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A Monthly Newsletter of the Iris Society of Austin

IRIS AUSTIN



No meeting in August

Next scheduled meeting:
Tuesday, September 8, 2015
6:45 P.M. Gate closes at 7 P.M.

A.I.S. / Region 17 Annual Meeting

When: August 14-15, 2015

Where:

Crowne Plaza Hotel
Addison, 14315 Midway Rd.
Addison, TX 75001

Hotel room reservations are separate from Registration.

Room rate is \$90.00 + tax/night for 1-4 people, guaranteed until July 24, 2015.

The Registration Form for the meeting can be downloaded from our website.

ISA Annual Rhizome Sale
Saturday, September 12, 2015

Zilker Botanical Garden Fall Plant and Porcelain Art Sale
Saturday, September 26, 2015



The Keith Keppel Garden

Reports from Portland:

Side Garden Tour – Tuesday, May 19, 2015

by Tracey Rogers

The first stop of the side garden tour was **Keith Keppel's garden** which was what inspired me to sign up for the tour. I was lucky to meet Robyn Shadlow of the Sisters Farm which is located across the road from Keith Keppel's shortly after we entered the garden. I'm always checking out her website. She sells Barry Blyth irises and has a wonderful selection of irises. The first irises that caught my eye were 'Gambling Man' and 'Gentle Reminder.' There was a long row of 'Gambling Man' and I had to walk a



'Gambling Man'

ways to find out its name. Seeing the future crosses using 'Tunnel Vision' and the 'Sorbonne' was pretty amazing. I want them now and am hoping they make the cut. I saw a lot of Ghio and really started liking them, especially a lovely pink called 'Love of Life.' I haven't seen many of his irises here in Texas except for 'Magical.' From across the rows, I spotted a gorgeous tall orange. I made my way over to find out what it was. It was 'Ringtone,' an iris I've been tempted by in Keppel's catalog. It was even more amazing in bloom. It is on my wish list now.

The refreshments were in the greenhouse where not only did we find snacks, but gorgeous succulents including one that looked like a rock and I don't believe it was a lithop. The true treasure was over 10 years' worth of Keppel catalogs available.

From Keppel's we went to **Kevin Vaughn's garden** to enjoy his assortment of Louisianas Siberians, MTBS, BBs and TBs. Name a variety of

iris and Kevin is growing it. Kevin grew up in Massachusetts, worked in Mississippi for 30 years for the USDA and then decided if he was going to grow irises, he needed to be in Oregon. He has hybridized several Louisianas.

The really neat thing in his garden was his planting of sedum amongst the irises. It added a neat contrast to the iris plants. He offered hens and chicks



to anyone who wanted to take one home. Later walking down the bus aisle, I spotted the cups filled with paper towels shielding the hens and chicks in the cup holders.

Just off his patio was a raised bed of succulents with a few irises tossed in. Stephanie Markham shared hosting

duties with Kevin and served us fabulous ginger cookies with real bits of ginger in them for a real kick of ginger. ‘Hoodoo Blues’ (BB) and the seedling ‘Markham 09 118A’ were featured in the garden. I saw my first Siberian of the trip — ‘Cherry Fling,’ a lovely mix of lavender standards and deep pink falls. Seeing the Siberian irises really made me wish it was just a tad cooler in Texas. Kevin only had half his sloping back yard covered in beds, so I’m sure he is planning more for the future.

A lunch of sandwiches and wonderful potato salad was provided at **Seven Brides**. Free tastings of their amber and pale ale were also available. The name of the restaurant is not from the movie, but the three owners realized they were going to need to pay for seven weddings for their seven daughters, so Seven Brides was born.

Back on the bus to our final garden of the day, **The Oregon Garden**. The Oregon Garden is an 80-acre botanical garden developed by the Oregon Association of Nurseries. It was started in 1997. It is maintained by reclaimed water from the nearby city of Silverton. Featured gardens include the Amazing Water Garden, The Wetlands and the Lewis and Clark Garden, a living museum of the plants discovered and noted by the explorers.

One of the features of the garden is the Conifer Reference Garden, which is one of the largest collections of

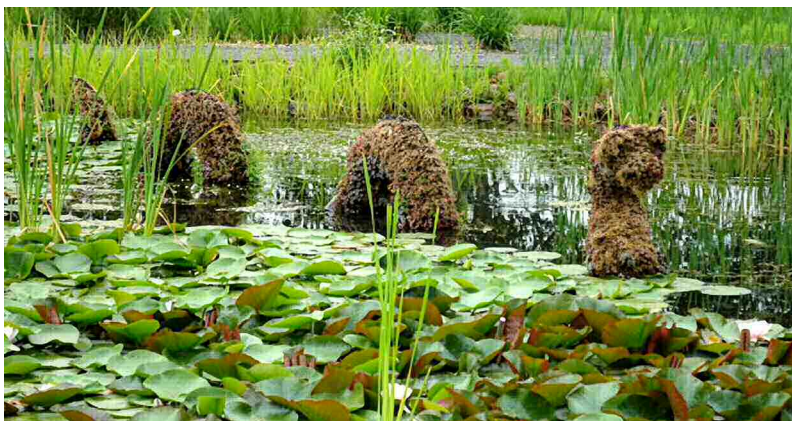


‘Cherry Fling’

dwarf and miniature conifers. We enjoyed walking through it and the Bosque. A tram ride is available to take you on a 30-minute tour of the garden pointing out the highlights including test gardens sponsored by Prove It! and Monrovia growers. The highlight for those on our tour was Cooley’s Walk, a pathway lined with classic irises from Cooley’s Gardens. A bed of unknown irises could be found bordering a fabulous collection of peonies. I was more fascinated with the peonies since we can’t grow them here.

The Oregon Garden is constantly being updated. An expansion of the Conifer Garden is in the works. There was something for everyone at the Oregon Garden.

(Photos by Tracey Rogers)



The Guardian of the Water Garden

ISA News and Notes

Please let Tracey Rogers (rogers89@earthlink.net or 512-280-4856) or Ellen Singleton (iriswede51@yahoo.com) know what rhizomes you might be bringing to the sale, so they can start getting pictures and flyers organized.

The Iris Society of Austin will join several clubs in the great **Zilker Botanical Garden Fall Plant and Porcelain Art Sale** Saturday, September 26 from 10 A.M. until 4 P.M. in the auditorium and Greene Room. Parking for the participating clubs will be in the back near the greenhouses. Ellen Singleton and Nelda Moore and ISA members will man two tables in the air conditioned building. Set up will be 3-5 P.M. on Friday. Please join the group or at least come and purchase more irises, daylilies, violets, herbs, vegetables, and other items that the clubs will be selling. There will be other club members telling you about planting and growing a fall garden. They will also have supplies that you can purchase.

The clubs will not pay for the spaces. They will also keep the profit.



Lan Su Chinese Garden

by Tracey Rogers

I found a “new” garden in Portland while attending the National Iris Convention. The Lan Su Chinese Garden was completed in 2000 by Chinese artisans from Portland’s sister city of Suzhou in the Chinese province of Jaingsu. The artisans lived in Portland for 10 months while building the garden, which is considered the most authentic Chinese garden outside of China. The garden is a copy of a garden in Suzhou.

Sounds from both Portland and Suzhou are combined to form Lan Su. “Lan” is the Chinese word for “Orchid” and “su” is the word for “arise” or “awaken”. A poetic translation of the name means “Garden of the Awakening Orchids.”

Along with just touring the gardens and feeling like I was far away from Portland, I also enjoyed some Chinese treats in the tea house within the garden walls. I highly recommend sampling the turnip cakes, and the smoked tea egg. The gardens are laid out just like a Chinese home with the scholar’s study, the family game room and the moon-locking pavilion where the reflection of the moon can be seen in the center of the lake. Enjoy the pictures.

In Memoriam

It is with a saddened heart that we report the loss of four beloved and highly respected Irisarians, one a member of our own Iris Society of Austin.

Robert L. "Bob" Stone passed away after a brief illness on July 24, 2015 in Austin Texas. Bob grew up in California and after returning from military service in Alaska, he and his family lived in Alaska for several years.



There, he honed his master craftsman skills and in addition to building 27 customer homes he designed and built two very unique homes for his family that they lived in throughout the years. In 1987 the family moved to various areas in the "lower 48". Bob returned to the San Jose area where he was raised. There he fulfilled a lifelong dream when he founded the Sons of Jubal – a band he played saxophone with that performed Christian songs using big band arrangements. In 2006 Bob met and married Esther Anderson, and they



resided in Austin at the time of his passing. They joined the Iris Society of Austin in February 2012. Bob leaves behind his wife Esther, two children, five grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Services for Bob were held Wednesday July 29th at Wilson- Little Funeral Home in Purcell, OK.

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Margarett Anna "**Kitty**" **Lack** was born in Carnegie, Oklahoma on December 1, 1924 to Levi B. Moore and Maude Moore. She passed away on June 19, 2015 in Plano, TX. Kitty

w o r k e d several years at St. Johns Hospital but the majority of her life she worked a more difficult job — wife, mother and



homemaker. She is survived by her son, Greg; two grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, plus many nieces and nephews. Kitty enjoyed quilting and growing irises. She was an active member of the American Iris Society for over fifty years. She was a lifelong member of the Episcopal Church and a member of St. John's Episcopal Church for many years.

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One of the original members and founders of the Texoma Rainbow Iris Society, **Gordon Green**, passed away on Thursday, July 9th, 2015 at Texoma Medical Center in Denison, Texas after complications with pneumonia.

He was a member of the Dallas Iris Society where he was president two years and was awarded a lifetime membership

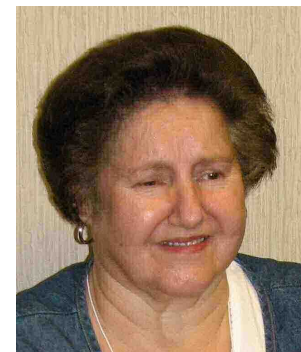


in 2013. He was a lifetime member of the American Iris Society. In 2013 he was honored as a Judge Emeritus by the American Iris Society and was the

second person to receive that honor in Texas. Gordon was a former Region 17 Judges Training Chairperson and Regional Vice President for Region 17. He gave numerous programs to many iris clubs, including ones on Artistic Design and show preparation. He was an accomplished artist using watercolor and acrylics. His paintings have been much sought after items at the AIS and Regional Convention auctions.

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Gloria Kay (Morgan) Huddleston, 73, of Whitney, passed away at her residence on July 28, 2015. A memorial service will be held at 2 PM, Saturday, August 1, 2015, at Marshall and Marshall Chapel in Whitney. Gloria was born on January 10, 1942, in Hill County, to Howell



Dean and Verda Mae (Burt) Morgan. On July 18, 1964, she married Glenn Huddleston. She was an elementary

school teacher and taught in the Neches ISD for 28 years. Gloria loved gardening, in particular growing irises and had nearly 200 different varieties. One of the leading iris enthusiasts in the metroplex even named a hybrid after her, the "Gloriafied Glenn." Survivors include her husband, Glenn Huddleston of Whitney; her son Brock Bates Huddleston and wife, Cheri; her daughter Sheri Woodson and husband, Ben; and four grandchildren.

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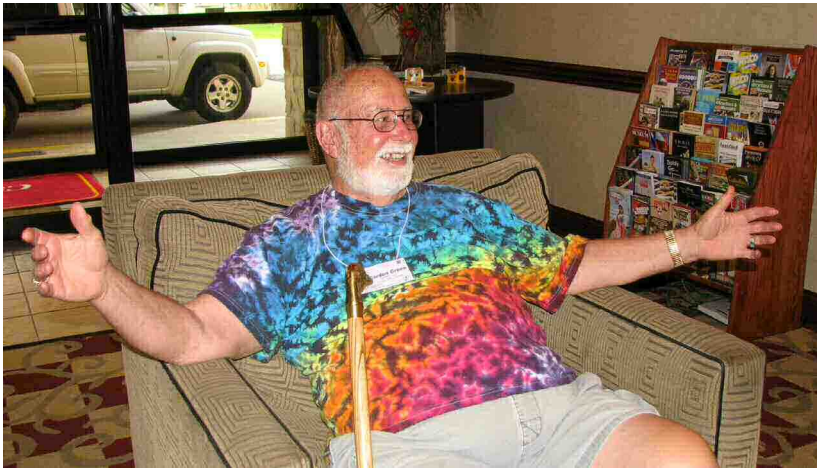




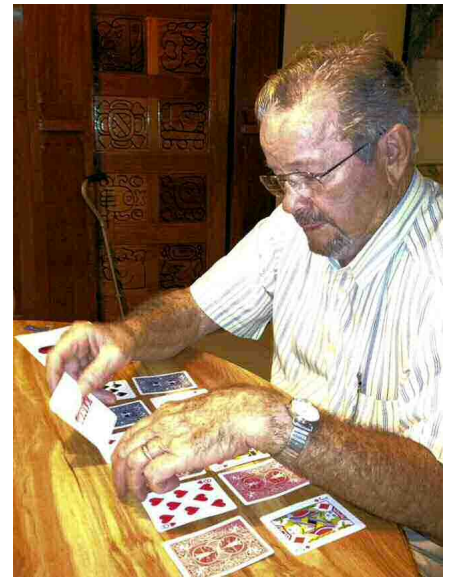
BFFs – Pat Byrne, MaryAnn Holman, Kitty Lack



Thank you for your service, Bob.



Gordon Green at the 2009 Region 17 Meeting in Waco



Bob Stone



Donna Little chatting in the Keppel Garden



Dara Smith with Gordon Green, the artist

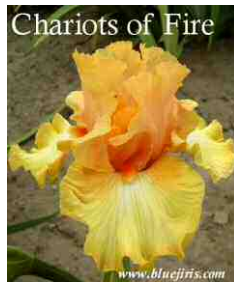
Annual Rhizome Sale

Sponsored by

The Iris Society of Austin

Saturday, September 12, 2015

9am to 3pm



Location: **Norris Conference Center – Austin**
At the corner of Anderson Lane and Burnet Road
on the southside of the Northcross Center at the Wal-Mart end

Plenty of complimentary parking



For directions go to <http://www.norriscenters.com/en/cms/?568> or call (512) 451-5011