



Waco Iris Society News

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That's All Folks
2013 Dykes
Medal Winner

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President's Message by Glenn Huddleston

Kudos to club members who pulled together by sharing their rhizomes for our iris rhizome sale and then visiting with people with words of encouragement about growing irises. The sale was financially rewarding for our club and the option for paying for purchases using credit cards proved to be a positive decision for the club. I wanted to especially recognize Bill and Phil for the professional grade educational display they created, designed, and prepared.

The display was visually attractive and explained in a concise format who



we are as a society and our objectives, goals, and programing.

The 2013 iris growing season was challenging and rewarding. For our November program, I am asking our members to share their thoughts and experiences relative to the 2013 season. This will hopefully, with everyone's involvement, be helpful and fun. Every year we all try to improve on how we grow irises with success and sometimes failures. I will serve as moderator to get things moving. To get you thinking, my first question to the members will be—"What were your favorite new irises that bloomed in 2013?" By new, I mean irises you have never seen bloom before in your

garden. This would be a good time to review your gardening notes for 2013 and come prepared to enlighten everyone.

As we look forward to 2014, I'm excited for our society. We have outstanding and informative programs planned. What we really need now are new members. We all know this is a challenge, however, new members will bring enthusiasm, new ideas, and excitement to our society. Please share your love for growing irises with friends you meet and encourage them to become a member. Remind them that their \$10 annual investment will be returned to them in free rhizomes worth \$50 or more. Being a member doesn't cost, it PAYS!!

Happy Gardening.....



tember sale. Eighty degree temperatures and about 90% humidity! Members did a great job providing quality rhizomes and the beautiful photographs of the different irises made it easy for our customers to pick out their favorites. The trays were arranged alphabetically to make locating the irises easy.



Round Table Discussion

by Peggy Cathey

As Glenn mentioned, we will be having a "Round Table" discussion about our successes and failures this past growing season. Our meeting will be

Another Successful Iris Sale

by Peggy Cathey

We had a beautiful day for our Sep-



Club members who help out at the sale were Glenn & Gloria Huddleston, Jean Richardson, Bob Alexander, Phil Nacke, Bill Calhoon, and Dan Cathey. Others not photographed include Jim Landers, Mitchell Whitley, Peggy Cathey, and Michael Lowe.



Round Table Discussion (cont.)

held November 16, 10:00 a.m., at the West Waco Library. We will have a special guest join us to help answer questions regarding garden pests (including pesty weeds), and diseases as well as fertilizers and supplements for growing better irises. Our oldest son, Carl Cathey, manager of Russell Feed in Haltom City, will join us to give an update on the latest and greatest chemicals and organics available today. Have your questions ready for him. He loves a challenge and is rarely stumped.

Judges Training Scheduled for November 9 in Cleburne

Hooker Nichols will be the speaker/



trainer for a 3 credit hour judges training class on



Louisiana Irises. Hooker is an AIS Emeritus Judge and a member of several Iris Societies, including Waco Iris Society. He has been growing and hybridizing irises for more than 50 years. He grows both bearded and beardless irises. Hooker has registered many irises and daylilies in all his years of hybridizing.



The class, sponsored by the Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society, will be held in the community room of the United Cooperative Services, 3309 N. Main St. in Cleburne. The JCI&DS will begin their business meeting at 10:00 and the class will begin at 11:00. The fee for the class is \$10 for those wishing to take the class for credit. Everyone

is welcome to attend, you do not have to be an iris judge, or want to become an iris judge, to attend the class. Come for the information and love of all things iris.

Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. District V, Zone II Fall Meeting

Waco Iris Society is an affiliate of the Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. Two Waco garden clubs will host the District V, Zone II Fall Meeting at the Carleen Bright Arboretum, Bosque Blvd. & Estes Dr., in Woodway. Registration is \$18, if paid by Nov. 12, \$20 late, and \$25 at the door for walk-ins. The meeting begins at 9:00 with coffee & shopping, 10:00 business meeting, Noon lunch, and 1:00 program: "Fairy Gardens" by Sandra Killough, owner of Bonnie's Greenhouse. Hope to see some of you at the meeting. Registration form may be found on pg. 3.

It Pays to be a Member

Our September meeting was our annual kick-off for the new club year. It is also the time when members are rewarded by getting to choose a free iris rhizome purchased by the club. This year, we had several opportunities to add to our iris collections with the new "Iris Exchange", where members bring back an increase of a newer iris (introduced within the past 6 years) and these are exchanged (by drawing), with other members. Then we have our "Gift Iris". Each member who qualifies by attending 3 meetings in a 12 month period and by helping out at the iris show or sale, gets to choose a

free iris from those sent by our chosen hybridizers. This year, the gift irises came from Mid-America Iris Gardens, Superstition Iris Gardens, and Bayview Iris Garden. Our hybridizers were quite generous this year, allowing each member to choose three (3) iris rhizomes. The remaining irises were placed for auction and each went to the highest bidder. This is always a fun activity as members bid against each other for the right to own those special iris rhizomes. This also offers a chance for the club to earn back the money spent to purchase the iris. New members who join the society between the September Iris Sale and our May end of year party, will qualify for the gift iris.

Another way it pays to be a member of the Waco Iris Society is each month, we have a drawing for free membership in the American Iris Society. Single memberships: \$25, Dual: \$30



AIS MEMBERSHIP DRAWING

Winners for September

Becky and Hazel Haik






District V, Zone II, Fall Meeting
 Hosted by Four Seasons GC and Waco Brown Bag GC
 Tuesday, November 19, 2013
 The Arboretum
 Bosque Blvd. & Estes Dr.,
 Woodway, TX

9:00 a.m. Coffee and Shopping
10:00 a.m. Welcome and Business Meeting
Noon Lunch (Chicken Salad Croissant, Fruit Cup,
 Chips, Homemade Desserts)
1:00 p.m. Program- "Fairy Gardens"
 Sandra Killough
 Owner of Bonnie's Greenhouse



Registration fee: \$18 due by November 12th
Late Registration \$20 and Walk-ins - \$25.00
Make Checks to: Four Seasons Garden Club
Mail to: Peggy Duty
 4001 N. 22nd St.
 Waco, TX 76708

Directions to Arboretum

From South: take Hwy. 6 – Meridian (Exit 330B), go west to Bosque Blvd., turn left (south) and the Arboretum is on the right at Bosque Blvd. and Estates Dr.

From Hwy 84: take the Estates Dr. exit, go west to Bosque Blvd. Arboretum will be straight ahead.

REMEMBER TO BRING ITEMS FOR PLANTS AND THINGS
 (priced in increments of 25c/50c/75c or \$1.00)

Registration for Fall Zone Meetings

Zone I
\$20 by October 25th
\$22 Late and Walk-ins
Make Check payable to:
 Browning Community GC
Mail to:
 Margaret Hoke
 787 CR 4744
 Kempner TX 76539

Zone II
\$18 by November 12th
\$20 Late and \$25 Walk-ins
Make Check payable to:
 Four Seasons Garden Club
Mail to:
 Peggy Duty
 4001 N. 22nd St.
 Waco, TX 76708

Zone III
\$12 by October 29th
\$17 Late and Walk-ins
Make Checks payable to:
 Spring Lake Garden Club
Mail to:
 Sally Simmers
 520 Blanco River Ranch Road
 San Marcos, TX 78666-8505

NAME _____

CLUB NAME AND CITY _____

PHONE # _____

E-MAIL _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

If reservations are for more than one person please attach a list with name – phone # and classification listed on the right of this form. Make it easy – make a copy for each additional individual.

Please check ALL applicable categories:

- NATIONAL:** Former President _____
- Current Officer _____ Chairman _____
- STATE:** President _____ Officer _____ Chairman _____ Trustee _____
- REGIONAL:** Director _____ Officer _____ Chairman _____
- DISTRICT:** Director _____ Officer _____ Chairman _____
- FORMER STATE PRESIDENT** _____
- FORMER DISTRICT DIRECTOR** _____
- COUNCIL PRESIDENT** _____
- ZONE DIRECTOR** _____
- CLUB:** President _____ Member _____ Guest _____
- LIFE MEMBER:** National _____ South Central Region _____
- State _____ District _____
- JUDGE (Check Highest):** Master _____ Life _____ National _____
- Emeritus _____ Student _____
- CONSULTANT:** Landscape Design _____ Master Design _____
- Gardening _____ Environment _____

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING PRE-PRICED ITEMS FOR
 "PLANTS AND THINGS"**

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And the Texas Garden Clubs, Inc.

Meetings held 3rd Saturday of
January, March, May, September
and November at 10 a.m.

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Start making plans now to attend the 2014 American
Iris Society National Convention in Dallas, April 5-10
<http://www.irises-dallas.org/2014-ais-convention.aspx>

We're on the Web:

[http://www.kenfuchs42.net/
waco_index.html](http://www.kenfuchs42.net/waco_index.html)



Member Recipe: From the Kitchen of Bill Calhoun

Super Easy Fudge Brownies

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
- 2 ounces (2 squares) unsweetened baking chocolate
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2/3 cup all-purpose flour
- (optional) 1/2 cup walnuts or Pecans

Directions

Grease a 9x9x2 inch baking pan; set aside. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. In a 2-quart saucepan with a heavy bottom, melt butter and chocolate over very low heat. When melted, remove from heat and let cool slightly. Stir in granulated sugar, eggs and vanilla. Using a wooden spoon, beat lightly by hand just until combined. Stir in flour, and, if desired, nuts. Spread batter in prepared pan. Bake in 350 degree F oven for 20 minutes. Cool in pan on a wire rack. When fully cooled, cut into bars. Will keep in an airtight container at room temperature for up to 3 days...if they last that long!!!



Have a recipe to share?

We have some great cooks in the Waco Iris Society. If you have a recipe to share, please send recipes to Peggy Cathey (natvtxn1@windstream.net) to be included in a future newsletter.