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It has been quite a while since we've had a meeting but dont give up folks- the annual dinner meeting is slated for October 21st. Of course there was the iris auction sale at the home of the Sindt's which was very entertaining and we understand, profitable. There is something about an auction that really gets you. For instance, Doris Sims went completely wild over a box of vegetables and I unthinkingly paid \$ 4.00 for an iris I've been growing for over two years. I even heard someone behind us raise a bid to \$1.75 and then ask her neighbor in an undertone what she was bidding on. Mrs Sindt made the coffee and was it ever delicious. I doubt if she had time to drink any herself though.

\*\*\*\*\* State Horticultural Meeting \*\*\*\*\*

At the Minnesota State Horticultural Meeting at Mankato last month, four speakers were invited to spend 15 minutes telling why their favorite flower is the best of them all. Mr Nathan (Jack) Burns did his utmost in behalf of the iris and from the reports coming in he must have done O.K.

\*\*\*\*\* Show Ribbons \*\*\*\*\*

All of those who havent collected their ribbons from the show can get them at this next meeting. Mr Maffett will bring them with him. Awarding of the show cups by a representative of the Minneapolis Savings and Loan Assn. will be a feature of the meeting.

\*\*\*\*\* Election of Officers \*\*\*\*\*

The election of new officers for the T.C.I.S. for 1955 will also take place at this meeting. You may vote for candidates selected by the nominating committee (we dont know who they are at this time) or you may speak up at the meeting and nominate anyone you choose. This speaking up at the meetings is much easier than you believe it is.

\*\*\*\*\* Corrections \*\*\*\*\*

We had two corrections of names of members and have misplaced the information. If your name is incorrectly spelled on your envelope please let us know. Our address is 1707 77th Ave. No. Minneapolis 12, Minn.

\*\*\*\*\* Absolutely Useless Information Department \*\*\*\*\*

A snail, hitting on all eight cylinders and going at top speed, travels along at the rate of 23 inches per hour, while a deerfly can zoom along at the unbelievable speed of 818 miles per hour. Actually our supersonic deerfly travels 2and a quarter million times faster than our dynamic sprinting snail.



Mrs Nellie T Lundberg of Minneapolis while looking through some old iris literature found a little pamphlet that was evidently written by a veteran of the first World War. Mrs Lundberg kindly sent a copy of the contents to be used in the News and Views. We think it is very interesting and are sure you too will enjoy it.

"An Old French Custom"

The iris in France is not only the nation flower, but the rhizome is used in many different ways. Perhaps among our readers there are some who after many months of sleeping in stables, chicken-coops, dug-outs and shell holes had the pleasure, as some of us did, during infrequent leaves and after the armistice, of wooing morpheus between crisp, clean sheets from which emanated the exquisitely delicate perfume of violets.

And how pleased was Mme Mercier when we inquired about the perfume she used. She exclaimed, "It is derived from the root of a flower, a beautiful flower, a gorgeous flower, really the finest in the garden, the most exquisite in the world, the IRIS!"

The roots are dug when they are large and fat, some months after the blooming season. The leaves are removed, the root is very thoroughly washed and scrubbed and the skin, which is brown and somewhat like bark, is scraped off with a sharp knife. The roots are then placed in the sun to dry for a week or ten days, care being taken to prevent them from becoming wet with rain or dew. They at first have an earthy aroma like that of the rich black soil of the woods, but as they become more thoroughly dry, a distinct odor of violets is noted, which is most potent after the lapse of several years.

"We put these roots with our linens, handkerchiefs, towels and sheets and they always smell sweet. The delightful fragrance persists for years and years."

"Here are some dried iris roots strung on a cord, on which we pour boiling water and dip our bed linen into this solution, thus giving it a most pleasing fragrance."

The rhizomes of various varieties possess different scents. Some have much more delightful fragrance than others, but by a little experimentation you may easily find the one you like best.

What fine Christmas presents such rhizomes will make, something entirely new to your friends and which will be greatly appreciated for years.

Dried rhizomes tossed into a fireplace will produce a delicate scent which will permeate the house.

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The iris is a very ancient flower. Its praises are sung by the poets of antiquity as well as by the modern writers. "IRIS" in the Greek language signifies "Rainbow"

In Greek mythology, the Goddess Iris, the personification of the rainbow, was one of the lesser Goddesses and acted as a messenger for Juno and other greater divinities

The French adopted the Iris as their National Flower, and it was used in the decorations on the Coat of Arms of French kings.



The following awards were made by the American Iris Society for the year 1964.

Dykes Medal . . . . .	MARY RANDALL	Orville Fay
Caparne Award (for Dwarf iris) . . . . .	APRIL MORN	Walter Welch
Morgan Award (for siberian iris)	TROPIC NIGHT	F. C. Morgan
M S D Award (for Louisiana iris)	SAUCY MINX	Caroline Dorman
Awards of Merit:(tall-bearded)		

SABLE NIGHT	BLACK HILLS
HAPPY BIRTHDAY	TEMPLE BELLS
PALOMINO	VIOLET HARMONY
INCA CHIEF	PARTY DRESS
FRANCES KENT	LEADING LADY
LIMELIGHT	PINK PLUME

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The most surprising thing about the thirteen award winning tall bearded irises is the fact that not one single one of them is in either the blue class, the white class or the red class, while seven of them, Mary Randall, Happy Birthday, Palomino, Temple Bells, Francis Kent, Party Dress and Pink Plume are in the pink class. Black Hills and Sable Night are classified as blacks; Inca Chief, Limelight and Leading Lady are yellows and Violet Harmony is violet. All of these iris are quite new and still in very short supply.

The Annual Dinner Meeting

The third annual dinner meeting of the Twin City Iris Society will take place on Thursday, Oct, 21st at the Hasty Tasty Cafe, 1433 West Lake Street, Minneapolis. Dinner will be served at 6:45 PM with the business meeting and election of officers scheduled to begin at approximately 8:00 PM. The cost of the dinner will be \$2.00 per person and the main dish will be roast beef.

Reservations for the dinner can be made by calling Mr. Russell Frey at HY 6474 in Minneapolis or Mr W. G. Sindt at VAN Buren 5032 in Saint Paul.

Corrections and Additions to the Membership List

Mrs Selmer Swenson	(corr)	2935 Russell Ave. No.	Mpls.
Mr. & Mrs H. E. Schroeder	(new)	1783 Humbolt Ave. So.	Mpls.

Late News Flash from Our Foreign Correspondent

The Ethiopian government has created a new decoration for a unique type of hero, a medal for conjugal fidelity. After 15 years of marriage every Abyssian is entitled to a bronze medal. At the end of 25 years, one of silver, and on the 50th anniversary a medal of gold. Strangely enough these medals are reserved for husbands only.....

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Its a date then. See you all at the Hasty Tasty on Thursday, Oct. 21st at 6:30 PM