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The pot-luck supper was an outstanding success as usual. Close to 60 members attended. The food was marvelous and there was plenty of it.

On the program were several experts in their fields, Mrs. Ken Fisher answered questions on flower arranging; Mr. Gus Sindt took care of show rules and procedures; Mrs Emil Foss and Mr Jack Burns answered the questions on iris and their culture. Mrs L. A. Wright served as moderator.

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Better get your iris uncovered if you havent already done so. We have heard some reports of mildew under the covering, but generally the iris look exceptionally good with very little winter loss - for a change.

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1955 Dwarf Iris Society Awards

Dwarf Iris Society Medal (DISM)

PATH OF GOLD (golden yellow)

Blue Ribbon Award:

APRIL MORN (flax blue)

BLAZON (deep maroon)

ORANGE GLINT (orange yellow)

STYLISH (petunia purple)

Award of Special Merit:

SPARKLING EYES (amoena)

VERIGAY (variegata)

CUP AND SAUCER (mahogany purple)

HANSELMAYER (pale lemon)

BLUE SPOT (neglecta)

BUSTER BROWN (brown)

RED AMETHIST (quite red)

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Show News

The iris show of the T C I S has been definitely scheduled for the First National Bank of St. Paul for 1956. The dates have not been decided for sure but tentative dates are either June 3 - 4 or June 10 - 11. Note that these dates fall on Sunday and Monday rather than the usual Saturday and Sunday that we have become accustomed to. The Show chairman is Mr W G Sindt and we understand he will need quite a bit of help so dont be surprised if he calls you.

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Extra !

The TCIS now is the proud possessor of not one, but two gavels!!! One presented by Mr and Mrs Joe Patzke and the other by Mr Robt. Leacock. Both are beauties. Also Mr Russell Frey has presented the Society with a first edition of "Roberts Rules of Order", so now we are all prepared for proper parliamentary procedure. (Gosh! theres a real mouthful - try saying that last sentence real fast - two or three times.)

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Accredited AIS Iris Judges for Rgion VIII (Minn. & Wisc.)

Mrs Esther Berger	2236 East 42nd St	Minneapolis 7. (RVP)
Mr A G Blodgett	1008 East Broadway	Waukesha, Wisc.
Mrs Edythe Burns	1707 77th Ave. No.	Minneapolis 12.
Mrs Alice Foss	6045 St Croix Ave.	Minneapolis 22.
Mr Granvil Gable	2543 38th Ave So	Minneapolis 6.
Mr Ben Haeg	8515 Lyndale Ave So	Minneapolis 20.
Mr Ronald Hill	1315 So 23rd St.	Milwaukee, Wisc.
Mr Stanley Larson	11 South 57th Street	Duluth 7, Minn.
Mrs Alfred Muller	Curtis Dr at Wisconsin Ave.	Elm Grove, Wisc.
Mr Robert Reinhart	R F D 6 Box 660	Waukesha, Wisc.
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Mr W. G. Sindt	1847 East Ave.	St Paul 9.

If you have some seedlings that you feel are worthy of consideration, contact any of the judges and they will be happy to give you a sincere opinion. (You may not like it but it will be sincere).

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Bargain Basement

In the March 1953 issue of the News and Views, we brought to your attention the price of a new variety of petunia seed, Mrs Dwight D Eisenhower, then selling for \$ 15.00 per 1/128th of an ounce which would add up to \$ 30,720.00 per pound. We are very happy to report at this time that this same seed is now priced well within the reach of everyone, having been sharply reduced to \$ 24,576.00 a pound. All prices quoted are wholesale - of course.

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Corrections and Additions to the Membership List

Mr Thomas A Gibbs	5100 39th Ave So.	Minneapolis
Mr & Mrs Edw. G Straub	Route 3 Box 372	Wayzata, Minn.
Mr Chas. Rooney		Royalton, Minn.
Mrs Ruth Sipe	4836 Quail Ave.	Robbinsdale, Minn.
Mrs Joseph Silitz	8200 Duluth St	Minneapolis 27
Mrs Edward Jaster (corr)	3252 McKinley St N.E.	Minneapolis
Mr & Mrs Cliff Klapotz	Route 1	Wayzata, Minn.
Mr Orville Fay (CofA)	1775 Pfingsten Road	Northbrook, Ill.

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If you are an average gardener you have most likely grown the following plants believing them to be native to this country. We were quite surprised to learn that all of them came from faraway lands.

From AFRICA:

Calla Lily	Freesia	Gladiolus
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From South America:

Amaryllis	Begonia	Fuchsia	Petunia
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From China:

Aster	Chrysanthemum	Peony	Primrose
Regal Lily	Rhodendron		

From Australia:

Acacia	Everlastings
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From Southern Europe:

Candytuft	Cornflower	Larkspur	Snapdragon
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From Mexico:

Ageratum	Cosmos	Dahlia	Marigold
Zinnia			

From the East Indies:

Balsam	Cleome	Cockscomb	Four o'clock.
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The above information was taken from A C Hottes book, Garden Facts and Fancies.

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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the TCIS will be held on Wednesday, April 25th at 7:15 PM at Watson's Appliance Store, 464 So. Snelling Ave. at Randolph, in St. Paul. As we have the use of the building only until 9:30 PM it will be necessary to start the meeting promptly. The speaker will be Mr Howard L. Brown of Fisher Photo Supply Co. Mr Brown will discuss basic fundamentals of garden photography, demonstrate several camera types and how to use them - how to use a light meter (which is very important in color pictures of iris) also he will show some slides and explain the right and wrong points of each. That date again is Wednesday, April 25th at 7:15 PM

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Roumanians use an Onion Calender. They hollow out twelve onions and fill the cavity with salt. Each onion is then named for a month of the year and left overnight. The ones in which the salt has melted will be the rainy months. We tried this and are sorry to say that it is going to rain for the next twelve months.