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EARLY IRIS SHOW (dwarf,
median, table, border
bearded, or whatever
you have blooming)

DISCUSSION of EXHIBITING
(early show and South-
dale show)

DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS
for June 8-9 SHOW

AIS SLIDES - NEW TALL
BEARDED & DWARF IRISES

May 16, 1968 - 8 P.M.
Guaranty State Bank
3700 West Broadway

LET'S HAVE A BIG SHOW...."a r-r-r-really big SHOE!" Our aim for some later year is to have official recognition - ribbons, judges and all for the early iris. To get some idea of what we could expect next year or the year after when we might attempt an official show, we need to do some counting of entries in various divisions and classes; so we are asking that you bring your dwarfs, medians, table or border bearded iris, or any specialty you might have open. This year bring either one stalk or three stalks of a variety (3 stalks will be in friendly competition against other entries of 3 stalks). Mark your exhibit with name of variety on a card or paper slip approximately 3/4 inch by three inches. Since we will be attempting to see how big a show we could have, we will ask you how many you have at home that you might have brought if we had show competition with prizes or ribbons. COME A LITTLE EARLY SO THAT WE CAN HAVE THE TABLES ORGANIZED BEFORE MEETING TIME.

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

TWIN CITY IRIS SHOW at Southdale Center, Upper Level - June 8-9, 1968. Members will receive show schedules and other materials either at the May 16th meeting or in the mail. If you have questions about the show, call our hard working show chairman, Mrs. A. M. (Greta) Kessenich - 938-4706.

JUDGING SCHOOL taught by Mr. William T. Bledsoe, Fayetteville, Tennessee - June 10, from 6 P.M. till dark, at Mr. & Mrs. Tom Wright's, 10051 Brookside Avenue So., Bloomington, Minnesota.

Effective November 1, 1968, American Iris Society garden judges and exhibition judges will be combined into one class of AIS judges, with regional quotas not to exceed 15% of the AIS membership in the region. It is suggested that the total of 10 hours of instruction before apprenticeship be offered in only two sessions, but this is not mandatory. If more sessions are desired to come up to that total, they may be utilized. (These standards are set by the AIS and are found in the AIS Bulletins, January 1967, p. 99; April 1967, pp. 20-26).

To meet these requirements our TCIS board decided that the Judging School will have to be split up into more parts than the two sessions recommended and that we should take advantage of time offered by Mr. William T. Bledsoe, who is chairman of the AIS Judges Training Section and who will be here for our show.

The first session of our Judging School (time and place on page one) will be free to Twin City Iris Society and American Iris Society members, but a \$3 fee is set for other flower gardeners who wish to participate.

Even with daylight saving time we can expect only about three hours for this session, so we will have to get seven more hours which we might do in this manner: At our June meeting another two hours could be profitably spent in learning judging points of late iris, seedlings and peonies. Our September meeting or another one next year could be used by a panel of judges, with charts, slides and pictures, to give another two hours on dwarfs, medians, siberians, oncos, border and table and other iris. For those who really want to be candidates, a field evening (field day) is planned for spring of 1969 for the final three hours of Judging School. All that is needed is your enthusiastic support.

Even though you may not want to be a judge, you can benefit by learning what judges look for. Hybridizers will benefit by our judging school in that there will be candidates for judges so that we can have our 15% quota filled. For an iris to start on its way to the Dykes Medal at least five judges have to vote for it. The easiest way is to farm out your seedling rhizomes to the judges, asking for their comments. The seedling is still your property.

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AIS REGION 8 JUDGES FOR 1968
(Minnesota Portion)

Garden Judges:

Mr. G. F. Hanson, Minneapolis	Rev. J. Wm. Rossiter, Fairmont
Mr. Urban J. Ipsen, Minneapolis	Mrs. Alice Stenoien, Minneapolis
Mrs. Greta M. Kessenich, Minneapolis	Mrs. Clifford Stover, Minneapolis
Mrs. George F. Lankow, Minneapolis	Mrs. Tom D. Wright, Bloomington
Mrs. D. C. Messer, Excelsior	

Exhibition Judges:

Rev. Paul E. Folkers, Anoka	Mr. Harold Thomforde, Crookston
Mrs. M. C. Senne, Fairmont	

Senior Judges:

Mr. Granville B. Gable, Minneapolis	Mr. Wilbert G. Sindt, Stillwater
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Garden and Exhibition judges hold office for one year with reappointment contingent upon performance of the duties of the office.

Position of Senior Judge is attained after fifteen years of service. They are expected to participate in the training of new judges and have the privilege of voting but are not required to vote nor to visit gardens unless they wish to.

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DID YOU KNOW THAT.

Maybelle Wright, Alice Stenoien, Millie Stover, and Julius Wadekamper were at the Golden Gate in '68? In other words they attended the American Iris Society Convention in San Francisco, April 29 - May 2.

The 1970 AIS Convention will be held in and around New York City where the society was founded? It will be the golden jubilee of the AIS.

The 1971 Convention will be Midway - U.S.A., May 12-15, in Wichita, Kansas?

And 1969 will be close to home - Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 4 - 7?

YOU might be one of the members who have not yet paid their 1968 dues? Remember the advantages - certificates for iris at the auction if you win an award at the show, free participation in the judging school, and the satisfaction of knowing that you're a contributing member. Please check with Mrs. Stan Rudser.

The William Schoenes are moving to Washington State (between Tacoma and Seattle) today (May 9)? The movers are loading a boxcar with their belongings and another with their car. Charlotte is flying out on the 10th and Bill is taking the train on the 11th. Iris and peonies have already been transported and planted in the new garden. The Schoenes have bequeathed their milk bottles for shows to TCIS.

Your ballot (if you're an AIS member) for voting for the top 100 varieties in the 29th annual symposium is in the January issue of the AIS Bulletin, pp. 56A-D? Ballots must be mailed by July 1 to be counted.

Member Rev. David Sindt has returned from Chicago? His new address is 317 Lar-penteur Avenue E., Apt. 206, St. Paul 55117, Phone 771-0068. He is serving as assistant minister at Central Presbyterian Church in St. Paul with one of his special responsibilities being an interdenominational young adult group called Bachelors and Belles.

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Lange will have a new address as of May 17? They will be living at 5140 14th Avenue South, Minneapolis 55417.

Mrs. William (Hazel) Sweeney spoke at the Duluth Rose Society on May 1st and presented them with their certificate of affiliation with the American Rose Society and the Minnesota Rose Society? Hazel is chairman of the Prizes and Awards Committee for the North Central District of the American Rose Society.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The poet writes and the preacher states, "God, give me joy in the common things." When I hear these words, I immediately think of things like flowers, birds, insects, sunrise or sunset, grass, or even dirt. These may be common in that you see them nearly every day--and yes, you probably enjoy them sometimes, but have you ever really stopped to see these common things?

I once was called upon to have a weed display at a PTA meeting because I was the PTA garden chairman that year. I let the day slip up on me with only a few hazy ideas

of what I should show. At the last moment I dashed out to my garden, thinking I'd have a hard time finding even ten different ones, but I found at least twenty I could name and a number that I didn't recognize. Some grew fast and tall, some clung to the ground, some had tendrils to climb fences, some could be eaten (purslane and lambsquarters, though I've never eaten any), some had hooked seeds that caught into clothing to be carried and spread, some had seed that would pop with explosive power to be shot a rod or so away and spread that way. Some had dainty little flowers that you almost needed a microscope to see. But all had their purpose. Even weeds are interesting to look at - to study - to understand. With understanding comes joy in the appreciation of the great master planner.

If we could take the time to study the habits of birds or animals, we could have the joy of common things. If man could learn not to be so greedy, he might be able to have a balance in nature that would permit him joys in common things as well as abundance of the necessities of life.

Conserving means proper use of the resource. Hunters should take a reasonable harvest of the wildlife. They ought not begrudge some to the predators, for the predator was put here to weed out the sick and weak. Understanding the purposes of various animals, birds, insects, or weeds is a joy. When we can stop long enough to understand these natural laws, and see the perfectness by which all things are related to each other, then we can look at one another and see that we human beings have different purposes, different colors, different traits, different ways of being beautiful. Then we can understand the poet (John Howard) who said, "By cultivating the beautiful we scatter the seeds of heavenly flowers." Heavenly flowers need not be one color any more than all iris should be. It would be a monotonous world if they were. With populations popping like weed seeds, what is more common than people? God, give me the joy of understanding the beautiful in common things.

- Walter Carlock

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Mr. Gable calls our attention to "bunching". It is caused by having a warm spell of weather that makes the iris grow rapidly to the point of nearly blooming and then a cold period sets in, slowing the growth so that the bloom appears in a mass or bunch, rather than the graceful branching normal to the iris variety.