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New spring catalogs are arriving daily! Can Spring be far behind?

Quite a few of our members have young iris seedlings to look forward to; we ourselves have hundreds of new dwarf seedlings as well as the tall bearded kinds coming along, and though we have never produced the world's best mouse trap, we are still trying.

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The newly elected officers took over at the January meeting. Vic Bates, the new president, informed us of the necessity of finding a new meeting place. The Twin City Iris Society has been holding meetings at Rutherfords Garden Store since the Society was formed several years ago. Mr S.J.Rutherford has been exceptionally kind as there has been no charge for the use of this space, but now he needs the room for other purposes. A committee has been appointed to find a new place that is suitable for our meetings. If you know of such a place, please call someone on the committee and give them the information.

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1956 Committees

The following committee members were appointed at a recent Board meeting:(asterisk (*) denotes chairman of each committee)

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In glancing through a Chicago paper recently, we noticed an article mentioning that the beautiful white marble Taj Mahal in Agra, India had developed three serious cracks in one of the rooms of the main building. This brings to mind that one of our earlier favorite iris, the colorful Shah Jehan was named after the man who built this world famous building. The Taj Mahal was built over 300 years ago by the Emperor Shah Jehan in memory of his favorite queen, Mumtaz-i-Mahal and now serves as their final resting place.

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SCOOP

One of the members phoned to let us know that several T C I S members were recently elected to top offices in the Minn. Peony and Iris Society. Congratulations.

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QUEENS OF THE SHOWS

1955 Iris show queens in other areas. Taken from the A.I.S. Bulletin, January 1956.

Blue Rhythm (Ala)	Pinnacle (Ida)	Blue Shimmer (Ky)	Patrice (also Ky)
Chivalry (Mich)	Lady Mohr (Duluth, Minn)	Birchbark (Ore)	
Happy Birthday (Texas)	Springtime Madonna (Texas)	Cloth Of Gold (Wash)	
	Starshine (Wisc)		

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A discussion on potash for strenghtening weak stems of iris came up at the last meeting. We looked it up and found there are several kinds that can be used. Wood ash which is excellent is about 7% potash and can be used freely. There are two chemical kinds which should be used with restraint; the sulphate of potash is best although the muriate of potash is cheapest. Regardless of which of the latter two are used, not more than three pounds per 100 square feet should be used,

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NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday February 23rd at Watson's Appliance store 464 South Snelling Ave.(at Randolph) in St.Paul. Time 7:15 P.M. The speaker will be Dr. H.F.Arneman of the University Farm School. Dr Arneman will discuss Soil in Relation to Iris. This meeting is also guest night so all members are requested to bring a guest if at all possible. Refreshments will be served as usual. ----- May we again call your attention to the earlier starting time, 7:15 P.M. for this meeting only.

AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

1 Truly Yours	34 Starshine	68 Amigo
2 Ola Kala	35 Cahokia	69 Gold Sovereign
3 Mary Randall	36 Pink Cameo	70 Master Charles
4 Argus Pheasant	37 Dreamcastle	71 Blue Sapphire
5 New Snow	38 Solid Gold	72 Paradise Pink
6 Blue Rhythm	39 Jane Phillips	73 Grand Canyon
7 Elmohr	40 Sunset Blaze	74 China Maid
8 Chivalry	41 Blue Valley	Cloud Cap
9 Pierre Menard	Rocket	Party Dress
10 Happy Birthday	43 Ranger	Vatican Purple
Pinnacle	Zantha	78 Lynn Langford
12 Lady Mohr	45 ThotmesIII	79 Indiana Night
13 Blue Shimmer	46 Lady Boscowen	Staten Island
14 Palomino	47 Casa Morena	81 Francis Kent
15 Minnie Colquitt	Mulberry Rose	82 Russet Wings
16 Sable Night	49 First Violet	83 Blumohr
17 Snow Flurry	Melody Lane	84 Leading Lady
18 Sable	51 Top Flight	Three Oaks
19 Desert Song	52 Extravaganza	86 Black Forest
20 Amandine	53 Francis Craig	Danube Wave
21 Great Lakes	54 Violet Harmony	Helen Collingwood
22 Wabash	55 Firecracker	Lady Ilse
23 Chantilly	Golden Russett	90 Cloud Castle
24 Cherie	57 Bryce Canyon	Distance
25 Helen McGregor	58 Pink Sensation	92 The Red Douglas
26 Limelight	59 Port Wine	93 Caroline Jane
27 Inca Chief	60 Raspberry Ribbon	94 Pretender
28 Black Hills	61 Cloth Of Gold	Sierra Skies
Spanish Peaks	62 Temple Bells	96 Cliffs Of Dover
30 Solid Mahogany	63 Mystic Melody	Ebony Echo
31 Cascade Splendor	64 Prairie Sunset	Maytime
32 Pink Formal	65 Ballerina	Sylvia Murray
33 Char-Maize	Pretty Quadroon	100 Rainbow Room
	67 Tranquility	

The above symposium was compiled from the votes of over 1000 members of the A.I.S.

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Pepper was the most valued and expensive of all the staple commodities of trade, it was frequently demanded in payment of taxes. Early in the tenth century, English landlords taxed their tenants 1 pound of pepper annually. One of the tributes demanded for the ransom of the beautiful city of seven hills, Rome, was set at 5000 pounds of gold, 30000 pounds of silver and 3000 pounds of pepper. The pepper in those days was far rarer than either the gold or silver. In the early part of the 12th century, the pepper trade had become so important that England formed the "Guild of Pepperers" a labor and trade organization. This is one of the forerunners of the present day trade and labor unions.

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The 1956 membership list of the Twin City Iris Society is included as a part of this issue of the N & Vs. In addition to acquainting you with your fellow members, publication of this list serves two purposes. First it will acknowledge receipt of dues from those who have paid them and secondly it will remind those who haven't that they are now due. All dues are payable to the Secretary, Mrs. R. J. Wysocky, box 103 A, Route #1, Mound, Minn.

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