



# Waco Iris Society News



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## SOCIETY HAPPENINGS by Peggy Cathey

I am looking forward to seeing all our members at our meeting, this Saturday, January 19th at the Waco West Library, 5301 Bosque Blvd. The meeting will begin as soon as we can get set up once the doors are unlocked at 10:00 a.m.

A big thank you to Bonnie & Hooker (Vanna) Nichols for the very informative program and slideshow about the upcoming 2013 AIS National Convention which will be held April 15 to 20. This is a great opportunity to attend a national convention without having to travel across the country. Get your registration in by Feb. 1 and save \$100 over the April 1 registration fee.

There were many items of new business brought up for discussion at the November meeting and some committees were formed to come up with ideas and ways we can implement these new ideas. One was to come up with "rules" regarding how to "qualify" to receive the Giveaway iris in September. Also, if members want to include an "Exchange" by bringing back an iris received in the Giveaway 1 to 2 years before. Michael and Mitchell are on that committee.

A motion was brought before the club to make a yearly "donation" which brought up discussion of donating to AIS, Region 17, or perhaps sponsoring a Region 17 award each year—like a Service Award. Jim Landers

was going to research that for us.

A nominating committee was also established to find officers for the 2013-2014 club year. Committee members include Naomi & Leroy Nabors and Glenn & Gloria Huddleston. If you are asked to hold an office, please consider doing so. It is always good to change leadership every couple of years for new ideas, programs, and just to give others a break.

### January Program

Jim Landers and Ken Fuchs will present this month's program. The program will be on Rebloomers. It is interesting to know that **Rebloomer (Cyclic Rebloomers)** doesn't just mean fall re-bloom. It can also include **Multiple Blooming Irises** that send up bloomstalks repeatedly at any time throughout the growing season—spring to summer and fall. **Repeaters** produce additional bloomstalks with unpredictable regularity immediately following or shortly after the initial spring bloom season. **Sporadic Rebloomers** are varieties which unpredictably produce bloomstalks at varying times during the growing season. **Secondary Stalk Rebloomers** are rare, but occur when rhizomes send up secondary stalks in the same growing season.



Daughter of Stars

If you want to learn which varieties perform the most reliably in our area, you won't want to miss this meeting. If you had re-bloomers, bring your list to share with other members what reblooms in your garden.

### Member Update

For anyone who doesn't already know, Bob Alexander broke his arm just before Christmas. He isn't in a cast because it was his upper-arm, but he does have to wear a sling to help keep it immobilized.

Haven't heard from anyone else, so hope all are feeling OK and ready to start the new year.

It is with great sadness to report we lost one of our new members, Sara Landsfeld, on December 9, 2012. I also learned a former member and club president, Mary Ann Austin, passed away December 8, 2012.

November, 2012  
AIS Membership  
Drawing Winners



Jean Richardson



## Upcoming Judges Training Classes

Waco Iris Society will host the first 2013 Judges Training for Region 17. I have reserved the West Waco Library for Feb. 16, from 10:00 until 3:00. I will be teaching a 1 hour class on Ethics, as well as a 2 hour class on Awards & Ballots. Both of these classes are required to advance from the Apprentice program. I plan to also serve lunch, which I hope to have catered. The cost of the 3 hour class, plus lunch, will be \$15. I hope many of you will come and help me host the class attendees. The cost of the class will be free to WIS members. Remember, you do not have to be enrolled in the Judges Training program to attend the classes offered. Everyone is welcome and there is always something to learn and time well spent..

### Feb. 16: Awards & Ballots and Ethics

West Waco Library  
5301 Bosque Blvd., Suite 275  
Waco, TX  
3 credit hours  
Host: Waco Iris Society  
Instructor: Peggy Cathey  
Cost: \$15 (lunch is included)  
10:15 a.m.—2:15 p.m.  
RSVP: Peggy Cathey  
254-854-2558  
Or [natvtxn1@windstream.net](mailto:natvtxn1@windstream.net)

### Feb. 17: Median Irises

North Haven Gardens  
7700 Northaven Rd.  
Dallas, TX  
2 credit hours  
Host: Iris Society of Dallas  
Instructor: Ginny Spoon  
Cost: \$5 (light lunch provided.)  
12:30 0 2:30 p.m.  
RSVP: Gordon Carver  
817-304-3841  
or [gcarver@flash.net](mailto:gcarver@flash.net)

### Feb. 23: Tall Bearded Iris

Home Plate Diner  
7615 University  
Lubbock, TX.  
2 credit hours  
Host: South Plains Iris So.  
Instructor: Bob Van Liere  
Cost: \$10  
12:00—2:00 p.m.  
Contact: Dana Brown  
806-746-6002  
or [ddb@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:ddb@sbcbglobal.net)



## AIS National 2013 April 15-20 Dallas, TX USA



Convention Hotel: Crowne Plaza – Addison  
14315 Midway Rd  
Addison, TX  
972-980-8877

Convention Chair: Bonnie Nichols - 214-352-2191  
Visit [www.irises-dallas.org](http://www.irises-dallas.org) for complete details and registration.

## MEETING LOCATION

Meetings begin around 10:15 a.m.



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