

# *Twin City Iris Society*

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With such gorgeous weather predominating for the last couple of weeks it really doesn't seem possible that we are well into October already. I was tempted to say "such beautiful Indian Summer weather." But I've been told we can't have Indian Summer until there has been a fairly good frost so I guess technically it isn't Indian Summer - because nary a frost has appeared, but it has been beautiful weather!!! The air is like wine — fresh and invigorating — there's an added spring in the step and a sense of well-being that's hard to define.

Those of you who have been Twin City Iris members over the years know that come October, almost as sure as taxes, comes the annual meeting and dinner of our Society with election of officers and the annual reports besides good food and lots of time to become better acquainted with the other members. This is a meeting that I think every member should attend and it's a very good time for those out-of-town members to come in and get acquainted. Let's have a great big turnout. Here are the details as furnished by Jean Boguta, hospitality & social chairman:

The annual banquet will be held October 17, 1963 at 7:30 P. M. This is Thursday and our regular meeting night. It will be held at Little Jacks Restaurant at 701 Lowry Ave. N.E., Minneapolis. It is considered one of the biggest events of the year, and we are requesting that you all attend. I already have the orders of those who were at the last meeting and had definitely decided to attend. Those who had made no decision or were not there may either get in touch with the calling committee or drop me a note indicating the fact that you will attend and which menu you desire. The menu choices are as follows:

Chicken .....\$2.50  
Shrimp .....\$2.50  
Steak ..... \$3.75  
Special (state definitely what you wish)

The tip is not included in the above prices. All charges will be collected the night of the banquet.

The calling committee is as follows:

Mrs. O. A. Bakke - JU.8-6919  
5145 Golden Valley Rd.  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Miss Adah Anderson - WE.8-7216  
810 Edgemoor Drive  
Hopkins, Minn.

Mrs. Ethel Smith - MI.9-3828  
197 Amherst St.  
St. Paul, Minn.

Mrs. M. E. Dale - SU.4-8160  
8808 N. Lexington  
New Brighton, Minn.

All reservations must be in by Tuesday evening, definitely, in order that final preparations may be made. We hope to have a grand turnout for this event.

Mrs. Steve Boguta  
712 South 5th St., Apt. 16  
Minneapolis, Minn.

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As I sat down at a typewriter to compose my contribution to this month's News and Views, it dawned on me that this is the last time I can unblushingly refer to it as a "President's Letter." On October 17 we are going to have an annual meeting and election of new officers, and as soon as the vote has been taken I will immediately assume the status of a lame duck, which unimpressive position I will occupy until your new president is installed in office. Under the circumstances, the subject I had chosen to write about seems rather appropriate.

The other day I opened a long neglected notebook and came across some notes I had written in preparation for our meeting last November, when I was installed in office for a second term as your president. One point in those notes stirred my recollection, and I remember very well what I said. After commenting on the gratifying growth in our membership, I pointed out that we needed more than just members; we needed leadership. I deplored the fact that so much of the potential talent in our society was still hiding under a bushel, and I made a plea for this talent to float up to the surface and make itself available for the important jobs that we always need to fill.

I think one of the most gratifying aspects of this past year has been that much of this talent did float up to the surface. We have seen some new names attached to some old jobs, and I have sensed an increasing degree of participation by the membership at large. This is a very wholesome trend, but it needs to be pushed still farther. Our society has always been blessed with a wealth of talent and experience, but these qualities have a way of being discovered by other groups besides our own. The result is that the folks who have spearheaded our activities over the years have also accumulated full schedules elsewhere. Certainly we need to continue to have a constant influx of new members, but even more we need to have an increasing level of participation by all our members, old and new. We need to build up a backlog of talent available for the jobs of officers, directors, and committee chairmen. Only in this way can we be sure of consolidating past accomplishments and making future progress.

So I repeat what I have said before. There is no closed inner circle of aristocracy in our society, and nobody needs to fear being rebuffed or ignored. New members - don't be afraid to jump right in and make your presence felt. Older members who haven't been very active - wouldn't you like to participate more? Old members who have done so very much for us in the past - can you possibly squeeze in still another round of service? Now all together - everybody holler "You bet!"

G. F. Hanson, President

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For any of you who haven't seen it yet, it would be well worth the trip to see Mrs. Bakke's chrysanthemums. They are perfectly gorgeous and almost at the height of their bloom. I was there today and it is breathtakingly beautiful - it seems it is more beautiful than ever this year, if that is possible!! Be sure to note some of the prize new ones:

Adorable Spoon - the new form of Adorable  
O'four - the immense new yellow  
Indian Red - A gorgeous one just coming out  
Mary Kittle - a beautiful new gold  
Brownie - a lovely little button



Also particularly beautiful are: Edna Rowley, another lovely button; Bronze Giant, Purple Waters (never better), Harvest Bronze, Wayzata, Jessamine Williams, Mount Hood, Coral Mist, Daisy Mum, Autumn Beauty and our very favorite red, Ruby Mound.

This is just a start!! For the most beautiful sight you have ever seen, drop by. As those of you know who know her, she loves to see you and loves to share the beauty with others. It is truly an unforgettable experience!!

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In July, Mrs. Junker, our regional vice-president, A.I.S., sent me the following report about the symposium ballots for the A.I.S. I am sorry I didn't have room for it last month but I am sure it will be just as interesting now:

Enclosed find results of 1963 symposium ballots. I think your members are interested in this as many more voted their ballots this year. I had 32 ballots and only 10 from Wis. so 22 Minn. members voted. I think that's wonderful. I am enclosing the total vote this year plus the top 25.

Eleanor's Pride... 18 votes	Cliffs of Dover ..... 10 votes
Allegiance ..... 17	Dotted Swiss ..... 10
Celestial Snow.... 15	First Violet ..... 10
Whole Cloth ..... 15	Olympic Torch ..... 10
Violet Harmony .. 13	Truly Yours ..... 10
Black Taffeta..... 12	Amethyst Flame .... 9
Blue Sapphire..... 12	Dot and Dash..... 9
Emma Cook ..... 12	Melodrama ..... 9
Frost and Flame.. 12	Butterscotch Kiss ... 8
Golden Garland ... 12	Galilee ..... 8
Mary Randall .... 12	Happy Birthday ..... 8
Rippeling Waters.. 12	Orchid Jewel..... 8
Black Swan..... 11	

The above are the top 25, but I am sending a sheet of the total vote that you can take to the next meeting so if anyone is interested in any particular iris you can tell them how many votes that iris got.

Mrs. Earl J. Yunker

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I will have this total vote in case anyone would be interested in checking on a certain iris. I wish to thank Mrs. Yunker for the information sent. It is most interesting to all of us. Maybe next year we can have even more of our A.I.S. ballots sent in — so a more complete picture can be obtained.

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REMEMBER — Annual Banquet — Little Jacks — October 17, 1963. Why not make your reservations now??

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MY PRAYER... by Hazel Lacey

God, teach me to take time to sit in the sun  
To chat with a friend, or to make a new one,  
To open my garden gate so wide  
That a friend or stranger will come inside  
That the flowers I grow, with your help and care  
Will always remind me to share and share!  
And if I'm privileged to work in your garden above,  
Will you pass by with a smile of love?  
That I may know you approve of my deed,  
That I'm not wasting my time with Iris seed!