

Spuria Iris Society Activities

The Spuria Iris Society, still more or less in its re-formation stage, is beginning to erupt with new activity. Since the last election, which was held on the wider national scale, fresh interest has been stimulated and plans for expansion and development are rapidly taking shape.

The primary endeavor, to begin with, is our membership campaign. To accomplish all the various goals we are setting for the Society, we need every person who is intrigued with the Spuria Iris, as well as those who might be interested, to support and work with us. We would like to extend an invitation to the members of AIS to participate in the activities surrounding the iris with the glamorous present and a future that promises the greatest advancement of any iris within the genus (this is our opinion, of course).

As a member of the Spuria Iris Society, Section of the American Iris Society, you will have the privilege and joy of assisting in the development of this iris, through breeding, toward that spectacular advancement we expect of the Spuria Iris, as well as become better acquainted with the array of beautiful varieties now available. This is *adventure!*

You will assist in the support of the scientific investigation of the Spuria Iris now being conducted by Dr. Lee W. Lenz, and this is *participation!*

We need assistance in the gathering of information about the Spuria iris: its possibilities in various climatic areas; disease control; cultural data. What are its potentialities as a garden plant, as a cut and arranger's flower, and as a florist item? All of these subjects will be discussed in our twice-annual *News Letter* and in the AIS *Bulletin*. The facts will be gathered from the members and retold to other members who wish to know about these subjects. In this way we will all be making *new friendships!*

Assistance in the activities of an interested and enthusiastic group of friendly people can only add up to *fun!*

So, whether you are presently a grower and admirer of the Spuria Iris or would like to be convinced, there is a membership waiting for you in the Spuria Iris Society. We also would like to invite you to join us at our second annual national meeting, to be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Iris Society, in Portland, Oregon, in May, 1960. Dues for membership in the Spuria Iris Society, Spuria Section of the American Iris Society, are: Individual, \$2.00 a year; family, \$2.50.

If you would like to see a sample of our *News Letter*, we will be happy to send you a free copy of the Spring, 1960, issue. Please send a request to Mrs. Robert E. Grey, Secretary, SIS., R. 2, Box 129, St. Helena, California. In this issue we will attempt to give you an idea how spurias do in the various areas of the United States, which varieties are preferred, and other information we are certain you will find valuable.

—BEN R. HAGER, *President, Spuria Iris Society*

New Life Memberships

Mrs. Nadine Yunker Meszaros, Box 8, Taycheedah, Wis.

Miss Susan Pope, 2520 Moore Road, Germantown, Tenn.

Mrs. Sidney W. Smith, R. 2, Twin Falls, Idaho

Mr. M. H. Hoog, Zwanenburg Nurseries, Box 116, Haarlem, Holland.