

Along Azalea Row

By Faye Sunderland

Mrs. E. W. Jermark, chairman of the Siskiyou district of the Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs, Mrs. J. E. Vincent of Central Point, and 16 members of the Innomanata Garden Club of Gold Beach, were guests at the May meeting of the Azalea Garden club. A bountiful pot luck luncheon was furnished by the garden club members at the local Grange hall; it being too damp underfoot to have the meeting as planned at Azalea Park. The tables were gayly decorated with small baskets of calendulas and native huckleberry, with an especially lovely arrangement of lavender lilacs from Clara Kerns' garden combined with yellow tulips sent down from Washington by Mrs. Joe Berger. Inasmuch as the plans were to entertain our guests among the lovely wild azaleas in the park, the usual number of flower arrangements were missing, but the specimens of "Parrot's Beak" which Mrs. Otto Turley brought in a clever container created much interest. Mrs. Jermark, a true gardener, very timidly requested a slip of it to take home to Ashland for her garden, and hopes for luck in transplanting it.

In her talk, Mrs. Jermark emphasized Roadside Beautification and Bird Sanctuaries; also the very worthwhile work of the Oregon garden clubs have done for the veterans in the hospital at Camp White. Our local club has given generously of flowers, money and holidays decorations, but only this is a small part compared to the time and effort donated by the clubs in the valley.

Mrs. Ethel Andraieff, president of the Innomoata Garden Club of Gold Beach, gave an interesting account of the formation and activities of that club. The name, "Innomanata," was inspired by the unusual and distinctive flower "Iris Innominata," which is native to Curry county. The narrow evergreen foliage, as well as the rich golden color of the blossoms makes it especially desired as a garden plant in other regions and it has received the Award of Merit of the Royal Horticultural Society of Great Britain.

While the pure yellow color is most typical, many of these iris are found with veining of red, brown, or purple and its crosses readily with other local

species of iris, producing plants with blossoms in all the colors of the rainbow. It was discovered and botanically classified in 1928 and is considered by authorities the world over as the finest of Pacific Coast species of native iris.

Visiting ladies from Gold Beach and Wedderburn were: Louda M. Miller, Elizabeth J. Thom, Marjorie Henderson, Kathryn Henderson, Eva Smith, Alma Russell, Marie Cartwright, Claire Graham, Mildred Koblenzar, Agnes Myer, Florence Feuer, Fae Ayres, Louise Grimes, Beulah Clark and Viola Beebe.

Flower show plans are progressing and Chairman Dorothy Lockland's discussion on various divisions and types of arrangements for the schedules of flower show, being held May 31 and June 1, were distributed to all present.

This was possibly only because our local editor, despite a wild week involved with the final work on his special progress issue, put forth an extra effort and in his usual spirit of co-operation, made a first rough printing of the new schedule, just so we could have them for our May meeting. Mrs. Will Crissey's announcement of the judges for the show gave the final impetus to our vow that the 1952 Azalea Flower Show must be the best ever.

The judges will be Mss. Geo. Eisenhaues, president of Oregon

Federation of Garden Clubs; Mrs. Gretchen Tyler, president of the Portland Garden Club; Mrs. Effie Smith of Cave Junction, horticulture chairman of the National Federation and Mrs. Marshall N. Dana, chairman of the Portland Rose Show. Such an illustrious array of names proves beyond a doubt that the Azalea Garden Club of Brookings really has something to live up to.

Local guests were: Doris Crosby, Vera Willock, Anna Nichols, Alice Beem, Bernice Stanhurst, Margaret Breuer, Muriel Gragg, Selma Campbell, Helen Smith, Gladys Kanick, Petra Lackey.

Two fine musical numbers were given by the Mothersingers, under direction of Mrs. Lee Rice, and hostesses serving were Mrs. Roy Sunderland, chairman; Mrs. Donald Craig, and Mrs. Warren Starr.

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