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The dwarf iris are now in bloom and if by chance you may have seen some growing by an old house, or on some empty lot, or perhaps in a park, and if they were of a reddish purple hue, very tiny and quite fragrant, then no doubt they were *Atroviolacea*, but if they were as blue as a summer sky and just as refreshing, then they might have *Azurea* or possibly *Coerulea*. These varieties have all been grown for many, many years and their distribution has been quite extensive.

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There was a nice turnout for our April meeting. The weather was very unusual for an iris meeting night inasmuch as it was a beautiful evening, with no trace of snow, rain, hail, tornado, hurricane, quicksand, fog or mud, things that we have become so accustomed to on our meeting nights. Of course because of the weather, everyone arrived in various stages of exhaustion, ranging from complete fatigue, (those who spent the entire day tidying up their gardens) to very mild cases (those who just looked around and decided to take care of the things that needed taking care of tomorrow, or the next day - or the next - - - or the.....

Bud Straub and yours truly gave what we hope was a comprehensive report on the Louisiana Specie iris.

As an inducement to 4H members to take a more active interest in the use of iris for home beautification the T.C.I.S. voted unanimously to give a \$5.00 prize to each of the best Blue Ribbon winners of the 4H demonstrations on iris in both Ramsey and Hennepin counties.

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Our prexy, Mr Gus Sindt, will be a guest speaker on Arlie Haberlie's "Around The Town" program on WCCO-TV, Thursday, May 28th at approximately 3:00 PM. or shortly thereafter. Lets all of us look at him and make him nervous.

Wasn't that a beautiful summer we had last week?

The following members would like very much to have you visit their gardens during the blooming season. Some of these gardens are quite small and some are very large, but we are sure you will find something of interest in each of them.

Mrs A.S.Gowan	Chaska Road	Excelsior, Minn.
Mr & Mrs W.C.Olin	1077 Sterling Ave.	St. Paul
Mrs J.S.Taylor	215 Amherst Ave.	St. Paul
Mr Ben. Haeg	8515 Lyndale Ave. So.	Minneapolis
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Mr & Mrs E.C.Straub	Route # 3	Wayzata, Minn.
Mr W.G.Pollock	4237 Sheridan Ave So.	Minneapolis
Mr Jos.B.Patzke	1800 Iglehart Ave	St. Paul
Mrs Clifford Stover	7014 Fourth Ave So.	Minneapolis
Mrs Elsie Peterson	3731 Oliver Ave No.	Minneapolis
Mrs Jos. Silitz	8200 Duluth Ave	Golden Valley, Minn.

Commercial growers

Mrs Matt Huepfel	124 So Hoyt Ave.	Springfield, Minn.
Rev. Paul Folkers	215 E. Main St.	Watson, Minn.
Hilltop Gardens	201 W. 102nd St	Minneapolis
Gable Gardens	2543 38th Ave. So.	Minneapolis
Foss Iris Gardens	6045 St Croix Ave.	Golden Valley, Minn.
Burns Gardens	1707 77th Ave No.	Minneapolis

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The second Annual Iris Show of the T.C.I.S. will be held on Saturday and Sunday, June 6th and 7th at the Minneapolis Savings and Loan Assn., Marquette Ave at Eighth St., Minneapolis. Our show chairman is Mr Jos. B. Patzke, and the show superintendent is Mr Russell Frey. There will be lots of prizes given away this year including at least three engraved cups, one each for the Novice /mateur, the Advanced /mateur and the Open section, three beautiful vases, a silver and two bronze medals from the American Iris Society, the American Home Achievement medal (for unintroducted seedlings) as well as hundreds of ribbons and several hundreds of dollars worth of rhizomes, and while we are on the subject of rhizomes, if you have any named surplus iris that you feel you can spare, preferably those ranging from \$1.00 to \$2.50 in value, please contact either Mr Jos Patzke, 1800 Iglehart Ave. St Paul, telephone NE 1243, or if you live in the Minneapolis area, Mr E.H. Maffett 6755 Harriet Ave., Telephone RO 9-4836 or Mr Lorin Franklin, 6105 Elliot Ave. Telephone RE 5739. These rhizomes will be used as prizes in the show, however, PLEASE DO NOT DIG THEM NOW as they will be distributed in July or August. We are urgently in need of these rhizomes and if you have them to spare, the Society will be very grateful if you will call any of the above named persons as soon as possible so that the awards committee can include your name on the list of donors. In no instance will it be possible for you to win back the iris you donated as a prize in the show.

Corrections and Additions to the Membership List

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Mr Louis Doerr	744 Atlantic Ave	St Paul, Minn.
Elizabeth & Maud McVoy	2105 Aldrich Ave So	Minneapolis (F)
Rev. Paul Folkers	215 E Main St.	Owatonna, Minn.
Mr & Mrs A.J. Nicol	2021 Bay St.	Mayzata, Minn.

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Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 21st, at 8:00 PM. at Rutherfords Garden Store, 4095 Excelsior Blvd., Minneapolis. This meeting will be devoted to "Show Business". You who have never exhibited iris before will be told how to select and prepare your bloom-stalks for their best possible showing, and those of you who have shown previously could pick up a few pointers that would better your chances of winning. In any event it should be an interesting evening and usual refreshments will be served by our very capable hospitality committee.

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The correct answer to the question in last months bulletin, concerning United States currency, is; \$116,688.00 The denominations of the individual items of currency are as follows: \$1.00, \$2.00, \$5.00, \$10.00, \$20.00, \$50.00 \$100.00, \$500.00, \$1000.00, \$5000.00, 10,000.00 and \$100,000.00. There is also \$1,000,000.00 treasury bond issue but this is not considered currency. Bet you knew this all the time.

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Questions and Answers

Q. Which iris varieties were adjudged "Best of the Show" for the past five years in the Minneapolis or St Paul shows?

A. To the best of our knowledge, there were no shows in either 1948 or 1949, in 1950 Stella Polaris, a pure white self, was the Grand Champion, Spun Gold, a golden yellow self, was the winner in 1951, and in 1952 an exceptionally beautiful stalk of Blue Rhythm, a medium blue self, won the honor. The Minneapolis Savings and Loan Assn. Cup was given to each of the exhibitors of the above named iris.

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The second annual Hardiness and Performance survey blanks are now ready and should reach you in a few days. Check any of the varieties you are growing that are on the list and give us thorough report as you possibly can on each of them. The varieties included in the survey are really quite new so dont be too disappointed and discouraged if you have only a few of them. Complete instructions on how to fill out the form will be included with the list.

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The June issue of the News and Views will have the complete list of winners of our forthcoming show. We sure hope your name gets on there. Dont forget the next meeting, Thursday May 21st, at 8:00 PM. See you all then.