



Waco Iris Society News

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By Dan Cathey

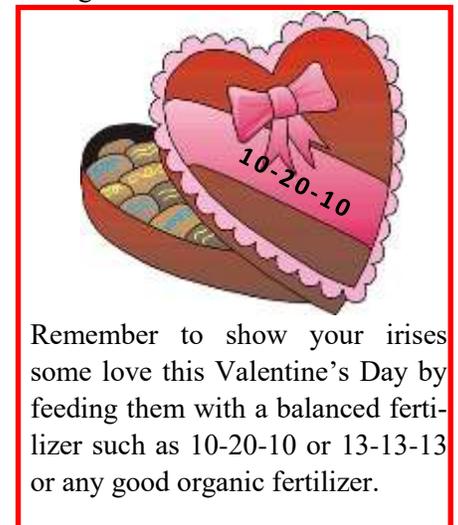
An overdue Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to one and all! Now that the holidays are behind us it is time to start thinking IRIS and all things gardening again. We undoubtedly have some cold and dreary days remaining before we can begin our Spring gardening rituals, but there are quite a few things that we could and should be addressing now. Those days when we would really rather not be outdoors would be the time for looking at iris in the catalogs and on the internet (there is a listing of commercial iris gardens available on the AIS website at <http://irises.org/Resources/Commercial> that can be helpful), learning about the new trends in iris hybridizing and making a "must have" list of some of those to acquire in the upcoming season. There will also be lots of really fantastic days to get out in the garden and get things done before the busy Spring season is upon us. If you need to start a new bed, right now is the time to do it. Get your soil improvements, compost, manures, alfalfa pellets, minerals and organic fertilizers worked into

the bed so they will have time to go to work improving the soil in time for planting. How about getting started on some of those projects you have been putting off? Do you need to lay some stepping stones, build a new patio, deck or put in some hardscape features? Add some ground cover or mulch or maybe a nice garden bench or swing so you will have a great place to sit and admire your beautiful landscape. Even though the weather has been exceptionally mild so far this Winter, now is **not** the time to begin pruning roses or shrubs. They will start putting on new growth about three weeks after pruning and a severe cold snap could kill off the new growth severely setting the plants back. Wait until at least the middle of February so that any new growth will begin in March and it should be OK. This is, however, the perfect time to remove limbs from trees if needed. Also, the next couple of weeks is an ideal time to survey your garden beds and make a list of what needs to happen come Spring and decide what the priority should be. Please mark your calendars - the

Spring iris fertilization is rushing upon us in mid-February. A great way to remember to do that is Valentine's Day; send your true love chocolates and treat your iris to a Spring feast.

Our next meeting, January 19th, will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Crestview Church of Christ Community Center, 7129 Delhi Rd. Our program will be all about the American Iris Society, what it is doing to improve the iris, and why you should be a member.

Looking forward to seeing everyone again!



Remember to show your irises some love this Valentine's Day by feeding them with a balanced fertilizer such as 10-20-10 or 13-13-13 or any good organic fertilizer.



Meeting Minutes By Bill Calhoon, Secretary



Waco Iris Society - Meeting Minutes

Saturday, November 19, 2018

Meeting held at Crestview Church of Christ Community Center.

Club President Dan Cathey called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m. and welcomed members in attendance. Nineteen (19) members were present at the meeting.

Secretary Bill Calhoon conducted Roll Call. The minutes of the September 2018 meeting were published in the WIS Newsletter. After receiving no additions or corrections from the floor, Dan declared the minutes approved as published.

Treasurer Mitchell Whitley then presented the Treasurer's Report. The account balance as of October 15 was \$10,601.20. Assistant Treasurer Peggy Cathey reported that the balance as of November 13 was \$10,247.47. A Treasurer's Report also had been published in the newsletter. After receiving no additions or corrections from the floor, the Treasurer's Report was approved.

In Old Business, Peggy reported

that the proceeds from the September Rhizome Auction were approximately \$1400; approximate proceeds from the Annual Rhizome Sale were \$1700. Dan expressed appreciation for the support of Club members of the auction and providing rhizomes for and working at the annual sale.

Show Chair Ken Anderson provided an update on plans for the 2019 Iris Show to be held the second Saturday in April. Ken had additional copies of the Artistic Division Categories available for distribution. The categories were also included in the Club newsletter. Ken reported that he was in the process of updating the Show Schedule and asked for volunteers to fill Show Committee positions. Club members were encouraged to consider potting extra rhizomes for sale at the Show. Pots should contain at least two rhizomes; three are better and should be potted soon to allow for root development.

Dan reminded members that plant markers are available for purchase by club members.

In New Business, Peggy announced that Bonnie Nichols had

recently been named AIS Judges Liaison and 2nd Vice President at the recent AIS Board Meeting.

Mitchell Whitley thanked the club for sending flowers and attending the visitation for his mother's funeral.

Bill conducted the AIS drawing which was won by Michael Lowe.

Following a break for refreshments, Dan asked Ken Fuchs, who was presenting the day's program, to preface the program with comments on his recent trip to South Korea as part of the Peace Corps Volunteer Re-Visit Program. Ken then presented a slide show featuring photographs from "Fleur-de-Gras" the 2018 AIS Convention which was held in New Orleans and was a co-convention with the Society for Louisiana Iris (SLI). The convention was attended by over 300 people.

Following the program, Michael Lowe and Frances Peterson both reported they had iris reblooming.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Submitted respectfully,

Bill Calhoon

Secretary, Waco Iris Society

AIS Region 17 Annual Meeting—Luau—Texas Style by Happy Carver

ALOHA YA'LL Now is your chance to go to your favorite thrift stores to find the 'tackiest' or 'prettiest' Hawaiian shirt. We will be having a contest! You might need



two shirts, one for Friday and one for Saturday! Besides wearing Hawaiian shirts, wear a big smile and come willing to have some fun.

The Regional Annual Meeting for 2019 will be held in Weatherford on

Friday/Saturday August 9-10, 2019, hosted by The Fort Worth Iris Society.

Our host hotel will be The Best Western Plus 210 Alford Dr. Weatherford, TX **The room rate is \$95 +tax/night for a King or Double Queen Suite, and includes a hot breakfast. Price guaranteed until July 9, 2019.** Contact the hotel DIRECTLY at 817-519-3300 - say you are with the "Fort Worth Iris Society" to get the special room rate. We have reserved a small room block,

so **please book early** to ensure your room at the \$95 rate.

Regional registration is: \$60 for adults, \$45 for youth (under 19 as of August 9, 2019).

The optional Judges Training class is \$10.

There is a registration limit of 64 people.

Your registration **must be emailed or postmarked no later than July 31, 2019** to avoid a \$10 late charge.





Looking Ahead to Spring by Ken Anderson, Show Chair

It hardly seems possible that Christmas has come and gone and the first week of January is already behind us. It also hardly seems possible that another year has passed by as I reflected on writing an article for the newsletter last year for this month. In fact, I looked back at that article to see what was on my mind. Each year is different so it became very clear that I could not simply cut and paste last year's article instead of writing a new one. So rest assured, what you are currently reading is fresh, new and inspiring!

I hope everyone has had the chance to get outside for some of the nice weather we have had for at least a couple of days. One thing is for sure, no one is lacking moisture in the ground. Wow! What a wet

winter we have experienced. Thinking back to last year I know we have had much more rain for our irises and other garden plants. However, I do not believe we have had as much chilling time for the rhizomes. We have had a few nights with freezing temperatures and many mornings with frost on the roof tops. However, we had had more cold nights by this time last year. So I am hoping our irises are getting their adequate chill. While working in my yard yesterday and today I noted that most of my potted iris are looking very healthy and that many of those in beds are starting to show signs of new growth already. I hope everyone else is seeing such positive signs. We should have a good selection of potted iris for our show

this year.

If you are a new member to our club, please feel free to bring any and all questions to our next meeting. There are many experienced members who can give you excellent advice regarding care of your plants, how to prepare blooms for exhibition, how to prepare an artistic design or any other question regarding iris.

I will have reminders about artistic categories to distribute at the meeting and will be happy to answer any questions about the displays or horticultural entries. I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting.



Irises in All Kinds of Weather

AIS Region 17 (Texas) Favorites by Peggy Cathey

Each year, AIS sends out the Tall Bearded Iris Symposium ballots to all AIS members. We then vote on our top 25 favorites. This past year, 81 Region 17 members voted for a total of 1683 votes. Below is a list of the top winners. This is important information for old and new members alike as it is a very good indication of which irises do the best in our region. Keep these top 25 in mind when you are looking for new additions for your garden.

The runaway winner, as in past years, was **Glitter Gulch**, Burseen, 2009 with 57 votes (that is 70% of those who voted). First runner-up with 44 votes was **Gloriafied Glenn** (named for Waco Iris Society member Glenn Huddleston and his wife Gloria), Burseen, 2012. The re-



Glitter Gulch



Gloriafied Glenn



Notta Lemon



Prissy Christy



Tobacco Chew

maining top ten are as follows:

(#3) **Notta Lemon**-37 votes, (#4) **Prissy Christy**-27, (#5-tie) **Jesse's Song**, **Thornbird** & **Tobacco Chew**-26, (#6) **Queen's Circle**-25, (#7) **Don't Doubt Dalton**-24, (#8) **Sharp Dressed Man**-23, (#9) **Trumped**-22 & (#10) **Snapshot**-20.

Other irises receiving at least 10 votes include **Double Platinum**, **Jurassic Park** & **Loco Coco**-19, **Cow Patty**, **Haunted Heart** & **Mesmerizer**-18, **Ayes Alert**,



Jesse's Song
DM 1990



Thornbird
DM 1997

Beefy, **Peggy Sue** & **Salsa** & **Chips**-17, **Conjuration**, **Dewuc Whatic** & **Drama Queen**-16, **Easter Candy**, **Sammies** **Jammies** & **Skating Party**-15, **Broke Again**, **Daughter of Stars** & **That's All Folks**-14, **Arro Reece**, **Berserk**, **Cow Palace**, **Decadence**, **Kathy Chilton**, & **Oil Painging**-13, **Bottle Rocket**, **Core Values**, **Grand Canyon Sunset**, **Lady Friend**, **Mary Frances**, **Oh Carol**, **Subtle Beauty**, **Victoria Falls**, & **Volcanic Glow**-12, **Beth's Blessings**-11, **Clarence**, **Daring Deception**, **Florentine Silk**, **Immortality**, **I'm So Confused**, & **Rustler**-10.





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Meetings held 3rd Saturday of January,
March, May, September and November
at 10 a.m.

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Center, 7129 Delhi, Waco

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January 19, 2019
Waco Iris Society Meeting-Program TBA
Crestview Church of Christ Community Center



April 13, 2019
Waco Iris Society Iris Show
La Quinta Inn & Suites, Woodway-Waco South



April 23-27, 2019
2019 AIS National Convention
San Ramon, CA.



May 18, 2019
Waco Iris Society Year End Luncheon
Location and time to be announced



August 9-10
2019 AIS Region 17 Meeting
Weatherford, TX

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Word Search: Iris Names that Begin with Winter by Peggy Cathey

Words may be Forward, Backward,
Diagonal, Up or Down

CARNIVAL	SCENE
FESTIVAL	SHADOWS
GARDEN	SKIES
MAGIC	SNOWFLAKE
MEMORIES	SOLSTICE
MORN	SONG
OLYMPICS	SONNET
PALACE	SUNRISE
PANORAMA	SUNSHINE
PEARL	TREASURE
PINE	WALTZ
QUEEN	WATCH
REVERIE	WHITE
ROMANCE	WINGS
ROSE	WONDERLAND

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