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Well! we had a fairly good attendance at the annual dinner meeting- 39 members in fact- Mrs Esther Berger entertained us with a report her trip to the A.I.S. annual convention. The awarding of the trophies won at the T.C.I.S. show was also an important part of the program, Mr Granvil Gable, Mrs Dallas Messer and Mr Gus Sindt were the big winners, each winning two trophies. Congratulations.

The new officers elected at the meeting and who will take office in January are:

- President:** Mr Victor Bates, 727 W Wheelock Pkwy. St Paul.
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We hear from President Bud Straub that the First National Bank of Minneapolis has offered facilities for the 1956 Twin City Iris Society Show.

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HEAR! HEAR!

More than one iris are irises..... This proclamation is from the office of the American Iris Society.

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Our treasurer, Joe Fliegel, took very good care of our money- The Society has \$358.50 in the bank, but that doesnt include the \$25.00 the members voted to the Minn. Arboretum Fund.

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NEWS ITEM:

Big Pickle Dilly

State Rep.(Iowa), Don Petrucilli introduced a bill making it illegal for pickle packers, when packing pickles, to put more pickle juice than pickles in pickle jars.

American Iris Society Symposium for Reg.VIII (Minn. and Wisc.)  
(25 ballots were returned to R.V.P. Mrs Esther Berger)

Popularity Poll

TRULY YOURS (14 votes)	Ranger	6	DANUBE WAVE	3
PINNACLE 13 "	AMANDINE	5	DESERT SONG	3
STARSHINE 10	CHARMAIZE	5	GOLDEN TREASURE	3
CHIVALRY 9	JANE PHILLIPS	5	GUDRUN	3
HAPPY BIRTHDAY 9	LADY ILSE	5	GYPSY CLASSIC	3
PALOMINO 9	LADY MOHR	5	HELEN COLLINGWOOD	3
ARGUS PHEASANT 8	PINK FORMAL	5	INCA CHIEF	3
BLUE RHYTHM 8	SNOW FLURRY	5	MISSOURI	3
CASCADE SPLENDOR 8	SUNSET BLAZE	5	MYSTIC MELODY	3
MARY RANDALL 8	THOMES III	5	ORMOHR	3
NEW SNOW 8	VIOLET HARMONY	5	PIERRE HENARD	3
OLA KALA 7	GOLDEN RUSSET	4	PINK SENSATION	3
SABLE NIGHT 7	PARTY DRESS	4	RADIATION	3
BLUE SHIMMER 7	PINK CAMEO	4	SKY RANGER	3
BRYCE CANYON 6	SABLE	4	SNOW CARNIVAL	3
CHANTILLY 6	SYLVIA MURRAY	4	SOLID GOLD	3
CHERIE 6	TRANQUILITY	4	TOP FLIGHT	3
LIMELIGHT 6	BELLERIVE	3	WABASH	3
ELMOHR 6	CAHOKIA	3	WINTER CARNIVAL	3
MINNIE COLQUITT 6	CLIFFS OF DOVER	3	FIRE DANCE	3
MULBERRY ROSE 6	CLOTH OF GOLD	3		

We noticed there is only one red iris, RANGER, unless you classify MULBERRY ROSE as a red. There are two bicolors, white with yellow, PINNACLE and MYSTIC MELODY, two bicolors, white with purple or blue, old reliable WABASH and the newer HELEN COLLINGWOOD; two yellows with a definite green influence, CHARMAIZE and LIMELIGHT; and notice how many new brown irises are listed; ARGUS PHEASANT, BRYCE CANYON, SUNSET BLAZE, THOMES III, GOLDEN RUSSET, GYPSY CLASSIC, and INCA CHIEF, this is an indication of a great improvement in brown irises. There were only three in the violet or purple group, SABLE, SABLE NIGHT and VIOLET HARMONY. Only three plicatas received three or more votes, MINNIE COLQUITT, BLUE SHIMMER and FIRE DANCE, interestingly enough, each is in a different color group. The newer pink iris are exceedingly popular, the tops in the cameo or baby ribbon pinks are; HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHERIE, PINK FORMAL, PARTY DRESS, PINK CAMEO and PINK SENSATION. MARY RANDALL is the only deeper rose pink, and there are two in the apricot or peach pink class, PALOMINO and TOP FLIGHT. RADIATION is the only lavender pink listed. All these pink irises have tangerine beards. Four creams were listed; STARSHINE, AMANDINE, BELLERIVE and DESERT SONG. With the exception of LADY ILSE, which is quite new, the blue iris on the list are generally older varieties, they are CHIVALRY, BLUE RHYTHM, JANE PHILLIPS, DANUBE WAVE, MISSOURI, PIERRE HENARD and SKY RANGER in medium tones of blue and SYLVIA MURRAY and CAHOKIA in lighter tones of blue as is LADY ILSE. Seven white iris are included in the list, NEW SNOW, SNOW FLURRY, TRANQUILITY, CLIFFS OF DOVER, GUUDRUN, SNOW CARNIVAL and WINTER CARNIVAL, all of which are quite well known in our area. Only three golden yellows which is surprising considering the garden value of this color, were voted on, they are OLA KALA, CLOTH OF GOLD and SOLID GOLD. CASCADE SPLENDOR and CHANTILLY were the only "soft" blends selected, and ORMOHR, ELMOHR and LADY MOHR were the choices in the once class. The iris that received the greatest number of votes was TRULY YOURS, a very lovely yellow and creamy white combination.

SO WHAT! Department

The newest in cabooses is streamlined cupolas--positive drive--electricity--thermopane windows--radio and foam rubber seats.----- Farewell little red caboose.

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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the TCIS will be held on Wednesday, Nov.30th, 8:00 PM, at Rutherfords Garden Store, 4995 Excelsior Blvd., St Louis Park. Please note that this meeting is on Wednesday instead of the usual Thursday.

The program is to be a showing of color slides of iris and other flowers taken by the members. If you have color slides bring ten or twelve of your best ones to be shown at this meeting. Some of them will be selected to have duplicates made from to add to the new collection started just last year. There will be several cash prizes, not much of course, but think of the prestige of being the best snapshot in the TCIS. Coffee and cake will be served after the meeting by Mrs Lydia Franklin and her committee. We also understand Carol Straub will sing some Xmas carols to give the meeting a Holiday flavor. So dont forget----- Wednesday, Nov. 30th, at 8:00 P.M., at Rutherfords Garden Store. See you then.

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MISTLETOE

The legend of kissing under the mistletoe comes from the Norse mythology, the story of Balder, one of the gods, the son of Odin and Freya. His mother loved Balder so much that she persuaded all living things to protect him. Unfortunately, she forgot mistletoe with the result that Loki, God of Evil, slew Balder with a spear made of mistletoe wood.

The other Gods restored Balder to life, and mistletoe promised that it would do no more harm to their favourite, provided it was kept from touching the earth.

The Gods accordingly placed mistletoe in the keeping of Freya, the Goddess of Love, hence its association with kissing. Incidentally the pledge that mistletoe should not touch the earth rules today; it is a plant sprouting on and living on other trees, with no roots touching the ground.

"If mistletoe is not burned on Twelfth Night, all the couples who kissed under it at the Christmas festivities, will be enemies before the end of the year"

"If mistletoe is found growing on an ash tree or a hazel, treasure will be found growing underneath the trees roots". EDITORS NOTE: We have never seen it growing on ~~any~~ tree other than an oak.

"Mistletoe should always be cut with a silver knife as the charm will not work if it is touched by iron or steel".

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF SUPERSTITIONS by Edwin & Mona Radford

And as the baby polar bear told its ma the other day while sitting on a cake of ice, "My tale is told."