

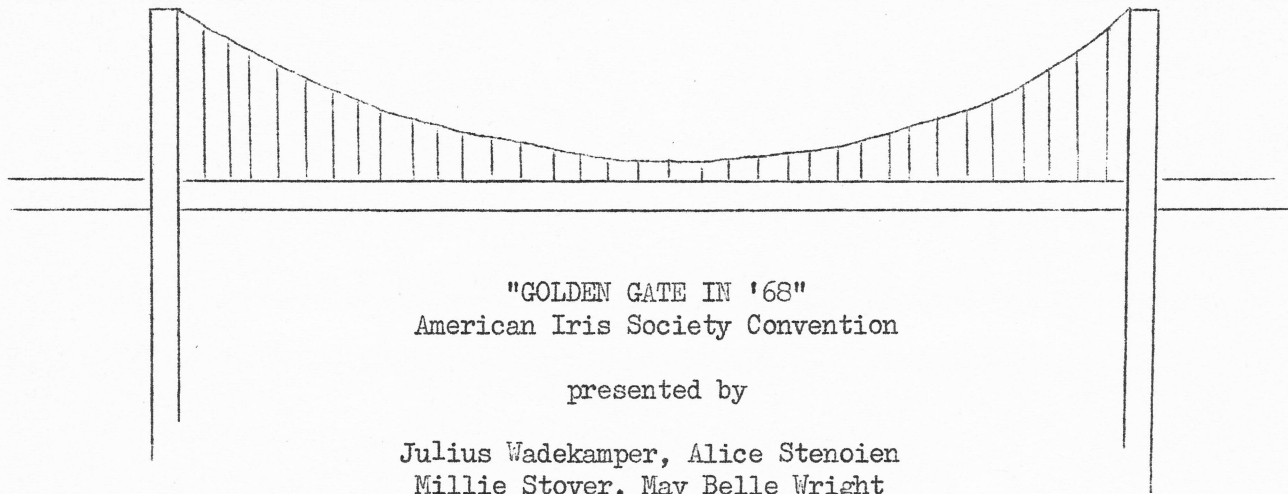
Twin City Iris Society

NEWS & VIEWS

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September 19, 1968
8:00 P.M.

Guaranty State Bank
3700 West Broadway

COMING ATTRACTION: Annual Dinner Meeting at the Swiss Chalet on October 17th.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The summer has passed so rapidly! It seems but a few weeks ago that we were showing iris at Southdale, yet I know the seasons have progressed in regular order. I don't think I really took time to enjoy my garden this year--tho' I have noticed there were flowers most of the time in one place or another. I believe one should really enjoy one's garden, yet, somehow I got caught in the modern mad race against time and failed to care for and enjoy my garden to the fullest.

One can't spend much time in remorse, for then other things pass you by, so we must think of the present and the future. The first few chilly nights have come, and soon we will have frost on the pumpkin...and corn in the shock. Our iris will slow in growth and the plant cells will contract and become tougher, and soon leaves will fall in among the garden plants. These are some of nature's ways of handling our cold weather. We can help protect our investment in rhizomes by covering with leaves or marsh hay, especially for those we have just planted or reset this year. In the cycle of iris growth and decline the iris needs some temperature difference to trigger bloom production for the following year. Apparently it doesn't have to be as extreme as we have it here, for California grows iris that bloom, and they rarely have it cold enough for snow. Along this theme we will have a few minutes of discussion at our meeting, so be prepared to tell how you care for your iris in the fall for the benefit of our new members and visitors.

I hope to see many of you out so we can compare notes as to how our iris are doing.

- Walter Carlock

DID YOU KNOW THAT

Congratulations are in order for three of our members?

Two members have articles in the August 1968 issue of The Minnesota Horticulturist. Dave Goddard wrote "Let's Make Minnesota Beautiful with Daylilies", and Mrs. Lavacot wrote "The Many Kinds of Tulips".

Laura Sutton won sweepstakes in both horticulture and arrangement at the Shingle Creek Garden Club show. Only one other person had an entry on the court of honor table.

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NEWS FROM EAST AND WEST

Two members who have moved from Minnesota in the last few months have sent letters to your editor.

The Rev. Paul E. Folkers (Blairs, Virginia 24527), who "retired" from the ministry in June, writes:

We are happily situated in the foot hills of the Blue Ridge mountains of southern Virginia, serving two small rural churches. Both have strong lay leadership including excellent youth counselors.

Both churches are in excellent condition with an ideal parsonage, including a good spot for growing iris, daylilies, and other flowers, as well as vegetables. Also, we are only nine miles from Eloise (their daughter) and family. Though we are in the country, we hear the whiz of traffic night and day on this throughway, No. 29, so are reminded that we still live in a busy world. Though officially retired, we are enjoying work in this beautiful area with its friendly people.

Charlotte and Bill Schoene (4236 South 183rd, Seattle, Washington 98188) moved in May, and Charlotte writes:

We thought you would be interested in how we made out moving the garden so early in the spring, and I must say now that we had quite a few qualms about the whole adventure. Now that the worst is over and we can take a good look at the over all picture, all we can say is that someone up there loves us.

There was about a twenty percent loss in the iris, which we figure was the result of the great amount of scorch that we had in them last year. We are happy to report that none of it has carried over here, and as of now they are showing very strong new growth. The day lilies and peonies transplanted without a loss. We have had glads as tall as 5 feet, but the mums that we had high hopes for were the worst of all.

We are enjoying ourselves out here very much, but we do miss our friends back there. We would enjoy hearing from you once in a while. I have been feeling much better out here and am able to work in the garden without too much discomfort. It is really nice to be a lady of leisure for a change.