



IRIS AUSTIN

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NEXT MEETING:

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024

6:30 – 8:30 pm

Zilker Botanical Garden – Auditorium
2220 Barton Springs Road
Austin, TX 78746

Dues are \$18

PROGRAM:

Dara Smith will present a slide show of the National 2024 AIS Convention Part 2 with photos of Japanese irises & Pacific Coast Native Irises.

AN IRIS REQUEST

Judith Craft of the Herb Society of Austin would like to have 'Immortality,' by Zurbrigg 1982. Members can contact Tracey if they wish to give her one and she will make sure Judith gets it.



'Immortality'

NEW IRIS BEDS IN THE ROSE GARDEN ARE FULLY PLANTED BY TRACEY ROGERS



Members Audrey Baker, Ellen Singleton and Tracey Rogers met Wednesday, October 16th and finished planting the new beds. Three plants had to be replaced from the February 2024 planting. 'Matrix' and a clump of 'Prissy Christy' didn't take. 'Notta Lemon' succumbed to rot, but we replaced with new rhizomes.

The majority of the plants from the earlier planting are thriving. We will need to keep an eye out for rot as a few plants were too close to the sprinkler heads, but we hope we've fixed that. I treated a clump or two for rot and in some cases replaced a plant with rhizomes from another clump to keep it going. 'Thornbird,' 'Ida Red,' 'Coral Point,' 'Austin City Blues' and another clump of 'Prissy Christy' are thriving along with several others. At least 3 plants bloomed in the spring. Please feel free to check on the beds when you are in Zilker. We are to have a regularly scheduled work day to clean the beds and monitor the plants.



We donated the majority of the leftover Cemetery Whites from the sale to Zilker for them to plant in a nearby bed where they are focused on white flowers as backdrops for wedding photos. The staff are to plant them. Anna Bradley, Zilker Botanical Garden Coordinator was most appreciative of the donation.



Ellen & Audrey

AAGC 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On October 25, 2024, the Austin Area Garden Center celebrated its 60th Anniversary. In 1964 the AAGC was dedicated as a gathering place for community garden clubs, and a place where gardeners or those who want to be gardeners could learn. Tracey Rogers represented the ISA at a table at the celebration. On display was the club scrapbook along with several giveaways of AIS postcards, bookmarks and unknown RB rhizomes left over from the sale.



Photo by Shirley Smith



CONGRATULATIONS TO BONNIE NICHOLS

Iris Society of Dallas is honored to have one of their members in the most prestigious position within the American Iris Society.

Dallas' own Bonnie Nichols is officially the new president of the American Iris Society. Bonnie is an Emeritus judge and has served at the local, regional, and national levels for many years. She took the top job at the AIS Board meeting November 2, 2024. This is a recognition of Bonnie's knowledge and her many years of contributions. Although this is a great honor the position of president has a huge responsibility. Bonnie will do great things and we wish her all the best in her new role.