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A Monthly Newsletter of the Iris Society of Austin

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next ISA meeting >>>

No August 2013 meeting!

Iris Society of Austin Meeting
Tuesday September 3, 2013
6:45 pm (*gates close at 7:00*)
Late? call 477-8672 ext 13

Zilker Garden Center
2220 Barton Springs Rd
Austin TX 78746

- Potluck Supper
- Prep for September Sale
- Bring food and your sale rhizomes for pricing

next AAGC meeting >>>

Austin Area Garden Council Meeting
Tuesday September 10, 2013
9:30 am
Zilker Garden Center
Marney Abel – ISA representative

upcoming events >>>

August 9-10 – Region 17 Convention
Fort Worth

September 3 – Regular Meeting

September 7 – Rhizome Sale
Norris Conference Center
2525 W Anderson Ln, 78757
South side of Northcross Mall

October 8 – Regular Meeting

November 12 – Regular Meeting

Horticulture Notes

summer iris fun

Scattered showers have blessed parts of Texas making the state look green though a severe drought continues to affect wildlife, reptiles, even toads.

Irises have mostly finished blooming; therefore, bloom stalks can be cut close to the ground and the gardens should be cleaned by removing the dead or dried leaves that fall on the rhizomes.

Louisiana iris tubs may have grasses or other weeds that have emerged from stray seeds. These can be pulled and the soil kept moist. It may be a good time to invest in mosquito donuts to stop larvae from developing into adults if there is standing water.

Don't Forget! - Now is the time to

send in certificates and shipping charges for the rhizomes that you won when Bob Van Liere visited our meeting, or at one of the drawings during the American Iris Society National Convention in April.

Take advantage of early morning coolness to prepare raised beds for the new irises you are ordering. Amend the soil with bone meal and compost. Then water the ground and watch for weed seedlings. Keep the area clean for those new plants. Remember they do not require much water and they will survive and bloom. Have fun growing even in summer!

below: Donna, Susan, Jim and Debbie admire entries in the 2013 Dallas Iris Society Show at the AIS National Convention in April



Region 17 Convention

Lowell Baumunk, educator, hybridizer, and photographer, will conduct two of three one-hour Judges Training classes during the Region 17 American Iris Society Convention August 9 and 10 at the Radisson Hotel Fort Worth Fossil Creek, 2540 Meacham Road, 76106.

The Room Rate for the Region 17 Convention is \$79 per night plus tax for up to 4 people. The Radisson can be contacted at 817-625-9911; however the "Region 17 Iris Society" rates, were only guaranteed until July 12. Registration, which includes Friday and Saturday dinners, is \$70. Judges Training sessions are \$10, and a late charge for registrations postmarked after July 31 is also \$10. The completed registration form with payment should be sent to Dell Perry, 800 Purcell Drive, Plano, TX 75025. If you have any questions you can call Dell at 972-816-3418.

We had a great turnout here in Austin last year when we hosted the 2012 Region 17 Convention at the Omni Hotel Southpark, and we expect Fort Worth to be just as educational and just as much fun!

Help Needed for Sale

The Annual Rhizome Sale will be Saturday September 7 at the Norris Conference Center near Anderson Lane and Burnet Rd. Plenty of publicity and signage will bring the public to the entrance, but Tracey needs help... If you would like to volunteer, please give Tracey a call at 512-280-4856.

If you have rhizomes that you want to offer at the sale, please bring them to our next meeting which is on a special date, September 3. Please be sure your fans have the variety name written legibly on one leaf. We will be adding the prices at the September meeting.

right: 'Petit Lion' Species *I variegata*, Baumunk R 2000, HM 2004, AM 2006

Lowell Baumunk moved to Littleton, Colorado in 1991. In 1999 he introduced his first two award-winning irises: 'Midsummer Night's Dream,' which won the Hans Jacob Sass Medal, the highest award for Intermediate Bearded Irises; and arilbred 'Byzantine Art,' which became the winner of the C G White Medal in 2009.

His most recent winner is named 'Petit Lion', awarded the Founders of SIGNA Medal in 2009. 'Zingerado' became the Best Border Bearded in the 2004 Florence Iris Competition. His irises are sold through Stout Gardens at Dancing Tree in Oklahoma City.

Lowell taught for twenty-three years until 1999. He has also won highest awards in photography. Lowell's sister, Gretchen Baumunk Simons, since she retired from teaching, is known for exquisite glass beads. Gretchen's work can be found on Etsy.com under her studio name, "Piedra Designs". Her handmade lampwork beads are made by using a torch to apply decorations to the glass.

last meeting's minutes >>

There was no ISA meeting in June

prayers & concerns >>>

- The Family of Tracey Rogers, whose mother recently passed
- Paul Gossett
- All those who are trying to sell their homes, and all of the members who are moving. You will be missed.

about AAGC >>>

The Austin Area Garden Council has a board meeting on the first Tuesday of each month and the full membership meets on the second Tuesday from September through May with Council Representatives attending from each member club. The President for 2013 is Marion Alsup, and among the officers are ISA members Nelda Moore (VP Operations), and Pat Freeman (Recording Secretary). ISA's official representative to the AAGC is Marney Abel.

On behalf of each active ISA member, ISA pays \$3 in dues to AAGC each year, so please feel free to attend a regular AAGC meeting if you want to get more involved.

