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A Monthly Newsletter of the Iris Society of Austin

IRIS AUSTIN



NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, April 9, 2019 6:30 P.M.
Auditorium

Austin Area Garden Center
Zilker Botanical Garden
2220 Barton Springs Road
Austin, TX 78746

Program - Grooming Irises for Show
April 13
Potluck

“IRISES IN ART”

THE IRIS SOCIETY OF AUSTIN TO SPONSOR SHOW APRIL 13



‘Evening at the Iris Field’ by Timothy Easton



2019 AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY NATIONAL CONVENTION

“The Sun Sets on Rainbows” is the theme for the American Iris Society Convention April 23-27 in the San Ramon Marriott Hotel, 2600 Bishop Drive, in San Ramon, California 94583. Several members from Austin will be there to enjoy the tours, the food, and the irisarians. Each person will return with an interesting story to tell while many more members are looking forward to celebrating the 100th anniversary convention in Newark, New Jersey May 18-23, 2020.

The Iris Society of Austin will sponsor an accredited show Saturday, April 13, in the Austin Area Garden Center Auditorium in Zilker Botanical Gardens, 2220 Barton Springs Road, Austin, Texas 78746. Viewing by the public will begin about 1 P.M. for “Irises in Art.” Although the flower show will have no admission charges, there is a small fee to visit the gardens.

The members and exhibitors will arrive early to bring their cultivars and exhibits. The Greene Room will have clean vases that are filled with enough water to sustain the freshness of the irises in the horticulture section of the show. Be sure to sign your name on the sheet provided with numbers. Then use your number on all of your entry tags. The show schedule provides the necessary information for classes and sections.

The irises that will be entered should be free of insects,

spiders, and dirt. The stalk and foliage should also be free of fingerprints.

Who is the judge?

Judges' decisions are final. They use their eagle eye to observe the irises especially if one is to be taken to the table of consideration. It is the table holding the irises where judges will make their final decisions concerning the first place pink, blue, yellow, etc. for the display showing the best of the best and runner-up.

What's in a name?

Remember that the cultivar must be named correctly to be judged. It must be cleaned—no spiders or webs, no insects, no pests, no dirt.

Show Hospitality

Those who stay to serve, to work, to keep the public informed by answering questions about irises or the society, as well as to clean when the show is over, may want to purchase their food from the hospitality chair, Nelda Moore, who is having barbecue catered with slaw, beans, potato salad, bread, and dessert. Breakfast will be provided for the judges and some items that will be left will be there for snacks after judging begins. These breakfast items will be juice, coffee, Danish, breads such as cranberry and strawberry, cream cheese spread, and casserole.

What Goes Behind Closed Doors

At the time of this writing a few clerks are still needed so contact Carolyn Wylie soon if you can remain silent while the judges converse. A judge is not to touch the vase or the exhibit or the design, but the clerk will be asked to move the item for a closer look at the flowers by the judge. Perhaps they want to be sure that the design is not holding something like plastic or some thing that is not allowed. The clerk carries a hole punch, pencil or pen, and note pad. She listens to what the clerks say, but this is confidential conversation between judges. She works and assists in the showroom from the beginning to the end of judging when the winning entries are positioned on the queen's table and the ribbons are distributed.

Essentials for Show

Ken Fuchs will bring entry tags, all ribbons, and papers needed for members to complete and judges to sign including their address. You can use address labels from home for your entries.

SOCIETY FOR LOUISIANA IRISES

The annual Society for Louisiana Irises will be in Lafayette, Louisiana from April 4-8 in the Hilton Garden Inn, 2350 Congress Street. Patrick O'Connor won the Mary Swords DeBaillon Medal for 'Deja Voodoo.'



ENGLISH BOXES

English Boxes are fun to work with since these are a part of Exhibition Judging in the Horticultural Division of the show. This is a collection of single irises without stems, buds, or foliage. The blossoms should be uniform in size, form, substance, and texture. Since they are viewed from above, they should appear to float above the box with no falls touching the surface of the box. These flowers should have the same classification such as all tall bearded or all miniature irises with correctly named cultivars written on a 3 X 5 inch card posted on the outside of the box with the names in the correct position.

Bicolors can be combined with two self colors, but color clash and poor color arrangement will be faulted. Even the background covering should be nonreflective and neutral in color so that it does not clash with the flower color.

JAIME HADLEY PROVES HIS POINT



Jaime contributed photographs taken in his garden of purple irises that eventually had one white pull its blossom over the others. Then his garden had some irises that showed that the bee or insect had worked miracles—a perfect iris with one side white and the other side purple!

ELLEN SINGLETON WINS



ISA member Ellen Singleton won the Arboreal Award (Trees and Woody Shrubs - Decorative Stems) at the 2019 Spring Flower Show March 9.

A RUSSIAN ARTIST MAKES IRISES GLOW

Marina Podgaevskaya / Марина Подгаевская was born in Saint-Petersburg, Russia. In 1983, she graduated from Leningrad Serov Art college, Interior Design Department.



In 1998 she finished the studio school specializing in Old Masters painting techniques. Podgaevskaya is an author of more than 500 works, with her paintings being part of numerous art shows in Russia, Europe and Asia.

Many of her paintings are in private Russian, American and Western European collections, as well as in Pulkovo Observatory collection, Saint-Petersburg State University and the Slovak Embassy in Moscow.



<https://www.tuttartpitturascolturaepoesiamusica.com/2011/03/marina-podgaevskaya.html>

MINUTES OF THE IRIS SOCIETY OF AUSTIN

March 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order and presided by President Jaime Hadley. Welcome back to Yohannis Selassie and our visitor Janie Orr!! Janie had a question for the members: "Does anyone grow the iris japonica or iris tectorum?"

A motion to approve the minutes from the February 2019 meeting as written in the March 2019 Newsletter was passed.

Treasurer's Report from Tracey Rogers:

February balance \$15,726.36. Recent transactions: membership dues and supplies. A motion was accepted and passed to approve the Treasurer's report.

AAGC Report from Ellen Singleton:

New Bylaws are being reviewed. Many Spring events are planned and some include: 4/11 Starlight Social. The Conservancy Membership includes waived fees to many other gardens across the country. Jeanie Barrier is the new President. Ellen Singleton is the Treasurer!

We are looking for some news on our members Imre Eifert and Pat Byrne. Keep Lori Anderson in your thoughts as she is dealing with health problems.

Newsletter Update from Ken Fuchs:

This month's newsletter delivery was with our updated policy from last month to deliver as many copies electronically as possible to save money and time on hard copy and postage.

ISA Business:

Officer Elections for 2019-2020:

The Nominating Committee Presented the following slate of officers to serve for the next year:

President - Jaime Hadley
VP Membership - Nelda Moore
VP Programs - Erin Boyle
Secretary - Dara E Smith
Treasurer - Tracey Rogers

A Motion was made by Stephanie Sheridan and 2nd by Mike Renfro to Approve the Slate of Officers as Presented and the Motion Passed.

ISA News:

Don Freeman recognized David and Susan Kramer for cleaning the iris beds. Thank you!!

Updates on the ISA 2019 Iris Show

Saturday April 13, 2019 - "Iris In Art"

- Meeting on April 9th will cover Pre-Planning for the Show.
- Friday April 12, afternoon setup crew: Tracey, Erin, Nelda, David, Mike Renfro
- Everyone that signed on for a job should expect an email from Jaime with some basic information.
- Carolyn Wylie is looking for Clerks.
- Hospitality: Bar-B-Q lunch, Everyone plan on bringing a side dish for breakfast or lunch and our showtime appetites!!
- Ken will have entry tags at the next meeting.
- A 'Show Entry Form' is available to pre-fill and bring with you that has all your entries listed.
- Photography will be judged by the Artistic design judges.
- Coax those bloom stalks up and have a great time sharing your flowers with everyone!!!

If you prepare an entry in the design classifications, it will be allowed to display a picture of the artwork that inspired the design.

Please let Tracey know if you want to reserve a space for an entry for an artistic design.

Important Dates:

- Next ISA Meeting - Tuesday April 9, 2019 - Show Ready tips for grooming and tag labeling.
- ISA Show - Saturday April 13, 2019
- AIS Convention April 23 - 27, 2019 San Ramon, CA

Program:

"Violet Crown Flower Show 2019" highlights
- Ellen Singleton
"ISA Show 2017 - IRISES IN SPACE" Ken Fuchs

The meeting was adjourned.

Dara E. Smith, Secretary

Submitted for Approval on: April 9, 2019.