C and Mystique from JOE GHIO; Silent Patriot, Roberts #R-72-83-4 from SANFORD ROBERTS; Hell's Fire from CORDON BLEU FARMS; Dawn Delight, River Rhythm from HAMNER'S IRIS GARDEN; Highline Amethyst, Ada Perry, McCown #75-1 from ELEANOR McCOWN; Bit of Blue from ARNY; Ila Crawford from BEN HAGER.

REGIONAL PURCHASES

Malaysia - GHIO 74
Moody Blue - RODERICK 75
Kentucky Derby - MOHR 74



SCIS PURCHASES

Anon, Avalon Bay, Ghost Story
and Caramba

NEWER VARIETIES to watch for; Martha Mia, Kelly Girl, Honey Dove, Desert Seagold and more.

FLOYD & BETTY WICKENKAMP
10521 Bellarose Drive; Sun City

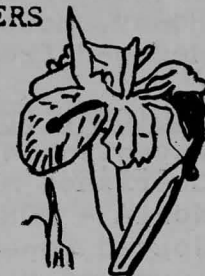
The Wickenkamp garden is located in the famous Del Webb's Sun City, Arizona: home of the retired people. I don't know when Floyd or Betty either one take time out for retirement though! Besides iris, Floyd has a fantastic interest in cactus and succulents. It is made more interesting by the way the specimens are planted decoratively around the yard and each and every one is labeled by name. The courtyard in front of their home has plantings of cactus hybrids and Louisiana iris. Many varieties of Spurias and Louisianas are found in the back yard. Although beardless are predominant, there are many tall bearded iris. Floyd has recently made a new terraced bed for aril iris which include many Bushey seedlings.

GUEST IRIS

Hell's Fire & Tinge of Lemon from CORDON BLEU FARM; Robert's #R-72-43-1, Bordello & Silent Patriot from SANFORD ROBERTS; Orange Empire & Sun City from HAMNER'S IRIS GARDEN; Highline Honey & Rosy Moon from ELEANOR McCOWN; Featurette & Mystique from JOE GHIO; Wings of Dreams from MARK ROGERS

REGION PURCHASES

Ruffled Ballet - RODERICK 75
Golden Sparkler - HAMNER 75
Dawn Delight - HAMNER 75
Mellow Yellow - RODERICK 75



SCIS PURCHASES

Sun City, Clark Cosgrove, Shaft of Gold, Flair,
and Sunset Jubilee

NEWER VARIETIES to watch for: Leo's Magic, Orange Wonder, G. Lea, Desert Nomad, Singing Skies

DON & BEVERLY DOPKE
13433 W. 15th Drive; Phoenix

When you drive up to the Dopke home you will find a delightful home with a beautiful front yard landscaped in a desert theme; cactus, palms, gravel, decorative stones and all. Then you walk thru the gate into their back yard and find an OASIS in the desert. Their home backs right up to the foothills of the mountain. In the two years Don and Beverly have been in Phoenix from Michigan, they have accomplished so much. Flower beds, some flanked by rail road ties, line the entire fenced yard with a most beautiful swimming pool enhancing the landscape. The garden includes the Median Display Garden for Arizona. Most varieties of iris are found here and mixed in among them are seasonal annuals in bloom and also a beautiful garden of vegetables.

GUEST IRIS

Dawn Delight, Hammer #72-1 from HAMNER'S IRIS GARDEN; Hells Fire & Tinge of Lemon (Roberts 76) from CORDON BLEU FARMS; Silent Patriot and Bordello from SANFORD ROBERTS; Sewing Bee, Ghio #71-19C and Pistachio from JOE GHIO; Highline Honey, McGown #75-2 from ELEANOR MCGOWN; Price Redmond from ARMY.

REGIONAL PURCHASES

Bicentennial - GHIO 75
Cherished Memory - RODERICK 76
Koala - MOHR 75
Spiced Honey - HAMNER 76
Touch of Midas - GIBSON 74
Moody Blue - RODERICK 75



SCIS PURCHASES

Sunset Jubilee, Thanksgiving, Mystique, and Rising Sun

NEWER VARIETIES include Avalanche, Date Book, Dream Touch, Royal Romance, River Rhythm, Turbulance, Delta Prince and many more.

KATIE & NORMAN ROMERO
5711 W. Rocking Road; Scottsdale

Be sure to wear your comfortable shoes! On this 3 acre estate, a lot of walking will be in store in order to see all there is available to see. Katie has over 800 varieties and all the families of iris available. This is the ASI Display Garden for the Phoenix Valley area. Be sure to see all the Bushey seedlings. You can't miss seeing the large greenhouse in which there are many exotic plants not easily grown in Arizona. If it's different, rare or oddball, then be sure Katie has it growing somewhere! This garden is exotic in itself, with the extensive landscaping, bridges over the desert wash, benches to rest and view the expansive mountains in the background. One might even get a glimpse of cotton tails, jack rabbits or other desert inhabitants. It is truly "La Casa de la Romero"!

GUEST IRIS

Ghost Story, Verve, Silent Patriot, Bordello, Valley Charm, Sun City, Imperial Plum, Imperial Ruby, Highline Oriole, Lyle G. Williams, Varner 062, Lyle G. Williams, Varner 062, Morlya, Steve, Marantha, Dark Desire, Varner 177, Varner 222V, Varner V2-112, Varner 1218, Varner 160 Spanish Sun, Patti Page, Varner 8100, Update, Varner 052, Varner 150, Dixieland, Pearl Chiffon, Late Report, Hells Fire, Roberts R-72-4, Thanksgiving, Sexton 21-72, Sexton 54-C-67, Nememiah, and Stitched Right.



SCIS PURCHASES

Autumn Leaves, Copy Cat, Mystique, Winter Fantasy

As for the NEWER VARIETIES, Katie has so many there isn't room to list them all, so keep close watch. Some are Martha Mia, Jean Ralls, Kellie Girl, Rikki Tikki, Oliver, Crow Wing, Desert Seagold, Clark Cosgrove, Hocus Pocus, Swedish Modern, Jack R. Dee, Orange Wonder, Brides Halo, Asgard, Sewing Bee and

BARBARA & JIM DEREMIAH
4122 E. San Miguel; Phoenix

Nestled at the near foot of Camelback Mountain, one of Phoenix's most famous landmarks, sits the Deremiah home and garden. Jim and Barbara have shown pure devotion to having a good garden and yard. They only moved into their home about a year ago and would you believe they had to get a backhoe to dig out the granite that filled the yard and bring in tons of new top soil? That takes determination as well as devotion! There are many trees growing around the iris beds that are all raised and lined with railroad ties. Barb's first choice are the Louisiana iris, of which she expects a very heavy bloom this year. There are Spurias, Siberian, Tall Bearded and Medians in the garden also. Many unusual vines have been planted effectively. Hopefully we will see them in bloom.

GUEST IRIS

Copy Cat and Magic Potion From JOE GHIO; Old Flame from MOHR; Silent Patriot from SANFORD ROBERTS; Orange Empire, Winter Fantasy, River Rhythm from HAMNER'S IRIS GARDEN; Jeanette from MARK ROGERS; Highline Amethyst, Mariposa Tarde, & McCown #73-11 From ELEANOR MCCOWN; Asgard, Mary Dunn, Clarke Cosgrove from BEN HAGER; and CHENOWETH seedling #VC-17A.

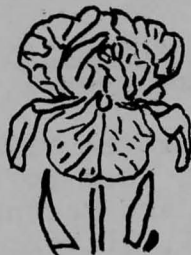
REGIONAL PURCHASES

Mystique - GHIO 75
Shaft of Gold - SEXTON 76
Orange Wonder - HAMNER 76
Autumn Echo - GIBSON 75

SCIS PURCHASES

Sheik, Star Over Iran, Evening in Paris

NEWER VARITIES to watch for; Buttered Chocolate, Harlan K. Reilley, Yelloponie, Cajun Caper, Roll Call, Swedish Modern and more.



BOB & LOIS STAUB
3859 East Clarendon; Phoenix

Bob has worked very hard to put a lot of flowers into a small yard. Bob's equal love of chrysanthemums and iris shows in his flower beds. He plants mums in between his iris, therefore utilizing his space to the utmost. The two flowers seem to benefit each other and bloom in alternating seasons thereby creating a most beautiful setting of bloom for most of the year. Bob grows all his flowers to perfection!

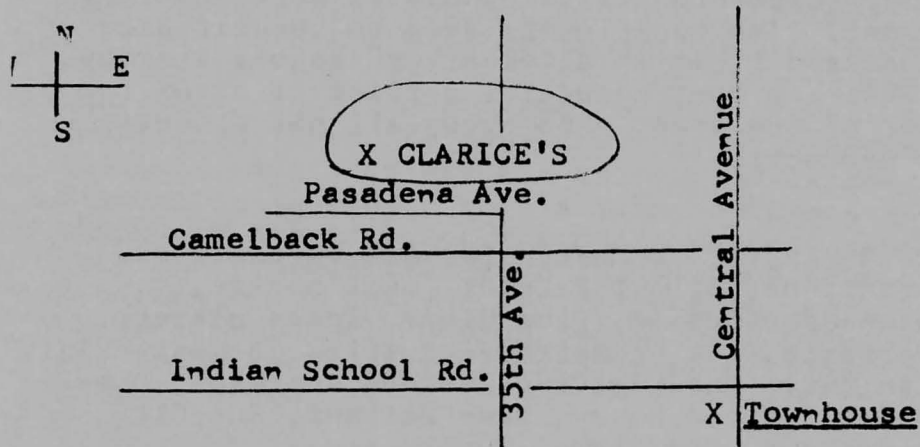
NEWER VARITIES to watch for are Dutch Treat, Turbulence, Silent Patriot, Hell's Fire, Queen-of-Florence, Plum Gleam, Space Blazer, Starfrost Pink, Chartreuse Ruffles, Bicentennial, Dignitary, Thanksgiving, Golden Sparkler, Orange Wonder, Spiced Honey, Dawn Delight, Sun City, Contraband, Old Flame, Tupelo Honey.



Nature's beauty
is truly a blessing.

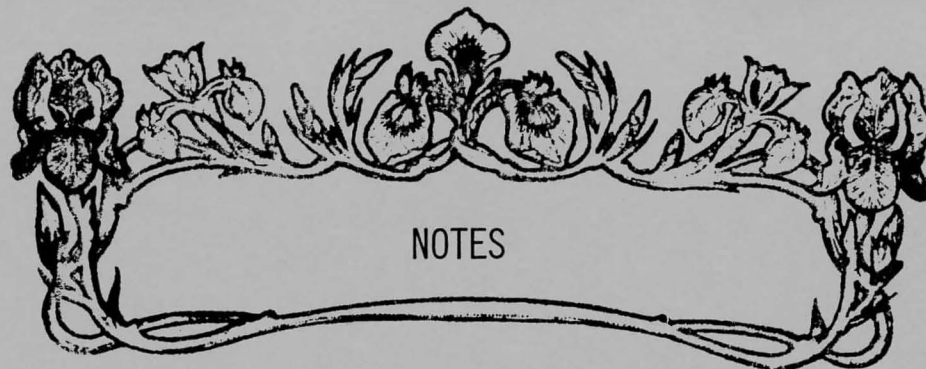
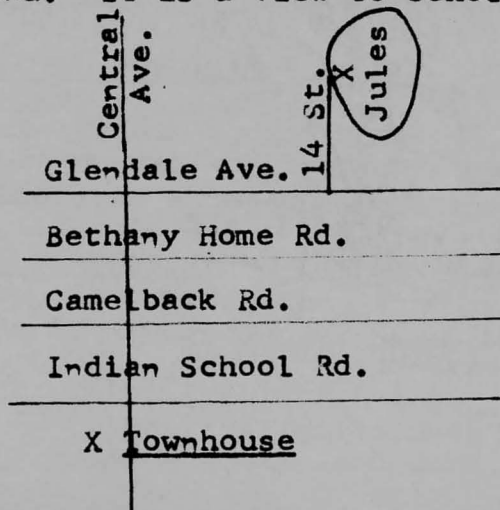
CLARICE MABEN
3638 W. Pasadena Ave., Phoenix

This is a beautiful yard where one can wander and meditate in the peacefulness. Clarice has an interesting variety of iris and various other plants. It will be worth the effort of stopping.



JULUIS REIDEL
7035 W. 14th St., Phoenix

The love of both iris and roses make this a very beautiful garden. Jules has as many varieties of roses as he does iris. He has built a huge waterfall in the back yard out of gorgeous rock and stone that he and Louise have collected all over Arizona. It is a view to behold!



"I AM FINE, THANK YOU"



There is nothing the matter with me,
I am as healthy as can be.
I have arthritis in both knees
And I talk with a wheeze.
My pulse is weak, my blood is thin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.
Arch supports I have for my feet
Or I wouldn't be able to be on the street.
Sleep is denied me night after night,
But every morning I find I'm all right.
My memory is failing, my head's in a spin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.
The moral of this as this talk unfolds,
That for you and me who are growing old,
It's better to say, "I'm fine" with a grin
Than to let folks know the shape you are in.
How do I know that my youth is all spent?
Well, my get-up and go has got up and went,
But I really don't mind when I think with a grin
Old age is golden, I've heard it said,
But sometimes I wonder as I get into bed,
With my ears in a drawer, my teeth in a cup,
My eyes on the table, until I wake up,
E're sleep comes over me, I say to myself
Is there anything else I should lay on the shelf?
When I was young my slippers were red
And I could kick my heels right over my head.
When I grew older my slippers were blue,
But I could still dance the whole night through.
Now when I'm older my slippers are black
And when I walk to the store I puff my way back.
I get up in the morning and dust off my wits
And pick up the paper and read the "obits".
If my name is still missing I know I'm not dead,
So I get a good breakfast and go work in the
iris bed!

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