

## Twin City Iris Society

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The second annual meeting was held at the Criterion restaurant in St. Paul on Oct 29th 1953. Speakers were Mr. Jackson and Mrs. Kottke of the Minneapolis Savings and Loan Assn. Mrs M.W. Rime showed color slides of Iris and arrangements taken at last years iris show. A year ago we had 84 members in the Society, this year we number 111 members and still growing. Our retiring treasurer announced a balance of \$293.92 so we are quite healthy in that respect also.

How many of you know we have a public planting of modern iris at the Parade Gardens opposite the Plaza Hotel in Minneapolis? This planting was made possible several years ago by members of the T.C.I.S. through their generous donations of surplus iris rhizomes.

The reason we havent been seeing Joe Patzke at the meetings lately is because Joe has been convalescing from a recent illness. If you are in his neighborhood, 1800 Iglehart Ave. St. Paul, do drop in and see him. We are sure Joe will be very happy to see you.

The Twin City Iris Society is sending an invitation to the American Iris Society to hold their National meeting in the Twin Cities in either 1960 or 1962. (I still cant figure out why 1961 was ignored)

### ..... IMPORTANT NOTICE .....

The Minnesota Horticultural Society has advised us that the cut-off date for delivery of the Horticulturist will be January 1st and has requested our membership list be sent them not later than Dec.15th. So if you wish to recieve your copies of that fine magazine without interruption you should pay your 1954 dues as soon as possible.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec.3rd at Rutherfords Garden Store, 4995 Excelsior Blvd, ~~Minneapolis~~ Minneapolis. Topics for discussion will be iris hybridizing and iris arrangements. This meeting will be very informal so come prepared to ask and answer questions. The meeting will begin at 8 P.M. and as usual, refreshments will be served by our very capable hospitality committee.

We thought you might be interested in knowing something about our new officers so we are printing a thumb nail sketch of each of them. We discovered that about the only thing they have in common is their interest in the genus Iris.

President

Mr. Duane (Bud) Foss, our new president, has been a member of our Society since its inception. In addition to iris, Bud enjoys hunting and fishing when he isn't busy selling insurance. He and his lovely wife Doris, also very active in the Soc. have two young sons and one daughter. Mr Foss is a graduate of the Univ. of Minn. and has recently been elected to the Golden Valley village council.

Vice president

Mr. Edward C.(Budd) Straub has been re-elected vice president for the coming year. This marks his third year in that office. Budd is also a charter member of our society. Photography and gardening are his favorite hobbies. He is president of the Minnetonka Mens Garden Club and serves as production manager for a local Castings concern. The Straubs live just east of Excelsior on Highway 101.

2nd Vice president

Mrs L.A.(Agnes)Wright, our present hospitality ~~committee~~ committee chairman, will serve as our new 2nd VP. She is also a member and past president of the Diggers Garden Club(Robinsdale). Mr and Mrs Wright have four grown children and several grand children. Right now she is taking a course in hatmaking. Aside from gardening, her principle hobby is people.

Secretary

Mrs Esther Berger , serving a second term in that office. Before her marriage Mrs Berger was in the newspaper business and at one time operated a small newspaper of her own. Her special interests are iris, piano and cocker spaniels. The Bergers live in South Minneapolis and have one grown daughter.

Treasurer

Mr. Earl H. Maffett, the smiling electrician, is our new treasurer. Earl is also an active member of the Richfield Mens Garden Club, the Minn. Dahlia, and the Minn. Gladiolas Societies. The Maffetts have three sons and one daughter, all grown. Earl is also an expert on taxes and taxation and is one of the few persons who even enjoy them.

Corresponding Secretary

Mrs Carol Straub. Carol is the wife of Budd(V.P.) and in addition to making a home for him and their two small boys, she occupies herself by fancy knitting and by singing in choir and choral groups. Carol also has a rather nice collection of African Violets.

Directors (two years)

Russell Frey. Photography, iris, gardening and football are his main hobbies. Right now Russ is studying iris pedigrees and is making plans for hybridizing a flush pink iris. He is an accountant by profession. The Freys, Russ, Mavis and daughter Kathy live in north Minneapolis.

Mr. W.G(Gus)Sindt, retiring president and now one of the new directors. Gus is a very, very enthusiastic hunter. His main interest in gardening is iris and he also has some of the rarer iris species not usually seen in gardens. The Sindts have two children, one boy and one girl and make their home in north St. Paul.

Mrs J.S.Taylor is also one of our new directors. She is a past president (twice) of the Minnesota Garden Flower Society and is also a member of the Regal Garden Club. Louise loves to watch sporting events and is especially fond of curling, football, baseball and basketball. For an active hobby she enjoys making patchwork quilts. The Taylors and their daughter Pat, also a member of our Society, live in St. Paul.

Directors (one year)

(What should you call these directors who still have one year to serve? "Warmed Over" dont sound just right) They were elected to two year terms in 1952.

Mr Nathan (Jack) Burns. Jack helps with this bulletin and also did the work on the Hardiness poll. He is an avid sports fan and enjoys watching everything from hockey to boxing when he isnt busy working at statistical research. Three teenagers and me in his family.

Mr. Ben Haeg. Ben is also a member of the Richfield Mens Garden Club. Most of his time during the growing season is used exclusively for gardening. In addition to iris he grows peonies, delphiniums, gladioli and several other hardy perennials. Ben is a bachelor and makes his home in Richfield. He is a route man for a local dairy.

Mr Granvil B.Gable. Gabe is employed as a railway mail clerk and doesnt have time for hobbies other than gardening. The Gables and their four boys live in south Minneapolis. Mr.Gable has been experimenting with a new chemical compound (Carco X) in the hope it might control iris scotch. Unfortunately it didnt check the scotch but it did prove to be excellent for the control of soft rot and insect nuisance in and around the garden. It was used in the proportion of one tablespoonful to three ~~gallon~~ quarts of water.

Now that Ive tattled about everone else its only fair you should know something about me too.

Mrs Edythe Burns. My special interests are water colors, sewing, and I dearly love mystery stories. I do some photography but to me its strictly work. I also have some iris seedlings that I am very fond of.

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Some Snappy Stuff

Straub:- uses a Kodak Reflex, Ansco film and a porto lens. Takes his best pictures at 1/50 of a second with a 6.3 lens opening. Prefers high noon shots. Is going to spray milk on a blue iris to retain the blue color (I hope this is on the level)..... Froy:- his camera is a Kodak Pony 828. Uses Kodachrome film and likes a grey backdrop. He takes his best pictures at 1/50 of a second with a f.5.6 lens opening. Prefers bright sunshine and no light meter..... Rime:- an Exa-Reflex camera and Kodachrome film - uses a tripod and light meter. Suggests high-noon for blues. Likes to use backdrops and has taken good shots at 1/10 of a second with an f. 16 opening. Prefers bright sun for color.....Burns:- Argus C-3 camera and Ansco film. The camera is very difficult to focus but otherwise excellent. For pictures taken from a tripod I use the f.16 lens opening at 1/10th of a second, for hand held shots the exposure is 1/25th of a second with an f.11 opening. Prefer not too sunny situations and have taken some good shots in light shade. Uses a Harrison B-2 filter for blues only..... The above suggestions are for use in color photography of flowers.

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Dont forget the meeting Thursday Dec. 3rd. See you then.