Twin City Iris Society

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"SELECTING AND TRANSPORTING
IRISES TO THE SHOW"

By Panel of Twin City Iris Society Members

Thursday, May 18, 1967
8:00 P.M.

Guaranty State Bank
3700 West Broadway

The May meeting is designed especially for those who are new at entering iris in the show, but will be helpful to the more experienced exhibitors too. The evening is planned to be an informal question and answer program, so come prepared to share and learn.

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THE IRIS SHOW

June 10 & 11, 1967

The Annual Iris Show will soon be here. It is time to start reading the show schedule. Study the rules and classes, then dream of the awards.

On May 1, many of the dwarfs are sending up buds, and on some color is showing on the tips. The tall bearded has been growing fast, and we are hopeful that the winter elements of thick ice and snow, together with the heavy covering of hay, etc., did little damage to your iris beds. Each spring the same thought always prevails--how much or how little covering can we safely use, when snowfall is so unpredictable, to bring the iris through the winter.

The Iris Show will be held on the upper level of Southdale Center, June 10 and 11. It is with anticipation that it will be a larger display of blooms than previous years. This requires all members to participate.

As much as we need every iris show flower, we must have more arrangements in the Artistic Division. More exhibitors make for a better show. Make this show a family affair by one showing in the Artistic and the other in the Horticultural Division.

Those that grow peonies, make Section VIII a large exhibit. The interest in this flower is tremendous.

The Iris Show and the Iris Auction are closely related. Ribbon winners are given credit slips to purchase new iris and different varieties at the Iris Auction, held yearly by the Twin City Iris Society. Iris rhizomes purchased at the Iris Auction produce many show flowers. Some are seen on the court of honor. Yours may be one of them.

We have three splendid divisions to make a number one show: Iris, Peonies, and Artistic. Will you show in all three of these divisions? We especially urge and ask for this cooperation.

Greta M. Kessenich
Show Chairman

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AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

Three of our members have made reservations to attend the national convention in Denver, May 31 - June 3. Maybelle Wright, Alice Stenoien, and Julius Wadekamper should be able to "see, talk, and hear" their fill of iris on that weekend. It's too bad more members can't make the trip with them. Rev. David Sindt attended the Indianapolis Dwarf Iris Convention, May 6 and 7.

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ARTS OMNIBUS

Mrs. K. W. Fischer presented a fascinating illustrated lecture at the April meeting on the art and flower show of the Fine Arts Society of Dakota County. For those who are interested in seeing for themselves, here is a reminder: Arts Omnibus at the First Federal Building at Signal Hill Shopping Center, St. Paul, August 10 and 11.

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WHO'S WHO IN T.C.I.S.

New members are Mr. and Mrs. William A. Swofford, 5553 - 27th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55417, Phone 721-4769. Mr. and Mrs. Swofford have been attending meetings regularly since they met the Sindts at a flower show last fall.

Another member who was recruited by Gus Sindt is Greta Kessenich, who joined T.C.I.S. after meeting Gus at the show the second year the society was organized. Greta is a past president of the Iris Society and is chairman of the show at present. She estimates her garden space as one-half acre, with roses and hastas a specialty as well as iris. Greta's winter hobby is sewing.

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Member Cecil Anderson has been in Veteran's Hospital since mid-April, receiving treatment for several infections. Best wishes to him for a speedy recovery.