

# *Twin City Iris Society*

## NEWS & VIEWS

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By the time this reaches you, Thanksgiving will have passed and it will be time to think of the approaching Christmas holidays with all the attendant festivities, not the least of which will be the annual Christmas Party of the Twin City Iris Society. For those of you who have attended before, nothing more need be said; for our new members and those who have been unable to be there in previous years — this is truly one of the highlights of the year. Friendship, good fellowship and fun & the Christmas spirit abound and everyone leaves with a glow and tingle full of the Christmas spirit and the thought that while our society is primarily a learning and sharing of ideas — sometimes we can just have fun, too, and there are no nicer friends to have fun with than those of the T.C.I.S.!!! Besides the fun, this is a time of tasty treats and how nice it is to sample all those goodies brought by the members. Here's Maybelle, your program chairman, to tell you the details:

With all this lovely balmy weather, it is hard to realize that our annual Christmas Party is close at hand. It will be at the Y. W. on November 29th, at 8:00 o'clock. Even though we will be installing the new officers, this is the time when we try to keep the meeting and program short to allow time for enjoying our old friends and getting acquainted with our new members.

Charlotte Sindt will show a few slides of Christmas ideas, loaned to us by the Horticultural Society, and in her charming way, suggest ways in which we might adapt these ideas to our own use.

Adah Anderson has again consented to prepare one of her challenging games for us. There will be a prize for the winner, of course.

Bringing homemade Christmas items has become a tradition, and who are we to break tradition? So, bring all your creations and share your ideas with us. Who knows, maybe some of us lazy people will be inspired to get busy!

Please bring a 50¢ gardening gift, wrapped. If it is specifically for a man or woman be sure it is marked accordingly. As in previous years, we hope each of you ladies will bring a box of cookies. These will be used for refreshments and those left over will be sent to children in a hospital. Be sure to come. Bring a friend if you can, but by all means, bring a lot of Christmas Spirit!

. . . MayBelle Wright

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### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

This month I will have to forego my usual ramblings in favor of more important matters. Since our annual dinner meeting in October, your 1962 and 1963 officers and directors have met in a joint session for the purpose of considering certain changes for the forthcoming year. The decisions which they reached have resulted in two important announcements of concern to all of our members.

The first has to do with the names of members to be included in our 1963 year book. This has always presented a problem for our editors because the year book is compiled at the beginning of the year, but some of our folks forget to pay their dues and

renew their memberships until several months later, with the result that some active names have been omitted and some inactive ones included. Your officers and directors have decided to establish the January meeting as a deadline date. All members whose dues are paid by that date will automatically be included. Those who find it impossible or inconvenient to pay their dues by that time may still be included if they notify our year book editor, Mrs. Mary Haertsen. Her address is 1109 33rd Avenue North, Minneapolis 12, and her telephone number is JA 1-4497. But whether you pay your dues or notify Mary Haertsen, please be sure that we have your correct name, address and telephone number so that the year book will be accurate and up to date.

The second announcement concerns our new schedule of dues. In accordance with your approval as expressed at the October meeting, we are making a moderate increase of 50¢ a membership. The annual dues, including both the Twin City Iris Society and the Minnesota State Horticultural Society, will be \$3.00 for an individual or \$3.50 for a family. The dues for membership in the Iris Society alone will be \$1.50 for an individual or \$2.00 for a family.

Before dropping the subject of dues, I can't pass up this opportunity to get in a plug for the Minnesota State Horticultural Society, our parent organization. Our Iris Society is an affiliate of Hort, and our presidents are automatically members of its executive board. Being devoted to the promotion of all branches of horticulture here in Minnesota, its interests are identical with ours, and it deserves our complete support. All members receive its fine publication, The Minnesota Horticulturist, issued nine times a year and written specifically for Minnesota gardeners with their own peculiar problems. The regular cost of membership is \$2.00, but in conjunction with Iris Society membership it is only \$1.50. I recommend in all sincerity that all of our members who do not already belong to Hort avail themselves of it.

G. F. Hanson, President

Our Regional Vice President, Mrs. Earl J. Yunker, sent the results of the A.S.I. symposium in Region 48— I'm sure you are all interested in the results. She had to include the top 29 instead of 25 because, as you see, there were seven iris with seven votes each.

	<u>Votes</u>		<u>Votes</u>		<u>Votes</u>
Celestial Snow	18	Allegiance	10	First Violet	8
Black Taffeta	15	Fleeta	10	May Hall	8
Blue Sapphire	14	Mary Randall	10	Black Swan	7
Frost & Flame	14	Palomino	10	Inca Chief	7
Violet Harmony	14	Dotted Swiss	9	Jane Phillips	7
Whole Cloth	13	June Meredith	9	Ola Kala	7
Cliffs of Dover	12	Lynn Hall	9	Rainbow Gold	7
Galilee	12	Sable Night	9	Taholah	7
Golden Garland	12	Truly Yours	9	Thotmes III	7
Happy Birthday	12	Chivalry	8		

We wish to thank Mrs. Yunker for her interest in our News and Views and for sending this information. You, too, may vote in this symposium if you are a member of the American Iris Society. I cannot urge too strongly for more members for our national organization.

All the awards of the American Iris Society for the current year were published in the last issue of the Bulletin. The lists are too long to be reprinted here but we thought you might be interested in a few of them:

The Dykes Medal

Whole Cloth

Paul H. Cook

(cont'd)

### Runners Up

Melodrama  
Amethyst Flame  
Celestial Snow

Paul H. Cook  
Robert Schreiner  
Bro. Charles Rechamp

### The Award of Merit

Black Swan  
Rococo  
Dot and Dash  
Dawn Crest  
Arctic Flame  
Rainbow Gold  
Jean Sibelius  
Toll Gate  
Fluted Haven  
Golden Masterpiece  
Melissa  
Chinquapin

Orville Fay  
Robert Schreiner  
David F. Hall  
Fred DeForest  
Orville Fay  
Gordon W. Plough  
Clifford W. Benson  
Paul H. Cook  
Mrs. Leo F. Reynolds  
Mrs. Eva Smith  
Mrs. W. J. Hinkle  
J. M. Gibson

There were awards comparable to the Dykes Medal for each of the different classifications such as miniature, dwarf, spurias, arils and arilbreds, etc. These awards are very interesting and important because it shows us which iris are really the top performers among the new ones. A long list of honorable mentions was also listed — an iris to win any of these awards must have been seen and voted for by a number of judges. This is one of the ways we can judge the quality of those iris we have not seen growing. Those of you who do not get the Bulletin may obtain a copy from our librarian and I am sure you would find this information very useful.

The Bulletin also gave the results of the Popularity poll of 1962 which lists the 100 most popular iris over the whole country. The varieties and the number of votes each received follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Variety</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Variety</u>	<u>Votes</u>
1	Blue Sapphire	858	26	Truly Yours	331
2	Whole Cloth	735	27	Argus Pheasant	330
3	Violet Harmony	727	28	Edenite	320
4	Amethyst Flame	611	29	Black Swan	318
5	Frost and Flame	565		Galilee	318
6	Eleanor's Pride	549	31	Dot and Dash	306
7	Mary Randall	540	32	Emma Cook	272
	Sable Night	540	33	Rehobeth	271
9	Melodrama	527	34	Indiglow	270
10	Happy Birthday	501	35	Snow Goddess	267
11	First Violet	485	36	Brass Accents	262
12	Allegiance	455	37	Dotted Swiss	256
13	June Meredith	451	38	Chivalry	253
14	Black Taffeta	417	39	Pinnacle	249
15	Celestial Snow	409	40	Taholah	248
16	Palomino	407	41	Glittering Amber	247
	Swan Ballet	407	42	Pretty Carol	243
18	Olympic Torch	406	43	Lynn Hall	242
19	Butterscotch Kiss	403	44	Dreamy	240
20	Techny Chimes	401	45	Caribou Trail	227
21	Inca Chief	355	46	Cathedral Bells	220
22	Pierre Menard	349		Millionaire	220
23	Limelight	347	48	Ola Kala	218
24	Rococo	342	49	Lady Mohr	217
25	Cliffs of Dover	339	50	Elmohr	216



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51	Rainbow Gold	210	76	Pacific Panorama	165
52	Golden Garland	205	77	Sierra Skies	162
53	New Snow	202	78	Foxfire	160
54	Lula Marguerite	196	79	Lavansque	159
55	Blue Rhythm	195		Queen's Lace	159
56	Bang	193	81	Poet's Dream	157
57	Frances Craig	192	82	Caroline Jane	156
58	Beechleaf	189	83	Lady Ilse	155
	Bronze Bell	189		Minnie Colquitt	155
60	Black Hills	187		Wabash	155
	Snow Flurry	187	86	Cascadian	150
62	Harbor Blue	186		Curl'd Cloud	150
63	Arctic Flame	185	88	Cloudcap	146
64	Captain Gallant	183		Wayward Wind	146
65	Henry Shaw	182	90	Char-Maize	144
66	Dawn Crest	180	91	May Hall	142
	Thotmes III	180		Waxing Moon	142
68	Utah Valley	178	93	Tranquility	140
69	South Pacific	176	94	Allaglow	138
70	Violet Hills	173		Carmela	138
71	Valimar	172	96	Solid Gold	136
72	Desert Song	168	97	Chinquapin	134
	Regina Maria	168		Native Dancer	134
	Top Flight	168	99	Polka Time	133
75	Helen Collingwood	166	100	Spanish Peaks	132

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Your editor usually does not inject personal messages into the News & Views, but I'm going to break that precedent in order to thank all of you for the thoughtful and generous get well messages, cards and notes to me during my recent sojourn in the hospital for surgery. I was quite overwhelmed, and appreciated them all so much!! After the dinner meeting last month Mr. & Mrs. Bakke brought the beautiful flowers you had there up to my hospital room — (we can't understand yet how they were allowed to come up at almost 10:00 P.M.) and also brought along the card you all signed at that meeting. I was so thrilled and pleased, and I know that was one of the things that helped me have just a complete and swift recovery. I feel wonderful now! Many, many thanks to each one of you.

. . . Virginia Messer

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DON't FORGET - CHRISTMAS PARTY - NOVEMBER 29, 8:00 P.M. — Y.W.C.A., 12th and Nicollet, Minneapolis. Bring a 50¢ gift, wrapped; your favorite kind of Christmas goody, any Christmas decorating ideas or things you have made for Christmas, and your Christmas Spirit — EVERYONE COME!!!

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