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T.C.I.S. Annual Dinner

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MR. HUBERT A. FISCHER

ELECTION OF
OFFICERS

President, American Iris Society

IRIS SHOW
AWARDS

"FIFTY YEARS ALONG THE RAINBOW TRAIL"

6:30 P.M., Thursday, October 17
SWISS CHALET
5201 Excelsior Boulevard (Miracle Mile)

Reservations are necessary
by October 15. Call Zula
Hanson, 561-1748, or Laura
Sutton, 529-3412.

COST - \$2.83

Tickets sold at the door.

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Special visitors expected at the Annual Dinner Meeting are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Protzmann of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mr. Protzmann is our Regional Vice President (Region 8) of the American Iris Society.

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SPECIAL REQUEST

How many plant-parasitic nematodes are feeding on the roots of your iris? We in the Department of Plant Pathology at the University of Minnesota would like to know. Unfortunately, each summer seems to be shorter than the previous one, and this year wasn't an exception. Although we were able to collect a number of soil samples from some of the larger iris gardens in the greater Twin City area, we weren't able to visit and collect in as many different gardens as we would have liked.

Perhaps you would be willing to help us. You can by taking some soil from around the roots of a well-established clump of iris and bringing the soil sample with you to the next meeting. The soil (about a half-pint or more) should come from the root zone (2 to 8 inches below the soil surface) and should be protected in a sealed plastic bag (bread wrapper, etc.) from drying and excess heat. Please label the sample with your name, the variety name and whether or not iris scorch has ever been a problem in the bed where the sample was collected. If you can bring more than one sample, please keep them separate and take them from different beds or some distance apart in the same bed.

ARBORETUM PLANTING

A planting has been made in the name of the Twin City Iris Society at the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. It consists of Siberian iris plants donated at no cost to the society.

It is located in a pattern surrounding the woodland pond in a hilly area over on the west side. A rail type fence has been built around it to provide protection, and when viewed from the road the native sugar maples and oaks provide a background.

The following is the dedication and list of named cultivars:

In memory of Christine McCaslin Brown and all grandmothers who have passed on a love and knowledge of ornamentals to the children at their feet.

<u>No. of plants</u>	<u>Cultivar</u>	<u>No. of plants</u>	<u>Cultivar</u>
2	Blue Ridge	1	Fairy Dawn
2	Joretta	1	Gatineau
2	Mrs. Perry	1	Helen Astor
2	My Love	1	Kingfisher Blue
2	Ottawa	1	Llewellyn
2	Pirouette	1	Moonsprite
2	Perry Winkle	1	Mountain Lakes
2	Seven Seas	1	Natuck
2	Silvertip	1	Royal Herald
1	Skeena	1	Snowcrest
2	Skylark	1	Snowy Egret
2	Summer Skies	1	Towanda Red Flare
2	White Flare	1	Turquoise Cup
2	Wisley White	1	Tycoon
2	Ruby Wine	1	Violet Flare
2	Sparkling Rose	1	White Dove
2	Lights of Paris	1	White Swirl
1	Blue Moon	1	Cool Spring
1	Caesars Brother	1	Tropic Night
2	Velvet Night	1	White Empress

Plant material may not be removed from the Arboretum. Pollen from all varieties is to be available to all members of the Twin City Iris Society with permission from the Arboretum curator.

- Warren Johnson

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DID YOU KNOW THAT

Mr. & Mrs. Stan Rudser now have a granddaughter after having four grandsons. The granddaughter was born in Sheridan, Wyoming last summer.

Member Mrs. Mary Anderson died on October 2 after suffering a stroke several weeks earlier.