



Waco Iris Society News

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2015 Dykes

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Welcome Back!

by Peggy Cathey

Waco Iris Society will begin its 55th year September 19th beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the West Waco Library, 5301 Bosque Blvd., Suite 275. This is the meeting everyone looks forward to each year. Our Annual Iris Exchange, Giveaway and Auction. Once again, *Superstition Iris Gardens* and *Mid-America Iris Gardens* have out done themselves with their selection of plants sent for our Giveaway and Auction. The club spent \$600 plus shipping and received over \$3,000 in irises. The rhizomes are huge with LOTS of increases.

To qualify to receive a gift iris, your membership dues must be current, you should have attended at least 3 meetings during the past club year and assisted with either the sale or show. If a member has met the requirements but is unable to attend the meeting due to illness or work they may designate someone to act on their behalf. Remember, your annual \$10 membership dues will be due at this meeting. New members who joined at our April Iris Show are paid up for this year and automatically qualify, but must be present to receive a gift iris. We will also have an Iris Exchange. You will receive a letter in the mail with a list of irises you received in 2013. To participate in the Exchange, bring an increase of ONE of those irises. If you did not receive a gift iris in 2013, you may still participate by bringing an iris introduced in 2010 or later. Once the Exchange

and Giveaway are done, all remaining irises purchased by the club will be auctioned. There will be descriptions and photos of each of the irises received to make choosing for the Giveaway and Auction easier.

President's Message

By Glenn Huddleston

Some people were probably praying that the rain would stop in April, May, and June... and then it completely did stop in July. At G&G gardens the iris mortality rate is high. Others I have talked with are reporting the same thing. I'm guessing a probable cause of too much water followed by too little water and soaring temperatures are to blame.

Remember irises benefit from being divided every two to three years. This should be done in August and September. All replanting should be completed by October 15th to allow time for the newly planted rhizomes to establish a functioning root system before a hard freeze.

It's years like this that test the patience and desire of everyone that grows irises. We can only hope that if we do our part, the irises will reward us with a rainbow of colors next spring.

At our September meeting we will discuss our annual rhizome sale set for September 26th at GreenLife Nursery. We need everyone to participate and bring rhizomes or potted irises. We have a very good following in Waco that looks forward to

our sale, so we don't want to disappoint them. Always bring quality rhizomes that you would want to buy. Quality is a key to success.

The key to a successful iris meeting is an enjoyable and informative iris program. As we enter the 2015-2016 program year we need suggestions for club programs. Please give some thought and come prepared to respond with your ideas for great program topics.

Gloria and I were looking forward to beautiful blooms in 2016. Don't ever miss the opportunity to thank someone and tell them how much you care for them. Life is precious and can be gone in a heartbeat.



Happy Gardening

Iris Sale

By Peggy Cathey

Everyone is eagerly looking forward to our annual Iris Rhizome Sale. Please dig and wash your rhizomes for the sale and when you have a list of what you are bringing, please call (254-854-2558) or e-mail (wacoiriss@gmail.com) your list to Peggy so photos will be available for all the plants provided for the sale. Photos sell irises! Sale will be 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or until sold out.

GreenLife Nursery is located 1312 N. New Rd. (New Rd. @ Bosque).





2015 American Iris Society Top Medal Winners

The American Iris Society (AIS) announced the top medal winners for 2015 on August 13. Winning the top honor, **The Dykes Medal**, is *Gypsy Lord*, 2006 TB by Keith Keppel



Before an iris is eligible to win the Dykes Medal, it must first win an Honorable Mention, an Award of Merit, and it must win a medal for the class of iris it is. Following are the 2015 Medal winners:

John C. Wister Medal for top 3 TB's



Money in Your Pocket
2007 by Paul Black



Snapshot 2008 by
Thomas Johnson



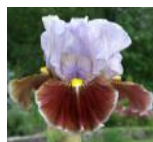
Temporal Anomaly
2007 by Rick Tasco

The Knowlton Medal (BB)



Niche 2007 by Joe
Ghio

The Hans & Jacob Sass Medal (IB)



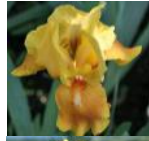
Man's Best Friend
2008 by Paul Black

Williamson-White Medal (MTB)



Hot News 2009 by
Stephanie Markham

Cook-Douglas Medal (SDB) Tie



Maui Sunrise 2008 by
Terry Aitken



Zooboomafoo 2007 by
Paul Black

Carparne-Welch Medal (MTB)



Keeno 2009 Thomas
Johnson

Clarence G. White Medal (AR&AB)



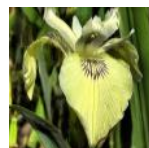
Aztec Prince 2009
Rick Tasco

William Mohr Medal (AB)



Prince of Egypt 2007
Perry Dyer

Founders of SIGNA Medal (Spec)



Jin Yu 2006 by Jill
Copeland

Randolph Perry Medal (Spec-X)



Do the Math 2008 by
Jill Copeland

Sidney Mitchell Medal (CA)



Bay Street 2008 by
Joe Ghio

Mary Swords DeBaillon Medal (LA)



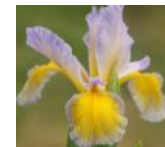
Seminole Sunrise
2006 by Harry Wol-
ford

Morgan-Wood Medal (SIB)



Humors of Whiskey
2007 by Marty
Schafer & Jan Sacks

Eric Nies Medal (SPU)



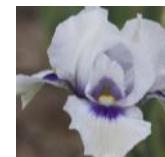
Missouri Morning
2008 by Dave Nis-
wonger

Payne Medal (JI)



Sugar Dome 2008
by Bob Bauer &
John Coble

Walther Cup (Most HM Votes)



Desert Snow (AB)
2014 by Paul Black

If you would like to be a part of choosing the award medal winners each year, all you have to do is become an AIS Garden and Exhibition judge. The forms and information for becoming an AIS Judge in Region 17 may be found on-line here:

<http://www.aisregion17.org/Forms.htm>



AIS Region 17 Meeting in Dallas, August 14-15

The 2015 Region 17 Meeting was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Dallas on August 14-15. The Iris Society of Dallas did an outstanding job. There were plenty of iris goodies to be had in the boutique. All in all, it was a great meeting. Representing Waco Iris Society were Dan & Peggy Cathey, Hooker & Bonnie Nichols, Jim Landers, Ken Fuchs and Ellen Singleton. There was a good turnout for the meeting with several from other Regions there to take part in the Tall Bearded Iris Society Board Meeting which was going on at the same time.

The Friday night meal was barbeque and was at Bonnie & Hooker's church. We then divided up into teams and played some fun games.

Jim and I attended the Board of Directors meeting which lasted until midnight. A set of Standing Rules was discussed with the hot topic being the gift of an AIS Life Membership to all out-going RVPs. A decision for the Region to pay \$750 of the \$1,000 membership fee and the remaining amount to be donated by each affiliate was approved by the Board and voted on during the Saturday open business meeting. Each of the officers presented their reports.

Everyone attending the Judges Training received 3 credit hours of



training on Tall Bearded Irises taught by Hugh Stout Gardens at Dancingtree in Oklahoma City. He went over all the points for scoring irises both in the garden and at a show. Hugh was also our Saturday night speaker.

A nomination committee was chosen to select a slate of officers to be voted on and installed at the 2016 meeting. Heading up the committee will be Gordon Carver. Other committee members include Ramona Howard, Jim Landers, Bonnie Nichols and Kathy Wade. A location for the 2016 meeting has not been set.

Dawn Boyer, Region 17 RVP pre-



sided over the open business meeting. Each of the Regional officers and committee chairs presented their reports then each club president or representative had a chance to tell about their club and what they have been doing the past year. In my AIS Membership report, I mentioned Region 17 overall membership had moved from 4th place in the nation to 3rd place and was even second for 2 months in the early spring. I also announced all Region 17 members who had been AIS members for at least 40 years and was thrilled to note 3 of the 7 were WIS members. Hooker Nichols since 1968 (47 years), Hazel Haik since 1972 (43 years) and

Mitchell Whitley since 1973 (42 years). Congratulations to our long term members!

The auction was lively. In fact, there were 3 separate auctions. Ten plants were auctioned during the Friday evening meal and 10 more at the Saturday evening meal. The rest were sold at auction on Saturday afternoon. Total income for Region 17 was \$3,837.

There were a few awards given during the Saturday banquet. Bonnie



Nichols presented Paul Gossett of Tulsa with the rare AIS Gold Medal Award. This award has only been presented a few times with Marie Caillet, John Wister, and Keith Keppel being others. Paul has served as AIS Convention Liaison for many, many years. Jim Landers presented two Show Awards. Dan and I received an award for winning 4 Top Show Awards during the spring show season, 2 Best of Shows and 2 Silver medals. Dell Perry also won 4 Top Show Awards, 1 Best of Show, 2 Silver Medals, and 1 Bronze Medal.



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September 19, 10:00
WIS Meeting-Iris Giveaway,
Exchange and Auction
West Waco Library, 5301 Bosque

September 26, 9-2
WIS Iris Sale
GreenLife Nursery-New Rd.@Bosque

November 21, 10:00
WIS Meeting
Crestview Church of Christ Community
Center, 7129 Delhi Rd., Waco

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Memorium

We were all saddened by the loss of club member and club president's wife, Gloria Huddleston on July 28th of this year. As a tribute to her, the Waco Iris Society has sent a Memorial donation in her name to both the American Iris Society and to AIS Region 17.

Earlier in July, Region 17 lost another special member. Gordon Green of Denison passed away on July 9. Gordon served Region 17 as RVP and Judges Liaison among other duties. He judged our shows on more than one occasion. Both of these two special people will be greatly missed.



Future Region 17

Meeting by Peggy Cathey

At this time, none of the Region 17 affiliates have volunteered to host the Region 17 Fall meeting in 2016. Dan and I have been on a "fact finding mission" and talked to Mr. Patel at the Holiday Inn where we held our Iris Show in April. Mr. Patel showed us the facility and how we could divide the space to have room for the Friday and Saturday meals, Judges Training, Business Meeting, Auction, Boutique and Hospitality room. He has sent a menu to choose from several different buffet and plated meals and has given us an estimate of the cost of using their facility. This is something we hope

to discuss during the Sept. 19 meeting. We hosted a very successful meeting in Waco in 2009 and it is about time for us to step up and do it again. As Region 17 Asst. RVP and Membership Chair, I would love for us to hold the meeting in Waco next year.

