



Waco Iris Society News

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Annual Luncheon END OF CLUB YEAR CELEBRATION & SHOW AWARDS PRESENTATION

Please join the us on May 21st, at the Crestview Church of Christ Community Center, 7129 Delhi from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for our annual year-end Potluck luncheon as we celebrate the end of the Waco Iris Society's 63rd anniversary.



It hardly seems reasonable but our Iris bloom season is in the rear view mirror! Some had better bloom than others, but I know in our case, we had more bloom than we have seen in years.

We had a very successful Iris Show in April, in spite of not much early bloom. Congratulations to all our Show winners and thank everyone for your hard work. For a full list of winners,

see Show Chair Ken Anderson's report on the following page. We had a record number of visitors, granted most came for the sale, but whatever it takes to get them in the door. We can owe most of our sale success to Facebook. We only had 120 pots of irises to sell, which was way short of what we needed, so I hope many of you will help out next year by potting up your extra iris rhizomes for our Spring Show Sale.



During our show, we were promoting the AIS membership drive. Each new club member from March thru June will receive a free one year membership to AIS. We now have 10 new members, bringing total membership to 32! Please welcome our new members: Ann and Mike Harder joined the club at our March meeting. Joining at our

Show in April were Cynthia Broughton, Marilene Hruska, Carol Lane, Donna Little, Amy Maley, Jacky Roberts, Glenda Ruiz and Terri Wash.

The May luncheon is the time we install new officers to lead us through the coming club year. Mitchell Whitley will be resigning as President and Treasurer due to health reasons. Ken Anderson has graciously agreed to take on the role as President and Peggy Cathey will step up from assistant treasurer to treasurer. We desperately need someone to take on the roll as club secretary. If this is a position you would be willing to fill, please let Mitchell know as soon as possible.





A Team Effort by Ken Anderson, Show Chair

The Texas winter weather handed us another strange year for the iris bloom season, especially the tall bearded varieties. As everyone can recall, last year most, if not all of our gardens suffered loss due to the extremely cold weather we had in February. Having moved past that devastation, iris gardeners this year were once again faced with another challenge. The unusually cold weather that came along in early March resulted in some varieties not blooming at all, while others had very short bloom stalks. And still others finally bloomed nearly a month later than normal. Fortunately, several of our members did have some nice entries for our spring show.

As we look back at our season, we can recall that at our meeting in March just three weeks prior to the show, there was a discussion about the possibility of canceling the event because it appeared that the bloom season was going to be very poor. We knew that some clubs had already canceled their shows for this year. In spite of the signs of gloom and doom the decision was made to move ahead with our plans. After all, many people attend our show to purchase irises for their gardens and it was decided that it would be wise to maintain this enthusiasm with those who support our sale.

Thanks to terrific team effort, we had enough exhibitors and entries to meet the minimum requirements for an accredited show. All of the members who brought entries to the show are to be commended for their effort. Bringing only one or two entries might seem insignificant but this year those small numbers helped us reach our goal of meeting the minimum standard. During the

registration period, time seemed to be running out and we did not have twenty entries. Fortunately, we had received word that Linda Barnard was still at home gathering entries. When she arrived we all breathed a collective sigh of relief! We knew that the show would be a success.



Mitchell Whitley and Mary Keeth help Linda Barnard get her irises to the show tables.

Again, I commend all of the members who submitted entries. I can unofficially award a blue ribbon to everyone for team effort!



Our show was a success with nine exhibitors and twenty-eight entries. Dan and Peggy Cathey won **Queen of Show** with *Watchable*.



Linda Barnard won the **Silver Medal** for receiving the most blue ribbons.

Michael Lowe won the **Bronze Medal** for having the second most blue ribbons.

Dan and Peggy Cathey were award-

ed **Best Seedling** with their entry of *PDC 10-NM-1*.

In addition to the above results, other awards were received by the following members for entries as listed.

Dan and Peggy Cathey: *Altered States*, **Best By Texas Hybridizer** and **Best Plicata**, *Watchable*, **Best Tall Bearded** and **Best Neglecta**.

Frances Peterson: *Crimson King*, **Best Median**

Linda Barnard: *Come Go With Me*, **Best Blend**, *I'm So Vain*, **Best Space Age**, *Insaniac*, **Best Amoena**, *Ty Blue*, **Best Blue**

Mary Keeth: *Burgundy Brown*, **Best Brown**.

Michael Lowe: *Eye on America*, **Runner-Up to Queen**, **Best Violet**, *I. Germanica*, **Best Historic**, *More to Adore*, **Best Purple**, *Venus Bay*, **Best Gray**

Robb Startzman: *That's All Folks*, **Best Banded**

Tracey Rogers: *Austin City Blues*, **Best White**



Judge-Connie Ford and Apprentice Judge-Carrie White.



Show Report, continued

Thanks again to all the club members for your entries in the show, for your help with event preparations and cleanup, and for your presence at the show as you greeted and interacted with the visitors. Thanks also to all those helping with the potted iris sale. What a success that was!



Mary Keeth answers visitor's questions

Congratulations to Linda Roper for winning the Best of Show in the Artistic Division. Five members

Artistic Designs



Winter Wonderland 1st by Dan Cathey



Spring Has Sprung 1st by Linda Roper



Fall Festivities Best of Show & Artistic Design Sweepstakes by Linda Roper

created eight designs for our Show theme *Seasons of Color*.

Hopefully we will have a good turnout for our final meeting of the 2021-2022 club year where certificates and awards will be presented. All certificates, medals, and plaques have been prepared and are ready for presentation at our final meeting on May 21, 2022, at the Crestview Church of Christ located at 7129 Delhi Road in Waco. Hope to see you there.





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March, May, September and November
at 10 a.m.

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May 21, 2022

Waco Iris Society Year End Luncheon, 10-1
Potluck-Crestview Church of Christ Community Center



August 19-20, 2022

2022AIS Region 17 Meeting
Amarillo, TX



September 1, 2022

Tall Bearded Symposium Ballot due



September 17, 2022

Crestview Church of Christ Community Center, 10a.m.
Iris Giveaway and Auction



September 24, 2022

ANNUAL IRIS RHIZOME SALE 9 a.m.—noon (or sold out).
GreenLife Nursery, 1312 N. New Rd., Waco

Check out our website:

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

Words may be Forward, Backward,

Break	Kiss	
Breeze	Lightning	
Butterfly	Love	
Camp	Magic	
Candy	Melody	Snowflake
Carnival	Nights	Solstice
Charm	Olympics	Splash
Cloud	Peach	Storm
Date	Place	Sunburst
Dawn	Radiance	Sunset
Dreams	Rain	Surf
Fantasy	Review	Tan
Glow	Romance	Tsunami
Holidays	Serenade	Waltz
Inspiration	Skies	Wine



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