

- *Judges Training January 16, 2016*
- *New Iris Garden completed*
- *“The Irises of Portland”*



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A Monthly Newsletter of the Iris Society of Austin

IRIS AUSTIN



Next Scheduled Meeting:

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

GATE CLOSES AT 6:30 P.M.

Meeting begins at 7 P.M.

Thanksgiving Dinner

**Turkey and Dressing, Tea and
Coffee, Cranberry Sauce**

**Please bring a vegetable dish or
a dessert.**

**Program – “The Irises of Portland,
Part 2”**

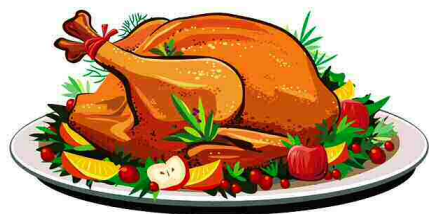
Future Meeting Dates:

- ▶ **NO MEETING IN DECEMBER**
- ▶ **Tuesday, January 12, 2016**
- ▶ **Saturday, January 16, 2016**
Judges Training
- ▶ **Tuesday, February 9, 2016**
- ▶ **Tuesday, March 8, 2016**
- ▶ **Saturday and Sunday, April 2
and 3 Zilker Garden Festival**
- ▶ **Saturday, April 9, 2016 Iris Show**

▶ Volunteer Opportunities:

**Serving, cleaning, setting tables in
the auditorium for the Sister City
Delegation on Saturday,
November 14**

- ▶ **Working during the Zilker Garden
Festival April 2 and 3, 2016**
- ▶ **Helping with the Iris Show
Saturday, April 9, 2016**



IRIS SOCIETY OF AUSTIN TO HOST JUDGES TRAINING JANUARY 16, 2016

Alverton (Al) Elliott will enlighten the Iris Society of Austin on Saturday, January 16, 2016, during Judges Training in Ross Hall in the Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church, 7127 Bee Cave Road, in Austin, 78746. Al previously conducted the Judges Training session “Before the First Ribbon Is Awarded” for ISA members on January 24, 2015.



Al and his wife Barbara are members of the Iris Society of Austin, and he is an outstanding Judge. They now reside in Georgetown and have traveled many miles to view new irises. Al will teach about Space Age Irises for the three-hour course, which will cost \$5 per attendee. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 A.M. Training will begin at 9 A.M. and end at noon.

Make plans to attend this educational challenge. Judges Training classes are not just for those who are training to be iris judges. Since irisarians want to know what judges look for when judging bloom stalks or how to identify a good iris in the garden, this is an opportunity to learn all of these points as well as to be exposed to new types of irises and to learn about iris awards. This class is essential for judges to maintain judgeship.

This regional school has been approved in advance by Dana Brown, Region 17 Chairman of Judges.

MINUTES OF THE IRIS SOCIETY OF AUSTIN
October 13, 2015

Marney Abel called the meeting to order in the absence of the President.

Jaime Hadley read the September Meeting Minutes in the absence of the Secretary — these were also printed in the October Newsletter. There was one correction noted — the date of the 2016 Iris show will be April 9, not April 12, 2016.

Marney delivered the Treasurer's Report with a current account balance of \$17,087.83. Total gross from the sales held Sept 12 & 26 was \$4,860.20, expenses related to the sales totaled \$1,589.65, leaving a net profile of \$3,270.55.

Marney reported from the last AAGC meeting. The work towards a conservancy to run Zilker is ongoing. They are currently searching for an Executive Director. The city contributed half of what was requested for the first year salary of that Director, and the AAGC voted to cover the other half. November 14 will be a Sister City celebration at Zilker, welcoming visitors from our sister city in Japan. Volunteers are needed for that event. The Cactus Society had a huge profit from their recent sale thanks to their good use of social media. The gift shop is open during our meetings if you would like to make purchases to support AAGC. In March 2016 the ISA will host the AAGC meeting; please let Marney know if you would like to help with that.

Ellen Singleton recapped some information from the fall plant sales and suggested we go ahead and book

Norris Conference Center for 2016. Carolyn Wylie moved to do that, and D Boyle seconded. The membership unanimously voted yes.

Donna Little volunteered to co-chair the 2016 Iris Show with Nelda Moore. The membership showed an interest in adding a photography Division for the 2016 Show.

The membership supported the idea of having a judges training in January.

The membership asked about the possibility of getting hold of the show vases ahead of the show to save prep time on Show morning. Don explained that the vases are the property of Zilker Gardens and as such cannot be sent home with members. However, he volunteered to research and see if the same vases were available for sale anywhere so that the club might arrange for a group purchase if people wanted to have their own.

Don Freeman reviewed the progress on the new front iris bed, and invited everyone to join him on Saturday 10/17 at 8:30am to help plant that bed.

Ken Fuchs presented "The Irises of Portland," a slide show from the AIS 2015 National Convention in Portland, OR.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaime Hadley

VP Membership, in the absence of the Secretary

HORTICULTURE

Irises continue to need weeds removed, dead leaves and foliage pulled away from the rhizome, and if the irises have not been planted, then remove them from the plastic bag at once and find a perfect place to plant these beautiful flowers. If there are Dutch Iris bulbs in bags, add these to your garden. Since the rain, these irises are multiplying and growing by inches each day.



CHEERS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN ILL
OR WHO HAVE HAD SURGERY

- ★ Tracey Rogers
- ★ Jim Landers
- ★ Robert Byrne and Pat Byrne
- ★ All who have suffered with allergies



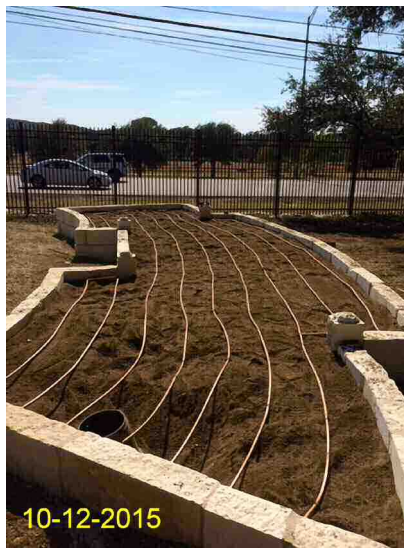
IRIS GARDEN COMPLETED OCTOBER 17

After Don Freeman presented a detailed report about the progress of construction of the new Iris Garden near Barton Springs Road, he asked for new iris rhizomes from each member during the meeting held Tuesday, October 13. On Saturday at 8:30 A.M. Audrey Baker, D Boyle, Don Freeman, Shirley Friesen, Jaime Hadley, David Kraemer, Donna Little, Nelda Moore, Kathy Petheram, and Tracey Rogers planted the irises, including one complete row of 'Bottled Sunshine.' By noon most of the rhizomes were in the soil mixture, and workers were ready to show Colin where to dig holes for the tubs of Louisiana irises.

Since then Austin has had rain that improved the drought-stricken conditions. After that, rains known as Halloween Flooding came early. With up to 16 inches of rain in areas, Barton Springs Road was under water in places near the restaurants. With this moisture the newly-planted irises perked up, put on a Happy Face, and started grabbing hold of the amended growing mix of sand and Geo Grower's Ranch Rose Blend. After all, David Kraemer, Shirley Friesen, Donna Little, and other members worked from cardboard on the soil to dig a small hole and plant the rhizomes on a hill before putting Bizome and a cup of liquid containing bone meal and Hasta Gro around the plants.

The Iris Society paid \$3,300 for construction while the Horticulture Committee paid \$1600 for the soil and sand and \$260 for irrigation materials.

Thank you to all who worked and contributed to this new garden that is west of the existing iris bed.





The Irises of Portland

Do not miss the program this November when Ken Fuchs will show more blooms from Portland, Oregon.



'Love in the Air'



'Ragtop Day'



'Double Dare'



'Crackling Caldera'



'Football Hero'



'Blackwater'



'Sing with Frogs'