



Waco Iris Society News

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End of Club Year...

Looking forward to the New



LOOKING BACK

As our 2020-2021 club year comes to a close, we can start looking forward to our 63rd year as the Waco Iris Society. During the pandemic of 2020, we were fortunate to have only had to cancel one meeting and, of course, our show, which was a big disappointment. Many clubs in our Region are still unable to meet because their meeting venues are still not open for such things. As a result of Covid-19, we were not able to get guest speakers. AIS canceled the 2020 **100 Year Celebration of AIS** convention in New Jersey, so we missed our usual November video tour of the year's convention our webmaster, Ken Fuchs usually has for us. Most of the year's programs consisted of interesting webinar programs provided by the American Iris Society.

We had a great sale in September and a sell-out at the show. We were short on show sale plants because of the February deep freeze that severely damaged or killed many of the irises potted up for the Sale last fall.

This past year, we mourned the passing of Hazel Haik. Hazel was a member of the Waco Iris Society, where she served five terms as club president. She was a member of WIS and the American Iris Society for nearly 50 years. She was a Master Exhibition and Garden Judge for AIS, a rank awarded judges after

15 years of judging.

This club year, we gained six new members, Liz Dahl, Marie Elbert, Laura Green, Kariann Jackson, Robb Startzman, and Ron Wilson. Welcome to our Waco Iris Society family.

LOOKING FORWARD

May 15th will be our final meeting of the 2020-2021 club year and at our usual venue—Crestview Church of Christ Community Center, 7129 Delhi. We will forgo our annual End of Year luncheon and meet at our regular time. Pre-packaged snacks and bottled drinks will serve as refreshments. We will discuss our April show—one of our largest in a while. Show Chair, Ken Anderson, will present the many show awards to the winners. Congratulations and thank you to each member who participated in the show, be it setting up, entering, or cleaning up afterward. You are what helps make our show a success.

The new 2021-2022 club year will kick off on September 18th with our annual Iris Giveaway and Auction. Per our By-Laws, all members who have attended three (3) meetings during the past club year and who participated in the club sale or show are eligible to receive a free iris purchased by the club. Any new member joining since the last club iris giveaway and attends the September

meeting is eligible for a free iris. There will also be an auction of all the irises not chosen in the giveaway. Everyone, including guests and new members, is encouraged to participate in the auction.

September 25th will be our big Iris Sale at GreenLife Nursery. The annual Sale is where members bring increases of their favorite irises and offer them for sale at discount prices. The September Sale is our club's annual fundraiser, generating the money to host our annual Iris Show and pay for irises for the September Giveaway and Auction. We get to meet new friends and welcome back long-time customers. The Sale is an event anticipated by many residents of Waco and surrounding areas. If you *do* Facebook, be sure to "like" our page <https://www.facebook.com/WacoIrisSociety>. We always try to post photos of all the irises we will have in the sale. We currently have 454 Facebook followers, and we hope you are one, too.

We will be trying to get speakers for our November, January, and March meetings. If we can't get speakers, we will fill in with more interesting AIS Webinars. AIS is producing many new and exciting Webinars and Judges Training programs regularly, so we will always be able to present great programs.



March 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes by Ken Anderson

It is wonderful to write this article regarding the outcome of the 2021 Waco Iris Society Show. As we all can recall, we could not have the show last year because of Covid-19. This year there was still some concern about hosting an event during this pandemic, but as more and more people were receiving their vaccinations, it was no longer a reason to cancel our show. But then came the winter storm, the likes of which I have never seen. I believe every club member suffered the loss of many of their irises, and everyone wondered if we would even be able to have enough blooms to stage a show. As the time grew near, members were encouraged to bring whatever they could. Despite the extremely cold weather in February, we ended up having a really great show. We had twelve exhibitors with a total of 135 entries. We had more people showing irises this year than any that I can remember for several years. We also had more entries than we have had in several years. There were only eight dupli-



Linda Barnard takes top honors with her Queen of Show winner—*Let's Play Dress Up*

cations, so we ended up having 127 different cultivars entered. This was a tremendous response in spite of all the bad weather. I want to thank all of you who brought entries. You were a big part of making the show a success. The assistance provided by all the other members is greatly appreciated, too.

Linda Barnard won the Best Specimen of Show. She won with her entry of "Let's Play Dress Up" (Paul Black, 2017). Looking back at previous lists of entries, I believe this is the first time Linda has entered the horticultural division. She brought only two entries, but what a fantastic way to start!

The winner of the Silver Medal, the exhibitor with the most blue ribbons, was Mary Keeth. She had a total of 23 blue ribbons. The winner of the Bronze Medal, the exhibitor with the second-highest blue ribbons, was Michael Lowe. He had a total of 13 blue ribbons.

In the Artistic Division, there were three exhibitors. Ken Anderson, Peggy Cathey, and Linda Roper each had two entries. Congratulations to Linda. Before this show, she was still eligible for the Novice category as she had not yet won a blue ribbon. However, she created a beautiful design entitled "Tribute to the Horned Toad," winning Best Design of Show.

I also would like to acknowledge



Linda Roper's *Tribute to the Horned Toad* Artistic Design wins Best of Show

the judges of our show. Their effort is really appreciated. We had Gordon and Happy Carver from Weatherford and Connie Ford from Gun Barrel City. They judged the horticultural division and the artistic division of our show.

Awards will be presented at the May meeting on May 15, 2021. In addition to the awards mentioned above, there will also be awards for best colors and best in section. Winners of section and color class follows.

Our final meeting of the 2020-21 year will be on May 15, 2021. It would be great if all the winners could be in attendance for the presentation of awards, but, understandably, some members may have prior commitments. If you are not present, your awards will be mailed to you as soon as possible following the May meeting.

Thanks again to all the members for helping make this year a great year for our club.



Mary Keeth wins the Horticultural Sweepstakes and Silver Medal for the most blue ribbons



Show Award Winners by Ken Anderson

Best in Sections

SECTION	VARIETY	EXHIBITOR
Section A: Tall Bearded	Let's Play Dress Up	Linda Barnard
Section B: Median	Dividing Line	Dan and Peggy Cathey
Section C: Space Age	I'm So Vain	Don and Frances Peterson
Section K: Historic	Cinnamon Girl	Mary Keeth
Texas Hybridizer	Boss of the House (Burseen)	Michael Lowe

Best in Color Class

COLOR CLASS	VARIETY	EXHIBITOR
Amoena	Muleshoe Money	Mary Keeth
Banded	Cinnamon Girl	Mary Keeth
Bicolor	Thirst Quencher	Michael Lowe
Bi-Tone	Music of the Surf	Glenn Huddleston
Blend	Raspberry Lemonade	Mitchell Whitley
Brown	Game Plan	Mary Keeth
Gold	Glitter Gulch	Mary Keeth
Gray	Spring Jade	Glenn Huddleston
Neglecta	Music of the Surf	Glenn Huddleston
Orange	Rusty Taylor	Mitchell Whitley
Pink	Dancing in Pink	Michael Lowe
Plicata	Pshaw	Don and Frances Peterson
Purple	Sheila Van Hook	Mary Keeth
Red	Next to Me	Linda Roper
Variegata	Boss of the House	Michael Lowe
Violet	Not Broke This Time	Dan and Peggy Cathey
Yellow	I'm So Vain	Don and Frances Peterson



Show Highlights



Queen of Show
Let's Play Dress Up
exhibited by Linda Barnard



Best by Texas Hybridizer
Boss of the House, Tom Burseen
exhibited by Michael Lowe



Best Artistic Design
Tribute to the Horned Toad
exhibited by Linda Roper



Best Tall Bearded
Let's Play Dress Up
exhibited by Linda Barnard



Best Space Age
I'm So Vain
exhibited by Frances & Don Peterson

Section Award Winners



Best Historic
Cinnamon Girl
exhibited by Mary Keeth



Best Median
Dividing Line (MTB)
exhibited by Peggy & Dan Cathey





Show Highlights-cont.

Artistic Design Class 1 *The Natural Beauty of Texas*



The Cedar Wax Wings
entered by Ken Anderson



Tribute to the Horned Toad
entered by Linda Roper



Sale Plants

Artistic Design Class 2 *The History of Texas*



Remember the Alamo
entered by Ken Anderson



How the West Was Won
entered by Peggy Cathey



Judges evaluating an iris

Artistic Design Class 3 *The Symbols of Texas*



The Texas Gulf Coast
entered by Linda Roper

Artistic Design Class 4 *The Economy of Texas*



Cotton is King
entered by Peggy Cathey



Lots of Pretty Irises and plenty of Blue Ribbons





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Meetings held 3rd Saturday of January,
March, May,
September and November at 10 a.m.
Crestview Church of Christ
Community Center, 7129 Delhi, Waco

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Join WIS today!

Only \$10 per year. You may join at a meeting, download membership form from our website, or send a check with your name, address, phone number and e-mail address to:
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IMPORTANT DATES

-  May 15, 2021, 10 a.m., Crestview Church of Christ
End of Year Meeting and Show Awards Presentation
-  August 6-7, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Dallas
Region 17 Annual Meeting
-  September 18, 2021, 10 a.m., Crestview Church of Christ
Iris Giveaway and Auction
-  September 25, 2021, 9 a.m., GreenLife Nursery
Annual Iris Sale

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Word Search—Iris Names-Back & Forward

Words may be across, backwards or diagonal.

Iris names that have either *back* or *forward* in their names.

BACK	FORWARD
Again	Aggressively
Bounce	And Back
Feed	Fast
Flash	Forward
Get	Look
Home	Looking
Taken	Pay It
Takes Me	Step



Fast Forward, Aitken 2002 (1B)

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