



Waco Iris Society News



Florentine Silk
2012 Dykes
Medal Winner

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SOCIETY HAPPENINGS by Peggy Cathey

The next meeting of the Waco Iris Society will be March 16 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.

Thank you to Jim Landers and Ken Fuchs for our program on *Rebloom-ing Irises* in January. It is always fun to see photos of beautiful irises and especially to see those that have the potential to bloom more than once in our growing area. Remember to keep a list this year of any iris that blooms more than once during the year, especially those that rebloom in the fall.

Other items covered at our January meeting were the slate of officers for the 2013-2014 club year. Our nominating committee, which consists of Naomi & Leroy Nabors and Glenn & Gloria Huddleston, presented the following slate of officers:

- President—Glenn Huddleston
- Vice President—Ken Anderson
- Secretary—Bill Calhoon
- Treasurer—Mitchell Whitley
- Parliamentarian—Peggy Cathey

We will vote on these officers at our March meeting and they will be installed during our May luncheon.

A change to the by-laws was also discussed concerning who is eligible to receive a gift iris at the September meeting. A proposal for the changes will be submitted to the membership and if acceptable, will be voted on at

our March meeting.

Judges Training

Waco Iris Society hosted a very successful Judges Training on February 16. The class was for 1 credit hour of Ethics training and 2 credit hours of Awards and Ballots. Both subjects are required before a candidate is able to progress to official judge. I was the instructor for the classes. Eleven attendees were WIS members, with a total of 16 attending the class and 7 taking the class for credit. I am especially happy to announce a new candidate application was submitted by Bill Calhoon. This is great news. I think Bill will make an excellent AIS Judge. I want to give a huge thank you to Bill and Phil, Glenn & Gloria and Preston for all the wonderful food. It was a huge feast and everyone really enjoyed it. No one left hungry.

I was able to attend another 2 hour Judges Training class on Feb. 17 in Dallas on Median Irises. Ginny Spoon from Winterberry Iris Garden in Virginia was the instructor.

While I am on the subject of AIS Judges, it is with much sadness to report that one of our Region 17 judges passed away March 2. Annette Brown of Denison, has been an AIS judge since about 2008. She was a big help to me while I was a candidate, giving me tutoring in her garden and helping me any way she could.

She will be missed.

Our show is scheduled earlier than usual this year due to the AIS Convention in Dallas. The show will be held on April 6 at the Clarion Hotel. To get us ready to show our irises, Glenn Huddleston will give us a program on Show Prep. Glenn & Gloria have a houseful of silver medals and Queen of Show ribbons, so they have had a great deal of practice in selecting the best specimens from their garden and getting them ready for the show bench. Glenn says the quest for Queen of Show is a year long project, starting with keeping his irises fertilized and weed free plus a little water if nature doesn't provide the needed rains. But 10 days prior to show time is when he starts to pay special attention to his bloomstalks. He will be telling us what to do for each of the 10 days leading up to the show and the final preparation before the specimen is placed on the show table. Come prepared to take lots of notes. If time allows, I may also do a quick Artistic Design demonstration if anyone needs a refresher. However, since we have my mentor and the

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Hazel Haik



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“Queen of Artistic Design” as a long time member of our club, I can only hope to pass on some of the basic lessons she has taught me.

Show Update

Ken reports the show plans are on schedule. From the time of our March meeting until the show is only 3 weeks, so it is fast approaching. Ken will have the entry tags and entry forms available at our March meeting. He states we are only short 1 entry having all the artistic design classes filled. Here is the list of who has signed up for each category:

Show Theme: *Across the USA*

Class I-National Parks, Landmarks, & Famous Sites

1. Ken Anderson
2. Jean Richardson
3. Leroy Nabors
4. Peggy Cathey

Class II-American Inventions & Innovations

1. Dan Cathey
2. Hazel Haik
3. Peggy Cathey
4. Diane Weinstrom

Class III-American Heritage

1. Ken Anderson
2. Leroy Nabors
3. Peggy Cathey
4. Naomi Nabors

Class IV-Symbols of Freedom

1. Preston Floyd
2. Peggy Cathey
3. Naomi Nabors
- 4.

It is not too late to get your name on the list to make an artistic design. Please do your part to help out. Hazel has contacted the Flower Show Judges and received confirmation they will judge our show.

The 2013 Region 17 Meeting will be hosted by the Fort Worth Iris Society. I hope many of you will make plans to attend and Waco Iris Society will be well represented. Mark your calendars for August 9-10. The meeting will be at the Radisson Hotel-Fossil Creek in far north Fort Worth, 2540 Meacham Blvd. @ I-35W. The room rate is \$79. per night, 1-4 people. Mention *Region 17 Iris Society* to get the discounted rate. Room reservations should be made by July 12th to get the discount. You may call the hotel at 817-625-9911 or 1-800-333-3333 to make your reservation.

For those who have never attended a Region 17 meeting, here is what you can expect. Friday night is usually a banquet hosted by the host club (Fort Worth Iris Society) with a guest speaker. Saturday generally starts off with Judges Training, which everyone is welcome to attend. After noon, the Region 17 RVP conducts a business meeting, with reports from all the officers, committee chairs and each affiliate gives a report on their Society. Other business matters are also discussed, which this year will include voting for R-17 officers who will serve for the next 3 years. Those nominated are:

RVP-Dawn Boyer

Assist. RVP-Peggy Cathey

Treasurer-Ramona Howard

Secretary-Nelda Moore

Following the business meeting is a live auction with some of the latest & greatest irises being offered. Proceeds from the auction help defray the expenses of publishing and mailing the R-17 newsletter. The Saturday evening banquet will include another speaker/program and the Region 17 RVP will touch on highlights

from the business meeting. Each Society affiliate will be recognized. It is always good to see old friends from around our Region and meet new ones.

AIS National Convention

AIS National 2013
April 15-20 Dallas, TX USA



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

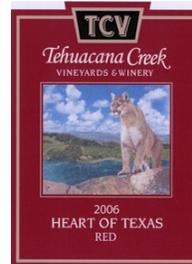
Convention Chair: Bonnie Nichols - 214-352-2191
Visit www.irises-dallas.org for complete details and registration.

The final countdown for the convention is on. You may still make reservations to attend. All registrations should be sent by April 1. There is a registration form in the recent publications of the R-17 newsletter and AIS Bulletin that all AIS members receive. If you need a registration form, please let me know.

There will be an Iris Show hosted by the Iris Society of Dallas on April 17, during the convention. Anyone may enter and attend the show. You do not have to be registered for the Convention to attend the show.

Something fairly new has been added to the national conventions. Each Region will supply a gift basket with items from their affiliate Societies.

This year, for R-17, the Waco Iris Society contribution will be a bottle of “Heart of Texas” Red wine from Tehuacana Creek Vineyard, just east of Waco on Hwy. 6.



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