



IRIS AUSTIN

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ISA Website: http://www.kenfuchs42.net/isa_index.html

Next Meeting:

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Tuesday, January 11, 2022 6:30 P.M.
Zilker Botanical Garden Auditorium
2220 Barton Springs Road
Austin, TX 78746

2022 Iris Show scheduled for **Sunday, April 3**. Begin making plans to celebrate your irises in the Show!

NOTE:

The ISA held its first meeting since March 2020 on Tuesday, December 14. Dara Smith, ISA Secretary, sent me the minutes for our meeting, but due to an oversight on my part, I did not find them before I sent out the January 2022 issue of our newsletter.



ISA President Ellen Singleton conducts the first meeting of 2022.

MINUTES OF THE IRIS SOCIETY OF AUSTIN MEETING DECEMBER 14, 2021

The meeting was called to order and presided over by Ellen Singleton.

In attendance: Ellen Singleton, Nelda Moore, Audrey Baker, Dara E Smith, David Kramer, Jim Landers, Ken Fuchs, Tracey Rogers.

This is the first in person meeting of the ISA in 21 months. All in person meetings at Zilker were put on hiatus during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Minutes from the March 10th, 2020 meeting were not presented to be approved. The Treasurer's Report was presented but no motions were entertained for approval. The current account balance is \$16,620.43. Recent transactions reflect the proceeds from the 2021 Sale.

AAGC – Today there was a presentation of the memorial plaque for Don Freeman. There were many personal stories shared of Don's steadfast support of Zilker Gardens and the many clubs that he assisted with his membership and generosity. He has left a legacy that we are proud to honor.

AAGC Dues: There will be an increase in the dues from \$10 to \$12 for each club member that is owed to AAGC. For this purpose, ISA will propose an increase in its dues for ISA membership.

ISA Business:

There was not a quorum of members present at the meeting to entertain any motions from the floor. The following topics were discussed and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

- Membership list: Jaime Hadley will provide the list to Ellen. Membership dues are due and Tracey was collecting them at the meeting. Dara will provide a list of members that have paid to Jaime.
- Membership Dues: We need to raise our dues in response to the increase in the dues owed to AAGC.

- Programs: no program was prepared due to the short notice of tonight's meeting.
- Hybrid meetings: It was requested that we try to have in person and virtual attendance at future meetings.
- Reblooming irises: report your rebloomers to Gailmae Suite (metex65@yahoo.com)
- 2022 ISA Show: we will propose show dates for approval from Zilker. April 9 and April 2. We will use the original plans for our show from 2020 that had been canceled. Jim Landers will arrange judges. Look for communications when the date has been confirmed. The deadline to submit the Show Program is 60 days prior to the show.
- Next month we will select a Nominating Committee. The office of Treasurer must be served with a different member or the by-laws must be amended as Tracey has held the position for 5 consecutive years.
- Iris Beds – the iris beds in the front of the garden will be given up and select iris plantings will be moved to the new daylily beds to be located in the Rose Garden. The discussion focused on plantings only of tall bearded iris. Zilker will provide fresh soil and this is seen as a much better location to showcase the iris and have easier accessibility to other volunteers that maintain the plantings. Any iris that remain in the front beds (tall bearded, Louisiana, spuria) will be given to the club. We can also consider placing a sign in the new beds with the sentiment similar to "donated by the Iris Society of Austin".
- There is a plan to resume our January Judges Training. Details pending confirmation from Nelda that we can have the room available at the church. Some ideas for the topics were Judy Schneider's Region 17 Zoom meeting, Louisianas.
- Contribution for Don Freeman – there will be a bench placed in the garden in the memory of Don Freeman. There are a couple of opportunities for the ISA to contribute to the cost of the bench and / or contributing to a Memorial Fund for future honorees. We did not discuss any specific amounts. The proposed total for the bench has been estimated at \$3,900.
- While this was not a typical meeting that our members are used to. There was no pre-meeting covered dish foods to be shared. Everyone is expected to keep a face mask on while inside and practice social distancing. We still enjoyed getting

together and continuing the friendships and shared interests with each other. It was good to be back in the garden.

Important Dates:

- January Meeting: Tuesday January 11, 2022
- ISA Judge's Training: (Date: Saturday January 15 and Location TBD)
- ISA Show April 2022 (Date TBD, Location: Zilker)
- American Iris Society Convention April 11-16, 2022 Las Cruces, New Mexico

The meeting was adjourned.

Dara E. Smith, Secretary