



# Waco Iris Society News

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## End of Year Luncheon by Ken Anderson

Most of our members are quite familiar with our end-of-year luncheon. This is the final meeting of the Waco Iris Society until we resume our regular meeting schedule in September. If you are a new member this year, I encourage you to join us at the Vegas Chinese Buffet in Waco on Saturday, May 19, 2018, from 11:00 to 1:00. The restaurant is located at 505 N. Valley Mills Drive where Valley Mills intersects Highway 84, also called Waco Drive.

We will have a private room toward the back of the restaurant for our luncheon and meeting. Lunch is provided by the club and we have always been pleased with the facilities and the food. I will be wearing two hats that day. As show chair I will be giving out the awards but also as vice-president I will be filling in for Dan Cathey, our president, who will not be there. He and Peggy have other obligations on that day but Dan has entrusted me with

the final meeting. I hope all members are able to attend. This is always a good meeting. We usually eat first. Then we take care of any business that is to be addressed, and finally awards are presented for winning entries in the spring show. Pictures will be taken of each member receiving awards so they can be a part of our next newsletter. Looking forward to seeing you at this special event!

## Tall Bearded Iris Symposium by Peggy Cathey

Each year the American Iris Society has a Tall Bearded Iris Symposium giving each AIS member the opportunity to vote for their favorite 25 Tall Bearded Iris. The annual blue ballot was sent with the Spring issue of the *Iris Bulletin*. This year, I would like to see ALL of our club members cast their ballot for their favorites. A copy of the ballot is attached. This way, we will have a good record we can share at our sales of the irises that do best in our

area. Please complete the ballot and bring it to the luncheon. Ken will collect them and get them to me for the final tally. AIS member votes will be sent to the AIS for the national tally and those results will be published in the Winter issue of the *Iris Bulletin*. The results will also be available online, as well as the results of past years TB Symposiums.

I would like to see more of our Region 17 members vote to give us a

better representation of what grows well in our diverse Texas climate. Choose irises that grow, increase and bloom well for you. Don't just go by pretty pictures.

I have developed a PowerPoint presentation to show why the ballot is important, but the ballots are due by September 1 and we will not have another meeting for me to present the program, so, following are the slides from the program. They begin below and continue on page 2

THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY

2018

Tall Bearded Iris Symposium

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### Purpose of the Tall Bearded Iris Symposium

- ▶ To showcase the best Tall Bearded Irises that will grow and do well across the country
- ▶ Not all irises perform well in our Region, therefore it is important for Region 17 members to vote the ballot so we get better representation of what does grow and thrive in our climate and growing conditions

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# Tall Bearded Iris Symposium (cont.)

## Tall Bearded Iris Symposium History

- ▶ 1941, Symposium was created by Kenneth Smith of Staten Island, NY
- ▶ 1946, Symposium was endorsed by AIS, but only AIS Judges were allowed to vote
- ▶ 1956, AIS Board changed rules so ALL AIS members are now permitted to vote in the Symposium
- ▶ The AIS Tall Bearded Iris Symposium is managed by the AIS Symposium Chairman
- ▶ 2018 is the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual TB Symposium

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## 2018 Tall Bearded Symposium Ballot

There are 478 names on the 2018 Symposium ballot...  
**VOTE for up to 25 of your favorites from the list**

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## Annual Popularity Poll for Tall Bearded Irises

- ▶ All AIS Members may vote in the symposium
- ▶ Top 100 irises ranked by number of votes received
- ▶ Results published each January in the Winter edition of the *AIS Irises Bulletin* and on the AIS official Website
- ▶ Lets AIS members and others interested in growing Tall Bearded Irises know what grows well all across the US

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## How are Irises selected for the Ballot?

- ▶ Top 100 varieties in last year's Symposium
- ▶ Tall bearded irises eligible for 2018 Dykes Medal
- ▶ Tall bearded irises eligible for 2018 Wister Medal
- ▶ Tall bearded irises eligible for the 2018 Awards of Merit
- ▶ Tall bearded irises that won the 2017 Awards of Merit
- ▶ Tall bearded irises that won 2017 Honorable Mentions

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## How to Vote

- ▶ Choose up to 25 of your top choices (1 vote will constitute a valid ballot)
- ▶ Send completed ballot to your Regional Vice President
- ▶ Ballot may be mailed, e-mailed or phoned in
- ▶ You may list names and numbers or only the number of your favorites
- ▶ Ballots must be received by your RVP by September 1 to be counted
- ▶ Write-in votes will not be counted

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## 2017 Region 17 Symposium Facts & Ideas for 2018

- ▶ Region 17 was 3<sup>rd</sup> in all of AIS for number of votes cast in 2017 (684 votes, 1<sup>st</sup> place was Region 14 with 1,464 votes)
- ▶ **Waco IS had 27 AIS members-only 13 voted**
- ▶ Region 17 has close to 300 members, yet only 47 voted last year (that is about 15% - we CAN do better)
- ▶ Voting is easy – encourage all members to vote the ballot
- ▶ Plan a club meeting around the TB Symposium and collect ballots to mail to RVP
- ▶ One vote could make the difference in a favorite making the Top 100

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**THE MORE MEMBERS WHO VOTE FROM ALL AROUND THE COUNTRY MAKE THE RESULTS MORE MEANINGFUL AS THE BEST IRISES THAT DO WELL EVERYWHERE**

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## Where to send your ballot

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## Irises and Childhood Memories by Ken Anderson, Show Chair

The Waco Iris Society held its annual iris show on Saturday, April 7, 2018, at the La Quinta Inn & Suites in south Waco/Woodway, Texas. The theme for this year's show was *Irises and Childhood Memories*. The classes for the artistic division were *Children's Songs, Fairy Tales, Nursery Rhymes and Saturday Morning Cartoons*. There were eleven entries in the Artistic Division presented by eight participants (see pg. 7). In the Horticultural Division we had 107 entries with a total of 95 different cultivars shown by 10 exhibitors.

Awards received were as follows:

The **Best Specimen of Show** was *Mesmerizer*, shown by Frances Peterson, which also won **Best White**, and Best Space Ager

The exhibitor winning the **Silver Medal** for the most blue ribbons was Michael Lowe with a total of 15



blue ribbons. The **Bronze Medal**, given for the second most blue ribbons, was won by Peggy and Dan Cathey with a total of 8 blue ribbons.

In the artistic division Ken Anderson won **Best Design** with his entry of *Humpty Dumpty* in the Nursery Rhymes class.

Other Section/Color Awards won by Michael Lowe were:

**Best Banded, Daring Deception**  
**Best Green, Going Green**  
**Best Pink, Picture Book**  
**Best Red, Hearty Burgundy**  
**Best Variegata, Snapshot**  
**Best Yellow, Golden Immortal**  
**Best Brown, Cow Patty**

Other Section/Color Awards won by Peggy and Dan Cathey were:

**Best Historic, Ida Red**  
**Best Gold, Irish Butter**

Other Section/Color Awards won by Frances Peterson were:

**Best Orange, Gen Gen**  
**Best Purple/Violet, Fixin' to Fly**

Other Section/Color Awards won by Glenn Huddleston were:

**Best Novelty, Broke Again**  
**Best Bitone, Beat the Heat**  
**Best Blue, Navy Blues**

Other Section/Color Awards won by Ken Anderson were:

**Best Black, Night Moves** (also **Runner-Up to Queen of Show**)  
**Best Plicata, Exactitude**



**Best Amoena, Clarence**, was won by Joyce Jones.

**Best Bicolor, Blush of Pink**, was won by Linda Roper

**Best Blend, Westpointer**, was won by Jean Richardson

The show is now a month behind us, but as show chair I can say that I think it was a good show from many perspectives but it was one that also offered opportunities to learn how to make our show even better next time. It has been a number of years since we have completely filled our artistic division sections. That still remains a personal goal for me. However, with our colder than normal days in late winter into early spring, we had a surprisingly good showing of horticultural entries. I am pleased to tell you that our numbers of exhibitors and entries was up considerably compared to last year. I know the members always enjoy seeing what other members have entered in the show, but it was also quite evident that the public enjoyed seeing the entries, too. Our plant sale completely sold out of iris by 2 o'clock or shortly thereafter. That is also a good sign of a successful show. I want to encourage all members to keep participating in our show. There are always many jobs, big and small that make the show a success.





## Members Do Well in Area Shows



B.J. and Frank Wheeler win **Queen of Show** at the Belton IS Show, April 21 with *Casino Cruiser* which also won **Best Space Age, Best Yellow** and **Best by Texas Hybridizer**-Tom Burseen + they won the **Silver Medal**



Dan & Peggy Cathey win **Queen of Show** at the Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society Show, April 21 with *Lady of Lometa* which also won **Best Louisiana, Best Violet** and **Best by Texas Hybridizer**-Jim Landers + they won the **Silver Medal**.

## Irises and Childhood Memories Artistic Designs by Peggy Cathey

Class 1

### Children's Songs



1st place-Dan Cathey  
*I'm a Little Tea Pot*



2nd place-Don Peterson  
*Old MacDonald's Farm*

Class 2

### Fairy Tales



1st place-Frances Peterson  
*Hansel and Gretel*



2nd place-Linda Roper  
*Snow White*



3rd place-Peggy Cathey  
*Cinderella*

Class 3

### Nursery Rhymes



1st place & **Best of Show**-Ken Anderson  
*Humpty Dumpty*



2nd place-Linda Roper  
*Baa, Baa Black Sheep*



3rd place-Peggy Cathey  
*Old Mother Hubbard*



4th place-Jean Richardson  
*A Diller, A Dollar*

Class 4

### Saturday Morning Cartoons



1st place-Oliver Earl  
*Paw Patrol to the Rescue*



2nd place-Linda Roper  
*Minnie Mouse*



## Treasurer's Report by Peggy Cathey, Assistant Treasurer

For such a cold and blustery day for our Iris Show, we had a great turnout and a great iris sale. Thank you to Ken Anderson, Frances Peterson, Linda Roper and Peggy & Dan Cathey for bringing the irises for the sale. The doors opened promptly at 1:00 and there was a crowd waiting. It didn't take long for all 90 of the potted irises to sell. Most went for 3/\$25. We also sold 6 bundles of plant markers for total sales of \$817. Club members who bring plants for the sale are given a "bonus" of cash back for the plants they brought that are sold. There was also credit card fees of \$10.21. Actual income for the club from the sale was \$219.74.

Total show expenses were \$1,051.58. This is our largest expense of the year and the main reason we have our spring and fall iris sales. By having the annual shows, it gives us all a way to show off our flowers and give the public a chance to see lots of colors and different color patterns most would not see anywhere else. Congratulations to all who participated. Without you, there would be no show.

We had a very nice venue for the show and the hotel staff was very accommodating. We have already reserved the space for next year's show.

Treasurer's Report March 1-April 30, 2018		
<b>Beginning Balance March 1, 2018</b>		<b>\$ 10,225.89</b>
<b>March Disbursements</b>		
Donation-Crestview Church of Christ	\$ (50.00)	
Newsletter & printing	\$ (13.97)	
Postage	\$ (4.00)	
Dell Perry-JT instructor stipen	\$ (100.00)	
<b>Total Disbursements for March</b>	<b>\$ (167.97)</b>	
March Income	\$ -	
<b>Bank Balance March 31, 2018</b>		<b>\$ 10,057.92</b>
<b>April Disbursements</b>		
Judges stipen for Connie Ford, Dawn Boyer & Heather White	\$ (375.00)	
Donation to JCI&DS for Region 17 Meeting	\$ (200.00)	
Affiliation dues for TGC & TGC-Dist. V	\$ (30.00)	
AIS Membership (Feb) Mitchell Whitley	\$ (30.00)	
Show sale Credit Card fees	\$ (10.21)	
Hotel for Judge	\$ (123.50)	
Lunch with judges	\$ (82.77)	
Show printing	\$ (70.22)	
LaQuienta meeting room rental	\$ (318.00)	
Show Supplies	\$ (77.25)	
Newsletter	\$ (9.84)	
Postage	\$ (8.84)	
Member sale bonuses	\$ (586.05)	
<b>Total Disbursements for April</b>	<b>\$ (1,921.68)</b>	
<b>April Income</b>		
Membership dues-Damon Graham, his daughter & friend	\$ 30.00	
Show sale	\$ 817.00	
<b>Total income in April</b>	<b>\$ 847.00</b>	
<b>Bank Balance April 30, 2018</b>		<b>\$ 8,983.24</b>

## AIS NOLA Convention by Peggy Cathey

Eight members of the Waco Iris Society journeyed to New Orleans, April 8-14 to attend the American Iris Society National Convention. Those attending from WIS were Jim Landers, Ken Fuchs, Jerrie Cage, Ellen Singleton, Bonnie & Hooker Nichols, and Dan & Peggy Cathey.

Louisiana Iris were what it was all about. We saw them planted in gardens, on the edges of ponds, in tubs and plastic swimming pools, and in swamps. We even saw many growing wild in the wetlands of Loui-



siana along the highways. We had our fill of Cajun food and many enjoyed the nightlife of the French Quarter.

At the opening banquet, members of each Region got to stand and be recognized. Region 17 was well represented with 35 registered from around the state. There was also birthday cake and a 100 year birthday celebration for Virginia Keyser, formerly from Oklahoma. Virginia was attending her 52nd AIS Convention and plans to return again next year.

Bonnie and Hooker were among the instructors for the "in garden" Louisiana Iris judges training which took place at the LSU Hammond Research Center.

The best display of Louisiana Irises was at the Baton Rouge Botanical Garden, which was also the Master Planting for the convention. There



was a beautiful planting of Hooker's *Watermelon Wizard* which won the **Franklin Cook Memorial Cup** for the best iris seen on the convention tour from an "out of host region" hybridizer.



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May 19, 2018 2017  
Annual End of Club Year Luncheon  
Vegas Chinese Buffett, 505 N. Valley Mills Dr.



August 3-4, 2018  
Region 17 Annual Meeting  
Hampton Inn & Suites, Cleburne, TX



September 15, 2018  
Iris Giveaway, Exchange & Auction  
Crestview Church of Christ Community Center



September 29, 2018  
Annual Iris Sale  
GreenLife Nursery, New Rd. @ Bosque

Check out our website:

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

## Word Search: 2018 Dykes Beardless Iris Nominations by Peggy Cathey

- Aztec Prince (AB)
- Bay Street (CA)
- Brash and Bold (AB)
- Castor River (SPU)
- Dick Redfield (Spec)
- Do the Math (Spec X)
- Eye to Eye (AB)
- Foggy Days (CA)
- Ginger Twist (SIB)
- Humors of Whiskey (SIB)
- Jin Yu (Spec)
- John's Fancy (JI)
- Judy, Judy, Judy (SIB)
- Line Dancing (SPU)
- Missouri Morning (SPU)
- Oh So Pink (JI)
- Our Friend Dick (LA)
- Prince of Egypt (AB)
- Ruth Wilder (Spec)
- Sand Dancer (AB)
- Seminole Sunrise (LA)
- Sugar Dome (JI)
- Who's On First (Spec X)
- Xerxes (AB)



One name was too long to fit on the puzzle. Also nominated is Periwinkle Persian (CA).