



Waco Iris Society News

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Seasons of Color



Waco Iris Society is excited to present the 2022 Iris Show, *Seasons of Color*, happening April 9th at the LaQuinta Inn and Suites Woodway-Waco South, 6003 Woodway Dr. The show will open to the public from 1-3 p.m. after judging of the irises is completed and ribbons awarded. We are hoping for a great show. It may not be as big as we would hope due to the late season rollercoaster weather and lack of rain that we have had, but the *show will go on!* Members have also been babysitting potted irises all winter to offer for sale at the show. We all learned valuable lessons from the deep freeze of 2021 and protected our potted irises from the winter's freezes. We should have a big selection to choose from. Be watching your email for the sale list.

The potted irises will sell for \$10 per pot or 3 for \$25.

Members who would like to bring in their sale irises early or need to set up an artistic design should be at LaQuinta between 5 and 7 p.m. on Friday evening, April 8th.

Are you interested in becoming a Waco Iris Society member? Membership dues are only \$10 per year (September 2022—May 2023, we don't meet during the Summer months)

Benefits of becoming a new member of the Waco Iris Society at our Iris Show:

1. Your membership dues are good through May of 2023.
2. You get to choose a free iris purchased by the club at our September meeting.*

3. Anyone joining the Waco Iris Society from April through June 2022 entitles you to a *free* membership in the American Iris Society, a \$30 value for a single membership.

**Requirements for new members to earn a free iris: you must have attended at least 1 meeting prior to the September meeting and be present at the "giveaway" meeting to choose your free iris.*





Minutes of Marach 19, 2022 by Ken Anderson, Acting Secretary

The Waco Iris Society held its regularly scheduled meeting on March 19, 2022, at the Crestview Church of Christ Community Center in Waco at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Mitchell Whitley at 10:07.

Mitchell began the meeting by announcing that he would not be able to hold any office for the coming year due to health issues.

Roll Call was conducted by President Mitch Whitley. Members present were: Ken Anderson, Dan Cathey, Peggy Cathey, Ken Fuchs, Glenn Huddleston, Jerry Keeth, Mary Keeth, Jim Landers, Michael Lowe, Don Peterson, Frances Peterson, Linda Roper, Robb Startzman, and Mitchell Whitley. Two new members joined the club on Saturday. The club welcomed Ann Harder and Mike Harder into membership.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Mitch Whitley. He reported that the club has a balance of \$11,101.23 as of March 11, 2022.

In the drawing for A.I.S. membership Michael Lowe's name was drawn.

New Business:

Ken Anderson provided entry tags and entry sheets for all members who are planning to have a horticultural or artistic entry. Show schedules and flyers promoting the show were also made available. Various aspects of the show were discussed. It was noted that arrangements for the place of the show have been made and reconfirmed.

Also under new business, there was a discussion about the amount to be paid to judges and compensa-

tion for gas. A motion was made by Mary Keeth that each judge be paid \$100 plus \$50 per vehicle. Peggy Cathey seconded the motion.

There was some discussion of what the club should decide if there is a poor showing of blooms and the possibility that the show would have to be canceled. It was pointed out that in order to have a show that would be sanctioned by A.I.S. it would be necessary to have at least five exhibitors and at least 20 entries. It was the general consensus of members present that these minimal standards could be met and that we would plan to have our show regardless of the quantity of blooms available at the time of the show. It was noted that the plant sale is also an important part of the show and its success is not dependent upon the bloom season.

Under Old Business there were no issues discussed.

Refreshment break was taken.

Following the break, there was a drawing for the raffle of five items brought by members. The five winners in the raffle were: Ken Anderson, Rob Startzman, Michael Lowe, Glenn Huddleston, and Rob Startzman.

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Peggy Cathey gave the program, consisting of two parts.

Part 1 was "Preparing Irises for an Exhibition". She explained how irises should be cut and held for the show, how they should be placed in the container, and how to groom them for exhibition. Many tips were given for helping make the entry a success.

Part 2 of her program was devoted to "Color Patterns of Irises". In this presentation she discussed all the terms used to describe iris blooms. It was noted that any given iris might fit into more than one group, sometimes even three or four groups.

Everyone was reminded of the potted iris sale we will be having at the show and reminders were given regarding tags for the plants. It was noted that there should be two to three rhizomes growing in the pot.

Before the meeting adjourned there was a brief discussion about the May meeting. It was decided that we would have potluck meal at the church.

The meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Treasurer's Report

Checking-Opening balance 1/12/22

\$ 11,261.23

Income:

Raffle income \$ 33.00

Expenses:

AIS Membership \$ (30.00)

Meeting room donation \$ (25.00)

Checking-Ending balance 3/14/22

\$ 11,101.23

Petty Cash balance (Raffle & dues)

\$ 40.00

PayPal balance 3/11/22

\$ 9.84

Show Time Is Upon Us by Ken Anderson, Show Chair

Less than two weeks ago, we had our March meeting. In that meeting, we discussed that some clubs had canceled their iris show for this year due to a lack of blooms or a conflict with venue scheduling. At that meeting, several members expressed their concerns about this issue. We have no problem with the venue—LaQuinta is very accommodating. The lack of bloomstalks is a concern, but there is still time. Looking around in my own yard has certainly been a different experience this year from previous years. Usually, by now, there are quite a few varieties showing signs of sending up bloom stalks. This year that is not the case at all. Many plants look good and seem like they could send up bloom stalks any day, but not as yet as of this writing. I have found only one bloom stalk in my yard so far. Hopefully, I might find a few more bloom stalks in my yard by tomorrow or the next day. Fortunately, we have several members in our club who have a large number of irises and will have plenty of blooms to make a show.

I know this next paragraph might sound like a broken record, and

some of you might be thinking, “He writes that same paragraph every year.” Well, here is that paragraph with a little extra emphasis and critical information. Each year I encourage everyone to bring blooms for our horticultural exhibit. I know people are hesitant to bring something that might not be a blue ribbon contender. But every year I remind you that our visitors don’t care about what ribbons were won, they come to see color and variety. They are not so concerned about which ones were blue, red, or white ribbons. I always encourage everyone who can to bring at least 1 horticultural exhibit so we can have a good showing of a variety of irises.

This year the really critical matter will be meeting the guidelines of AIS. We must have at least **five** exhibitors and a minimum of **twenty** different cultivars to have an accredited show. It shouldn’t be a problem to have the required twenty different cultivars. The main concern will be that we have five exhibitors. This year, I am encouraging everyone who has an iris blooming on show day, to cut it and bring it to the show. There are a few members

who will always have many iris cultivars to bring. This year, they may not have as many, so it is imperative that you bring something if you have it. This is especially true if you have never shown an iris before. Who knows, you could be as lucky as Linda Barnard was last year and have the Queen of Show. If you don’t know how to enter, there will be members who will help you when you bring your entries. They will help you complete the entry cards and give you tips for a better presentation. Just remember a few basic rules:

1. It must be an iris that you have grown.
2. It must be correctly identified.
3. It must be shown in a green bottle.

Also, the show is open to everyone—not just club members. There are no entry fees and we would love to have you enter our show.

Keep checking for bloomstalks. There are more and more popping up everyday.

We may not have the most entries in the Region like last year, but we WILL have a good show.



Queen’s Table, WIS Iris Show 2021



An affiliate of the American Iris Society
And the Texas Garden Clubs, Inc.

Meetings held 3rd Saturday of January,
March, May,
September and November at 10 a.m.
Crestview Church of Christ
Community Center, 7129 Delhi, Waco

Mitchell Whitley, President
Peggy Cathey, Newsletter Editor
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Join WIS today!

Only \$10 per year. You may join at a meeting, download membership form from our website, or send a check with your name, address, phone number and e-mail address to:

Mitchell Whitley, Treasurer
812 Dayton, Waco, TX 76706



March 19, 2022, 10 a.m.
Crestview Church of Christ, 7129 Delhi
Getting Ready for the SHOW



April 8, 2022, 4-6 p.m.
LaQuinta Inn & Suites, Woodway-Waco South
Iris Show set-up All Members



April 9, 2022
LaQuinta Inn & Suites, Woodway-Waco South
Iris Show



May 21, 2022,
Yearend luncheon and presentation of Show Awards
Time and location TBD

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Word Search—Iris Names That End With Spring

Find the following words in the puzzle.

Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

ALPINE
ARTESIAN
BIG
BUDDING
CARTER
CHINA
COME
DESERT
EARLY
FOREVER
FORMOSA
GLACIER
GREEN
IRISH
JOYOUS
LASTING
LINGERING
LOUISIANA
LOVELY
MAINSTREAM
MINERAL
PERFECT

REMEMBER
RIPPLING
SAKURA
SECOND
SILVER
SMILING
SPECKLED
SYLVAN
THINK
VERDANT
WARM
WESTERN
WINDWOOD



Carter Spring
Carter, 2006

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2022 Iris Show

Seasons of Color



Saturday, April 9, 2022

La Quinta Inn & Suites Woodway-Waco South
6003 Woodway Dr, Waco 76712

Open to Public 1:00 – 3:00 PM

FREE ADMISSION

FREE PARKING