

- Judges Training – MTBs
- Porcelain Arts Sale
- Youth Essay Contest
- AIS/SLI 2018 Convention



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A Monthly Newsletter of the Iris Society of Austin

IRIS AUSTIN



NEXT MEETING – NOVEMBER 14

6:30 – 9 p.m.
 Celebrating Thanksgiving
 Hospitality – Jaime Hadley and
 Dara E. Smith
 Pot Luck
 Zilker Botanical Garden Auditorium
 Program – Marney Abel:
 “Feeding Irises”

November 4 10 A.M. until NOON
 Program: Garden Decorating by
 Master Gardeners
 Auditorium

November 5
 Daylight Saving Time ends

November 11 and 12
 Plein Art Show and Sale

November 23 Happy and Safe
 Thanksgiving Day

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

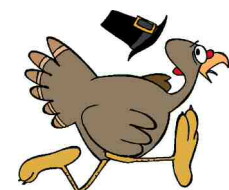
DEBRA STRAUSS SELECTS MEDIAN IRISES FOR JUDGES TRAINING



Debra Strauss will present an interesting program about Median Irises in the Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church January 20 from 10 A.M. until 12:30 P.M. Breakfast will be available at 9 A.M. in the Ross Hall located near the underground parking facility at 7127 Bee Cave Road in Austin, Texas 78746. The cost is \$5. Contact Nelda Moore at Joenell6947@gmail.com.

Bring any questions that you have about these smaller irises that can add so much beauty to a flower arrangement.

Dell Perry will conduct a Judges Training class on "Are These Really Rules?" from 10 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. February 17 in the Crestview Church of Christ Community Center, 7129 Delhi Road, in Waco, Texas 76636. The class fee is \$5 for 2 hours credit. This JT class is hosted by Waco Iris Society. To make reservations contact Peggy Cathey, 1115 HCR 1414 in Covington, TX 76636 or telephone 254-854-2558 or email wacoirises@gmail.com.



PORCELAIN ARTS SALE REPORT
from TRACEY



Total Sales for Saturday were \$542 with 23 sales averaging \$23.56 per sale. Most of that will come directly to us as only around 15% of the sales were credit cards. The majority of the sales were cash or checks.

Ellen and I along with Donna decided to extend

the sale to Sunday as the Herb Society and African Violet Society were going to come back on Sunday also. We decided we would rather sell as many as we could rather than have to take them back home. We started with 6 'Notta Lemon's and we are down to one. The 3-gallon+ pots with multiple rhizomes were sold for \$12. Pots were sold for \$10 each or 3 for \$25.

I think the new flag sign worked out very well.



I sold to tourists from Louisiana, Houston and Minnesota. The Houston couple are newbies, but the others currently grow irises. I'm going to reach out to the Minnesota lady to see how Burseen irises do in the cold north. She really liked 'Braggin' Rights' and 'Stand in Awe.'

Volunteers for Friday's setup were Ellen, Nelda and myself. Saturday volunteers were Ellen, Shirley, Donna, Jaime, Dara and myself.

Thanks for everyone's help.
- Tracey

SALES REPORT SUMMARY FROM
SQUARE POS

Iris Society of Austin, your sales from Saturday Oct 28 / Sunday Oct 29

TOTAL COLLECTED
\$492.60 / \$183 = \$675.60
PROCESSING FEES
(\$3.07) / (\$2.35) = \$5.42
TOTAL ITEMS SOLD
39 / 27 = 66
TOTAL ITEM SALES
\$356.00 / \$243.00 = \$599
TOP-SELLING ITEM
\$10 Potted Iris



TOP-SELLING ITEM SALES

\$250.00 / \$150.00 = \$400
CUSTOMERS SERVED
5 / 3 = 8
NEW CUSTOMERS
3 / 2 = 5
RETURNING CUSTOMERS
2 / 1 = 3

Monday, October 30, 2017:

Square has credited your Prosperity Bank account with \$176.18.



MINUTES OF THE IRIS SOCIETY OF AUSTIN
OCTOBER 10, 2017

Donna called the meeting to order at 7:30.

She gave appreciation gifts to Ellen and Tracey for all their hard work on the Rhizome Sales.

Ellen - AAGC Report

- Make sure you take the AAGC survey tonight or online.
- Review the agreement between AAGC and the Conservancy - it is a 2-year agreement. Our club will vote later in this meeting whether to ratify it. There was some discussion amongst members related to this topic. Don Freeman moved and Nelda Moore seconded. 14 voted yes, and 3 no, 1 abstention.
- May not have GardenFest anymore.
- Violet Crown Fall Flower show Oct 21 & 22 – Horticulture entries Friday afternoon Oct 20 or Saturday morning for cut flower stems. Theme – Butterflies, My, How the Fly
- Porcelain Arts show and sale Saturday Oct 28 with several other clubs participating
- Go look at the new Begonia garden.
- Nov 11-12 Plein Aire art show and sale

Donna – Judges Training

- Dallas with Linda Miller on Medians - Oct 21
- Austin, Debbie Strauss on Medians - Jan 20, 2018
- Waco, Dell Perry, “Are These Really Rules?”– Feb 17, 2018

Our show will be April 7. The Herb Society wants to do a show in the Herb Garden on the same day. There was no dissension.

We gave away some of the extra materials from the sale box we are not using anymore.

Tracey showed off the new signs for the sale and show.

Marney - Treasurer’s report

- Sale revenues before expenses: Checks and Cash \$1248.05; Credit card \$1854.61

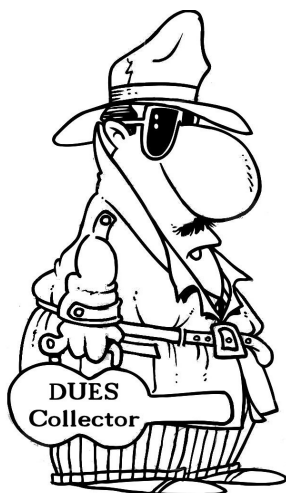
Nelda moved to continue next year at Norris Conference center for the Rhizome Sale 2018, the Saturday after labor day.

Donna reviewed the positions open for our spring show committee. — Be thinking about how you might want to help and let Donna know. Be thinking of show theme ideas for the November meeting.

Ken presented a slideshow from the National Convention in Des Moines Spring 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaime Hadley
VP Membership, in the absence of the Secretary



Don't forget, youse guys, I'll be collecting DUES for 2018 at the January meeting: \$12 single, \$18 joint. Bring duh checkbook -- OR ELSE!



IRIS AUSTIN HOSTS/HOSTESSES NAMED

It is always a pleasure to serve as host/hostess for the Iris Society of Austin during their meetings, which usually start at 6:30 P.M. During the year Tracey Rogers has encouraged members to be dedicated for one month when they bring plates, forks, napkins, tablecloths and a main dish to start the Pot Luck dinner. All members contribute by bringing vegetables, salads, and desserts.



Donna Little will start the New Year celebration on January 9, with Ellen Singleton and Marney Abel working together for a Valentine's Day surprise on February 13. Sheila Senghas will be the hostess in March, also on the 13th. In April members will help with the breakfast for the Iris Show April 7. No meeting will be held since the National Convention will take up April 8-13 followed by the SLI, April 12-14. Shirley Friesen will be the hostess for May 8.



AIS 2018 CALENDAR – Don't miss your last chance to buy 2018 iris calendars for Christmas gifts at November meeting. \$5

YOUTH

Deadline for Nominations for Clark Cosgrove Award is January 31. Entries are mailed to Cheryl Deaton, 27218 Walnut Springs, Canyon Country, CA 91351 or email as an attachment to region15kids@hotmail.com.

The Ackerman Essay Contest for 12-year-and-under category or 13-through-18 category is sponsored by the American Iris Society Foundation, which presents 2 prizes of \$100 each for the writers of the winning essays in the 2 separate categories. The essay should be 500 words or less on the topic — a quote from the first president of the AIS John C. Wister — "The iris is the mainstay of the hardy garden." Write 3 examples of why you agree with him about the iris being a mainstay of a hardy garden.

Send essays to Debbie Strauss, 2213 Hereford Blvd., Midland, TX 79707-5012. Her telephone is 432-352-5483 or e-mail debbie@loveirises.com. Deadline is February 15, 2018.

AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY AND THE SOCIETY FOR LOUISIANA IRISES CONVENTION

When the American Iris Society and the Society for Louisiana Irises meet in New Orleans to help the city celebrate 300 years, Baton Rouge Botanic Garden and the Burden Museum and Gardens are not the only historic places to see the the wildflowers of Louisiana. In New Orleans the Museum of Art's Sydney and Walda Besthoff Sculpture Garden in City Park and Longue Vue House and Gardens will provide the visitors unique landscapes, a majestic classical revival mansion, and SLIs Species Preservation Project in addition to the irises originally planted by Caroline Dormon in the 1930s.

Near Madisonville after a 24-mile trip on the Lake Pontchartrain Causeway there will be Gary and Leigh Anne Salathe's "A Louisiana Pond." Here Gary has turned a subdivision detention pond into a showcase of Louisiana irises, native plants, and a habitat for wildlife that just happens by when you visit.

The Hammond Research Station of the Louisiana State University AgCenter will introduce the attendees to a horticultural landscape of 500 ornamental plants called Louisiana Super Plants among the pines.

It is time to make your reservations for the AIS Convention April 8-13 and the SLI, which will be April 12-14. January provides the greater discount.

