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AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY SLIDES

January 18, 1968

8:00 P.M.

Guaranty State Bank
3700 West Broadway

Two sets of slides from the American Iris Society will fill our evening at the January meeting:

1. Bulbous irises, including
 - Reticulatas
 - June irises
 - Species and hybrids of beardless family
 - Crested
 - Louisiana
 - Western natives
 - Spurias
 - Siberians
 - Japanese

2. A.I.S. Convention in Newark - 1966
 - New irises
 - Gardens
 - Irisarians who attended convention

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A.I.S. REGION 8 NEWS

The new Regional Vice President of Region 8 (Minnesota and Wisconsin) of the American Iris Society is Mr. Clarence H. Protzmann of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. One of his aims as RVP is to help regional members to become better acquainted. He plans to have a "Region #8 Booklet" with brief personal information about each of the 150 A.I.S. members in our region, including items about their gardens, hybridizing, etc. He hopes that this may stimulate enough personal satisfactions from friendships gained so that we could have a Region 8 brunch after the 1969 National Iris Convention in Milwaukee. This should be an additional benefit, beyond just receiving the Bulletin, from being an A.I.S. member.

If you are an A.I.S. member, make your response quickly, as Mr. Protzmann needs the information by January 20th. His address is 400 East Van Norman Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207. If you are not an American Iris Society member, why not seriously consider becoming one. Dues are \$5.00 a year for single or \$6.00 for family memberships.

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COMING ATTRACTION - Dr. Leon Snyder, head of the horticulture department at the University of Minnesota, will speak to us February 15th about the Arboretum.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year, Everyone! May 1968 be the bloomingest year for you - iris blooms, of course!

January, named for the two headed god Janus with one head looking back and one looking forward, is the month for checking up on one's self. With the long cold evenings, we have the chance to look back at our gardening practices to see if we ought to do something different.

To get those blooms, there is no substitute for work. So apparently, when I wish you the bloomingest year, I must be wishing you work...and rightly so (but not over-work), for without work our muscle tone drops and we become more susceptible to disease. The age old biological law of growth is that life (plant or animal) dies if it is not growing. There may be plateaus of slow growth, such as indicated by rings on a tree stump where the slow growth makes heavier closer knit cells. When growth stops there is death and sometimes it is extremely slow, nevertheless, it is death.

Without work there is no sense of accomplishment. The feeling of doing something worthwhile, or being needed is one of the ingredients in our lives that keep us mentally healthy.

Without work there is no production. Without production there is no wealth. And without work there is no appreciation. It is only when we have been through the valleys of darkness that we can appreciate the brighter moments. It takes work of a kind to gain the wisdom and insight to appreciate not only the iris in our garden, but those in others, or the wild ones that God plants.

What am I wishing you? Health, wealth, and wisdom through the coming year. Of course there is really a balance between work and play, and those of us who love irises often find that the work connected is play. As we play the game year after year, we find shortcuts or new ways of taking care of our iris.

A key for this year, individually and for the society as a whole, should be "work", not as a drudgery (there is some of that), but for the fun and remembrances of fun through the year. Wasn't it fun to see a horse at our "Come as an Iris" meeting last March? Wasn't it fun when you were planting that bargain you got at the iris auction? Wasn't it fun looking at the slides Mr. Bakke took of various iris gardens? Didn't you appreciate the smile of pride the Rudsters had when Pacific Panorama became Queen of the Show? Or wasn't it fun when you were weeding your iris bed and you looked back down the row to see how nice and clean the garden looked? It was work, but it was fun, and 1968 will have more of those bright moments. We hope to have Mr. William Bledsoe, 2nd vice-president of the A.I.S., as a guest speaker and guest at our show this year. Possibly we can arrange to have him teach iris judging. He is willing to have an official judge's school.

1967 was good! 1968 will be good, too.....with everyone working.

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DID YOU KNOW THAT.....

- The Manfred Wormuths have a healthy new child born December 19th? His name is Kevin Dieter. Congratulations to the Wormuths on their third boy!
- Charter TCIS member Adrian P. Gibson passed away November 26, 1967?

DID YOU KNOW THAT.....

- Honorary member Tell Muhlestein wrote in his Christmas letter that he is "continuing this precarious iris business on a limited scale, more or less as a hobby." He plans to issue a list of newer kinds and continue to introduce and hybridize.
- The November meeting included the following?
Glenn Hanson presented Greta Kessenich a special antique iris fork, in appreciation of her successful managing of the Iris Shows and thorough work in every job she undertakes.

Dorothy Rudser received an iris teaspoon in appreciation of her year as our president.

A visit to the meeting by former member Mary Waterman.

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NEW OFFICERS

With a thumbnail sketch of each officer's interests, Alice Stenoien installed the 1968 officers and board of directors at the November meeting.

President	Walter Carlock
1st Vice President	Warren Johnson
2nd Vice President	Dr. Reuben David
Recording Secretary	Mrs. LeRoy Duvall
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Ernest Mutterer
Treasurer	Henry Halvorson
Board of Directors	
1968-69	G. B. Gable
	Glenn Hanson
	Mrs. George Lankow
1967-68	Mrs. Glenn Hanson
	W. G. Sindt
	Mrs. Clifford Stover

Congratulations to our new officers, and thanks to the old who have steered us through a good year!

In his acceptance speech, new president Walter Carlock set the following goals for the year 1968:

1. More members
2. More American Iris Society members
3. One of the nation's best iris shows
4. Fun and fellowship
5. Prominent irisarians as speakers
6. Study and coordinate knowledge on iris disease (build up TCIS library)
7. Cooperate with Wisconsin on national convention to make it good; learn how to operate national convention for a future one here.
8. Improve communication
9. Find places in Twin Cities for more plantings of iris

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HAVE YOU SIGNED UP AND PAID YOUR DUES FOR YOUR 1968 MEMBERSHIP? IF NOT, BLANKS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE JANUARY 18th MEETING.