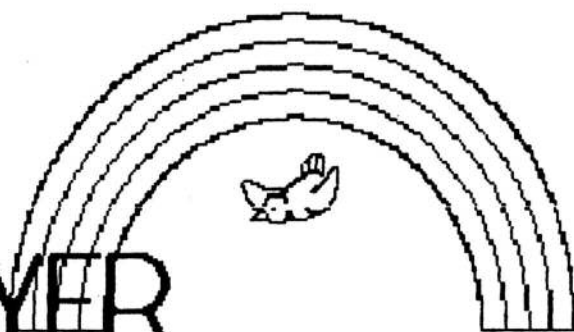


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NBIS Show/A Success

Now See This! (taken in the same vein as the *Austin American Statesman* ad, that I just love, which says "You should see what we said today")...There are flower shows and then there is the New Braunfels Iris Society Show. Yes, another iris year has come and gone (although I still have, at this writing, many beautiful bloomers in my yard and I am sure there are many of you who do also) and another show has been put to rest until next April. The show will rest, don't you wish you could?

We had a lovely show (what other kind could can one expect with such magnificent blooms) and close to 100 people viewed it.

There were 193 entries - most were bearded. But we did have (see *NBIS*, pg. 3,

May Meetings

The May meeting for ISA will be held May 10, 1988 at 7:30 pm in the Zilker Garden Center. We will have a "finger food buffet" so bring your favorite: "chips & dip", "veggie tray", cookies, "finger foods", etc. I'll bring some "Fruit Slush". The meeting will feature the installation of officers. The officers for 1988/1989 will be:

President - Lorraine Dragon
1st Vice Pres. - Imre Eifert
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The NBIS May meeting will be in San Antonio, May 17 at the home of Ruth Allen. Her address is 10530 Milldale; phone # 696-6747 (in case you get lost). (see *Meeting*, pg. 4,

One March Morning

Submitted by Jim Allen

The date - March 3rd, my father's birthday. He would have been 114 years old today if he were alive!

The place - at our breakfast table, looking out the garden window into the back yard.

The time - 8 AM. Bobbie has just left for work and I'm alone with the birds outside coming in for breakfast - at a feeder under the ash tree, and a thistle-seed feeder near the window, hung there so we can see the goldfinches fight each other for a perch on the feeder. The huge japonica, whose flowers - beautiful last week - are falling now, is full of sparrows. Wrens are hopping about on the deck. I suspect they have nested under the deck, because I see them flying in and out of the openings in the deck where the crape myrtle trees come through. The weeping willow has just started greening up, and long lacy string-like branches hang almost touching the ground. The fruitless pear has suddenly turned white with bloom - literally thousands of bouquets of white blossoms springing from the branches. Beyond this tree the flowering peach - called Peppermint, I think - is just showing a few variegated pink and rose buds. The redbud tree - it is always slower to bloom while other red buds are in full bloom - is just showing color.

In the southwest corner of the backyard next to the two compost bins, I've already tucked into the soil some lettuce, onions, collard plants, 6 tomatoes - enough for (see *Morning*, Page 3,

ISA Exhibit/Great

We shared the Zilker Garden Center with the Cactus Society Sunday, April 10. They had a show (and a full blown sale). We had our 1st official and planned exhibition.

Despite the cool, fall-like weather, we had a good turn out. I would guess that over 400 people passed through the doorway to our exhibit room. Some of the people were overflow from the cactus show, but most said they had read my article about irises and the exhibit in the *Austin American Statesman*.

We had 91 tall bearded entries and 12 dutch iris and species entries. We asked the public to vote on the most beautiful iris (their selection) and thus were able to pick 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. "Earl of Essex" grown by Jim Landers won 1st place and Jim will receive 3 iris rhizomes. Jim Landers' "Flaming Vanity" was voted 2nd prettiest and for this he will receive 2 iris rhizomes. "Jim Allen Seedling "R 10", hybridized and grown by Jim Allen had the third most votes and he will receive 1 iris rhizome. The iris rhizomes will be awarded at our September meeting.

The viewing public seemed very interested in our irises. Many people asked questions, and for the most part received good answers. we had some people who were so interested in irises that they decided to join ISA.

We were all very fortunate to meet a very lovely lady by the name of Glenna Keesee. She is a past RVP of Region 17. (see *Exhibit*, pg 4,



(Morning continued) a family of 10 - a couple of Shamrock variety bell peppers, a few cabbage, broccoli, and cauliflower plants. Asparagus tips are coming through. We had our first fresh asparagus salad this week.

And all across the back yard, rising from the fresh, bright green foliage that has only the past month doubled and tripled in size with not a hint of leaf spot, stand dozens of tall, graceful stalks of bearded irises. There's the beautiful blue of VICTORIA FALLS, SILENT PATRIOT, SONG OF NORWAY - and REBECCA ANNE and BOBBIE ALLEN. There's the deep blue of INTUITION, DUSKY DANCER - and SARAH KAY. There's the beautiful blue or lavender and white Amoneas, WHOLE CLOTH, DUTCH DOLL, RUFFLED BALLET - and MARK ALLEN. The pure white of CELESTIAL BALLET, STYLITE, LACED COTTON - and CARRIE ALLEN and CRYSTAL CANYON. The yellow of NEW MOON - and AUNT MARTHA. And there's the lavender of ADAM CONERLY and the blue bearded white of SHELLEY SPANGLER. There're many other seedlings of mine, and varieties named by hybridizers of other times and places.

Yes, they're all there - it's still March 3rd - but I'm the only one who can see them. They're all in my imagination. And it's a beautiful sight!

(NBIS from pg. 1) some Louisianas and a few spurias.

The judges for Horticultural were Capt. and Mrs. Otis Skinner, Jr. of Yorktown. The Artistic judges were Mrs. J. B. Edwards of Pipe Creek and Mrs. E. B. Jenks of San Antonio.

The Horticultural judges did a very good job of selecting irises for our Head (winners) Table. The Head Table looked fantastic. Of course, it was due mostly to the exquisite irises that were on it. But also the small black stands, made by Ray Dragon, helped add the needed flair and pizzazz. Good job Ray!

And the winners are:

- Queen of Show - "Leda's Lover"
Jim R. Allen
- Best Bi-Color - "Gypsy Belle"
Audrey Cooper
- Best Blue - "Evening Echo"
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Dragon
- Best Pink - "Vanity"
Ellene Rockwell
- Best White - "Leda's Lover"
Jim R. Allen
- Best Yellow - "Sunny and Warm"
Ellene Rockwell
- Best Collection - "Madame Chereau - 1844"
Plicata"
Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Schaefer
- Best Louisiana - "Lavender Ruffles"
W. Clyde Ikins

(see NBIS, pg 4)

(Exhibit from pg 2) I believe she and her family were in Austin visiting one of her children. I thoroughly enjoyed talking to her (and boy, can she talk - ha ha). Also Blair Dow, son of Ft. Worth Iris Society president, was in Austin and he came to our exhibit. I had a very pleasant talk with him. Jim and Bobbie Allen drove up from New Braunfels. Jim brought some of his seedlings, as well as some of "his" irises to grace our exhibit tables.

We are a step closer to an AIS sanctioned show...and we may just take that last giant step next year!

Order Early!

Browse through those iris catalogs. Decide which irises you want to add to your collection. Place your order early, or you could wait until September and hope one of the 3 iris sales (1 ISA and 2 NBIS) will have either the ones you "pine for" or some that are similar.

I like to pick and choose varieties that are listed on the Region 17 Symposium that comes out in the March Region 17 AIS Newsletter. Texas is big, and we do have varied growing conditions across the state, but of course nothing like the United States. I have ordered and grown most of the irises listed on the AIS Symposium (for the past several years). I have lost some of them, others have been shy bloomers, some just sit and sulk, and others have flourished. But I feel that the ones listed on the region 17 Symposium (most are also on the AIS list) have had a better track record. *(see Order, pg 5)*

(Meeting from pg 1) Officers will be elected. The nomination committee reported the slate of officers for 1988/89 to be:

President - Kenneth Triesch
1st Vice Pres. - Ray Dragon
2nd Vice Pres. - Lillian Ludwig
Secretary - Bobbie Allen
Treasurer - Werner Heesche

Nominations will be taken from the floor.
Installation will be at the July Meeting.

(NBIS from pg 3)

Best Median - "Whoop Em Up"
Ellene Rockwell
Best Plicata - "Kiss"
W. Clyde Ikins
Best Seedling - "S 11 E" (Rebecca Anne x
Victoria Falls)
Jim R. Allen
Species - "Iris Nelsoni"
W. Clyde Ikins

Blanche Peavey's lovely arrangement won Best of the Show.

I have listed the names of the winners of our show, but I would like to say that all who entered irises in the show should be winners and in a sense you are. All of you grow the most beautiful of flowers...and don't you feel exultant when you visit your iris beds each day! I sure do.
Like a winner!

JULY MEETING

THE NEW BRAUNFELS IRIS SOCIETY will meet on July 23, 1988 at the home of BERNICE and CLYDE IKINS; EL RANCHO ENCANTADO, BANDERA, TEXAS at 4:00 pm. Officers for 1988/1989 will be installed. Also there will be a report on the National Convention.

IRIS SOCIETY OF AUSTIN MEMBERS ARE INVITED.

Directions to El Rancho Encantado

FROM BANDERA COURTHOUSE : GO NORTH ON MAIN STREET (HWY 16). TURN RIGHT ONTO HWY 173 AT BOYLES SUPERMARKET. AT TOP OF HILL ACROSS FROM CEMETERY TURN LEFT ONTO FM 3240 AND GO 8 MILES. AT HICKS RANCH SIGN TURN LEFT ONTO CALICHE ROAD. DO NOT TURN INTO HICKS RANCH ! GO 1.2 MILES ON CALICHE ROAD. AT RANCH SIGN, ON LEFT SIDE OF ROAD, TURN INTO DRIVEWAY TO RANCH.

FROM KERRVILLE : GO THROUGH KERRVILLE ON HWY 16 PAST THE RIVERHILLS MALL, AT TOP OF HILL TURN LEFT ONTO HWY 173 TO BANDERA, GO THROUGH CAMP VERDE, 3 MILES PAST CAMP VERDE, TURN LEFT ONTO FM 2828 - GO 5.9 MILES TO INTERSECTION WITH FM 3240 TO BANDERA - GO .2 MILES, AT HICKS RANCH SIGN TURN LEFT ONTO CALICHE ROAD. DO NOT TURN INTO HICKS RANCH ! GO 1.2 MILES ON CALICHE ROAD. AT RANCH SIGN, ON LEFT SIDE OF ROAD, TURN INTO DRIVEWAY TO RANCH.

