



The Waco Iris Society invites you to join us in the Heart of Texas for the 57th annual Region 17 Convention—***Bridging the Brazos with Irises***—being held August 19-20, 2016 at the Hampton Inn & Suites Waco South, 2501 Marketplace Dr. in Waco. The hotel is conveniently located just off of I-35 and Tx 6/Loop 340 in the heart of the Central Texas Marketplace, the largest shopping complex in Waco. Special room rates for our convention are: 2 Queen or 1 King—\$109 per night, King Studio Suite—\$119 *per night (plus tax)* ***Complimentary Deluxe Continental Breakfast & WiFi included.*** Please reserve your room by July 29 to receive group rate. Reservations may be made using the link below. The room discount code is: WIS

http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/groups/personalized/A/ACTSOHX-WIS-20160819/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

The Registration fee is \$50 when received before June 30. There is a price increase to \$55 for registrations received in the month of July and after July 31, the rate is increased to \$60, so please get your registrations in early. The Judges Training on Saturday morning is an extra \$5. A copy of the Registration form is attached. We have lots of good food and fun planned along with our Region 17 Business Meeting—Installation of new Region 17 Officers and Board Members—and the ever popular Region 17 Iris Auction. Our special guest speaker and instructor, Perry Dyer of Oklahoma, will present our Judges Training on Median Irises.

While visiting Waco, we hope you will take the short side trip to walk across Waco's historic Suspension Bridge, completed in 1870 and the legendary icon of downtown Waco. For years the bridge served as a Chisholm Trail crossing and at the time of its completion, was the longest single-span suspension bridge west of the Mississippi. Exit I-35 at S. University Parks Dr. on the south side of the Brazos River and go west a short distance to the bridge.

Hope we see you in August.

Dan Cathey, President, Waco Iris Society

Peggy Cathey, 2016 Convention Chair

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