

# *Twin City Iris Society*

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With this gorgeous weather it doesn't seem like November — at the moment of writing the temperature is 60° and the sun is shining brightly. It's been a beautiful Fall and predictions are for a mild Winter — but we shall see.

My roses are hilled, my iris are covered and I'm waiting for the ground to freeze to finish covering. Maybe it will be as has happened before that I keep waiting for the ground to freeze until reports of expected snow send me scurrying to finish the cover — frozen ground or no —

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Our next meeting is our "fun meeting" of the year — The annual Christmas Party to be held at the Minneapolis Y.W.C.A. at Twelfth and Nicollet, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1960 — 8:00 P.M.

The committee is working hard on appropriate decorations and program to make a most enjoyable evening full of Christmas spirit, good fellowship and good things to eat. Each person attending is asked to bring a 50¢ gift for a gift exchange — a gardening gift would be especially appropriate. Each woman (men, too, if they would like) is asked to bring two dozen (or equivalent) Christmas goodies — cookies, fruit cake slices, candy, Christmas bread, etc. We would like these to be your specialty; the item that especially says "Christmas" at your house. Also, if you have something different in the way of Christmas decorations, or something that others would be interested in making or seeing, please bring it along. It will help with the decorations as well as giving other people ideas on how they can make their homes more Christmasy. I think this exchange of decorating ideas was one of the most interesting and most enjoyed facets of last year's party. It's always fun to get new ideas!!!

We will all join in singing Christmas carols, led by Miss Rose G. McLeer and accompanied by Miss Ruth Anderson.

Don't forget — mark it on your calendar now — CHRISTMAS PARTY — YWCA — 12th & Nicollet, December 1, at 8:00 P.M. We are having the large room at the Y — the room number will be posted on the bulletin board.

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A most enjoyable program followed...Mr. Symen Kooy, a most personable young man from Holland, gave us some valuable tips on the culture and care of tulips and other spring bulbs, and showed a number of beautiful slides showing tulips in all their glory. I'm sure that many of us were re-inspired to add more tulips to our gardens. Maybe in return we can convince Mr. Kooy to plant a few iris as he is now a member of the Twin City Iris Society.

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DUES SCHEDULE:	Single —	\$2.50 with Horticulture Magazine
		1.00 without " "
	Family —	\$3.00 with Horticulture Magazine
		1.50 without " "

To facilitate matters and keep from taking too much time at the meeting, she suggests that you bring your dues in an envelope on which is your name, address and telephone number — the way you want it to appear in the yearbook. Those of you who cannot come to the meeting should send the dues with the information to the new treasurer, Mr. G. B. Gable, 2543 - 38th Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minn. We would greatly appreciate it if all dues would be paid by January 1, 1961. It would help the yearbook committee greatly and would enable them to have the yearbook ready for the January meeting. In the past dues have trickled in over several months and it made the issuance of an up-to-date yearbook almost an impossibility. Thank you for your cooperation.

We would also like some other information included in or on the envelope in which your dues are paid. Note briefly if you are interested in hybridizing, and if you will have seedling blooms in 1961.

The interest in hybridizing is increasing by leaps and bounds and we are interested in knowing how many and who will have seedlings. By the way, if any of you have iris seeds you have not planted, get them in the ground outside immediately — they cannot be planted indoors as the seeds need to have a period of "cold storage" before they will germinate. It is also much better to plant directly into the ground as the young plants develop very long roots surprisingly soon and flats just aren't deep enough.

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Congratulations are due to Mr. & Mrs. Loren Franklin who have completed moving into their beautiful new home at 16440 Rockford Road, Hamel, Minn. And we hear that it is indeed a beautiful home in a setting of fabulous evergreens.

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We have several new members:

Mrs. W. L. Schoene  
6617 63rd Ave. No.  
Minneapolis 27, Minn.

Mrs. Shirley Johnson  
6300 Hampshire  
Minneapolis 27, Minn.

Mr. Symen Kooy  
2255 E. Old Shakopee Rd.  
Minneapolis 20, Minn.

We wish to welcome you and hope that your membership in our society will give you both knowledge and the enjoyment of fellowship with many new friends.

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Thanksgiving Day is almost here and may I take this opportunity to wish for each of you a happy day with relatives and loved ones — a day in which we may be truly thankful for the blessings we enjoy, the bounties of nature God has bestowed upon us and the wonderful, free land in which we live.

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Don't forget — next meeting — Christmas Party — Thursday, December 1, 8:00 P.M. Bring first of all yourself and your spouse — your Christmas goodies — a 50¢ gift — any decoration you might like to share. See you there — Merry Christmas, everyone!!!