

Twin City Iris Society

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Summer is fast drawing to a close, school is starting and it won't be too long until those beautifully cool autumn days will be here. Seasonal, also, is the first fall meeting of the Twin City Iris Society which will be held at our regular meeting place the downtown YWCA, 12th and Nicollet, Thursday, September 17, at 8:00 p.m. This will be a most interesting meeting so we hope to have a big turnout--details of the program will be found in the "President's letter." We hope to see many new members present and all the old ones.

This has been an exceptionally hot, dry, summer--until the last few days, but now the rains have come and lawns are really looking like green carpets, except where there's crab grass! ! !

Now, while summer and the growing season are fresh in our minds; but the big rush of summer work is over, is a good time to take stock, to jot down changes and improvements we would like to make. If we don't, we are so prone to forget all those little details. Perhaps there are some new and unusual plants you would like to try--write it down. Fall, also is a good time to divide many perennials, if we give them a chance to re-establish themselves before freezing. With cooler weather we can accomplish many of those jobs we put off because it was "just too hot" during the summer.

It is with regret that we learned that Frank Hallick, Ph.D. one of our more recent members, has moved to Connecticut. He was enthusiastic, very able, and worked hard for the Society. While he wasn't with us long, we shall miss him a great deal. He was co-chairman of last spring's Iris Show and worked very hard to help make it a success. He took many iris back with him and is anxious to get an iris garden started at his new home. We hope to hear from him from time to time.

It is, I hope with pardonable pride, I insert the next article . . .

In the last issue, July 1964, Bulletin of the American Iris Society in an article entitled "The Hamblen Garden" by Peg Dabagh, page 12, there is a mention of one of our Minnesota irises.

Mrs. Dabagh in mentioning those iris in the median class, or borders, that she liked says: "Bakke-Messer's Sandy Jean is a real good yellow border. I was delighted with it."

Alice Stencien last year sent Mrs. Hamblen rhizomes of our introductions, so we are indebted to her! ! Naturally, Mrs. Bakke and I were thrilled! !

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Fall is fast approaching, indications show in the iris beds. Seed pods are ripe. They are being removed from the stalk. Little sheer bags containing seeds of the lovely crosses are seen hanging in windows, porches, sheds, etc. All ready to be
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planted along the middle of September.

The Iris Test Garden has rows of new seedlings planted, also some of the later varieties and introductions of the named Iris. We can anticipate seeing interesting and beautiful flowers there in the spring.

It is a sight to see all the Iris rhizomes planted in the Lyndale and Glenwood Gardens, approximately 185 feet of solid plantings in a long bed, with a background of stately pines at Lyndale. So that you all may know the varieties given for this planting, a listing has been made, also a photostatic copy of the letter received from the Board of Park Commissioners, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

One never knows just how far reaching an action, deed or word can be. The following paragraph brings to mind a quote from ANNA HAMILTON 1843 . . .

"Our shadow selves, our influence may fall where we may never be."

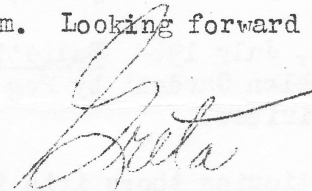
At the time we were planning and outlining the program for the park planting in Minneapolis, a letter was written to an Iris grower in Washington State about this project. They in turn wrote the Iris enthusiast's in Helena, Montana. The idea was met so enthusiastically that a big planting was made on the Capitol grounds in that City.

We will have a very interesting program for the September 17 meeting, 8:00 p.m. at the YWCA . . . as usual.

Mr. Carl Holst has just returned from Denmark and Germany, where he visited the outstanding gardens and parks. He will talk on their methods of gardening. Slides will be shown. Mr. Holst is Supervisor of Horticulture for the City of Minneapolis, Vice President of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society and President of the Minnesota Rose Society.

In addition there will be a talk on "The Winter Care of Iris." "Soil best adapted to the growing of Iris." "Planting and care of the Iris seed."

Invite your friends to hear this special program. Looking forward to seeing all of you on September 17.


Greta M. Kessenich

"Cutting the foliage after the blooming season is a questionable practice, although it may not cause much injury to the plant, cutting the foliage reduces the rate at which the rhizome increases."

If there is an infestation of leaf blight all infected foliage should be trimmed and burned--at any time. Bloom stalks should be cut off flush with the ground immediately after the blooming season.

Iris Donated to the City of Minneapolis for Park Planting

Accent	Crinkled Ribbon	Helen McCaughey
Agatine	Crinkled Sunset	**Helen McGregor 1949
Alladins Wish	Crispette	Ice Carnival
Amandine	Crystal	Ivory Supreme
**Amethyst Flame 1963	Danube Wave	Jane Phillips
Anthem	Dark Boatman	**Jean Cayeux (France) 1931
Apricot Supreme	Desert Song	Joan Crawford
Aquatennial Queen	Demetria	Juliet
Arab Chief	Distance	Kings Choice
**Argus Pheasant 1952	Dotted Swiss	Kissen Kin
Aspen Glow	Dreamy	Knighthood
Azure Skies	Dr. Wanlass	Lady Albright
Ballet Dancer	Ebony Echo	Lady Boscowan
Bazaar	Ebony Queen	Lady Elsie
Beechleaf	**Eleanor Pride 1961	Lady Ilse
Bella Mere	Elizabeth of England	Lady Louise
Biscay Bay	**Elmohr 1945	Lady Mohr
Black Forest	Engraved	Ladys Day
Black Hills	Esquire	*Lake of The Isles
Black Mischief	Evenglow	Late Snow
**Blue Ensign (England) 1949	Father Rigney	Lavanesque
*Blue Fountain	Fire Bridage	Leading Lady
**Blue Rhythm 1950	Fire Cracker	Lela Dixon
**Blue Sapphire 1958	Firetail	Lemon Meringue
Bon Voyage	Flame Kiss	Lilac Lane
Bright Contrast	Foreward	Limelight
Bright Hour	Foxfire	Lodestar
Briar Rose	Frances Kent	Lovely Letty
Brown Thresher	Frilly Fringes	Lula Marguerite
Cahokia	Frost & Flame	Lynn Hall
Campfire Glow	Fuschia	**Mary Randall 1954
Canadian Cliff	Gala	Mayan Gold
Carmela	Galilee	May Hall
Cathedral Bells	Garnet Royal	May Magic
Captain from Castile	Gay Adventure	Maytime
Celestial Valley	Gay Border	Majorette
Centurion	Gay Paree	Melody Lane
Chantilly	Ginger	Memories
**Cherie 1951	Golden Russet	Memphis Belle
Chinese White	Golden Sunshine	*Minn Apricot
**Chivalry	Golden Symphony	*Minnesota Skies
Chocolate Cream	Golden Valley	Minnie Colquit
Cinnamon Toast	Grand Canyon	**Missouri 1937
Cliff of Dover	Great Day	**Mme. Louise Aureau (France)
Cloud Castle	**Great Lakes 1942	Mohrloff 1934
Coronation Tapestry	**Gudrun (England) 1931	Mohr Majesty
Confetti	Gypsy Rose	Mulberry Rose
Copperhead	Happy Birthday	Mystic Melody
Copper Medallion	Heigho	Native Dancer
Cordolon	Helen Collingwood	New Snow

**Dykes Medal Winners

*Minnesota Introductions

*Northern Lights
**Ola Hala 1948
Oyster Pearl
Pacemaker
Pagen Princess
Pale Primrose
Palomino
Pastilla
Paradise Pink
Paragon
Party Dress
Patience
Patrice
Patrician
Pathfinder
Pensive
Pequot
Phoebus Apollo
Pinafore Lass
Pierre Menard
Pink Bountiful
Pink Camio
Pink Chimes
Pink Formal
Pink Plume
Pink Sensation
Pinnacle
Poets Dream
Port Wine
Pretty Pansy
**Prairie Sunset 1943
*Princess Kay
Quick Silver
Quechee
Radiation
Real Gold
Red Chieftain
Redwood
Regina Maria
Rococo
Rocket
Rodeo
Rose Garland
*Rose Glory
Rosy Veil
**Rosy Wings 1939
Royalty Velvet
Ruffled Organdy

Sable
**Sable Night 1955
Salem
*Sandy Jean
Sarah Lee Shields
Sea Lark
Sheila
Signal Flare
Sky Chief
Sky Dye
Sky Ranger
Starshine
Snowsheen
Snow Carnival
Snow Dream
Spanish Peaks
Spellbound
Spring Festival
Spring Melody
**Spun Gold 1944
Storm Warning
Sultans Robe
Summit
**Swan Ballet 1959
Tabasco
Tally Ho
Taholah
The Capital
**The Red Douglas 1941
The Knockout
The Mad Hatter
Techny Chimes
Thotmes III
Top Favorite
Top Flight
Tranquility
Tranquil Moon
Tribute
Truly Fair
Truly Violet
**Truly Yours 1953
Valimar
Vandebeth
*Victor H.
**Violet Harmony 1957
Violet Symphony
*Viking Prince
**Wabash 1940

Wedding Bouquet
White Bouquet
**White City (England) 1940
White Tower
Winter Carnival
Witch Doctor
Zombie

Over 1200 rhizomes for
Minneapolis Parks

255 Varieties

An additional 180 rhizomes
for Hopkins Park and City
beautification.

**Dykes Medal Winners
*Minnesota Introduction

Is bone-meal a good fertilizer?

Yes--for the purpose of supplying phosphorus over a long period of time. It contains about 26 per cent phosphorus but only small quantities of other fertilizing elements. Bone-meal is not a "complete" or general purpose fertilizer.

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What are "Trace Elements"?

Substances such as boron, copper, manganese, iron, zinc which are essential to plants but are needed in very small amounts. Most soils contain sufficient amounts. Fertilizers often contain them as impurities.

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The Iris Test Garden will be locked beginning September 1st. Anyone wanting to visit the garden at any time--call Mr. Stan Rudser, Chairman, Liberty 5-5330, evenings or Saturdays.

Greta M. Kessenich
President

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The Dykes Medal 1964

- Allegiance - Paul Cook, originator
- Runners Up -
 - Pacific Panorama - Neva Sexton, originator
 - Celestial Snow - Bro Chas. Reckamp, originator
 - Henry Shaw - C. W. Benson, originator

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The membership drive was most successful. Many new members will be seen at our meetings. Extend a warm hand of welcome.

Dr. Frank Halleck won "Burning Brand" for obtaining the most new members.

Walter Carlock and Marge La Croix--tied for second place--winning "Amethyst Flame"

Gust Sindt--third place and now has "Kissen Kin" in his garden.