

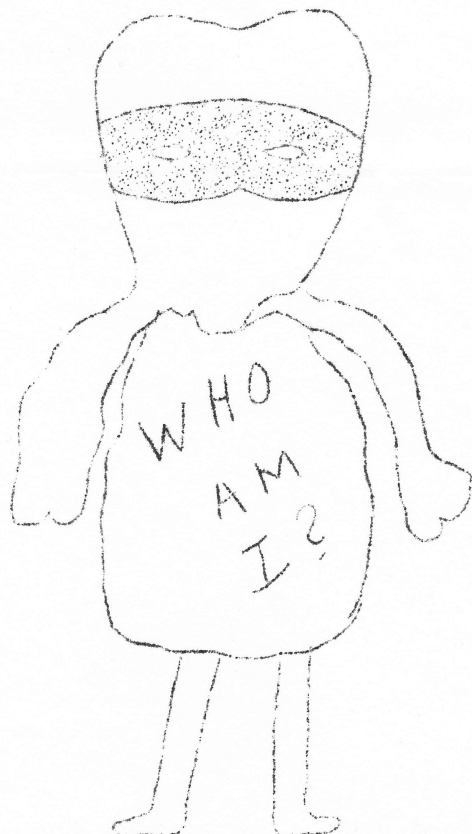
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"COME DRESSED AS AN IRIS"

Pot-Luck Supper

March 16, 1967

6:30 P.M.

Guaranty State Bank
3700 West Broadway

If you have never attended a Twin City Iris Society costume party, you are in for a treat. As a matter of fact, if you have attended previous parties, you are in for a treat, but you're expecting it. Costumes don't have to be elaborate to win a prize. A winner one year simply wore a picture of Franklin Delano Roosevelt to show that he was Eleanor's Pride. Imagination is the key to the fun of planning your own and guessing the other members' titles.

Prizes are given for the following costumes:

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| Most unusual | Most humorous |
| Most typical | Most elaborate |

A prize is also given to the person able to guess correctly the iris identity of the most costumes.

A large part of the treat in store for you is the pot-luck supper. If you are wondering what to bring for the pot-luck, call Zula Hanson, 561-1748, or, a pot-luck is a pot-luck is a pot-luck, so just bring your favorite food.

SUPPORT HORT

Four years ago the state legislature reduced its support of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society from \$7,500 to \$5,000. Two years ago this amount was reduced to \$4,000. A letter to your state senator and representative urging them to reinstate support to the original \$7,500 will let them know you believe the Hort Society is important.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Isn't it nice to feel a hint of spring in the air and to feel the warmth in the sun? There will be more snow and cold weather, but it won't last, and soon the piles of white stuff will disappear.

Once in awhile we all feel discouraged and get the impression that we aren't very necessary in the scheme of things. The following paragraph is one I saved because it makes us realize that our individual efforts are necessary after all. See if you agree.

KXY PXOPLX

Xvxn though my typxwritxr is an old model
it works quitx wxll, xxcxpt for onx of thx kxys.
It is trux that all thx othxr kxys work wxll
xnough, but just onx kxy not working makxs
thx diffxrxncx.

Somxtimxs it sxxms our socixty is
somxwhat likx my typxwritxr--not all thx
kxy pxoplx arx working.

You may say to yoursxlf, "Wxll, I
am only onx pxrson. I won't makx or brxak
thx socixty." But it doxs makx a diffxrxncx.
Bxcausx an organization to bx xffxctivx nxxds
thx activx participation of xvxyonx. So
thx nxxt timx you think your xfforts will not
bx missxd, rxmxbxr my typxwritxr.--Your Xditor
(Pipx Linxs)

We hope you are all coming to our March meeting. It is the fun night of the year when we all show up dressed as an Iris and we all partake in a big guessing game.

Fun . . . Food . . . Coffee . . . Fellowship!

SEE YOU MARCH 16 AT 6:30 P.M.

Dorothy Rudser, President

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THE SHADOW OF COMING EVENTS

1969 is going to be a red letter year for Region 8, because that is the year when the American Iris Society convention will be held in Milwaukee. By that time my term of office will have expired, and the Regional Vice Presidency will, quite fittingly and properly, be back in Wisconsin. Now if I seem a bit premature in beating the drum for an event that is still two years in the future, there is method in my madness. With a profound obeisance to our good Wisconsin friends who are doing the work and carrying the burden, I still don't want all those iris people who attend the convention to go back home thinking that there is only one state in Region 8. I would like to see Minnesota represented at that convention in considerably more than a lick-and-promise manner. There are two definite areas of participation that we should be thinking about right now, and acting upon in the near future.

The Shadow of Comint Events (continued)

The first is the matter of new iris introductions and seedlings, which are the highlight of every convention. The Milwaukee convention will be staged in the beautiful horticultural setting of Mitchell Park, with the full cooperation of the city's officials. The plantings have to be set in place a long time in advance in order to give them time to develop and put on a good appearance. A special area will be set aside for Region 8 originations, and there are enough accomplished hybridizers in both of our states to demonstrate that our region has other attributes besides its atrocious winters. This is a golden opportunity for our hybridizers to be noticed and talked about, and I hope we will take full advantage of it. The committee will also accept rhizomes for planting in 1968, but everybody knows a two-year clump looks better than a one-year clump. So blooming time, 1967, is the time to size up our goodies, decide which of them we want the rest of the world to see, and get them planted in Milwaukee.

The second area of possible interest to some of our folks is a new innovation, an artistic and educational exhibit. The chairman of this section is Bob Reinhardt, whose artistry regularly decorates the covers of the Wisconsin Iris Society publications. Quoting from a flyer I have just received, I'll let him tell you about it. Please note that this is limited to AIS members.

We are endeavoring to create something new for our 1969 American Iris Society Convention to be held in Milwaukee, to create further interest in all types of iris and to show what can be done in various forms of arts and crafts to glorify the iris. Also an educational exhibit to enlighten the public on iris culture in its various forms.

All art work must be done in as realistic form as possible. Cubist or abstract art will not be accepted. All art work can be done in any medium such as oil, pastel, watercolor, tempera, ink, etc. All art work shall not exceed 18" x 24" in size. Art crafts to be in ceramics, wood carving, weaving, metals, and other types of art crafts suitable for exhibit glorifying the iris. The material sent must have a name and address label attached to the work. If you have work of great value, it is your responsibility to insure your work. We will not be held responsible for losses or damage, but will exercise every effort to protect the entrant's property. All art work will be hung on artistic wall boards and all valuable art crafts will be behind glass.

All educational material on iris should be typewritten. This material will be lettered by us on suitable uniform display cards. All charts and illustrations can be done by your own artists on cards not to exceed 14" x 18" in size. All art craft and educational work is open to all AIS members.

For anyone interested in either of these areas of participation, I will be glad to serve as the go-between. I don't have all of the ground rules yet, but the Wisconsin Iris Society will keep me posted and when the time comes to send either rhizomes or art, I will know what to do. If you have something to offer, just call me and I will give you complete cooperation. I want Minnesota represented at this convention, and I'll run all the way to Milwaukee with your rhizomes or art work in my teeth if necessary!

G. F. Hanson
Regional Vice President

FEBRUARY MATHEMATICS

ADD to the list of AIS introductions in the February issue of News and Views one introduced by Glenn Hanson, Pink Whistle with L. R. Smith as hybridizer. Pink Whistle has a clear pale pink self; darker pink beard; huge ruffled style arms, slightly darker. June Meredith x Fleeta.

Subtract 9 grandchildren from the 21 mentioned belonging to Alice Stenoien to make an honest count of 12.

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WHO'S WHO IN TCIS

Richard D. Fisher, 117 - 4th Avenue N.E., Stewartville, Minnesota, is the newest member of TCIS. In looking for information on growing iris, he was referred to President Dorothy Rudser, who invited him to become a member. Welcome, Mr. Fisher.

Don Briggs and Ray Suhr are both employed by the Soil Conservation Service at Luverne, Minnesota. Mr. Briggs has been a member of TCIS about three years, and Mr. Suhr says he had his arm twisted by Mr. Briggs last year to join. Both manage to attend meetings about three times a year in spite of the distance they have to drive. The following quote from the Bulletin of the Southern Illinois Iris Society, written by Georgia Hinkle, tells us more about member Don Briggs:

Among pleasant memories of last season was a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Don Briggs, AIS members from Luverne, Minnesota. A letter received today (December 16th) reads in part: 'So far we have been blessed with rather mild weather but at this location anything can happen. I put in 4,000 seeds in the seed-bed this fall. Used 1/3 peat, 1/3 dirt, and 1/3 sand, watered down with a fungicide spray. I'm looking for a little better germination than I've had, so far. . . . One of these days I'll start on an article about soils for you. I've iris planted on two different soil types now but it's still mostly experimenting with what works best at this location. . . .' Bless you, Don, for the promise of an article! And we welcome you as a new member of SIIS.

Incidentally, Mr. Briggs has promised to provide the same article on soils for our Twin City News & Views.

Warren Johnson, our treasurer, presented the film at our last meeting and gave a report on systemic poisoning. Mr. Johnson is an experimental supervisor in the field of plant genetics at the University Farm. This work is carried on at the University through a federal grant at scattered places throughout the state. We noticed one way Mrs. Johnson uses her creativity is in the design and embroidery of Mr. Johnson's vest.

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EDITOR'S PLEA

Do you have an idea for an article in News & Views? What would you like to have someone write about, or what would you like to write about yourself? Call or send your ideas to Grace Carlock, 3039 Colfax Avenue South, Minneapolis 55408, phone 825-4697, or see her at the meeting. News about members or gardens is appreciated, too.