

# *Twin City Iris Society*

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Summer is nearly over, school has started and we look forward to the beautiful fall days when we can work in our gardens with real pleasure. We hope all of you had a most rewarding summer and are ready now for the added pleasure of renewed fellowship with your fellow members of the Iris Society. Our next meeting is September 28, Thursday, at 8:00 P.M. at the Minneapolis Y.W.C.A. The room number will be posted on the bulletin board by the elevators for those of you who have not attended the meetings before. The Y.W.C.A. is at Twelfth and Nicollet with ample parking space behind the building or in the Mall across Twelfth St. We would like to see a large turnout and as many of the new members as possible. The program sounds very interesting and I'm sure all will gain a great deal from it. Our program chairman, Glen Hanson, sends the following note concerning it:

The program at our September 28th meeting will be conducted by Mrs. Tom Wright, our hybridizing chairman, and will be devoted to a summary of our hybridizing activities for the year. Mrs. Wright has put a great deal of time and effort into this project throughout the growing season, and she has some interesting and informative material lined up for us. In addition, the members will be given an opportunity to report on their own hybridizing activities, or to ask questions and compare notes. We will also have a series of color slides to show. These slides were obtained from one of the nation's leading growers. Everyone who saw the series that was shown last year will recall how excellent they were.

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We are making fine progress in our Membership Drive. Let's each redouble our efforts as there are only three more meetings before the end of the contest.

We wish to extend a very friendly welcome to the following new members:

Mrs. Ellen French  
3204 Fremont Ave. So.  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Mrs. Frances Ehle  
8625 Washburn Ave. So.  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Mrs. Walter Johnson  
6408 31st Ave. No.  
Minneapolis 21, Minn.

Mr. & Mrs. K. N. Hetland  
6908 Antrim Road  
Minneapolis 24, Minn.

And a welcome back to old friends:

Mr. & Mrs. Earl Moffet  
6745 Harriet Ave. So.  
Minneapolis 23, Minn.

Please call me at JA. 1-4497 if you have new members to report.

Mary Haerten

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Some notes from Mrs. Wright, our hybridizing chairman:

(We wish we could have sent these out to you in time for your use this past season — but save them for next season and as you study hybridizing this year you will know what varieties to get next year — and will probably add some of your own.)

Good iris can only come from good parents. Two of the top parents over the years have been Snow Flurry — white, and Chivalry — blue. I will list a number of iris that have proved to be good parents. This, of course, is only partial and is only a beginning. Many beautiful iris are either sterile (producing no pollen) or set seeds very seldom, if at all. It is well to know these so that your time will not be wasted on these. These inexpensive iris are within the reach of all and have proved to be good parents:

Snow Flurry	Dolly Varden	Palomino
Chivalry	Cloud Cap (breed	Capitola (Onco)
Blue Sapphire	for wide things)	Helen MacGregor
Angel Glow	Lula Marguerite	New Snow
Belton Beauty	Rainbow Room	Pink Fulfillment
Blue Cliff	Sky Ranger	Spanish Peaks
Crystal	Song of Songs	Pathfinder
Enchanted Pearl	Mary Randall	Happy Birthday
Cascade Splendor	Jane Phillips	Pretty Quadroon
		Tiffany

We feel the newest trend is for lace in iris. Those iris in this list marked with L can be used to breed lace:

Cloud Castle	Sugar Plum - L	Hit Parade
Party Dress - L	Gussie - L	First Violet
Chantilly - L	Ruffled Apache - L	Inca Chief
Midwest Gem - L	Radiation	First Curtain - L
Gold Ruffles - L	Progenitor	

These iris have produced a lot of good iris and will produce many more. Sometimes one of the old "tried and true" parents crossed to one of the newer fancier iris will produce something outstanding. The possibilities are limitless.

Keep this list and add to it any of those iris you find are good parents for future reference.

Mrs. Tom Wright

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