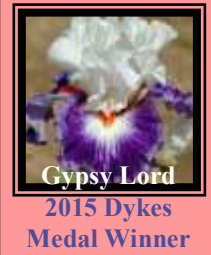




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Tall Bearded Iris Symposium

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The September issue of the *Waco Society News* will be published soon. This is just a “mini” newsletter to remind you the *Tall Bearded Iris Symposium Ballot* must be cast before September 1. The ballot can only be found online, so I thought I would send a copy to those who don’t have access or those who didn’t know about the ballot.

#1 You must be an AIS member to cast a vote. I am sending the list to all our members so you will know one of the “perks” of being an AIS member. Not a member yet? You may still be eligible to vote by joining AIS before September 1 online using PayPal by going here: http://irises.org/ppal/ppal_main.html, or use the attached membership form. AIS membership is going up \$5 for a single membership on October 1, so you might think about joining now before the price increase. If your membership will soon expire, renew now to extend your membership before the price goes up in October. New members will receive a \$25 voucher for free irises from a list of vendors. If you already have a membership, you may still get the \$25 voucher by switching from a single membership to a triennial membership, or by getting an E-membership which will

also give you access to the iris database and the online Iris Bulletins before anyone else has them. As Region 17 Membership Chair, I have to give you my membership speech. Right now, Region 17 is in 3rd place for membership in all of AIS. You can help make us #1. Now, back to the TB Symposium...

#2. Pick your top 25 favorite Tall Bearded irises from the attached list. These should be irises you have grown or have seen growing. The purpose is to let everyone know the irises that bloom and thrive best in our area. The more Texas people we can get to vote, the more irises that will be put on the list that will actually grow in our crazy climate.

#3. Once you have picked your 25, you will need to send the list to our Region 17 RVP:

Dawn Boyer
1900 Daws Dr.
Amarillo, TX 79124

You may also e-mail your list to Dawn at:

dawn.boyer@yahoo.com.

All she needs are the numbers next to the name of the irises on

the list. Choose only 25. If you don’t know 25, pick however many you do know. Any number from 1 to 25 is still a vote. If you want to call or e-mail me your list, I will send it to Dawn for you. Let’s make *Waco Iris Society* 100% participation in the *Tall Bearded Iris Symposium*!