



Waco Iris

Society News

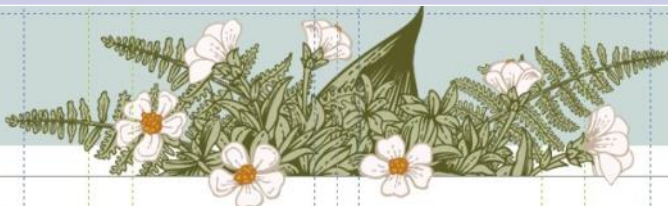


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“ I am Iris, Goddess of the Rainbow, the Sea and the Sky, and a Messenger to the Gods. ”

Tracey Morait

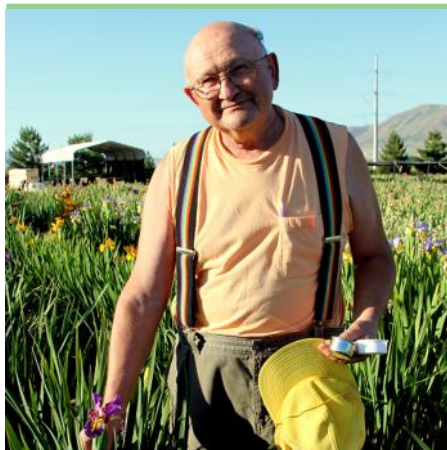
It will be good to see everyone again. We had a fantastic sale, sold lots of irises, and even got a couple of new members. We want to welcome Katrina Rieser of Clifton and welcome back Dawn Holmes.

We have a new program to present which will be full of basic information for all our new members

and a refresher for everyone else. The program will cover a little iris history, information on what an iris is and all the different classifications of irises as well as all the size classes. We will go into preparing your garden ahead of time, to planting, to best times to fertilize, and how and when to divide. We will even talk a

little about iris diseases and pests, so if you have questions or knowledge of how to treat these issues, please come and share in the discussion. The program will be a PowerPoint by our own Peggy Cathey, so please join us and just maybe you will learn something or be reminded of something you forgot.

Iris Hybridizer Remembered



Byron Bradley (Brad) Kasperek
March 8, 1945—October 18, 2022

Byron Bradley (Brad) Kasperek passed away at age 77 on October 18, 2022 at his home.

Brad and his wife Kathie, owned a successful Iris business called *Zebra Gardens* in Elwood, Utah. He loved hybridizing all kinds of flowers, but especially Irises. He won 17 awards for his Irises and won the AIS Hybridizer’s Award in 2005 because of his knowledge in genetic crossing. He has an Iris named after him called the ‘**Bradley Badger**’. Brad and his wife also enjoyed

dancing together for many years and were known for their dancing abilities.

Brad is best his broken color irises and amusing animal names such as *Bewilderbeast* and *Drunk Skunk*.



‘**Bewilderbeast**’
Kasperek, 1995 (TB)

‘**Drunk Skunk**’
Kasperek, 2012(TB)



President's Message by Ken Anderson

No matter what happens indoors or outdoors, the calendar does not wait for us! Time keeps rushing by. Events in our lives tend to fill our days and weeks, but it seems like it was just a few days ago when we were hoping for the really hot weather had finally disappeared. Mother Nature seems to have no concern at all about our lists of things to do and occasionally demands that we drop what we are doing and turn our attention to more immediate life-or-death concerns when it comes to our plants. Suddenly, or so it seems, those of us who maintain a collection of various potted plants begin to wonder if it is now time to protect them from a frost or freeze as much cooler weather is being predicted. If you want smooth sailing, take up stamp collecting, reading, woodworking, knitting, or some other hobby not impacted by weather changes. If you stick with gardening, hang on for the ride. As usual, every season will bring its bumps and curves and maybe even a few bruises along the

way!

Hopefully, by now, everyone has added a bit of fertilizer to their iris beds. Halloween, as has been pointed out many times by Glenn Huddleston, is always a good reminder that it is time for the fall application of fertilizer. For those members who might not have had a lot of experience growing irises feel free to ask other members for advice regarding fertilization. Basically, a balanced fertilizer (all three numbers the same, such as 10-10-10 or 12-12-12) can be sprinkled around the iris clumps. Another approach is using alfalfa pellets. Sprinkling alfalfa pellets around iris plants provide a good source of nitrogen and also adds organic matter to the soil. (You will learn a lot more about when and how to feed your irises during our program-*Back to Basics-An Iris Refresher*)

Most areas of central and north Texas have received some beneficial rains. If you follow the weather and pay attention to radar coverage, you

will notice that the rains can be wonderful in some areas, and just a few miles away, there is no rain at all. Fortunately, we have had a few systems move through, so by now, most areas have had at least some beneficial rainfall. The rains are coming at an ideal time for irises. They don't need a lot of water, but some rain at this time of year is certainly beneficial for root development. As always, it appears there is not much going on with our iris plants above the ground, but underneath the soil, there is a lot happening.

The theme for our show on April 8, 2023, will be "Saluting Those Who Serve". Descriptions for the artistic classes are being developed. Detailed information about the artistic divisions will be provided at our upcoming meeting.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting, Nov. 19th, 10:00 a.m., at the Crestview Church of Christ Community Center, 7129 Delhi, Waco.

Club Raffle



Don't forget to bring your iris and garden related items for the club raffle. Everyone loves plants, so bring a plant you might have potted, an iris-either potted or bare-root, garden art, something you would like to win if you weren't the one bringing it. If you like it, others will too. Bring your \$ to buy tick-

ets. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or you can buy 6 chances for \$5. Money earned from raffle sales goes toward our shows, AIS memberships, and annual iris giveaways.

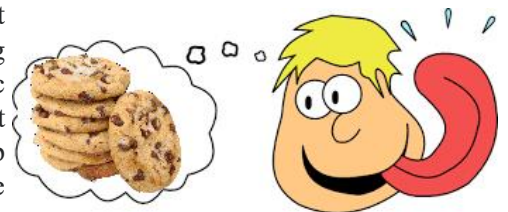


Refreshments

We are all gardeners, and as such, we are also always hungry! Everyone enjoys snacks brought to the meetings, so we need your help to provide something for the refreshment table. Something hand-held is best since we don't have any tables for us to sit. Cookies, brownies,

prepackaged snacks, soft drinks, bottled water, coffee, etc., are all great additions to the refreshment table. If you do bring something that requires plates or plastic ware, you might want to bring that along as well. A cooler to keep drinks cold is also a help. If we

have cups, the church has an ice-machine.





September Meeting Minutes by Linda Roper, acting secretary

Waco Iris Society
September 17, 2022
Crestview Church of Christ Community Center,
10:00 am

President Ken Anderson called the meeting to order. Minutes of the May Meeting were approved as written in the September newsletter by a motion from Rob Startzman and a second by Jerry Keeth.

The treasurer's report was given by Treasurer, Peggy Cathey, who reported the account total was \$9,626.36. Treasurers report was approved by the membership.

Old Business:

Memorial gifts for Bob Alexander and Joyce Jones totaling \$125 were sent to AIS and Region 17.

Auction and Giveaway irises were purchased from Mid-America Iris Gardens and from Tom Burseen for a total of \$706.75, which included shipping from Mid-America. Mary & Jerry Keeth picked up the irises from Tom Burseen, saving on shipping costs.

Officers are still needed for Vice President and Secretary.

New Business:

2023 AIS Region 17 Meeting will be held in Weatherford next year on August 4-5. The Meeting is being sponsored by the Fort Worth Iris Society.

The Spring Iris Show is scheduled for April 8,

Treasurer's Report by Peggy Cathey

We want to thank everyone who came out to our annual Iris Rhizome Sale on September 24th. It was a beautiful day and we had lots of irises to choose from. We couldn't have done any of it without the generous donations of irises. Nine members contributed nearly 200 different iris varieties and hundreds of rhizomes to choose from, while 21 members were present to help with set-up, clean-up and most important, to help customers find the irises they had on their want list and to help them find the perfect irises to add a riot of color to their springtime garden. The sale was one for the record books. Total sales were \$3,859, up 25% over last year's sales.

2023.

AIS Membership drawings winners were April—Linda Roper, May—Rob Startzman, and Sept.—Jan Ketcher.

The Iris Rhizome Sale - Sept. 24, 2022 starting at 9:00 a.m.

*Michael Lowe and Mitchell will pick-up tables from rental company for Saturday - 12 8' tables

*Members should be there by 8:00 to help set up

*Have the sale Iris names to Peggy Cathey by Wednesday

*Discussion on how to price the irises

*Peggy will have Year Books at the sale for pickup

Raffle drawing winners were Rob Startzman, Jackie Roberts, and Mary Keeth

Business meeting adjourned.

Program: Iris Giveaway and Auction.



Night Whispers, (TB)
Thomas Johnson, 2020

WIS Checking Account

Beginning bank balance Sept. 1, 2022	\$	9,626.36
Income		
Dues collected	\$	180.00
Iris Auction	\$	466.00
Plant marker sales	\$	102.00
Raffle	\$	53.00
Iris Sales	\$	3,810.00

Expenses

Member bonuses	\$	(1,869.25)
Facebook ad	\$	(58.00)
AIS memberships	\$	(90.00)
Credit card fee	\$	(77.47)
Meeting room donation	\$	(25.00)
Table rentals	\$	(86.50)
Check reorder	\$	(29.22)
Transfer to petty cash	\$	(69.50)
Ending bank balance Oct. 1, 2022	\$	11,932.42

Petty Cash

Beginning balance	\$	31.00
Transferred from checking	\$	69.50
Total Petty Cash	\$	100.50
Total club funds 10/31/22	\$	12,032.92



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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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Peggy Cathey, Newsletter Editor

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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:

Peggy Cathey, Treasurer

1115 HCR 1414, Covington, TX 76636



November 19, 2022

Crestview Church of Christ Community Center, 10a.m.
"Back to Basics, an Iris Refresher", by Peggy Cathey



January 21, 2023

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



March 18, 2023

Crestview Church of Christ Community Center, 10a.m.
Show Prep



April 8, 2023

Annual Iris Show and Potted Iris Sale
Location to be announced



April 12-16, 2023

American Iris Society Annual Convention
Grapevine, TX, hosted by the Iris Society of Dallas

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Word Search: White Iris Names by Peggy Cathey

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

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