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\*\* IRIS SHOW ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY MAY 21ST AND 22nd. \*\*

PLACE: Minneapolis Savings and Loan Assn. Bldg. Eighth at Marquette, Minneapolis, Minn.

SHOW HOURS: Saturday, 1:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.  
Sunday, 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Those wishing to exhibit iris or arrangements should use the side door of the bank on Marquette Ave. The door will be open for exhibitors only at 6:30 A.M. Saturday. All exhibits must be in place and ready for judging by 11:00 A.M. Saturday.

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## PRE-SHOW MEETING

There will be a meeting this Thursday, May 19th at 8:00 P.M. at Rutherford Garden Store, 4995 Excelsior Blvd., St. Louis Park. This meeting is for the purpose of ironing out any problems you may have in regard to exhibiting at the show. Tips on ----  
how to select your bloomstalks;  
how to label them;  
how to transport them to the show;

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## HELP

Mr Maffett can use some help setting up the tables for the show. Please apply in person on the evening of Friday, May 20th at the Mpls Sav. & Loan Assn Bldg. No wages of course, but after all whats money? You will have fun. Come ready to work at 7:00 P.M.

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At a board meeting of the T.C.I.S. it was agreed that iris dealers should not distribute catalogs or price lists at the show this year.

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ARRANGEMENTS

It was decided at the April meeting to clarify a Novice in the arrangement classes as follows: Any person having won a Blue Ribbon in any flower show for an arrangement shall NOT be classed as a Novice and must enter their arrangements in the Advanced Amateur or Open class. This does not apply to those entering iris specimens. Remember this is only for those entering in the Flower arrangements. The Judges for the Flower Arrangements will be Mrs R.S. Bryant and Mrs. Victor Lowrie.

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APRIL MEETING

We had a small group at the April meeting. Our speaker, Dr. Alex Granovsky of the U. of M. kept us all sitting on the edges of our chairs with a very enlightening discussion. We wouldn't have missed it for anything! The subject was those fascinating little old bugs that are carpentering, mining, sewing, building, tailoring, surveying, etc. etc. in our garden. Mrs Lydia Franklin says she is getting a little more particular what she takes a swat at since listening to Dr. Granovsky's talk.

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The bloom this year is extremely early. Some of the late dwarf iris are still in bloom and we have heard reports that some of the tall bearded iris are already open. Ben Haeg has Heritage in bloom, Bud Foss has bloom on Three Oaks, Mr Gable had China Maid in bloom, the Tulip Lady, Mrs Bergstrom, had a clump of Lady Mohr in bloom on May 8th, Snow Flurry and Confetti are blooming in our garden, Mrs Jos. Silitz had, if we remember correctly, Zantha in bloom, Mrs Emil Foss has Campfire Glow blooming. There are probably many more in bloom that we haven't heard about. The colors are deep and true, and the iris are tall and of good size. We should have a wonderful show this year and here's hoping everyone gets at least one Blue Ribbon.

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Corrections and Additions to the Membership List

Ruth Carlson	3100 33rd Ave South	Mpls., Minn.
Mr & Mrs K. W. Fisher	1049 Sterling Ave.	St Paul, Minn.
Mr & Mrs Duane Foss	6331 Winsdale	Mpls 22, Minn.
Mr & Mrs Geo. Gee and Mary Ellen	936 E. Shady Lane	Wayzata, Minn.
Mr Thomas Gibbs	5100 39th Ave South	Mpls 17, Minn.
Mrs Lavina McCuaig	5317 Chateau Place	Mpls., Minn.

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For control of iris borer, Dr. Granovsky suggests you keep your garden clean of all dead foliage and other debris, this can be done either in the fall or in very early spring. Dust your iris plantings every two weeks with 5 % D.D.T. dust mixed with copper. This can be purchased already mixed.

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#### STITCH IN THE

Dip all iris rhizomes before planting in a solution of:

1 ounce of calomel  
1 gallon of water

leave them soak for not more than five (5) minutes. This is an excellent preventive for many iris ills.

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The American Iris Society has recommended the following changes in show judging rules:

Seedlings may now be judged for local awards.

There is no specified stem length for any specimen stalk. A stem need not always be cut clear to the ground. The stem is judged as to its proportionate relation to the size and number of blooms and buds thereon.

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#### WHEN TO DIVIDE IRIS

It is not advisable to dig, divide or transplant iris while they are in bloom, iris have a resting period of about a month directly following their blooming time. Give your plants a chance to recuperate before moving them. When you transplant always cut your foliage back to a length of about 6 to 8 inches. Cutting the foliage back is not necessary unless you are transplanting however it does no particular harm either.

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We have been holding up this issue of the News and Views in the hope that we would be able to include a copy of the Show program with it. So far they haven't been delivered by the printers. We are quite sure they will be available either at the Thursday meeting or at the Show, but in any event we will mail them as soon as we receive them. The reason for the delay was the uncertainty of the show dates.

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Just in case you've forgotten, last year's Grand Champion was Sylvia Murray and it was exhibited by Mr. W.G. Sindt of St Paul.

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If you have never exhibited iris before this would be a good time for you to start. First of all you will be competing with exhibitors just like yourselves, and your chances of winning are just as good as theirs. Secondly, the thrill of seeing a Ribbon pinned to your entries is something that can't be explained with mere words. If you have any iris stalks that look good to you and you know their names, label them and bring them to the show, we'll be more than happy to show you how to enter them. An exhibitor need not be a member of the T.C.I.S. to enter in the show so if your friends or neighbors would care to enter in any of the classes by all means invite them to do so.

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DONT FORGET THE NEXT MEETING, THIS COMING THURSDAY MAY 19TH MAY 19th MAY 19th