



# Waco Iris Society News



**Florentine Silk**  
2012 Dykes Medal Winner

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## SOCIETY HAPPENINGS by Peggy Cathey

Our first meeting of the new club year will begin at 10:15 a.m. this Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Waco West Library on Bosque Blvd. A map is on the back of this page if you need directions. Our hospitality host is still in North Carolina, so we will just have a member pot luck for our refreshments.

Member updates: Michael called last week and told me he has had surgery to repair 2 hernia's, so we want to wish him a speedy recovery. He is hoping to be at the meeting and sale. We were saddened by the loss of former member Mac McLaran this past July. A memorial has been sent in his name to both the AIS and Region 17.

The irises for our September Giveaway and Auction have arrived and all I can say is WOW! We ordered from 3 hybridizers this year—Mid-America, Superstition, and Bay View—and they have been very generous. We have a LOT of 2012 introductions and I don't think anyone will be disappointed in this years selection. Per our Society by-laws, to receive a free rhizome, you must be present at the meeting AND your dues must be current. Our club dues

are \$10 per year, and due by the September meeting. After everyone has chosen their free plants, an auction will be held for all the remaining irises and everyone is encouraged to participate in the auction.

Our Club IRIS SALE will be held Sept. 29th at the GreenLife Nursery on the corner of New Road and Bosque Blvd. The May newsletter said the sale would be on Sept. 22, but it was decided at our May luncheon that we would have it the LAST Saturday of September, as usual. We will begin setting up at 8:00 a.m. and be open for business at 9:00 a.m. Let's hope this current cool spell will hold out and we can get a little rain to make digging our iris for the sale easier. We need each member's participation. Please bring iris rhizomes, tables, chair, drinks, and snacks. The sale will go until sold out (or 2:00 p.m.) Please be careful when you dig so you don't mix up your iris. Use a permanent marker to put the **name**, **year** and **price** on your rhizomes. We will once again give each member who brings iris to the sale an opportunity to make some money from the sale of their iris. Instruction sheets on how to price your iris will

be available at the Sept. 15 meeting. If you want to sell your iris and get cash back, you will need to attach a tag to your iris rhizomes with the price and your initials or name written on the tag. This portion will be removed at the time of sale and kept to tally your sales once the sale is over. There will be tags available at the meeting you can use if you want to get cash back from the sale. Members will receive 50% of the sale price of iris rhizomes they bring to the sale. A check will be written by the club treasurer and mailed to you within 30 days of the sale. Photos of the irises for sale makes selling much easier. If you e-mail or call Peggy with a list of iris you will be bringing (no later than Sept. 27, please), photos will be printed and put on photo boards. We will arrange the iris on the tables alphabetically again this year. This arrangement worked out very well last year. A sale flyer is attached. Please copy and distribute around town. Place them everywhere you can. Advertising will increase our sales!

## REGION 17 MEETING

Waco Iris Society was well represented at the 52nd annual Region 17 Meeting which was held at the Omni Southpark Hotel in Austin August 3-

4. We had 8 members attend. The Iris Society of Austin did an excellent job of hosting the meeting. The featured speaker for (cont., page 2)

**May 2012  
AIS Membership  
Drawing Winner**



**Mitchell  
Whitley**



## REGION 17 MEETING

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the meeting was Mike Lockett, a hybridizer from Virginia who specializes in reblooming irises. Bonnie Nichols gave a progress report on next year's AIS National Convention which will be hosted by the Iris Society of Dallas. We look forward to our November meeting when Bonnie will be talking more about this as well as showing slides of some of the gardens that will be on tour.

Gordon Carver, R-17 RVP, presided over the business meeting and we heard from each R-17 officer and committee chair. Twelve of the 14 affiliate clubs were represented and each gave their club report. It is noteworthy that AIS memberships in our region had an increase this past year and most clubs reported gaining new members.

Gordon mentioned AIS would like each Region to provide a gift basket for the silent auction for the national

convention and he has asked each Region 17 affiliate to provide 1 item for the basket—hopefully something that comes from our area of Texas. Any ideas for our club's addition?

The 2013 Regional Meeting will be held in Fort Worth.

Date and place will be announced soon. Hope more of our members will be able to attend.



**This IS Texas**

## DYKES WINNER ANNOUNCED

The Judges' votes are in and the Dykes Medal Winner for 2012 has been announced. Congratulations to Keith Keppel for his fourth Dykes Medal. The 2012 winner is Florentine Silk, Keppel, 2005.



*Florentine Silk*, Keppel, 2005, HM – 2007, AM-2009, Wister-2011,

Previous Dykes Medal winners introduced by Keith have been:



*Drama Queen*,  
Keppel, 2003,  
DM 2011



*Sea Power*,  
Keppel, 1998,  
DM 2006



*Crowned Heads*,  
Keppel, 1996,  
DM 2004

## MEETING LOCATION

Meetings begin at 10:15 a.m.

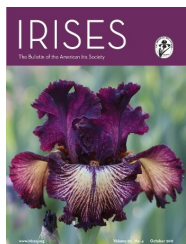


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## AIS MEMBERSHIP

As Region 17 Membership Chair, I would like to encourage each of you to become a member of the American Iris Society. Benefits of membership include 4 issues yearly of the AIS Bulletin *Iris* which is full of beautiful color photos and articles about irises. At no additional cost, you will also receive the Region 17 newsletter in the Spring and Fall.



Something new this year is E-memberships which are available for \$15 yearly. E-members do not receive printed copies of the AIS Bulletin. Instead, they have access to online AIS Bulletins, access to online viewing of *The Basic Iris Culture* booklet and most important (to me) access to [irisregister.com](http://irisregister.com), the online database of iris registrations and introductions. Additional services may be made available in the future. If you need an application for AIS

membership ask Peggy or Mitchell for an application or join online at [http://irises.org/About\\_AIS/Membership\\_Info/AIS\\_Membership.html](http://irises.org/About_AIS/Membership_Info/AIS_Membership.html).

