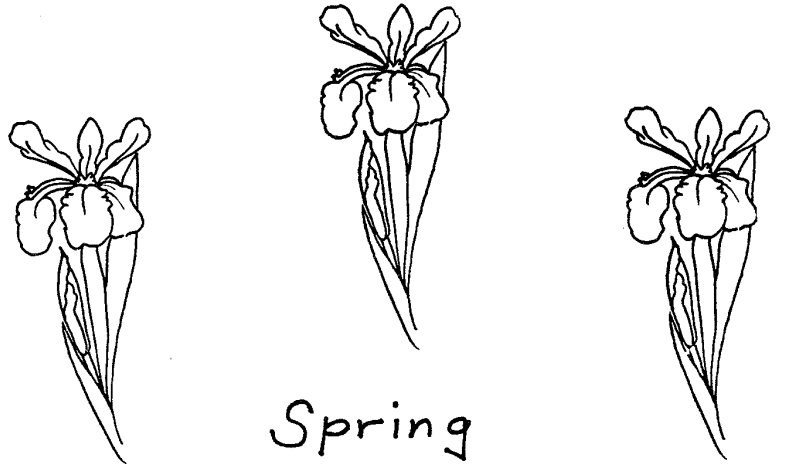


SPURIA IRIS SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



Spring
1982

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NOTE TO AIS RVPs: If you have not already done so, please designate someone in your Region as your representative to the SIS. We need participation by all Regions to be truly effective.

A REMINDER: Don't forget to send change of address notices to the Editor as well as to AIS. This will help to minimize delays in delivery of your copy of the Newsletter.

DIRECTORY OF SPURIA DEALERS AND HYBRIDIZERS, cont'd

(These are additions to the list published in the Fall, 1981 issue of the Newsletter, pages 16 & 17.)

16. COLLINS IRIS GARDEN, R. D. 1, Tauranga, New Zealand.
17. IRIS CORNER (A. E. Cox), Corner of Frankston Road/Dandenong Road and Hall Road, Carrom Downs, VIC 3200, Australia.
18. SHEPARD IRIS GARDEN, 3342 W. Orangewood, Phoenix, AZ 85021. Their catalog lists 36 cultivars, both old and new.
19. TEMPO TWO, Leongatha Road, Ellenbank, via Warragul, VIC 3820, Australia, lists a few, chiefly older ones.
20. WARRINO IRIS NURSERY (Dr. Gordon Loveridge), 7 West Prom, Manly, NSW 2095, Australia. Gordon grows about 100 cultivars (see his letter, this issue).

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SPURIA IRIS SOCIETY INFORMATION:

Membership: A section of the American Iris Society under approved by-laws. U.S.A. members of Spuria Iris Society must also be members of the American Iris Society.

Dues: Annual:	Individual:	\$2.50	Family:	\$3.00
Triennial:	"	6.00	"	7.00
Supporting Annual "		3.00		
Life Membership		\$35.00		
Honorary Life		No Dues.		

Notices of dues payable are included with AIS dues notices. Please pay SIS dues along with AIS dues. Inform the SIS Secretary-Treasurer of change of address or other membership matters.

Newsletter: Published twice yearly, Spring and Fall. All members are invited to submit material for the Newsletter to the Editor. Deadlines for material: September 1, and March 1. (For addresses of Officers of the Spuria Iris Society, see inside front cover).

Section Meetings: The annual meeting of the Spuria Iris Society is held at a designated time during the National Convention of the American Iris Society. All members who attend the National Convention are urged also to attend the Spuria Iris Society Meeting.

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Spuria News from Mesilla Park, NM:

Dear Editor:

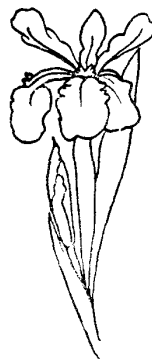
We want to let you know that the nine members of the Mesilla Valley Iris Society (Region 23) grow spurias. Between us we grow 4 species and 77 varieties of spurias. I grow more than the other members; I have 51 different varieties. Spurias are very easy to grow here and require almost no care.

One thing I learned that might be of interest to other growers is how to force them for early bloom. Our club is predominately a tall-bearded club and the show is during the peak bloom for TBs. My spurias usually begin to open the day after the show. I have noticed that the earliest ones to bloom are on the south side of the house where it is warm and sunny - so I moved about 7 clumps right next to the house. They all made the show; in fact Ada Perry bloomed nineteen days earlier and missed the show. Most of them bloomed two weeks earlier than the average bloom date. The ones next to the house are the only ones to bloom in April - so it's the early warmth of reflected heat from the brick house that does the trick. All of the spurias on the south side bloom ahead of those in open beds.

Sincerely,

Maxine Perkins

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SPURIA IRIS SOCIETY

SPURIA SECTION OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Stillwater, OK
Spring, 1982

First I must tell you why no spuria species seeds from Russia have been sent to those who requested them. They never reached me! I have no clue as to the reason.

The program for our Denver meeting is all prepared. Now to run it through once with a timer to see whether to delete or add a few slides. We are allowed only one hour, so will have to plan to have a board meeting ahead of time to iron out the tedious details for presentation to the membership.

This winter, to learn more about spurias for myself and for my program, I have gone through the '39, '49, '59, '69, '79 and '80 check lists and have made a list of all spurias found. There are a few that appear in parentages that I don't find, perhaps they were older than 1930 and/or never properly registered. The ones in the '39 check list gave no information whatever - merely the name and type. It is encouraging that the number of spurias registered increased markedly in each decade.

Spring is sprung here, with the flowering shrubs and trees, daffodils and crocuses, but we could still have a killing frost. (Late March). I don't have plums, or peaches, every year. The spurias are growing nicely, I hope to exhibit some of them in our later shows.

See you in Denver!

Virginia Mathews

BALLOT - 1982 SPURIA POPULARITY POLL

Date _____

Editor, Spuria Newsletter:

Here is my (our) ballot listing our favorite spurias;

First Voter

Second Voter

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Region _____

Sig. _____

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EDITORIAL RAMBLINGS

The Fall, 1980 Newsletter contained a list of members and AIS officials who were on the mailing list for the Newsletter at that time. A review of this list indicates an almost 50% change due to membership lapses, address changes, new memberships and changes in AIS officialdom. Therefore, in spite of the fact that the added pages will run the Newsletter over the magic one ounce weight, and thus increase the postage costs, it was decided that it was high time to prepare and publish a new list. The high number of lapsed memberships is discouraging. What can we do about it? Maybe we should "talk it up" to ex-members and to non-members who might be encouraged to join. The practice of sending a complimentary copy of the Newsletter to each non-member RVP was one step taken to publicize SIS in areas where spurias are not popular at present.

Somewhat related to the above, the AIS Board, at its Tulsa Meeting last November (p. 66, Jan., 1982 Bulletin), passed a resolution that "the AIS go on record as encouraging any organization, Regional, affiliate, Section and local, to send its publications to all AIS Officers and Directors and appropriate Committee Chairmen." We are currently sending the Newsletter to the President, Membership Secretary, Section Liaison Chairman, Awards Chairman, Registrar, Historical Chairman, Bulletin Editor, and all non-member Regional Vice Presidents. This omits about 15 other members of the Board of Directors. With a paid membership of only around 200, can we afford to add those 15 to the mailing list?

Now to more happy thoughts. The Sun Country Iris Society of Phoenix was host this April to Region 15 at its annual trek and garden tour. In spite of the rather early date, the spurias were doing well, with many in bloom, including a number of new introductions such as Dave Niswonger's lovely AMBER RIPPLES. Elsewhere in this issue Marilyn Holloway reports on the spurias seen in the tour gardens. Your editor was very pleased to receive the award for the best seedling in the tour gardens in competition with TBs, arilbreds, medians, and Louisianas. The spuria seedling is a large bright yellow, ARCHIE OWEN X BARITONE.

Your attention is invited to the article by Joan Cooper regarding the "beardless auction". This project should be supported by all SIS members who are in a position to do so, either by sending spurias to Joan for the auction or by making purchases of the rhizomes offered for sale. That portion of the proceeds that goes to the SIS Treasury will help us to stay solvent and delay the need to increase the membership rates.

Hope to see you in Denver, and be sure to attend the Spuria Section Meeting. The slide show that President Virginia Mathews has prepared should be a good one.

Floyd Wickenkamp, Editor

And from England:

(The following note was received in an envelope advertizing one of the inns at Grand Canyon National Park and with a postmark, "Hurricane, UT". How we iris people do get around!)

From Dr. David A Dixon, 6 Nicholas Avenue, Eastfields, Whitburn, Co. Durham, United Kingdom:

Dear Floyd:

Hoped to call on you while travelling in U.S.A. but distances were too great and time too short as always.

Brought some slides of my spurias grown from Ferguson seed in NE of England near Scottish Border. In spite of 17 degrees of frost this winter they seemed to be surviving. I have planted them against a brick wall as you will see to get what warmth they can in these parts in summer. They would be considered very hardy American colonists. If any members of the Society come my way hope they will visit.

Best wishes to you and the Society.

David Dixon

(The slides David mentions above have been sent to Virginia Mathews for possible inclusion in the slide show to be presented at the meeting of the Spuria Society at the Denver Convention. - Ed.).

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1982 SPURIA POPULARITY POLL PROCEDURE

On the reverse side of this sheet you will find your ballot on which you should vote for your favorite five spurias in order of preference. In counting the ballots five points will be awarded for each first place vote, four for second, etc.

If you have a Family Membership, please so indicate and fill in the second column for the second voter.

Let's try to increase the level of voting over that of the past two years when only about one out of every eight eligible voters sent in their ballots. Maybe it was because the Newsletter came quite a while before the spurias bloomed and you forgot. Well, this year we are later and nearer to spuria bloom in many areas.

While you are at it, why not include your comments concerning particular cultivars, either in the space below or on a separate sheet; or even two or three sheets if you have that much to say.

In any event, VOTE!

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BARBARA SERDYNKI

(1909-1981)

(Following are excerpts from the Jan., 1982 "Iris Notes", printed with the kind permission of Editor Judy Ann Kramer and the Southern California Iris Society).

The girl we knew as "Barb" never claimed to be a native Californian, as she was born and reared in Montana. Hobbies always played an important part in her life and during her younger years, much to the horror of her mother, weekends found her attending the small town rodeos and participating in some of the less violent events. She spent some time in Washington state, then eventually came to California and spent many years working in the circulation department of a large Los Angeles newspaper.

She was always an avid outdoor person and at one time took an active part in the Natural History Club. She was artistic, clever with her hands and full of ideas. Over the years her dedication to iris became complete. She collected iris artifacts, second perhaps, to frog artifacts, and was an accomplished horticulturist with many silver and bronze AIS medals to show for it.

In 1955 she became a member of the Southern California Iris Society and shortly before the National in 1956 she hurriedly joined AIS and attended the meeting. Barbara had already begun to wear her hair in a distinctive style which never deviated; hair pulled straight back from her face and done immaculately with a bow. Over the years the style became a trade mark. You can see it in old pictures in back issues of the AIS Bulletin.

Iris success came rapidly. In 1957 Barb claimed Queen in the SCIS Show at Exhibition Park. This wasn't beginner's luck for she frequently repeated and had more than her share of silver medals.

In 1963 Barb was appointed an Accredited Garden Judge. She was Secretary of the Aril Society during 1962 and 1963; took over the duties of President of SCIS in February of 1963 and continued through 1964. She worked with the national robin program for about seven years. Her first term as RVP started in 1966. In addition to her executive duties she edited the regional newsletter. It was Barbara who came to the rescue in 1973 and guided our area as RVP to the 1975 AIS Convention in San Diego.

Although we all have gained from knowing her, our club will lose something with the passing of Barbara Serdynski.

(The statement in the final paragraph applies not only to the Southern California Iris Society but also to the Spuria Iris Society and to AIS. Barbara was a LIFE member of SIS and an SIS member since the very early sixties. - Ed.).

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REGION 15 SPRING, 1982 TREK

Marilyn Holloway, Region 14, CA

Traveling to Region 15 Spring Trek in Phoenix was a real joy for me. A Mecca of spuria bloom. All gardens on tour had spurias in landscaping with several like the Floyd Wickenkamps really featuring them.

Congratulations to Floyd for his spuria Seedling # 78-1 taking the Regional Seedling honors. A very nice yellow color - lovely flower form and clump effect.

The Dopke garden highlights were RED OAK, GOLDEN LADY, SAHARA SANDS, and IMPERIAL RUBY. A corner planting of ELIXIR was outstanding with yellow ranunculus in front.

Wickenkamp garden with BLUE SPIDERWEB a standout; also ARCHIE OWEN, GOLDEN CHOCOLATE. Dave Niswonger's CINNAMON ROLL (80) is well named; a medium flower with a small spot.

In Mary Scheidler's garden, Niswonger's Seedling # 15-78 was drawing attention; an interesting lavender pink color with an orange spot, but not a large flower.

Sun Country Iris Society members plantings were beautiful clumps of lush green disease-free foliage. Spurias are really at home in Arizona and if I could have returned a few days later, bloom would have been at its peak.

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ARCHIE OWEN AWARDED DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

We are very pleased to report that one of our own, a long-time member of the Spuria Iris Society, ex-Editor of the Spuria Newsletter and ex-President of the SIS has been awarded the American Iris Society's Distinguished Service Medal by the AIS Board of Directors. See page 17 of the April, 1982 Bulletin for a very nice writeup concerning the award. CONGRATULATIONS ARCHIE!

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IN MEMORIAM - FOSTER TRY (1905 - 1982)

As we go to press word has just been received of the death of FOSTER TRY, a long time member of the Spuria Iris Society and a charter member of Sun Country Iris Society in Phoenix. Foster loved the spurias and always had a number of them growing in his yard. AIS members who attended the San Diego National Convention in 1975 will remember Foster's snow-white Santa Claus beard. We of Sun Country will miss you, Foster.

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MINNESOTA BEARDLESS AUCTION
Joan Cooper, Minnesota

In 1979 I was pleased to write that the Iris Society of Minnesota sponsored Beardless Iris Auction (originally the Siberian Iris Auction) was sending \$116.50 to the Spuria Iris Society. In 1980 the Auction raised \$244 for SIS. Well, in 1981, I could not take on the job of bagging donations and proceeds were only \$20 although the Auction was very successful with total sales over \$1,200. Money is divided between the Sections based on the sales of the type; that is Siberian irises raise money for the Society for Siberian Irises, species for SIGNA, etc. All proceeds from the sale are distributed to the Sections except some minor costs such as promotion, postage, etc. The Auction is no longer sponsored by ISM but just the project of some of its members who are interested in the beardless iris.

Can I make an early request for help? It's not that spurias don't sell in Minnesota. It's that I did not have time last year (nor will I have in 1982) to write for donations and the others interested in spurias were working on some other Section. But if any of you can send spurias for the Beardless Auction to reach me soon after September 1, I promise to take good care of them and get them to the Auction site (not yet determined) for sale on September 12. It is your chance to help SIS and to give more Minnesotans and others a chance to try these wonderful irises. Both old and new cultivars are welcome, the older ones going on table sales and the new ones at Auction. You can buy by mail too. Just send your wants (generalized) and your money and one of the group will participate in the bidding for you.

Besides spurias I would be pleased to accept your donations for any other sections as well. Just send them about September 1 to:

Joan Cooper
212 W. County Road C
Roseville, MN 55113

(This is a worthwhile program and has, in the past, helped SIS avoid more frequent increases in dues. So let's all participate to the extent possible and help to bring needed cash into the SIS Treasury . - Editor)

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A HYBRIDIZER'S NIGHTMARE
or
Who Put the Peyote* in the Hashish
Floyd Wickenkamp, Arizona

In the spring of 1979 I made a cross of BURNISHED BRASS X PROVERB. Mary Scheidler, my advisor on all iris matters, asked me where I got the idea for such a "wierd" cross. Well E.B. has a lot of well placed buds and P. is one of the all-time great spurias. Besides, I just wanted to see what would happen. A fine seed pod developed and in October, 1979 I planted about thirty of the fifty or more seeds at various vacant spots around the garden. So far this spring, six of them have bloomed with two more still to come. And what a conglomeration of shapes, sizes and colors!

The first to bloom was a modest sized flower with round falls of deep yellow rimmed with white. Attractive, and almost a dead ringer for Dave Niswonger's STRUTTIN' at least as far as color and shape are concerned. But it certainly doesn't sound much like either of its parents.

In the clump next to the first one, and its full sibling, was the first of the "wierdos". The standards are blue-violet with deeper veining. The falls are the same blue-violet around the edges shading to a brownish black almost to the center of the falls and with gold striping from the center. Although in some respects like PROVERB, the large very dark patch gives it a funereal aspect, almost like it was in mourning. I thought of calling it NIGHTMARE, but my Wife says it is striking and deserves something better.

Then there were two seedlings from the same cross which scarcely deserve the name "dogs". Both were a mixture of violet, blue, brown, grey and yellow, one darker than the other. We promptly nicknamed them UGH and PHOOEY and carried them to the garbage can.

Yesterday something much more interesting opened. It is a bright yellow lightly dotted over both the standards and falls with brown. The hafts are quite short and the falls are so wide that they overlap. The standards are also exceptionally wide for a spuria and relatively short. In fact, the flower looks more like some of the Louisianas than a spuria. The only problem with it so far is that the petals are so wide that they get in each others way as they open, so it is slow to reach its final shape. Needless to say I am keeping it for another year to see how it does. It already has six increases which isn't too bad for 31 months from the pod.

The only one of the six seedlings which resembles its mother is a tall brown with four well-spaced blooms open at once. The flowers are larger than on BURNISHED BRASS and the falls flare more. Also in some lights there is a purplish iridescence on the petals, probably a gift from its blue-violet father.

To quote the 17th Century botanist, Carolus Clusius,
". . . iris grown from seed vary in a wonderful way."

*The source of the hallucinogenic drug Mescaline from
the cactus lophophora williamsii.

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LETTERS

From Dr. Loveridge in New South Wales:

7 West Prom
Manly, NSW 2095
Australia
Oct. 13, 1981

Editor, S.I.S. Newsletter:

Yesterday I received the Fall 1981 Newsletter. The envelope was postmarked Oct. 1st so it came in reasonable time.

You carried some news from South Australia where they (and Victoria) have had a wet winter. Here in most parts of N.S.W. where my garden is, we are still in the grip of a 3-year drought and water restrictions. Last summer we could only water the garden by bucket, no hoses or sprinklers - but we did have some rain in early fall and we can now water by hand held hose between 10 & 11 AM and 2 & 3 PM. But if no rain soon it will be back to the buckets.

My dwarfs are in bloom but due to the dryness I doubt if I'll have much or any spuria bloom in over 100 cultivars this year. Better luck next year.

Oh yes, spuria suppliers in Australia include -- myself at Warrino Iris Nursery; A. E. Cox, Iris Corner, Corner of Frankston Road/Dandenong Road and Hall Road, Carron Downs, VIC 3200, and Tempo Two (listing only a few spurias), Leongatha Road, Ellinbank via Warragul, VIC 3820; and in New Zealand, Jean Collins Iris Garden, R. D. 1, Tauranga, NZ.

Yours sincerely,

Gordon Loveridge

(Thanks to Gordon for the information on spuria dealers in Australia and New Zealand. For the convenience of readers in the South Pacific area, these dealers are listed separately on the inside back cover. We trust that the Rain Gods have been kinder to gardeners in NSW in recent months and that the drought is over. - The Editor.)

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From Marie Caillet:

Route 1
Frisco, TX 75034

Dear Mr. Wickenkamp:

We are in a rainy spell, so I had time to read the Spuria Soc. Newsletter from cover to cover. Very nice issue.

Your review of the HM awards for the "other" irises is interesting. We do know there has been a decided increase in the number of judges voting for the Louisianas. Much of this has been due to a

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LETTERS, cont'd

Marie Caillet, cont'd:

concentrated effort on the part of our organization to inform judges and to get plantings in other areas than the South. However, I think the high numbers for 1975 and 1978 are easy to explain and the same would go for spurias. The AIS Convention was in San Diego in 1975 and in San Jose in 1978 where there were many Louisianas and spurias in bloom. I am sure many judges attending the Conventions voted on both, whereas they may not vote for them normally. These same years show a large number, too, for the California natives that are seldom seen outside that area. A very low vote on Louisianas and spurias came in 1973 when the convention was in Philadelphia and there were none to be seen. Doesn't this seem logical? There were few if any Louisianas or spurias in bloom in 1979 in Huntsville, AL, but there were nice clumps of Siberians, so I can't explain the "no listing" for them. Regardless, I think many AIS Judges vote according to what they see at the Convention and not just what is seen in their area.

I note several new members from Texas and all were in Dallas for the R 17 Regional Meeting and saw the Iris Show. There were about 40 to 45 spurias in the show and they created much interest. We had a very early bloom season and many TBs were past their good bloom, so the Louisianas and spurias made up the larger part of the show. We don't get this chance too often, but take advantage of it when we do! I won sweepstakes in the show on all beardless entries except for one TB.

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Sincerely,

Marie Caillet

(Thanks for your comments, Marie. Your diagnosis is probably correct. Now the problem is to get more of the beardless iris growing in the colder, more northerly parts of the country. Then the judges will see them and, perhaps, give them more consideration.)

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Excerpt from letter from Art Cronin, Iris Haven, P. O. Box 431, 10920 Oakwood Road, Roscommon, MI 48653-0431:

"Roscommon is in the interior of upper lower Mich. Temperatures here get down to -30 and -35^oF a couple of times a winter but we usually have plenty of snow cover. ELIXIR, RED OAK, BELISE, ARCHIE OWEN and ochroleuca seem to do fairly well here. I've only had them 2 years - no bloom yet."

(Let's have more comments from the North and East. Maybe we can come up with a list of good ones for those areas.)

MORE LETTERS

From Dr. Irene Van de Water:

Box 8
Mitchell, OR 97750
June 30, 1981

Dear Editor:

Enclosed you will find my spuria vote. As soon as I read your heart-rending article, I went out to look at all ten of my blooming spurias. By the way, couldn't we find a better common name for spurias?

My acquaintance with the newer spurias dates from 1975 and the San Diego Convention. I was overwhelmed by these majestic and aristocratic flowers. They even reminded me of supercilious llamas! I was "hooked".

In 1975 I ordered eight spurias from Pilleys. It took until 1981 before all of them bloomed in my garden in Mitchell, OR. Here the soil is very alkaline, the climate in summer is very hot and arid, the native vegetation is sagebrush and juniper. In spite of all these handicaps I am still "hooked" and intend to acquire more spurias. Why?

In 1980, I sent to Eleanor McCown for some of her spurias. On Aug. 25 a small shoe box type package arrived. In it were five spuria plants, each the size of a lemon. They had no roots or leaves visible. I was aghast. Wasn't sure what was up and what was down. But I went ahead and had five round holes 18 inches deep dug, alternating with the Siberians. The holes were filled with compost, sawdust and manure into which these nubbins were planted. Lo! and behold!, by the end of October green shoots at least 3 inches tall were popping out of each hole.

I hated to leave them unattended all winter, while we were in Arizona. When we got back in late April, the leaves were at least 15 to 20 inches tall, and shortly thereafter the buds began to show on all five plants. I couldn't believe my eyes. As of this date, June 29, all these plants are robust and blooming beautifully.

So - I was able to cast my vote for my favorite spurias. Personally I think HIGHLINE LAVENDER is tops.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Irene Van de Water

P. S. When and where and by whom is the auction of Beardless Iris to be held? (See p. 7. - Ed.).

(Yes, they can look pretty dead after a few months of summer-dormancy, but they always come out of it, and seem to grow better for the rest during the long, hot summer. If you are in the Phoenix area next April, drop around and we will show you lots of the new spurias, including quite a few seedlings. - Ye Ed.)

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BACK ISSUES OF THE NEWSLETTERS

We still have copies available of the Fall, 1979; Spring, 1980; Fall, 1980; Spring, 1981 and Fall, 1981. The price is \$1.00 each or \$4.00 for all five. They should be ordered from the Editor.

Joan Cooper, the previous Editor advises that she still has a few copies of the issues she edited, namely:

Fall, 1976	Fall, 1977	Summer, 1979
Spring, 1977	Spring, 1978	

These are priced at \$1.00 each. They should be ordered direct from Joan Cooper, 212 W. County Road C., Roseville, MN 55113.

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SPURIA IRIS SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP LIST

The names on the following eight pages represent the mailing list for the Spuria Newsletter as of the Spring 1982 issue. Included are all members of record as of January, 1982, all Regional Vice Presidents of the American Iris Society, officials of the AIS who contribute to the Newsletter (Registrar, Awards Chairman, etc.) and those officials who, by the terms of the AIS by-laws, receive all Section publications; also representatives of other iris organizations with whom we exchange information.

This list deviates somewhat from the recent past in that the date of expiration of membership is listed after the name and address of each member, based upon information currently available in the files of the SIS Secretary-Treasurer. Undoubtedly there are errors in these dates, particularly in the case of recent expirations. However, we must depend on the receipt from the AIS Membership Chairman of renewal notices and there may be delays in issuance of those notices. Additionally, our Secretary-Treasurer advises that, as a result of establishment of a new Post Office in his neighborhood, his mail has frequently been delayed excessively. Therefore, if you have renewed within the past three or four months, don't worry. We will likely eventually receive notification that you have renewed. However, if a "6-81" expiration date is shown, better make sure you have renewed as all names with "6-81" expiration dates will be dropped from the Fall, 1982 mailing. If you note errors in the name, address, or other information, please drop a card to the Editor so that the error may be corrected.

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