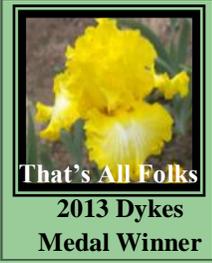




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President's Message by Glenn Huddleston

As we begin a new club year, let me remind everyone that one of the greatest challenges facing our club is membership. I bring this up now because as I see it we as members have an excellent opportunity this month to meet, greet, and enlist new members. The key event will be our iris rhizome sale on Saturday, September 28. Instead of just selling rhizomes, why not take a few minutes to engage in conversation and inform the buyers of the advantages in being a member of the Waco Iris Society. Positive points worth mentioning would include informative programs, free rhizomes, auction of recent rhizome varieties, only six (6) meetings a year, good fellowship and food, all for the low price of \$10.00 annually. I look forward to seeing everyone at our September 21st iris giveaway and auction.

Bring a friend!

2013-2014 OFFICERS INSTALLED by Peggy Cathey

We ended our 2012-2013 year with a pot luck luncheon and installation of officers for the coming year. Installed were Glenn Huddleston as President, Bill Calhoon as Secretary, Mitchell Whitley as Treasurer, and Peggy Cathey as Parliamentarian. Ken Anderson (who was not present) will serve as Vice President and Show Chair, and Preston Floyd (also not present) will be Hospitality Chair. In a fun installation ceremony, Ken

Fuchs presented each officer a candy bar which represented the position they would fill. We were also treated



L to R: Bill Calhoon, Peggy Cathey, Mitchell Whitley and Glenn Huddleston

to a fun slideshow featuring Waco Iris Society members who attended the 2013 AIS National Convention in Dallas in April.

IRIS GIVEAWAY & AUCTION by Peggy Cathey

A new policy was voted on and approved for how we conduct our September Iris Giveaway. Article XXII, General, Section V of the Society Constitution and By-Laws now reads: All members present at the annual iris gift plant meeting who have attended at least 3 meetings during the past club year and assisted in either the Iris Show or Rhizome Sale, will be eligible to receive a gift rhizome purchased by the Society, provided the member's dues are current. If a member has met the required attendance but is unable to attend the gift plant meeting due to illness or work, they may designate someone to act on their behalf. This person may then choose for the absent member, but only after members present have cho-

sen. Any new member who joins the Society after the last gift plant meeting, who is present, will be eligible to receive a gift plant.

The plants were ordered from Mid America., Bay View, and Superstition Iris Gardens. The plants have arrived and as usual, the growers were very generous with the orders. Photos for each iris have been



Edge of Heaven, 2013, T. Johnson

put into a PowerPoint program for review to make selection of your gift plant(s) easier.



Cher and Cher Alike, 2013, Black

There will also be printed lists with full descriptions. Don't miss this meeting. If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so by the September meeting so you will qualify.



IRIS EXCHANGE by Dan Cathey

Our upcoming meeting will include an iris "exchange" in addition to our annual iris give-away and auction. At our last few meeting we discussed and agreed to change the annual give-away in a couple of ways including an exchange or, another term would be "bring-back" plant.



IRIS EXCHANGE (cont.)

The premise behind the exchange is to provide an opportunity for members to receive additional newer introductions at no cost. Generally, each member would bring back an increase of the iris or irises they received at the annual give-away. If these irises died or did not increase, then a newer introduction of "equal" value can be brought back instead. (Equal value is defined as the same year of introduction as the gift plant.) Since it is difficult for members to get enough growth to dig an increase in one year, we agreed to make the bring back based on two years after receipt of the gift plant(s). I have agreed to keep the necessary records of the gift plants and will notify members of which plant(s) are due to be exchanged.

In order to get our new exchange program off to a good start, we also agreed this year we would bring back a plant or plants for exchange that were introduced within the last six (6) years. That will mean irises introduced in 2007 or newer for this year. We all got three gift plants last year so we should try and bring three 2007 or newer plants to the next meeting. Participation in this exchange is strictly voluntary. Only members who bring plants to exchange will receive plants in return. You will receive exchange plants on a one-for-one basis, i.e., if you bring three you will receive three, if you bring two you will receive two, etc. If you did not receive gift plants last year, you are still eligible to participate in the exchange by bringing 2008 or newer introductions, up to three.



Be sure your rhizomes are washed, trimmed and clearly labeled with name and year of introduction. Also, please bring an approximate 2" x 8" slip of paper with the name of the rhizome, the hybridizer and the year of introduction printed on it. We will draw these slips to determine the plants that each of us will receive. If you draw the iris that you brought, indicate that and draw again. If you inadvertently receive a plant that is already in your garden see if there is someone who will trade with you after the exchange is over.

REGION 17 MEETING by Peggy Cathey

AIS Region 17 held their annual meeting in Fort Worth August 9-10. WIS was well represented with 10 members present: Glenn & Gloria Huddleston, Bill Calhoon, Phil Nacke, Jim Landers, Ken Fuchs, Bonnie & Hooker Nichols, and Dan & Peggy Cathey. Lowell Baumunk, hybridizer from Colorado taught 2 judges training classes: Species/Species-X Irises and Aril/Arilbreds. Lowell was the featured speaker at the Saturday night banquet where he showed slides of his hybridization program with many photos of his introductions and seedlings.

During the Region 17 Business Meeting Saturday afternoon, Peggy Cathey was installed as the new Region 17 Assistant RVP, and will serve in that capacity for the next 3 years, along with remaining as the R-17 Membership Chair. Jim Landers was once again installed as the Region 17 Historian. Jim said he is always looking for any memorabilia from local Societies and Regional events.

Jim Landers presented Dan & Peggy Cathey a Certificate in recognition of winning Four Top Show Awards during the 2013 Show Season at the Saturday Banquet. Jim also named Hazel Haik as being one of the top show winners of all time.

A final decision has not been made at this time where the annual meeting will be held next year. Waco Iris Society has been asked to host the meeting again, so be thinking about your opinion and we will discuss it at our next meeting. Whenever it is, all members should make an effort to attend. You get to meet a lot of great people from the other affiliations around our state and even other regions who share a common interest with you. You also have a chance to bid on some great irises at the regional auction

and all proceeds go to support the regional newsletter.



Outgoing officers: Outgoing RVP, Gordon Carver and wife Happy present Outgoing R-17 Officers with gift of appreciation. L to R: Dell Perry-outgoing Judges Training Chair; Dana Brown-outgoing Secretary and incoming Judges Training Chair; Ramona Howard-Treasurer, Peggy Cathey-Membership Chair and incoming Assistant RVP; Dawn Boyer-outgoing Assistant RVP and incoming RVP; Debbie Strauss-Newsletter Editor; and Jim Landers-Historian. Not pictured: Vicki Howard will be the new R-17 Youth Chair.



SALE TIME by Peggy Cathey

Waco Iris Society IRIS SALE

Our much anticipated Iris Sale will be held September 28th, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot of GreenLife Nursery, 1312 N. New Road (New Rd. @ Bosque). This is our Society's biggest fundraiser. Members should arrive by 8:00 a.m. to begin setting up. If you have tables, please bring them. We will once again have photos available for the irises we have to offer for sale. Please e-mail or call Peggy with a list of the plants you will be bringing. Please have the names to Peggy by Thursday, Sept. 26. Please clean your irises and trim the leaves and roots for a nicer display. Also, please use a black Sharpie marker to write the name of the variety on a **CENTER** leaf. You may include the hybridizer and year of introduction if you know it as well as a price. Instructions and suggestions of how to price your irises is included with this newsletter. Members will once again be able to share the sales. If you want to receive a portion of the money back for the irises you bring that are sold, you will need to securely attach a 1" X 3" paper tag to the iris with your name or initials and the sale price. These tags will be removed at the time of the sale and tallied after the sale. Follow the instructions on the attached "Preparing Plants For Sale". Please sort your irises into plastic bags alphabetically (all A's together, B's, etc. to make arranging them

on the tables easier.

Show flyers will be available for distribution at our Sept. 21st meeting. A copy is attached if you want to print some of your own or if you want to forward by e-mail to a friend and other organizations. We



always have a good turnout for our sale, but we still need to spread the word. Post a copy of the flyer anywhere you go often, gym, hairdresser, barber shop, nursery, feed store, post office, anywhere they will let you.

Here is another idea to consider. This will be presented to the Society at our Sept. meeting. I am now serving the Cleburne Society as treasurer and at our August meeting, the club voted to accept credit/debit cards at our sales. Fewer and fewer people are using checks these days and each year, people ask if we accept credit cards. I feel if we offer this option to our customers, it will increase our sales considerably. Bonnie Nichols works at a bank in Dallas and has been a big help in getting this set up for Cleburne. Once an account is set up, we will just need a smart phone and a card swiper that plugs into the phone. What this will cost the Society: We will be signed up as a "seasonal" account, which means we will only have to pay a service fee for the month(s) we use it. The service fee

is \$15.99 for the entire month. If we have enough sales, this fee could be waived. The percentage of the sale that will go to the bank is 1.99% plus .05 per transaction. This is an excellent rate! The money from the credit and debit card sales will be automatically transferred to our Society bank account. The bank sends an e-mail statement after each day's sales. This can be sent to me since Mitchell doesn't have e-mail and I will forward on to him. I have a phone that will work with the swiper and I or someone else can handle the process. It is really simple and doesn't take much time. I have already printed tent cards to use in Cleburne and we can use them in Waco as well, to alert customers they can now use their credit/debit cards. I hope you will agree with me that this could really benefit our annual sales. It could also be used at our show sale if we tell the bank we need it in April, too.



AIS MEMBERSHIP DRAWING

Winners for March:



Bill Calhoon &
Phil Nacke

Winners for May:



Glenn & Gloria
Huddleston



2013 American Iris Society Top Medal Winners

The American Iris Society (AIS) has just announced the top medal winners for 2013. Winning the top honor, **The Dykes Medal**, is



That's All Folks
2005 TB by Bill Maryott.

John C. Wister Medal for top 3 TB's



Absolute Treasurer
2006 by Richard Tasco



Elizabethan Age 2005
by Lowell Balmunk



Ink Patterns 2007 by
Tom Johnson

The Knowlton Medal (BB)



Bundle of Love 2007 by
Paul Black

The Hans & Jacob Sass Medal (IB)



Rimaround 2007 by
Terry Aitken

Williamson-White Medal (MTB)



Peebee and Jay 2006 by
Barbara & David
Schmieder

Cook-Douglas Medal (SDB)



Wish Upon a Star 2006
by Paul Black

Carparne-Welch Medal (MTB)



Trimmed Velvet 2006
by Don Spears

Clarence G. White Medal (AR&AB)



Refiner's Fire 2007 by
Pete McGrath

William Mohr Medal (AB)



Egyptian Queen 2007
by Tom Johnson

Founders of SIGNA Medal (Spec)



Woolong 2002 by Jim
Waddick

Randolph Perry Medal (Spec-X)



Roy's Repeater 2002
by Terry Aitken

Sidney Mitchell Medal (CA) tie



Hidden Asset 2003 by
Duane Meek and



Lines That Rhyme
2003 by Joe Ghio

Mary Swords DeBaillon Medal (LA)



James Faith 2002 by
M.D. Faith

Morgan-Wood Medal (SIB)



Swans in Flight 2006
by Bob Hollingworth

Eric Nies Medal (SPU) **Missouri**



Orchid 2006 by Dave
Niswonger

Payne Medal (JI)



Bewitching Twilight
2000 by Chad Harris

Walther Cup (Most HM Votes)



Judy, Judy, Judy
(SIB) 2010 by Bob
Hollingworth



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SALE

Saturday, Sept. 28

GreenLife Nursery

New Road @ Bosque Blvd

9 am til 2 pm



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