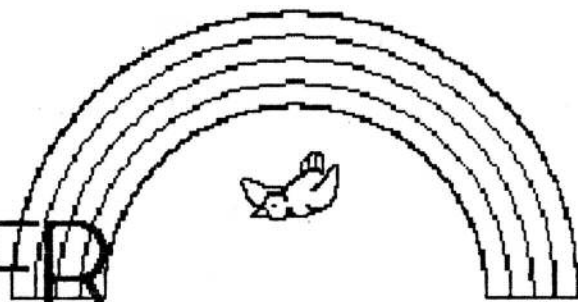


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NEWSFLYER New Look

Before we get into "talking iris" let me point out a few changes in this issue of *The Texas Rainbow Newsflyer*. First, you will notice a new layout, complete with a redesigned banner and easier-to-read type. I felt that 1988 was time for a change. This new computer program does not just allow for the new look, it also provides for a new way to "publish" the bulletin. Since I am now able to easily store articles until such time that they are needed, I can now handle any submissions from our members. This is your publication, so why not submit some of your articles. Some suggestions might include announcements (wedding anniversary, birthday, graduation, etc.) special occasions (parties, picnics, etc.) gardening tips, fundraising news (see *News*, Page 2)

ISA Meetings

The next meeting of the Iris Society of Austin will be held March 8 in the Zilker Garden Center at 6:30 pm. We will have a covered dish "Mexican" supper with the meeting to follow at 7:30 pm. During this meeting plans for our exhibit will be finalized. The meeting for April will be held in the Garden center on April 12 at 7:30 pm. Please mark these dates on your calendars and plan to attend. Our exhibit is just around the corner!

NBIS Meetings

The next meeting of the New Braunfels Iris Society will be held on March 15 in the 1st Federal Building in New Braunfels at 7:30 pm. Ellene Rockwell will talk about "Show Tips". The hostesses (see Meeting, Page 2)

It's Show Time!

N B I S will hold their annual Iris Show at St. James Episcopal Church in New Braunfels on April 16. Set-up will be the day before the show, Friday, April 15. I just know this year's show will be the best ever!

Iris Society of Austin will hold an Exhibit at Zilker Garden Center from 1 pm to 5 pm on April 10.

F Y I Iris

There is a very interesting article in the *Texas Gardener*, March/April edition. "Irises" is written by Marie Caillet. She writes about all types of irises. There are some lovely pictures of the different irises that she grows in her garden. I think it is must reading for iris lovers & growers.

There was an article in a past issue of this same magazine written by a man from Texas A & M in which the writer all but made a flat-out statement implying that tall-bearded iris cannot be grown in Texas without involving too much effort on the part of the grower. Marie Caillet's article gives a much more favorable (and in my opinion, more accurate) look at the growing of tall-bearded. I, for one, was glad to see t-b receive the treatment they deserve.

(New cont.) you can even tell us what a great time you had on you vacation. You may submit articles to me by mail or at the next meeting.

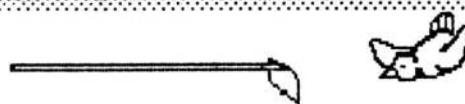
News From AIS

The following items, used in an attempt to make this issue look full, first appeared in the January issue of the *AIS Bulletin*, and have been submitted by Ken Triesch. I hope they are of interest. (the ed)

Ron Mullin has been named permanent editor of the *AIS Bulletin*. Ron is well-known to Region 17 iris growers. He was the banquet speaker at the last regional meeting hosted by the New Braunfels Iris Society.

The Holiday Inn Airport West Holidome will be the headquarters for the annual meeting of the AIS in Oklahoma City on May 3-7, 1988. Decide now to attend and make your Holiday Inn reservations.

Two of the top 5 varieties on the 1988 Symposium are pinks bred by Ben Hager - Beverly Sills and Vanity. They do well in our area. Amethyst Flame, introduced by the Schreiners in 1958, is the oldest variety on the list.



(Meeting cont.) for the meeting will be Bobbie Allen and Lorraine Dragon. April's meeting will be held April 19 at 7:30 pm, again at the 1st Federal Building. The program for this meeting is undecided and will be announced. Hostess/host for the April meeting will be Beatrice McMahon and Kenneth Triesch.

More From AIS

We are reminded again in the 1988 show listing of that fine specimen of Skating Party, exhibited by Dr. W. Clyde Ikins. Dr. Ikins won Queen of the Show with that beauty.



The certified listing of AIS Show Judges lists five from the New Braunfels Iris Society - Rose Marie Dean, Dr. W. Clyde Ikins, Mrs. C. C. Rockwell, and Capt. & Mrs. Otis Skinner.

New Braunfels Iris Society member/hybridizer James R. Allen is listed as having an exhibition certificate issued for seedling S II C during the 1987 show season. Jim's in good company with Opal Brown, Joe Ghio, Ben Høger, and others also receiving certificates. Congratulations Jim!

At the October 30-November 1 Board of Directors meeting of AIS in Memphis, Tennessee, NBIS member Mrs. C. C. Rockwell was recognized and thanked for her six years service on the Board of Directors and her work with the Judges Training Schools. Congratulations Rocky!

If you haven't read it, pick up your bulletin and read the article "MTB Amonea Plicatas." Very interesting. Perhaps we as a club could undertake a similar project with a specific objective for varieties that do well here.

