



Waco Iris Society News

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2014 Dykes Medal Winner

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Another Club Year Comes to a Close

The fiscal year of the Waco Iris Society will come to a close with our May meeting and year-end luncheon. We will meet from 11:00 to 1:00 at the LaFiesta restaurant, 3815 Franklin, on May 16, 2015. There



will be no need to install officers this year as all have agreed to serve one more term.

We are pleased to have 3 new members from our April Show. Please welcome Kent and Debbie Ferguson of Valley Mills and Alison Larson of Waco. All new members who join at the April Iris Show receive membership through the next year. Also, by attending the May luncheon and September meeting, they are eligible to receive the free gift iris given to all members who have

attended at least 3 meetings through the year and assisted with either the April Show or September Sale.

Another Iris Show is now behind us, and what a great show it was in spite of 6 of our members being unable to attend. Our Show Chair, Ken Anderson's brother passed away the day before the show, so he and Preston had to go to Kenedy to be with family. Peggy Cathey, with the help of all the members, was able to step in and keep the show going in Ken's absence. Our club president, Glenn Huddleston was in ICU after surgery for a blood clot in his foot and Gloria was with him and Jim Landers was in the hospital in Temple with blood clots in his lungs. Ken Fuchs was with him. All have recovered and are doing well.

Our 2015 Iris Show and sale was a huge success. We sold out of plants quickly and had many people wanting to buy more. Thanks Bill Calhoun and all those who helped for running the sale. Please be thinking about potting irises this fall to bring

to the show next year. Seeing all the beautiful blooms makes everyone want to buy irises. Peggy and Dan Cathey were our big winners, however most of our members who entered irises in the show made it to the head table. Congratulations to everyone!

Show certificates will be awarded to everyone who won in a section or



Judging in progress. Show judges were Gordon and Happy Carver of Weatherford and Perry Dyer from Oklahoma City.

color class at the May meeting. Show plaques will be given out in September.

Congratulations to our new March meeting member, Ellen Singleton for winning Best of Show at the Iris Society of Austin show.

President's Message by Glenn Huddleston

This has proven to be a year of challenges for me. As irisarians we always concern ourselves with matters such as dividing and replanting, weeds in the irises, controlling pests and diseases, and wondering what mother nature has in-store each year.

The one thing I never anticipated was a health set back beginning in March which led to major surgery. Following surgery I was limited to a

walker to move around. As a result I missed out completely on seeing our iris blooms which were the best in years.

I have been told by several members the Iris Show went well. The club had lots of visitors and the potted irises sold like pancakes. As with any change to a new location there were minor challenges. However, I was impressed with how our society members pulled together to make

things work. Isn't that what it's all about.

Our May meeting/luncheon is a time to relax and reflect on past accomplishments and begin to plan for a new year. Hopefully all of our members can attend for food, fun, and fellowship.

Happy Gardening!!!





2015 WIS Show Results by Peggy Cathey

Waco Iris Society held their annual Iris Show April 11, 2015 at Holiday Inn & Suites Northwest. One hundred twenty-five exhibits by twelve exhibitors were judged and on display. Peggy and Dan Cathey took top honors with the Best Specimen of Show. (Photos of all winning exhibits on following pages)

Show results:

Horticulture Division

Award	Variety	Exhibited by
Best of Show	Amakiki	Peggy & Dan Cathey
First Runner-up	Cow Palace	Peggy & Dan Cathey
Best of Show-Youth	Kathy Chilton	Yebsera Pachelli
Best of Section-Median	Amakiki	Peggy & Dan Cathey
Texas Hybridizer	Baditude	
Best Tall Bearded	Cow Palace	
Best Novelty	Batik	
Best Arilbred	Rare Breed	
Best Bulbous	Sapphire Beauty	
Best Historic	Summer Fantasy	Michael Lowe
Best Space Age	Alabaster Unicorn	Dolores Avram
Best of Color Class-Gray	Amakiki	Peggy & Dan Cathey
Best Blend	Baditude	
Best Reverse Bi-Color	Cow Palace	
Best Glaciata	Follow That Dream	
Best Blue	Mary Fussell	
Best Purple	Address Unknown	Michael Lowe
Best Amoena	Alpine Harmony	
Best Bi-Tone	Alpine Harmony	
Best Red	Cardinal Rule	
Best Yellow	Casino Cruiser	
Best Neglecta	Millennium Falcon	
Best Bi-Color	Blush of Pink	Mitchell Whitley
Best Banded	Oil Painting	
Best Brown	Smoked Gouda	
Best Black	Storm Rider	
Best Orange	Sunset Point	
Best Pink	Double Platinum	Dolores Avram
Best Violet	Edifice	
Best White	Alabaster Unicorn	
Best Plicata	Pshaw	Jean Richardson
Best Varigata	Kathy Chilton	Yebsera Pachelli



Peggy and Dan Cathey received the Silver Medal and Certificate for Horticulture Sweepstakes with the most blue ribbons.

Michael Lowe received the Bronze Medal and Certificate for the 2nd most blue ribbons in the Horticulture Sweepstakes.

Artistic Division

The show theme was "A Calendar of Irises". Winning Best of Show with the Colors of Spring entry "St. Patrick's Day" was Peggy Cathey, who also won the Artistic Design Sweepstakes for most blue ribbons in the Artistic Division.

Two Educational Displays "Benefits of AIS Membership" by Peggy Cathey and "Waco Iris Society" by Bill Calhoun will each receive the bronze medal certificate for Outstanding Educational Displays.



2015 WIS Winning Irises

Best of Show 2015

Amakiki

Dan & Peggy Cathey

**Amakiki-Best of Show
Best Median
Best Gray**



**Cow Palace-1st Runner-Up
Best Tall Bearded
Best Reverse Bi-Color
Dan & Peggy Cathey**

Section Winners



**Best Arilbred
Rare Breed
Dan & Peggy Cathey**



**Best Historic
Summer Fantasy
Michael Lowe**



**Best Novelty
Batik
Dan & Peggy Cathey**



**Best Space Age
Alabaster Unicorn
Dolores Avram**



**Best Bulbous
Sapphire Beauty
Dan & Peggy Cathey**



**Best by Texas Hybridizer
Baditude
Dan & Peggy Cathey**



**Best Youth
Kathy Chilton
Yebsera Pachelli**

Color Class Winners



**Best Amoena/Bi-tone
Alpine Harmony
Michael Lowe**



**Best Banded
Oil Painting
Mitchell Whitley**



**Best Bi-Color
Blush of Pink
Mitchell Whitley**



**Best Black
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2015 WIS Artistic Designs

A Calendar of Irises—2015 Artistic Designs



Class 1-Winter Turns to Spring-1st place-Peggy Cathey



Class 1-Winter Turns to Spring-2nd place-Bill Calhoon



Class 1-Winter Turns to Spring-3rd place – Jean Richardson



Class 2-Colors of Spring-1st place-Best of Show-Peggy Cathey



Class 2-Colors of Spring-2nd place-Bill Calhoon



Class 3-Summer-1st place-Bill Calhoon



Class 3-Summer-2nd place-Leroy Nabors



Class 3-Summer-3rd Place-Peggy Cathey



Class 4– Holidays-1st place-Peggy Cathey



Class 4– Holidays-2nd place—Bill Calhoon



Class 4-Holidays-3rd place-Naomi Nabors



Class 4-Holidays-HM-Dan Cathey