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JUNE/JULY/AUGUST 2019 NO MEETINGS

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, September 3, 2018
Greene Room
Zilker Botanical Garden
2220 Barton Springs Road
Austin, TX 78746

Pot Luck

Prep and price rhizomes for Sale

September 7 RHIZOME SALE

9 A.M. – 3 P.M.

Norris Conference Center
2525 West Anderson Lane
Austin, TX 78757



LUAU - TEXAS STYLE

ANNUAL MEETING August 9-10, 2019



**AIS/REGION 17 ANNUAL MEETING IN WEATHERFORD
AUGUST 9 AND 10**

The 2019 American Iris Society/Region 17 Annual Meeting will celebrate a Luau-Texas Style in Weatherford August 9 and 10. The featured speaker will be Kevin Vaughan, an author and hybridizer from Salem, Oregon. His topic will be “Hybridizer on the Loose.”

Since there is a limit of 64 people in the banquet room, irisarians should register early at least before July 25th, when a late charge of \$10 will be added to the \$60 registration fee for adults for regional registration. For youth — a person under 19 as of August 9 — registration is \$45.

The Friday evening meal will be fried chicken tenders while the banquet on Saturday evening will offer pulled pork, pasta, or cheese enchiladas.

The Iris Society of Fort Worth has selected The Best Western Plus for the venue. The hotel is located at 210 Alford Drive in Weatherford. Rooms are \$95 plus tax for a king or double queen suite. The price includes a hot breakfast, but this cost is guaranteed until July 9. To call the hotel 817-519-3300 use the code Fort Worth Iris Society to get this special rate.

Remember that there is a Judges Training for \$10, a silent auction, and an iris auction as a part of the fun during the Luau-Texas Style, when attendees will be wearing their Hawaiian shirts and participating in the island fun.

Send your registration form from the Region 17 Newsletter to Dell Perry, 800 Purcel Drive, Plano, Texas 75025. Your payment should be written to Ft. Worth Iris Society. It must arrive before July 31, 2019.



Greetings from Cummins Garden, Scotts Valley, CA (Saturday April 27)

REGION 17, IRIS AUSTIN, AND AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY MOURN SHELIA SENGHAS



Shelia judges the 2017 Belton Show.

After Shelia Senghas was honored in El Paso for the Horticultural Award for her beautification in Hondo, Texas, she became so ill that she was admitted into a San Antonio Hospital. She died shortly thereafter. Her death came as a shock to all that knew her. Shelia was an award-winning irisarian known for her work in local shows, her talent in hosting a show, and her work as a judge.

She has been remembered with memorials presented to AIS Region 17 and the American Iris Society



Shelia shows off her Table for Two at the 2012 ISA Show.

From Tracey:

Shelia Senghas became a big part of our club when she moved from Oklahoma back to Texas. It was quite a drive from Concan to Austin to attend our meetings. I remember crying with Shelia at the Region 17 judges training in Lubbock. We listened to Phil Williams talk about his grandmother and it made us miss ours and

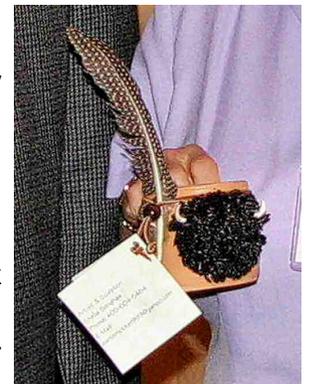
before we knew it we were just about sobbing. Shelia was a big part of our annual rhizome sale. She was our greeter. She would pull people in and she was so knowledgeable, she could answer any of their questions. At first we were at a loss the year she told us she was going to the Oklahoma regional and would miss our sale, but we rallied. This year, I volunteered to be the artistic chair at our show. I figured it wouldn't be too hard to fill up the design categories. Shelia and Lori were regular participants, but Shelia had signed up to judge the Waco show. A couple of other regulars couldn't do it, but we got some new people to participate. I didn't realize Shelia was so ill that she wouldn't make the Waco show. Shelia did a lot to promote irises in Uvalde as well as Oklahoma and Texas. She will be missed.

From Ken:

Jim and I first met Shelia when we attended the 2007 AIS National Convention in Oklahoma City. She was very outgoing and eager to meet us. At the



Saturday night banquet, there as an interesting coffee mug with a sculpted buffalo head on it decorating each table. These mugs were door prizes, and we learned that Shelia had made all of them. We saw Shelia again in 2010 at the Kansas City Convention. When Shelia eventually moved to South Texas, we were really delighted when she joined our society. Shelia was active on Facebook and frequently posted pictures of her paintings and other artistic creations. In 2013 she



served as an apprentice judge along with Al Elliott at our Belton Iris Society Show. In 2017 she was the Show Chair for our ISA Show, and a week later she judged our Belton Show. We again saw Shelia at the Region 17

meeting in Dallas, where she radiated joy beside her beloved Danny. That's the Shelia who lingers on in my memory.



Shelia autographs the attached buffalo mug insert for Pat Byrne.



Shelia serves as an apprentice judge with Al Elliott.



Shelia and Danny at the Region 17 Meeting in Dallas.

ORDERING IRISES FOR SEPTEMBER

If any members want to order specific irises that they will purchase in September, please contact Tracey Rogers as soon as possible or at least by the beginning of July. If members intend to donate irises, contact Ellen Singleton by August 1, 2019.

MINUTES OF THE IRIS SOCIETY OF AUSTIN May 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order and presided by President, Jaime Hadley. A motion to approve the minutes from the April 2019 meeting as written in the March 2019 Newsletter was passed.

Treasurer's Report from Tracey Rogers:

May balance \$15,021.62. Recent transactions: newsletter and show supplies. A motion was accepted and passed to approve the Treasurer's report.

AAGC Report from Ellen Singleton:

The meetings are now held quarterly. The next meeting will be in the Fall (Oct. 8, 2019).

Ellen raised some issues with the current leadership as Treasurer that there should be a 3rd Party Financial Audit.

Parking and Admissions fee will increase. Out of town fee \$8.00, Residents of Austin \$6.00. Conservancy members will get in free.

ISA Business:

Officer Installation for 2019-2020 was held at this meeting:

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

ISA News:

It is with sincere condolences that we have learned of the passing of our member Shelia Senghas. Her passing leaves us with many remembrances of her contributions to our world of irises and she will be missed.

A motion by Jim Landers was entertained and passed for a \$50.00 Memorial donation to be made to Region 17 and AIS Youth (Scholarship fund) in Shelia's honor.

Report of results on the ISA 2019 Iris Show Saturday April 13, 2019 - "Iris In Art"

Jaime Hadley presented an in-depth report of the show winners and statistics.

Important Dates:

- Region 17 meeting - August 9-10, 2019 in Weatherford, TX
- Next ISA Meeting - Tuesday September 3, 2019 - bring (dug and washed) rhizomes for contribution to the sale.
- ISA Sale - Saturday September 7, 2019

Program:

The Highlights of the ISA Show on April 13, 2019

The meeting was adjourned.

Dara E. Smith, Secretary

Submitted for Approval on: September 3, 2019



NEW AWARD TO BE PRESENTED FOR BEST INTEGRATED AIS CONVENTION GARDEN

The Gerald Richardson Award will be given to the best integrated privately maintained planting for the American Iris Society Convention.

The AIS Board passed the motion in 2017, and the award will be given annually to a privately maintained host garden based on popular vote of the convention attendees.

An integrated garden is defined as one that has irises as well as companion plants that display the iris to their best effect as a landscape plant. The Roger and Marney Abel Garden and one area of the Bannockburn Church had this type of landscape during the 2008 convention here.

In 2020 the AIS Convention will be in Newark, New Jersey on May 18-23 while the 2021 convention will be April 12-17 in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

2019 AIS Convention Gardens

ISA members Jaime Hadley, Dara Smith, Jim Landers, Kathy Petheram, Debbie Cole, David and Susan Kraemer attended the A.I.S. National Convention April 23-27 in San Ramon, California. On Monday, April 22 David and Susan took the optional tour to Joe Ghio's home garden in Santa Cruz and his growing fields in Corralitos. On Tuesday, Jaime, Dara,

and Jim also visited Nola's Iris Garden, located on a hilltop in nearby San Jose. On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday buses took attendees to five guest gardens in the area around San Ramon in Northern California.



C&L Vineyard, Sonoma, CA Friday April 26



Joe Ghio's home garden [2019 Convention website]



Nola's Iris Garden, San Jose, CA Tuesday April 23



Nola's Iris Garden

GARDEN PHOTOS BY DARA SMITH AND JIM LANDERS



Frannie's Iris Garden, Elk Grove, CA
Thursday April 25



Frannie's Iris Garden



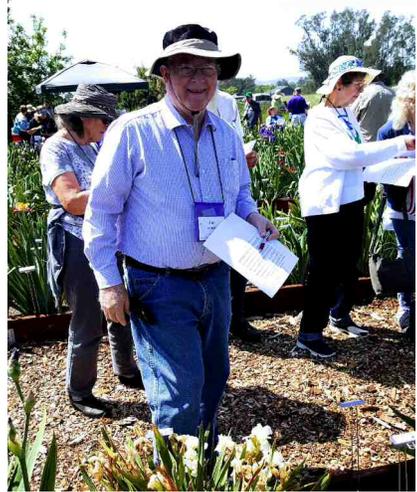
Horton Iris Garden, Loomis, CA Thursday April 25



Horton Iris Garden



C&L Vineyard, Sonoma, CA



Cummins Garden, Scotts Valley, CA Friday April 27



Cummins Garden



Music in Dry Creek Garden, Union City, CA
Saturday April 27



Dry Creek Pioneer Regional Park Garden