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A Monthly Newsletter of the Iris Society of Austin

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next ISA meeting >>>

Iris Society of Austin Meeting
Tuesday November 12, 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

- Special Thanksgiving Potluck Supper
(*Club will provide turkey. Members bring an appropriate side dish.*)
- Business Meeting
- Ken will present a video program called "Surfing for Irises"

next AAGC meeting >>>

Austin Area Garden Council Meeting
Tuesday November 12, 2013
10:00 am
Zilker Garden Center
Marney Abel – ISA representative

upcoming events >>>

Dec 2013 – No ISA Meeting

Jan 14, 2014 – Regular Meeting

Feb 11, 2014 – Regular Meeting

Mar 11, 2014 – Regular Meeting

Apr 5-10, 2014 – AIS Nat'l Conv,
Dallas

Apr 12, 2014 – Annual Iris Show

Daughter Honored

Pauline Guerrero's daughter was honored recently with the dedication of the Janis Guerrero Thompson Elementary School on November 3.

Located at 102 East Rundberg Lane, the attractive colorful school is a fitting tribute to Dr. Janis Kay Guerrero Thompson, who graduated from the University of Texas with a bachelor's degree in English, a master's degree in curriculum and instruction, and a doctoral degree in educational administration. During her lifetime as an educator and education advocate, Thompson made significant contributions to the profession of teaching and was instrumental in creating systems to ensure inclusive practices for Hispanic and African American students in Texas.

She worked diligently teaching English for 17 years in AISD. Later she was Executive Director of the Planning and Community Relations department for the district serving all AISD schools, faculty and staff, and its more than 86,000 students. She served as project director for the Middle Grade School State Policy Initiative at the Texas Education

Agency, and contributed her talents for the Austin McCombs School of Business. She also served on the board of Goodwill Industries, Executive Women in Texas Government, and the Girls Empowerment Network of Austin aimed at empowering young women. She was also a distinguished volunteer for community and church activities.

Principal La Kesha Drinks gave the welcome address and the choir sang a Song of Celebration. Speeches by Lloyd Doggett, Leonard Guerrero, Chuck Thompson and several staff members as well as a board trustee were delivered before the huge purple ribbon was cut on the stage of the auditorium. Former Superintendent Dr. Pascal D Forgione, Jr. was present for the ceremony since the passage of the 2004 Bond Program made this neighborhood school a reality.

Dr. Thompson's legacy will continue throughout the years not only because of this educational facility, but also through the scholarship foundation established in her memory.

Last Meeting's Minutes

Iris Society of Austin Meeting Tuesday October 8, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Nelda Moore in absence of President, Pat Byrne. Welcome to new members.

Treasurer's Report was given by Marney Abel: Profits from our September Sale \$2,564; Balance \$18,692.93

Marney gave a presentation to the Fleur de League and they have offered a \$50.00 donation to the Iris Society.

Nelda Moore gave the AAGC Report, indicating that preparations are under way for the 2014 Zilker Garden Festival March 29 and 30. ISA members are encouraged to volunteer and in the past years have attended the water sales and the front gate. November 15 & 16 will be the decorating of the various clubs' Holiday Trees which will then be on display in the Garden Center beginning Nov 18.

aagc update >>>

Sandra Holt, AAGC VP of Community Support, will be sending a new order in December for inscribed bricks for the Walk of Friends between the Rose Garden and the Back Iris Garden. This is an opportunity for anyone to remember a friend or a pet, or to honor a club or individual. Steve Blackson needs information for "Down the Garden Path," the AAGC & Zilker Gardens newsletter. Steve needs a history of the Iris Society, and we have some charter members with very good memories. The deadline for this edition is November 15.

Don Freeman let us know it is time to plant all the rhizomes you bought this fall and add a little bone meal to the hole as you plant.

Marney Abel sent the coloring contest pages to all of our Youth Members and these are due by October 14. Youth member Nicolas Sadler was at the meeting and colored his there. The 2014 show chairs are Pat Byrne and Nelda Moore. We spent some time sharing ideas for a show theme. Ideas included: Iris Beauty – Past, Present and Future; Mystical Fairies; You're the Iris of My Eye.

Next month the club will provide meat for our Thanksgiving celebration. Please bring a side dish to share.

2014 Iris Society of Austin – Iris Show Saturday April 12

The program was on 2013 Introductions from Schreiner's Iris Garden.

submitted by Dara E Smith



above: Sugar Blues (TB Re) – Lloyd Zurbrigg, 1985
Ellen Singleton cut these stalks with blooms in November and says the blooms are huge, with 36" stalks and up to five autumn buds on each one

cares & concerns >>>

Please keep both Pat and Bob Byrne in your thoughts and prayers as they both continue to recover from health problems.

Please also remember all those affected by the recent local flooding, with some neighborhoods getting up to 15 inches of rain in just a few hours in the last week of October.

Jeannette Steadman is also in need of support as she regains her health in Round Rock.

plan ahead>>>

2014 Society for Louisiana Irises Convention will be April 3-5, in New Orleans.

2014 American Iris Society National Convention will be April 5-10 in Dallas. Déjà vu. See you in Dallas!!

2015 American Iris Society National Convention will be May 18-23, 2015, in Portland, Oregon

2016 American Iris Society National Convention will be May 22-28, 2016, in Newark, New Jersey

thanks from ais>>>

Nelda and Joe Moore received a note of thanks from the American Iris Society Foundation Trustees for their gift of \$50 in memory of the mother of Mrs. BR Koehler. This gift will be used to further the work of the Foundation in its research and scholarship projects. Gary E White is secretary/treasurer of the American Iris Society Foundation. His address is 701 Old Cheney Road, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68512-1168.