



Waco Iris Society News



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Society Happenings by Peggy Cathey

Change of plans. We have found out Baylor graduation is the same weekend as our meeting and most of the restaurants that have meeting rooms are booked. After polling some of the members, we have decided the Waco Iris Society will meet 11:00 a.m., May 18th at the SOUTH Waco Library located at 2737 S. 18th St. We will have a potluck luncheon with the Society buying chicken tenders from Bush's Chicken, and members are asked to bring the side dishes and desserts. Dan and I will bring ice, tea, coffee and potato salad. Phil says they have the paper plates, cups, etc left over from our Judge's Training. If you want to call or e-mail me with what you plan to bring, we can make sure we end up with everything we need.

Officers for the 2013-2014 Society year will be installed and awards given for the April Iris Show.

2013 IRIS SHOW

The Waco Iris Society Iris Show went very well. We had 7 exhibitors and 77 iris entries. In the Artistic Design Division, 9 members participated for a total of 16 Artistic Designs. The plant sale was a terrific success and we sold out of all the potted irises as well as several bare root varieties.

Queen of Show honors went to *Thin Blue Line* exhibited by Dan & Peggy Cathey. Mitchell Whit-



Judges Gordon Carver, Keith Smith, Queen of Show winner Peggy Cathey, 1st runner-up Mitchell Whitley, and Judge Happy Carver

ley had the 1st runner up with *Picture Book*. Michael Lowe will receive the Silver Medal for most 1st place ribbons.



Michael receives Horticulture Sweepstakes and Silver Medal with 23 Blue Ribbons

Top honors in the Artistic Design

division went to Peggy Cathey for her Class 1-San Antonio Missions design.



Thank you to all who participated and helped with the set-up and clean-up. We had a great show and many show visitors. Welcome to all those who signed up to receive the Waco Iris Society Newsletters. Please join us for our meetings and events.



2013 WIS Queen's Table



Society Happenings (cont.)

GARDENER'S GATHERING

Michael, Dan & Peggy took irises to the Carlene Bright Arboretum on Sunday after the show. Bill Calhoun, Phil Nacke, and Bob Alexander also came to help. Once again, we had a sell-out of all our irises and talked to a lot of visitors about the Waco Iris Society and many more signed up to receive the newsletter and notice of our Fall Iris Sale.



AIS 2013 NATIONAL CONVENTION-DALLAS

Eight members of the Waco Iris Society attended the National Convention held in Dallas in April. Besides those pictured here, Preston Floyd, Ken Anderson, Hooker and Bonnie Nichols were also in attendance. Bonnie was the Convention Chair and did a great job. The food was wonderful and the buses didn't break down, so that makes for a very successful convention. The weather didn't cooperate and some of the garden tours were



T-Jim Landers, Ken Fuchs,
B-Dan Cathey & Peggy Cathey

REALLY cold and windy, but we made it through and saw many beautiful irises. Members Glenn & Gloria Huddleston, Bill Calhoun and Phil Nacke helped host the tours at Tom Burseen's garden keeping everyone's coffee cups filled and providing lots of goodies to eat. Bill & Phil also had a booth set up in the convention boutique for Betty Graham's watercolor paintings of irises.

Hope more members will be able to attend the 2014 Convention when Dallas does it again with even more tour gardens.

REGION 17 MEETING

Start making your plans now to attend the Region 17 Convention August 9-10, to be held in Fort Worth at the Radisson Hotel-Fossil Creek, 2540 Meacham Blvd., hosted by the Fort Worth Iris Society. Room rate is \$79 per night, 1-4 people. Mention Region 17 Iris Society to get the discounted rate. You may make your reservations by calling 817-625-9911 or 800-333-3333.

Convention registration form and other information will be available soon.

Region 17 will be installing new officers for the 2013-2016 term. Nominations are:
RVP-Dawn Boyer
Asst. RVP-Peggy Cathey
Secretary-Nelda Moore
Treasurer-Ramona Howard
Chair appointments:

Judge's Training-Dana Brown
Membership-Peggy Cathey
Historian-Jim Landers
Newsletter-Debra Strauss

As Per the Region 17 Bylaws:

Additional nominations may be made by petition of the general AIS membership. Any forty (40) AIS members, of who not more than fifteen (15) may be located in any one area, may submit a petition nominating one or more consenting candidates whose names with those submitted by the nominating committee shall be included in a ballot. These petitions must be received by the RVP on or before July 1 preceding the election. Officers shall be elected after the names submitted by the nominating committee and by petition have been submitted to the Regional AIS Membership. Ballots shall be published in the Fall Newsletter or otherwise distributed to the membership during August. Ballots must be returned as directed on or before September 15. If only one nominee is received for each office, no election shall be held, and the nominees will be declared duly elected. In the case of the RVP, the selected nominee will be recommended to the AIS Board of Directors for approval and appointment.

