



Waco Iris

Society News

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Greetings to all of our club members. Whether you are a long-time member of the Waco Iris Society, a new member, or a prospective member I just wanted to express my pleasure and honor to serve as president for the 2022-23 year. It is my goal to ensure that our club continues to experience success with its scheduled activities throughout the year.

I don't have to tell you what a challenge this summer has been for anyone whose hobby involves being outdoors. Wow! What a horrific summer it has been! We have experienced three weather conditions which were sometimes about as extreme as they could be. The drought began sometime early in the year. I don't recall very much spring rain in our area and there was almost no summer rain until late August and early September. Then there were the extreme temperatures and the relentless winds. What a summer it has been! Fortunately, I do believe that everyone has received some amount of rain finally and the temperatures have dropped to a tolerable level. With the cooler temperatures, some natural moisture, and less windy days, we can

once again anticipate good fall weather for getting out and preparing our gardens for spring.

September is the perfect time to dig and divide iris clumps for many reasons. First of all, breaking up the clumps will provide the opportunity for better growth and more bloom production for the next two or three years until the process needs to be repeated. Second, this is the perfect time for members of the club to prepare some rhizomes for the rhizome sale the last Saturday of September. And third, digging and dividing will always yield some smaller rhizomes that are perfect for potting. These pots of two, three, or four small rhizomes will be perfect for the sale by the time April arrives.

Every year we kick off the new "club year" with a busy September. Our first regular meeting of the year will be September 17 at the Crestview Church of Christ, 7129 Delhi Rd. in Waco. The program for the first meeting is the iris rhizome auction and give-away. All eligible members and new members will be able to receive a free rhizome. Anyone present at the meeting will have the opportunity to bid on wonderful new introductions.



On the following Saturday, September 24, the club will hold its annual rhizome sale at GreenLife Nursery located at 1312 N. New Road in Waco. This is the main fundraising activity of the year for the club. All members are encouraged to attend. Arrangements have been made to rent tables for the sale. Members who are able to help with set up and all members who are bringing rhizomes for the sale should be there by 8:00 a.m. Those who are planning to provide rhizomes for the sale should submit their list of varieties to Peggy Cathey phone: 817-666-9002 or by email: wacoiriss@gmail.com no later than Tuesday, September 20, 2022.

More specific information regarding the iris rhizome auction/give-away and the rhizome sale will be provided in this newsletter by Peggy Cathey.

The summer heat and drought have really taken a toll on our plants. However, in spite of many of them looking like they were gone completely, some are showing signs of growth. I am certainly not an expert when it comes to growing irises but I have noted that the ones



May 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes by Ken Anderson, acting Secretary

The Waco Iris Society held its final meeting of the 2021-22 year on May 21, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the Crestview Church of Christ Community Center in Waco.

Members present were: Ken Anderson, Jerry Keeth, Mary Keeth, Michael Lowe, Linda Roper, Robb Startzman, and Mitch Whitley.

President Mitch Whitley called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

No secretary's report was given as all members receive copies of minutes in the newsletter and no additions or corrections were made.

No old business was discussed.

The drawing for A.I.S. membership was not conducted but will be done in September.

Mitch Whitley gave the treasurer's report. As of May 5, 2022, the balance in the checkbook was \$11,364.26.

New Business:

Under new business there was a brief discussion of the change of officers. Ken Anderson has agreed to serve as president for the 2022-23 year. Peggy Cathey will become treasurer. Plans are being made to transfer the account to a new bank in

Waco that will have a branch in Cleburne to make it more practical for banking needs as Peggy Cathey begins serving as treasurer.

There as a brief discussion regarding the need to immediately line up judges for the show for the coming year.

Rhizome orders were discussed. Mitch Whitley will be sending \$300 to Tom Burseen and \$300 to Mid-America in preparation for the annual rhizome sale and give-away in September. Jerry and Mary Keeth will pick up the the rhizome order from Tom Burseen in August to save shipping cost.

Discussion of new business ended and a break was taken to enjoy the luncheon. Various members had prepared dishes for the meal which included roast beef, chicken tetrazini, Cuban picadilla, Texas caviar, and carrot/apple salad with lemon bars and blueberry cobbler for dessert. All the members present had a great time socializing over a delicious meal.

Awards and certificates were presented to members present. Those members who were not present will receive their certificates

in the mail or will receive them in September at the first meeting. Pictures were taken of those receiving certificates.

Following the presentation of awards and certificates, Ken Anderson asked if there was a need for a financial audit of the club's account as there would be a transition from one person to another and transfer of account to a new bank. According to Mitch Whitley a non-profit such as ours does not need to have an official audit. There was some discussion among members and the consensus was that there were no concerns regarding the finances. Ken Anderson reiterated that there was no concern on his part regarding the accuracy and integrity of accounting but that he wanted to be sure the club was not in violation of any kind of legal obligation for an official audit. It was also noted that non-profits with accounts as small as the one that are kept by clubs such as ours generally do not have official audits. It was decided by consensus that no further action needed to be taken regarding this matter.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20.

Farewell to Summer *continued*

that had some protection from the direct afternoon sun (cont. on pg. 2) and were provided a little bit of moisture throughout the summer did withstand the heat and are in fair, and in some cases, good condition. From past observations I believe those that received very little supplemental water will start to show improvement with recent rains and cooler temperatures.

I hope your gardens survived the summer and that you will have rhizomes to bring to the sale in a

few weeks. I look forward to seeing all of you at our first meeting and hopefully again the following Saturday at the rhizome sale. I hope that this beginning of a new "iris year" will bring great success for all your efforts.

Membership dues are due at the September meeting and must be paid before getting your free iris. Membership dues are \$10 per year. New members who joined at the April Iris Show are good through

the end of the club year (until May 2023).

**MEMBERSHIP
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Annual Dues



2022 Iris Giveaway and Auction

What a great way to kick off a new year for the Waco Iris Society. Tom Burseen and Thomas Johnson from Mid-America Iris Gardens have sent a total of 44 irises for our annual Iris Giveaway and Auction. Each member who has attended at least three meetings throughout the

club year (September Sale through May luncheon) qualifies to receive a free newer introduction iris purchased by the club. In addition, new members who joined the club at last year's sale through May of this year are eligible to receive a free iris, but you must be present at the Septem-

ber meeting to qualify. All irises not chosen in the giveaway will be auctioned. Everyone may participate in the auction. Money earned from the auction goes toward paying for the irises.

Here is a list of what we have to giveaway and auction.

Adrenaline Junkie	Black	2022	Headline News	Johnson	2021
All in Vein	Johnson	2021	Homespun Hero	Burseen	2022
Beachy Queen	Johnson	2021	Ignite the Light	Johnson	2021
Blind Luck	Burseen	2022	In Full View	Johnson	2020
Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy	Black	2022	In Vogue	Blyth	2022
Boyer's Baby	Burseen	2022	Later Alligator	Black	2022
Break My Heart	Johnson	2021	Living It Up	Johnson	2022
Call Me Cowgirl	Burseen	2022	Lucky Latino	Burseen	2022
Castle On The Hill	Johnson	2022	Mighty Mad	Burseen	2022
Caterpillar Blues	Black	2022	Milk Cow Blues	Burseen	2022
Classic Woman	Miller	2022	Milk Cow Blues	Burseen	2022
Cruise Director	Burseen	2022	Own the Night	Johnson	2022
Dare to Be Different	Johnson	2022	Point of Humor	Burseen	2022
Dark Hour	Johnson	2022	Private Party	Johnson	2020
Do the Fandango	Johnson	2021	Read My Mind	Johnson	2021
Double Jeopardy	Johnson	2022	Smoldering Passion	Johnson	2021
Dragon Attack	Burseen	2022	Spine Tingler	Johnson	2022
Epic Luck	Burseen	2022	Spring Saltation	Burseen	2022
Feared Weird	Burseen	2022	Starry Starry Night	Black	2022
Flame Stitch	Johnson	2022	Strike A Cord	Johnson	2021
Flat Out Foxy	Burseen	2022	Sunset Lodge	Blyth	2022
Guilded Chocolate	Miller	2022	Tipofatoungue	Burseen	2022

2022 Rhizome Sale by Peggy Cathey

We are getting close to Sale Day. We will once again be using the paper bags with attached photos to hold the sale plants. We ran short of plants last year, so we need to step-up our game and bring even more this year. Please take a walk through your garden this week and see which iris clumps need to be divided and bring a list with you to Saturday's meeting. I can compile a list and get it to all the members by Tuesday for a "pre-sale". You can then let me know if there are any on the list you want, and those will be pulled from the sale irises. Members will have to wait until after 10 to "shop", so if there is one you really want, please pre-order.

Irises can be dug now instead of waiting until the last minute before the sale. My suggestion would be to dig the irises, be sure to write the name on a center leaf, and start getting them cleaned up. You can trim the roots, but if you want them to look fresh, you can wait until a couple of days before the sale to trim the leaves. Wash then in a 10% bleach water bath, rinse them and put them out of the sun to dry. Please only dig irises you have at least 2-3 of. If you have one, or any small rhizomes, put them in a pot for our Spring Iris Show Sale. Once you have dug all your irises and know what and how many of each you are bringing, email or call your

list to Dan and me so we can be sure to have photos and we can get the paper sacks prepared and alphabetized for the sale. Everything will go on the tables in alphabetical order, including pots. If you are bringing any in pots, please include that information on your list.

The sale will open at 9:00 a.m. No shopping or sales before that time. We want the shopping experience to be fair to all who come. Before 9, members will be very busy getting all the irises into the right bags. We will need all our members to pitch in and help with set-up, help customers find what they are looking for, and help with clean-up.



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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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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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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



November 19, 2022
Crestview Church of Christ Community Center, 10a.m.
Program TBD



January 21, 2023
Crestview Church of Christ Community Center, 10a.m.
Program TBD



March 18, 2023
Crestview Church of Christ Community Center, 10a.m.
Program TBD

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

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

Bouquet
Buttercup
Butterfly
Charm
Chereau
Contrast
Cream
Dawn
Frost
Gleam
Gold
Moon
Morn
Pastel
Replay



September Frost
G. Sutton, 1998 (Re)

Sailor
Seas
Serenade
Skies
Song
Sparkler
Sunshine

