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Now that the iris season is behind us we can sort of sit back and visualize some of the high spots of what we thought was one of our most perfect seasons. Reports of winter loss were very few, and most members reported an exceptionally good percentage of bloom, probably the most contributing factor in the very large number and high quality of bloomstalks exhibited at the show June 6th and 7th at the Mpls. Sav. and Loan Assn. in Minneapolis. Another important factor in the success of the show was the helpful and instructive talks on the presentation and transportation of bloomstalks given by Russ Frey, Gus Sindt and Nat Burns at the May meeting.

The Grand Champion Queen of the Show and winner of the Gold Cup was a stalk of Cloth Of Gold shown by the Klapotz Greenhouse of Wayzata. This was the first attempt at showing iris for Mr Klapotz and we expect to see more of his iris in years to come. The champion stalk shown by an advanced amateur was Los Angeles, shown by Joe Patzke of St Paul. Minnie Colquitt, shown by Arthur J Nicol of Wayzata was champion in the Novice amateur class. The latter two exhibitors won silver cups as Princesses of the Show winners

The varieties winning the color class of the entire show and comprising the Court of Honor were as follows:

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| Yellow | Cloth of Gold |
| Plicata | Los Angeles |
| Blue | Chivalry |
| Pink | Fantasy |
| Tan or Brown | Cordovan |
| Purple- | Sable |
| White | Snow King |
| Bicolor | Pinnacle |
| Mohr hybrid | Lady Mohr |
| Red or Rose | Red Amber |
| Blend | Three Oaks |

These were exhibited by; Klapotz Greenhouse of Wayzata; Joe Patzke of St Paul; L.N.Foster of St Paul; Paul Folkers of Owatonna; Foss Iris Gardens of Golden Valley; G.B.Gable of Minneapolis; and W.G.Sindt of St Paul. G.B.Gable won the American Iris Society Silver Medal for the most blue ribbons and the Foss Iris Gardens two bronze medals for best commercial display and the second most blue ribbons respectively. Sweepstakes in the novice class was won by Karl Schulze of Minneapolis, in the advanced amateur by Russell Frey of Minneapolis, and in the open class by G.B.Gable of Mpls. In the seedling class, three were selected for special merit; a nice pink by Bud Straub of Wayzata, and a purple and white plicata and also a dark purple self by Rev Folkers of Owatonna..

The entire list of show winners have been printed separately and will be enclosed with this issue of the News and Views.

Leaf spot seem to be showing up again in the Twin City area, due no doubt to the humid and moist weather conditions. Although leaf spot is not a fatal disease of iris, if unchecked it will tend to weaken the plants and it is of course very unsightly. We have checked with the Entomology(bug) Dept. at The University and they suggested spraying with either PARZATE or FERBAM, both of which are commercial fungicides. You should use either of these products according to the instructions printed on the labels.

Corrections and Additions to the Membership List.

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| Mr and Mrs A. Tucker | (new F) | Box 211 | Belcourt, No. Dak |
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| Mrs August P Schmitz | (new) | | Villard, Minn. |

Mr Patzke and Mr Frey, show chairman and show superintendant respectively, are to be congratulated for a job very well done in producing the iris show. A hearty thanks to everyone who so cheerfully assisted them. A special vote of thanks to the Northland Milk and Ice Cream co of Minneapolis for the bottles used in the show and to Mr Dahl of the Minneapolis Auditorium for the use of the tables. Also a thank you to the judges under the very capable supervision of Mrs Elsie Peterson of Minneapolis.

Some Top Iris in other Shows in this Area

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| Duluth, Minn. | Chivalry (blue) |
| Willmar, Minn. | Winston Churchill (a new red) |
| Lake City, Minn | Orloff (brown and yellow plicata) |
| Vermillion, S.D. | Pale Primrose (light yellow self) |
| Fargo, N.D. | Argus Pheasant (Brown) |

We have heard from a very reliable source that the winner of the Presidents Cup of the American Iris Society was Violet Harmony, a new iris we have never heard of before. The A.I.S. meeting was held in Boston, Mass. This year.

If you havent already done so, dont forget to mail in your hardiness report. and to those of you who belong to the American Iris Society, Mrs Peterson is very anxious to have you send in your A.I.S. symposium. Please dont forget them.

Our next meeting is scheduled for the evening of August 6th at the lovely garden of Mr and Mrs Emil Foss, 6045 St Croix Ave., Golden Valley. This is to be a picnic supper and it will begin at 6:30 PM. Bring your own picnic lunch, coffee however will be furnished by the Society and served by our hostess. Following the supper, at about 7:45 our annual iris and plant auction will take place. Here is your opportunity to acquire some of the choicest of the newer irises at your own price. The Society is still in need of iris for this auction and if you would care to donate some of your surplus rhizomes they would most certainly be appreciated. The only requirement is that they be correctly named and labeled. Material other than iris will be accepted. Anyone wishing to donate for the sale should contact the person listed below who is in charge of pick-ups for your area. Pickup will be made on Monday and Tuesday, August 3rd and 4th.

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| North Minneapolis | Russell Frey | HYland 6474 |
| South Minneapolis, Richfield | Earl J Maffett | ROckwell 9-4836 |
| N.E. Minneapolis and S.E. Minneapolis | Nathan Burns | JUNiper 4189 |
| Golden Valley, Hopkins, Robbinsdale and St Louis Park, | Bud Foss | ORchard 5-6198 |
| St. Paul and its suburbs | Gus Sindt | VAN buren 5032 |
| Lake Minnetonka area | Bud Straub | Excelsior 1255 W |

Outstate members please mail not later than August 1st to Mr Earl J Maffett 6755 Harriet Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

Bring your friends especially those with money. Bud Foss will again act as auctioneer and we can promise you a very pleasant evening. Coffee and doughnuts will be served at the conclusion of the sale! Dont forget the date.. Thursday Aug 6th.

Varietal commentary and Garden Performance of Show Winners

- Cloth Of Gold ... One of the best growing irises in this area. The deep orange beard accentuates the beautiful brilliant yellow color of the flower.
- Minnie Colquitt ... White ground with red purple trim. Stands alone in this color class, very large and showy though slightly top branched.
- Los Angeles ... The oldest iris on the court of honorable. It is white with blue edging and is still a prime favorite. It is also an excellent garden flower.
- Chivalry ... A beautiful medium blue self, very heavy substance and beautiful from a winner of the Dykes Medal and most certainly worthy of the honor.
- Fantasy ... I have yet to find anyone who doesn't love this tangerine bearded orchid pink, it has been a trifle slow of increase for us though.
- Cordovan ... A very dependable brown-red about the color of cordovan leather. This makes the second time it has appeared on the court of honor.
- Sable ... Always a show winner, this lovely blue purple does equally well in the garden. It is usually near the top in the 100 best iris of the year.
- Snow King ... Still tops. Very few white iris can surpass it. It is large and clean
- Pinnacle ... White standards and yellow falls. Quite new but proving itself to be outstanding in its color class. Pinnacle was originated in New Zealand.
- Lady Mohr... Orchid standards and chartreuse falls. Very different. Perfect shape and form. Its garden performance is excellent, we love it.
- Red Amber... This really more rose than red. Tall but well branched, a most beautiful iris for show and garden.
- Three Oaks ... A blend of rose copper with a blue fluch centered in the falls. An excellent large flower with a heavy stout stalk, very floriferous though a little close branched. Second time on the court of honor.
