



IRIS AUSTIN

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ISA Website: http://www.kenfuchs42.net/isa_index.html

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, MAY 10, 2022

6:30 P.M.

Zilker Botanical Garden Auditorium

2220 Barton Springs Road

Austin, TX 78746

Potluck

May meeting is plant swap with each member bringing at least 2 plants, potted or bare root.

NO 2022 IRIS SHOW FOR AUSTIN

The Austin Area Garden Council has made a decision to close Zilker Botanical Gardens for the scheduled April 3 date of the 2022 Iris Show for Austin, and since COVID has closed many places so that a large space could not be secured for a show, the 2022 Iris Society of Austin Iris Show has been canceled. Some ISA members will try to enter the Waco Iris Show that will be held April 9 at LaQuinta and Suites Woodway-Waco South located at 6003 Woodway Drive in Waco. Ken Anderson and Linda Roper are Co-Chairs.

This year many of the members who were present for the March 8th meeting will be traveling to Las Cruces, New Mexico to attend IRIS ENCHANTMENT 2022, the American Iris Society National Convention.



'Bottled Sunshine' - Nichols IB 1994



The David Toth Family (David, Ava, and Evelyn) from Indian Creek Iris, Pickrell, Nebraska, will speak at the Median Iris Meeting on Friday, April 15 from 4:30-5:30 P.M. during the Convention, according to President Debbie Strauss. Convention First Vice President Scarlett Ayres has a Garden Tour planned that contains many median irises that will be in bloom if the weather cooperates between now and convention time. Do not miss seeing this garden. Debbie and MIS need a fund-raising chair immediately. Dell Perry of Plano is the Symposium Chair. If you grow Medians successfully now is the time to tell all about your Texas venture to *The Medianite* for publication by August 15, the deadline for submissions.

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'Bundle of Love' - Black BB 2007

MEDIANS THAT GROW WELL IN AUSTIN

'Bottled Sunshine,' an IB, 'Bundle of Love' a Border Bearded, and 'Cranapple' also a BB do well. One that needs replanting sometimes is 'Batik,' which never has the same markings on the blooms. Each flower is marked differently.



'Cranapple' - Aitken BB 1995



'Batik' - Ensminger BB 1985

CHUCK BUNNELL HAS LESS GARDEN FOR HYBRIDIZING IRISES



Chuck and Barbara Bunnell of Lafayette, Indiana are moving to a smaller home on 1.3 acres and the

garden is tree shaded and full of seedlings that he will continue to hybridize on a smaller scale.

As a result he will no longer be Median Display Garden Chair.



'Dividing Line' - Bunnell MTB 2004

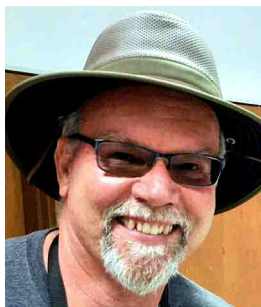
In 2014 he received the Dykes Medal for 'Dividing Line', an MTB of 2005. 'Hoosier Belle' (2012) won the Williamson-White Medal while a 2012 'Gesundheit' captured the award in 2019.



'Hoosier Belle' - Bunnell MTB 2011

IRIS SEED GERMINATION

Delane H. Langton of Billings, Montana has submitted an article about obtaining seeds, marking the crosses in his Stud Book, and showing the results of his diligent work in *Tall Talk* for Fall on pages 17-22. He has many photographs in his step by step process. He dries the seeds and then rinses them before planting them in pots. These seeds spend 90 days in the refrigerator.



REGION 17 MEETING IN AUGUST

The Region 17 Iris Meeting will inspire all who attend on August 19 in Amarillo. Ellen Singleton hopes that Austin will host the 2023 meeting according to the 2021 Region 17 Business Meeting.

REGION 17 KNOWN FOR THE BIGGEST BASKET

Region 17 usually provides the biggest basket for the convention auction. Dell Perry has been accepting a variety of items for the Region 17 basket, including Tom Burseen rhizomes - 'Texas Tradition' and 'Texas Story,' - Peach Jam and Pepper Jam, a Texas Tee shirt, Texas Sweet Tea kit, a Cast iron Texas shaped skillet, Morrisons Corn kits, The Definitive guide to being Texan (book), and The Contemporary Cowboy Cookbook. Baskets will be auctioned for their fundraiser.

The American Iris Society will finally be celebrating 100 Years at the 2022 AIS Convention in Las Cruces, New Mexico, and the Mesilla Valley Iris Society will celebrate its 50th Anniversary. These anniversaries are very important to these successful years of growing irises. May all of you who will attend in person enjoy the best of everything and come home safely!

Minutes of the February 8, 2022 Austin Iris Society Meeting

by Dara E. Smith

The meeting was called to order and presided over by Ellen Singleton.

In attendance: Ellen Singleton, Audrey Baker, Dara E Smith, David Kraemer, Jim Landers, Ken Fuchs, Tracey Rogers, Cliff Speer, Kathy Petheram, Marney Abel. New Member: Shirley Smith. Visitor: Roger

Abel.

The Minutes from the December 14th, 2021 meeting were not presented to be approved. The Treasurer's Report was presented but no motions were entertained for approval. The account balance as of December 31, 2021 is \$16,620.39. Recent transactions not included in this balance are related to the collection and payment of Membership dues.

AAGC:

AAGC Dues: There will be an increase in the dues from \$10 to \$12 for each club member that is owed to AAGC. However, there was a discussion to allow for a sliding scale on the dues to pay to AAGC for the purpose of "COVID Hardship". For this purpose, the ISA will pay \$7.00 per member for AAGC dues.

ISA Business:

There was a quorum of members present at the meeting to entertain any motions from the floor. The following topics were discussed:

- Membership Dues: A motion was made that ISA will pay \$7.00 per member to the AAGC for this year's dues and claim this amount due to the "COVID Hardship". Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
- Hybrid meetings: It was requested that we try to have in person and virtual attendance at future meetings. We will attempt to set up a Zoom meeting for the March 2022 meeting. A link to the meeting will be emailed to members prior to the meeting.
- 2022 ISA Show: The City of Austin has decided to allow the Zilker Kite Festival on the date that was originally given to ISA to hold its show at the Zilker Garden. When the Kite Festival is held Zilker Botanical Gardens is closed to the public. We are searching for an alternative venue for our show. But, at this time it is not clear if we can secure a venue for the show.
- Next month we will select a Nominating Committee. Ellen Singleton will be the Nominating Chair of this Committee. The office of Treasurer must be served with a different member or the Bylaws must be amended as Tracey has held the position for 5 consecutive years. A motion was made to override the Bylaws of ISA for the Treasurer Position to increase the Term of Service with a 1-year extension in the

event there is no other person who will oppose Tracey Rogers for this position in the coming year. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

- Iris Beds - the iris beds in the front of the garden will be given up and select iris plantings will be moved to the new daylily beds to be located in the Rose Garden. Zilker will provide fresh soil and maintain these beds. The move of the plants is scheduled for October 2022 and there will be more information for the “moving day” as this time approaches.
- Contribution for Don Freeman Memorial Bench - A motion to approve a \$500.00 Contribution from the ISA for the Don Freeman Memorial Bench was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.
- Next month's meeting: March 8, 2022 at 6:30p has been approved to have members resume the Pot Luck Dinner tradition. We are allowed to bring food back into the meetings.

Important Dates:

- March Meeting: Tuesday March 8, 2022
- ISA Show April 2022 (Date TBD, Location: TBD)
- American Iris Society Convention April 11 - 15, 2022 Las Cruces, New Mexico

- March 2022 the Nominating Committee will present a Slate of Candidates for next year’s Office positions
- April 2022 the Slate of Candidates will be voted on
- May 2022 the Installation of Officers

Program: Shirley Smith

Shirley went through all the Audio/Visual equipment setup available for meetings. We will try to have a hybrid meeting for future meetings to allow members to attend and participate from a location that is not at Zilker.

We will need a member to request access to the meeting information on the Zoom Application so that we can coordinate an email to be sent to members so they can connect from their personal devices.

The meeting was adjourned.

Dara E. Smith, Secretary

Submitted for Approval on: March 8, 2022

