

# *Twin City Iris Society*

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I remember I started my last News & Views with the words, "Snow is still coming down" and a month later that is still true, with a vengeance!! But I still say — "Spring can't be far away," though someone said today that they were sure all this snow couldn't melt til July — But the iris will bloom and we will be embroiled in all the gardening we love. But meanwhile another meeting of the Twin City Iris Society is at hand — the date being Thursday, March 22, 1962. The place the usual YWCA, 12th and Nicollet, at 8:00 P.M.

To those members who have come to associate the month of March with our pot-luck supper, we must tell you we will have to forgo that this year because of the health regulations coincident with the increase of hepatitis. We are sorry that this is necessary as I know many of you look forward to this time of good food and good fellowship. Perhaps something later will take the place of it, but for the time being a regular meeting will be held despite the notice in the yearbook to the contrary. It should prove to be a most interesting meeting, too. Here are the details from our program chairman, Maybelle Wright —

Last month's meeting with Mr. Orville Fay was a never-to-be-forgotten experience. A detailed report of his visit will appear next month.

Have you ever heard of a contest just for fun? Well, our color slide contest at the next meeting will be just that. There will be no rules and no holds barred. We will make no attempt to conceal the identity of the photographers and we want you to bring all of your good iris slides, even if they have been shown several times. There will be four prizes, just to add a little excitement: a \$2.00 certificate, redeemable at the auction, to the best slide in each of the following categories: individual flowers, clumps, garden shots and arrangements. Our judges will be the commercial growers who are present. This may sound like a very peculiar contest, but we do have a sound reason. Many of us were very disappointed with the set of slides shown at our September meeting and feel we can assemble a much better set within our own area. You needn't be a member to enter and we will not keep any of the originals but will have duplicates made from them. After we get a sizable set together, we will add a narration and make it available to garden groups at a nominal fee. This should stimulate interest in our favorite flower and probably help increase our membership. We hope this meeting will create so much interest that you will all become "shutter-bugs" at least during the blooming season. We hope to have another and more orthodox contest in the fall which will be truly competitive. Be sure to come and let the professional growers decide which of your slides should be included in our set.

After showing the slides, if time permits, we will have a wide open discussion of the things we learned from Mr. Fay.

...Maybelle Wright

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

About one hundred members and guests battled their way through the snow drifts last month to attend our meeting and hear Mr. Orville Fay. Just in case any of our members haven't read Page 18 of our 1962 year book, Mr. Fay is an honorary member of our society. This was certainly one of the red letter events in our society's history, and I'll bet as a result of it a record number of Fay originations are going to be planted in the Twin Cities area next summer. I would like to have everyone know that all of the credit for getting Mr. Fay to come here goes to Maybelle Wright and Alice Stenoien. For the benefit of those who didn't have a chance to see the momento that we presented to him, it was a leather attache case with his initials stamped on it.

As this is written, it appears likely that our snow won't stay with us forever (all previous evidence to the contrary notwithstanding) and that spring and another gardening season will soon be upon us. Assuming that this is true, we have some business to discuss and some decisions to make. So far this year we have held our business meetings to a minimum, and we certainly intend to continue this policy to the greatest extent commensurate with democracy in our organization. But our society belongs to its members, and at our March meeting we are going to take time to find out how you feel about some of our present and prospective activities. I have in mind particularly such subjects as a test garden, a library, and some possible revision of show rules. We won't waste a lot of meeting time in inconclusive conversation. Rather, we will ask for your general impressions and then appoint committees to do the foot work and report back to the society later.

G. F. Hanson, President

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More Notes from Mr. Gable, our Regional Vice-President....

So many new varieties of irises have been brought into this area in the past few years through our Iris Auction that Twin City gardens and our Iris Show should soon show the results. There were hundreds of new varieties that most of us have never seen.

Did You Know? Elmoehr is the only onco bred to win the Dykes Medal. Ola Kala and Daybreak tied for the Dykes Medal in 1946. Daybreak proved to be the biggest disappointment of all the contenders for the Dykes, never gaining a position better than 50th place in the Symposium and passed out of the 100 Favorite Irises after six more years. Ola Kala went on to win the Dykes in 1948, held 1st place five times and remains in 47th place in the 1961 Symposium.

Advice to New Hybridizers. Plan on fine stalks - good branching - substance (laced, crimped or ruffled as you prefer) - form - color. This is the order somewhat in relation to their importance. New hybridizers are apt to forget that branching and fine stalks come first. It usually takes eight years for amateur hybridizers to find this out by themselves. But the small plot hybridizers have to find it out before eight years, give it up or move to a bigger acreage. If I had the space to hybridize and grow seedlings, I would start with white and blue with Snow Flurry as my No.1 pod parent. For pollen parents, I would search the records of those A.M. winners, blue or white, having Snow Flurry in the parentage... The toughest job of all would be to produce a better red, but perhaps more rewarding if accomplished... For pink or rose, Mary Randall would be my pollen parent. Palomino is a good parent and fits in with either pink or yellow... Wide color crosses should be avoided other than blue on white or the reverse, rose on pink or pink on yellow or the reverse. Immediate results can best be expected by sticking to the solid colors and using the best available irises.



# CONSTITUTION OF THE TWIN CITY IRIS SOCIETY

## ARTICLE I (Name)

The name of the Society shall be The Twin City Iris Society.

## ARTICLE II (Objectives)

The Society shall be a nonprofit organization whose object and purpose is to promote the culture and further improvement of Iris. The methods of obtaining this object may include:

- (a) The holding of annual shows and formal visits to gardens
- (b) The stimulation and support of Civic beautification plantings.
- (c) The collection of photographs, lantern slides and the collection and distribution of data concerning the history, classification, breeding, cultivation and exhibition of Iris.
- (d) The Twin City Iris Society shall be affiliated with the American Iris Society and the Minnesota Horticultural Society.

## ARTICLE III (Officers)

Section 1. The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Historian and Corresponding Secretary.

Section 2. There shall be elected to a Board of Directors, six (6) directors at large.

Section 3. In an advisory capacity only past presidents of the Society may attend joint meetings of the Board of Directors and Presidency as long as they are members of the Society. They shall, however, have no power to vote at such meetings.

## ARTICLE IV (Membership)

The membership of this Society shall be classified into five groups as herein after defined:

- (a) Charter Membership shall consist of the original organization members who have paid the initial fee of Five (\$5.00) Dollars.
- (b) Active Membership shall consist of all persons residing in the State of Minnesota who are interested in the culture, breeding and/or exhibition of Iris, who pay annual dues which are determined by the Board of Directors. Present dues for individual membership are Two (\$2.00) Dollars per annum; for family membership Two-Fifty (\$2.50) Dollars.
- (c) Life Membership shall be granted to any individual upon the recommendation of the President and Board of Directors and upon the payment of a fee of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars.
- (d) Subscribing Membership shall consist of persons residing in any State other than Minnesota. They shall pay dues in the same amount and shall be entitled to the same privileges as the regular active membership.
- (e) Honorary Membership may be conferred by the Society upon recommendation of the President and Board of Directors, upon persons who have rendered distinguished service to the knowledge and development of the Iris. Honorary members shall not be required to pay dues and they shall not hold office or vote.

## ARTICLE V (Meetings and Conventions)

Section 1. The Twin City Iris Society shall hold an annual exhibition during flowering season. The place and date to be determined by the exhibition committee or committees.

Section 2. The Annual Convention to be held in October at which time officers will be elected and such other business as is deemed necessary transacted.

Section 3. Twelve members being present shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. The members of the Society shall be called to meet upon five or more occasions each year other than the annual convention and exhibition. The program of these meetings shall be directed along lines which will further the object and purpose of the Society.

#### ARTICLE V (Meetings and Conventions) Cont'd

Section 5. Special meetings may be called by the President upon request of a majority of the Board of Directors.

Section 6. The President shall call all meetings of the Board of Directors. A majority of the elected board members being present shall constitute a quorum.

#### ARTICLE VI (Funds)

The funds of the Society shall be derived from the payment of dues, gifts or from such other projects as may be authorized by the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE VII (Officers)

Section 1. All officers shall be elected for one year except the directors who shall be elected for two years.

Section 2. The President shall appoint a nominating committee of three members at least one month before the annual meeting. At the annual meeting this committee shall present at least two nominations for each office to be filled.

Section 3. All newly elected officers shall assume the authority and duties of their respective offices as of January 1st following their election.

Section 4. Each retiring officer shall before the succeeding January 1st deliver to his successor all books, records and properties belonging to that office.

Section 5. No President shall succeed himself more than once.

#### ARTICLE VIII (Duties of Officers)

Section 1. The President shall arrange for and preside at all meetings and conventions of the Twin City Iris Society, appoint all standing and special committees, have general supervisory & executive authority over all activities authorized by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. In the absence or inability of the President to act the First Vice President shall act and in his absence or inability to act the Second Vice President shall act.

Section 3. The Recording Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings or conventions of the Twin City Iris Society, shall have charge of all papers pertaining to that office, shall keep on file a correct list of all members and shall keep a correct list of all officers and members of committees of the organization.

Section 4. The Corresponding Secretary shall perform the duties of that office according to its requirements, keeping full records of such transactions.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall receive and be the custodian of all the funds belonging to the Twin City Iris Society, provide safe keeping of them by depositing same in a reputable bank in the name of the Society and Treasurer; pay all bills approved by presidential or vice-presidential authorization. The President or Vice President shall co-sign all disbursements with the Treasurer, turn over all books and records annually to an auditing committee appointed by the Board of Directors, this committee to make a full report at the annual convention.

#### ARTICLE IX (Parliamentary Authority)

Roberts Rules of Order revised shall be the authority where not in conflict with or where this constitution and by-laws are silent.

#### ARTICLE X (Amendments)

This Constitution may be amended at any annual convention by a two-thirds vote provided that a copy of the amendment shall have been presented in writing to the President or Board of Directors at least thirty days prior, and to the entire membership at least fifteen days prior to the annual convention.