

# IRIS AUSTIN

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**Meeting:** November 9  
7 P.M. Hospitality: Marney Abel  
Ham and Meat Dish  
Vegetable or Salad  
Pie  
7:30 P.M. Meeting  
Select Show Theme  
Program: Patricia Colacino  
Showing Past Winning Irises

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## IRIS SOCIETY WORKED SATURDAY IN FRONT GARDEN

Don Freeman organized a work day at Zilker Botanical Gardens front iris bed Saturday, October 16, at 9 A.M. and nine workers weeded the area, cut the dead ends of foliage and removed any dead leaves before using cotton bur compost and pine bark mulch with ironite around the rhizomes. Michael of the PARD staff then watered the garden which was moist before the group began to fertilize the beautiful irises.

A few Dutch irises have also been added in the garden to keep the bloom much longer.

The iris garden in the Rose Garden will have a number of snapdragons as companion plants.

Nelda Moore planted 'Spittin Cotton,' 'Yuppy Puppy,' and 'Yukon,' which were left from the sale, in any spaces where the other irises were missing. These are not on the plot plan that was given to PARD in the Adopt a Garden program, which the Iris Society of Austin has entered. Plant markers have been placed to the right of the new irises.

This new bed received much tender care when it was established by Don Freeman and Charlie Hensley in the sunny location near the Barton Springs Road, where many travelers admired its beauty last spring. Marney Abel, Tracey Rogers, and Patricia Freeman also helped with the planting.

Many thanks go out to those who enjoyed the beautiful cool morning at Zilker including new members, James Hadley as well as Dara Smith.



