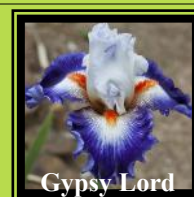




# Waco Iris Society News

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## Year End Luncheon

Each May we have our *end of club year* luncheon. Preston has made arrangements for us at the Vegas Chinese Buffet, 11:00 a.m., May 21,



2016. The location is 505 N. Valley Mills Dr. @ Waco Dr., Westview Village Shopping Center (next to Hancock Fabrics and Michael's). The meeting room is to the left and all the way to the back.

### President's Message By Glenn Huddleston

I want to begin with kudos for all members who pulled together to make our 2016 WIS Annual Iris Show and Sale a tremendous success. Members came forth with an impressive display of horticultural



Glenn Huddleston takes top honors at April Iris Show, winning Queen of Show with *Cosmic Elegance*.

entries and artistic designs (see pgs. 3-5).

Iris lovers came out in numbers to view the show and purchase irises. I overheard guests commenting that they had never seen irises in so many colors. Others exclaimed "Lovely", "Breathtaking", and "I wish I had room in my yard for irises."

I was impressed with the quality and variety selection of potted irises offered for sale. Most of the irises were purchased and those that weren't were sold the next day at the Gardener's Gathering in Woodway. This will give our Society a financial boost as we prepare to host the Region 17 meeting in Waco in August.

We are happy to announce our Society membership was increased by three during our April Iris Show. Please welcome Cynthia Posey and Gerri Freedman, both of Waco and Nancy Aycock of Hubbard.

I must recognize Ken Anderson, Show Chairman, for his tireless efforts to insure the show was a success.

We always look forward to our May meeting. Our new members are reminded this will be a meet and greet, social luncheon. The Society will pay for all members' meals. The luncheon will be held at the Vegas Chinese Buffet (see above for time and address).

At this luncheon, we enjoy fellowship as Society members, recognize award winners from our iris show and install officers for the 2016-2017 year. As of this writing, no one has volunteered to serve as President next year. There are no requirements to be President other than being an AIS member. As a bonus, you will have the satisfaction of knowing you prevented our Society from losing our AIS affiliation. I will help anyone who volunteers for the position. Call me at (254) 694-5446.

By now, AIS members should have received the blue ballot for the AIS 2016 Tall Bearded Symposium. The ballot is used to vote for your 25 most favorite irises. As a Society, let's do our part to support Region 17 in this important balloting. If you wish, you may bring your completed

ballot to the May meeting to be sent on to the Region 17 RVP—Dawn Boyer. If you want to mail it yourself, her address is 1900 Daws Drive, Amarillo, TX 79124. You may also send your 25 numbers to Dawn by e-mail:

[dawn.boyer@yahoo.com](mailto:dawn.boyer@yahoo.com).





## Show Results by Peggy Cathey

### Horticulture Division

<b>Glenn Huddleston</b>	Best of Show 1 <sup>st</sup> Runner-Up Best by TX Hybridizer Silver Medal Tall Bearded Section Sweepstakes Space Age Section Sweepstakes Best Tall Bearded Best Space Age Best Novelty Best Historic Best Banded Best Bi-tone Best Black Best Purple Best Pink Best Red Best Variegata Best Yellow	<i>Cosmic Elegance</i> <i>Go Berserka</i> <i>Go Berserka</i> Most Blue Ribbons (24) Most Blue Ribbons in Section Most Blue Ribbons in Section <i>Cosmic Elegance</i> <i>Go Berserka</i> <i>Don't Doubt Dalton</i> <i>William A. Setchell</i> <i>Bottle Rocket</i> <i>Cosmic Elegance</i> <i>Grand Classic</i> <i>William A. Setchell</i> <i>Head Over Heels</i> <i>Far Engine</i> <i>Ona Roll</i> <i>Go Berserka</i>
<b>Michael Lowe</b>	Bronze Medal Best Median Best Gray Best Green Best Orange	2 <sup>nd</sup> Most Blue Ribbons (12) <i>Spectacular</i> <i>Amakiki</i> <i>Going Green</i> <i>Early to Rise</i>
<b>Ken Anderson</b>	Best Blue Best Plicata	<i>Full Tide</i> <i>Let it Rain</i>
<b>Mitchell Whitley</b>	Best Blend Best Bi-Color	<i>House Arrest</i> <i>Poster Girl</i>
<b>Peggy &amp; Dan Cathey</b>	Best Louisiana	<i>Irish Bayou</i>
<b>Naomi &amp; Leroy Nabors</b>	Best Arilbred	<i>Hakuna Matata</i>
<b>Frances Peterson</b>	Best Amoena	<i>Have a Goodun</i>

### Artistic Division

<b>Peggy Cathey</b>	First Place, Class 1 <i>Precious Pets</i> Best of Show – <i>Precious Pets</i> First Place, Class 2 <i>Birds of a Feather</i> Artistic Design Sweepstakes	Most Blue Ribbons in Designs (2)
<b>Frances Peterson</b>	First Place, Class 3 (Novice) <i>Wild and Wonderful</i>	
<b>Bill Calhoon</b>	First Place, Class 4 <i>Creatures of the Sea</i>	

*Photos of all the winning irises and artistic designs on pages 3 & 4.*



## Award Winning Irises at 2016 Show by Peggy Cathey

*Cosmic Elegance*  
Best of Show  
Best Tall Bearded  
Best Bi-Tone  
By Glenn Huddleston



**Best of Show 2016**  
**Cosmic Elegance**  
**Glenn Huddleston**



*Go Berserka*  
1st Runner-Up  
Best Space Age  
Best Yellow  
Best by Texas Hybridizer  
By Glenn Huddleston

### Section Winners



Best Arilbred  
Hakuna Matata  
Naomi & Leroy Nabors



Best Historic  
Wm A Setchell  
Glenn Huddleston



Best Louisiana  
Irish Bayou  
Peggy & Dan Cathey



Best Median  
Spectacular  
Michael Lowe



Best Novelty  
Don't Doubt Dalton  
Glenn Huddleston



Best Tall Bearded  
Cosmic Elegance  
Glenn Huddleston



Best Space Age  
Go Berserka  
Glenn Huddleston

### Color Class Winners



Best Amoena  
Have a Goodun  
Frances Peterson



Best Banded  
Bottle Rocket  
Glenn Huddleston



Best Bi-Color  
Poster Girl  
Mitchell Whitley



Best Bi-Tone  
Cosmic Elegance  
Glenn Huddleston



Best Blend  
House Arrest  
Mitchell Whitley



Best Plicata  
Let It Rain  
Ken Anderson



Best Variegata  
Ona Roll  
Glenn Huddleston



Best Black  
Grand Classic  
Glenn Huddleston



Best Blue  
Full Tide  
Ken Anderson



Best Gray  
Amakiki  
Michael Lowe



Best Green  
Going Green  
Michael Lowe



Best Orange  
Early to Rise  
Michael Lowe



Best Pink  
Head Over Heels  
Glenn Huddleston



Best Purple  
William A Setchell  
Glenn Huddleston



Best Red  
Far Engine  
Glenn Huddleston



Best Yellow  
Go Berserka  
Glenn Huddleston



## Artistic Designs-Irises in a World of Animals by Peggy Cathey



Class 1-Precious Pets, **Best of Show**-  
1st place-Peggy Cathey



Class 1-Precious Pets  
2nd place—Dan Cathey



Class 1-Precious Pets  
3rd place-Naomi Nabors



Class 1-Precious Pets  
HM-Frances Peterson



Class 2-Birds of a Feather  
1st place-Peggy Cathey



Class 2-Birds of a Feather  
2nd place-Dan Cathey



Class 2-Birds of a Feather  
3rd Place-Bill Calhoun



Class 2-Birds of a Feather  
HM-Ken Anderson



Class 3—Wild & Wonderful (Novice)  
1st Place-Frances Peterson



Class 3—Wild & Wonderful (Novice)  
2nd Place-Sandra Peterson



Class 3-Wild & Wonderful (Novice)  
3rd Place-Oliver Earl (Youth 5 yrs old)

*Class 4 continued on pg. 5*



## Artistic Designs-Irises in a World of Animals by Peggy Cathey (cont.)



Class 4-Creatures of the Sea  
1st place-Bill Calhoun



Class 4-Creatures of the Sea  
2nd place—Jean Richardson



Class 4-Creatures of the Sea  
3rd place-Leroy Nabors



Class 4-Creatures of the Sea  
HM-Peggy Cathey

## Region 17 Convention Updates by Peggy Cathey

Plans are well underway for the Region 17 Convention. WIS is hosting at the Hampton Inn South on August 19-20. We are hoping to have a few committee meetings between our May meeting and the convention. We are checking with the hotel to see if we can possibly meet in their breakfast area so committee members may see the facilities and have a better idea of what we will need. If you wish to be a part of

this committee, please let Peggy know. We need members to make arrangements for catering the Saturday meal, games, entertainment or other activities for the Friday program, someone (s) to organize the Boutique and others to gather items for the "goodie bags". The theme for this year's Convention will be: ***Irises, Bridging the Brazos***, so please be thinking about this as we will need ideas for a logo, decora-

tions for the tables, and a color scheme for our meeting.



Waco sample logo

## End of Season Clean-up by Peggy Cathey

As the spring iris bloom season comes to a close we should be thinking about getting our irises ready for their summer dormancy. If you have bloomstalks still standing, you should carefully bend the stalk toward the ground until it "pops" off even with the rhizome.



If the stalk isn't willing to pop, then it should be cut off at the base, being careful not to damage the rhizome. If there are dead leaves around the base of the plants or weeds, remove them to prevent insects from seeking a place to hide out. There is no need to ever trim the leaves back, as most garden books suggest. The plants need

their leaves to make food to see them through the stressful summer heat. If you feel your irises would benefit from a light fertilization, do so now, before the end of June. Otherwise, let them go dormant until the early fall when the weather cools and the fall rains begin. The irises will break dormancy and start to put on new growth before the winter sets in. To get them through the winter, you will want to fertilize them between mid September and the end of October.

## Waco Iris Society

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Meetings held 3rd Saturday of  
January, March, May, September  
and November at 10 a.m.

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### MARK THESE DATES



May 21, 2016 11:00

WIS Year End Luncheon

Vegas Chinese Buffet  
505 N. Valley Mills, Waco



August 19-20, 2016

AIS Region 17 Convention  
Hampton Inn South, Waco, TX



Sept. 17, 2016, 10:00

WIS Meeting—Iris Giveaway, Exchange & Auc-  
tion, Crestview Church of Christ Community  
Center



Sept. 24, 2016, 9:00-2:00

WIS Iris Sale

GreenLife Nursery, 1312 N. New Road (@ Bosque



Nov. 19, 2016, 10:00

WIS Meeting—Program to be announced  
Crestview Church of Christ Community Center



## AIS Photo Contest Underway

*The following was noted in the May 9, 2016 issue of the American Iris Society E-Newsletter—News & Notes*

The 2016 running of the Photo Con-  
test is accepting entries. **Entries  
will be received from May 1st to  
July 31st (midnight).**

Now is a great time to be taking  
your photos for this and to remem-  
ber all the great irises you see this  
year. For most of us, now is when  
we have the best opportunities to  
see and enjoy irises. Whether it is  
the AIS Convention, all the iris  
shows, your garden, or other gar-

dens, take your camera or cell  
phone!

Contest details, including prizes for  
the winners, can be found  
here. That page also has a link to  
the entry form (PDF). Questions  
and entries can be emailed to Janet  
Smith at [gby456@gmail.com](mailto:gby456@gmail.com) or  
send your photo CD and form to the  
address on the form. *(If you would  
like to participate and don't have  
internet access, please contact Peg-  
gy-254-854-2558 for a copy of the  
form.)*



2008 Landscaper Winner  
by Peggy Cathey