



Waco Iris Society News

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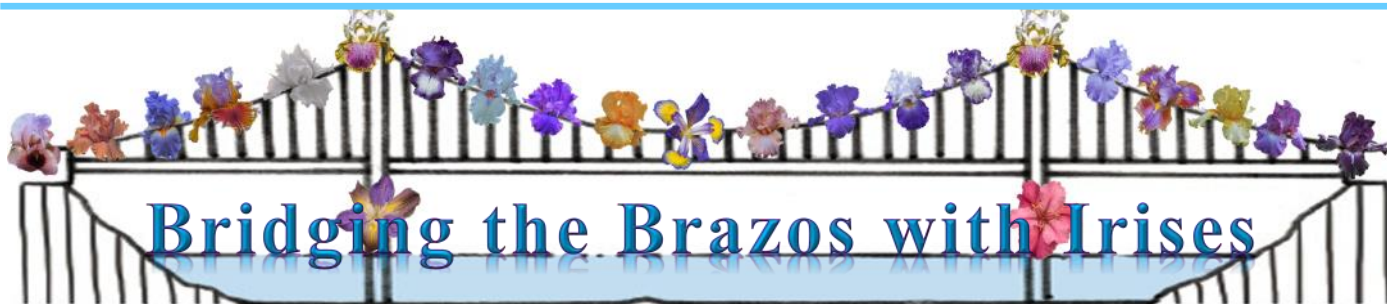
2015 Dykes

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Region 17 Convention by Peggy Cathey



We are coming down to the wire for the 2016 Region 17 Convention the Waco Iris Society will be hosting August 19-20 at the Hampton Inn & Suites South, 2501 Marketplace Dr. in Waco. If you have not registered yet, but plan to attend, please do so now. We need a final count for the two meals. If you are just coming for the meetings or to help, let Ken Fuchs know so he can make you a name tag.

We are going to need lots of help with the Boutique, filling the goodie bags, registration, and helping with set up and clean-up afterwards. We are asking for your donations of iris & garden items for the Boutique as well as plenty of irises to enable us to put one in each goodie bag and to have others to sell. Please be sure to e-mail or call Peggy with your list of irises you will be bringing so we will have photos available for all the sale plants. We are also looking for iris donations of any irises that have won the Dykes Medal. We will be playing Dykes Medal Bingo after the Friday night meal so we need several Dykes Medal winners to use as prizes. A list of Dykes Medal Irises is on page 2.

As of August 5, we have 65 people registered and there are a few more still to come. The average attendance is usually around 50, so we are doing very well and I want to thank everyone who has been working to pull this all together.

We are asking everyone who possibly can to be at the hotel on Friday, August 19th at 1:00 to help fill the goodie bags and get the rooms set up. The Iris Society of Dallas is bringing all the food and drinks for the Hospitality Room and may need some help with that, also. The Iris Society of Dallas is also bringing irises to use as table favors for the Saturday Evening meal and Dell Perry is bringing iris table favors for the Saturday meal. All registered attendees will be receiving 3 irises just for coming plus what ever they win playing the Dykes Bingo. We also have pens and notepads with the Region Logo and a few other gifts for the goodie bags. Remember, our club members are getting a discounted rate to attend as a special thank you for helping. You only need to pay for your meals and the Judges Training. Perry Dyer has a great slide presentation for the Sat-

urday night program on *Median Classics*. I helped him put this together in a digital format so we could see it on both screens in the banquet room and I think you are really going to enjoy it and learn a lot about Median Irises—the “little guys”.

President's Message By Dan Cathey

As your incoming President it occurred to me that an introduction may be in order. Many, if not most, of you know me but for those who may not.....



My name is Dan D. Cathey but I will answer to Dan, Danny, Don or "hey you". I will likely not respond to Mr. Cathey since that was my Dad and he has been gone for quite a few years now. My wife Peggy and I joined the Waco Iris Society in 2006. I served as your Show Chair in 2011 and again in 2012. I am 71 years of age, thank you for asking, and Peggy is not nearly so ancient (sort of a child bride so to speak) and, no, I really didn't learn very much in all those years but I am still trying. I am also a (cont. page 3)



Dykes Medal Winners

1927-San Francisco	1952-Argus Pheasant	1974-Shipshape	1996-Before the Storm
1929-Dauntless	1953-Truly Yours	1975-Pink Taffeta	1997-Thornbird
1932-Rameses	1954-Mary Randall	1976-Kilt Lilt	1998-Conjuration
1933-Coralie	1955-Sable Night	1977-Dream Lover	1999-Hello Darkness
1935-Sierra Blue	1956-First Violet	1978-Bride's Halo	2000-Stairway to Heaven
1936-Mary Geddes	1957-Violet Harmony	1979-Mary Frances	2001-Yaquina Blue
1937-Missouri	1958-Blue Sapphire	1980-Mystique	2002-Mesmerizer
1938-Copper Luster	1959-Swan Ballet	1981-Brown Lasso	2003-Celebration Song
1939-Rosy Wings	1961-Eleanor's Pride	1982-Vanity	2004-Crowned Heads
1940-Wabash	1962-Whole Cloth	1983-Ruffled Ballet	2005-Splashacata
1941-The Red Douglas	1963-Amethyst Flame	1984-Victoria Falls	2006-Sea Power
1942-Great Lakes	1964-Allegiance	1985-Beverly Sills	2007-Queen's Circle
1943-Prairie Sunset	1965-Pacific Panorama	1986-Song of Norway	2008-Starwoman
1944-Spun Gold	1966-Rippling Waters	1988-Titan's Glory	2009-Golden Panther
1945-Elmohr	1967-Winter Olympics	1990-Jesse's Song	2010-Paul Black
1947-Chivalry	1968-Stepping Out	1991-Everything Plus	2011-Drama Queen
1948-Ola Kala	1970-Skywatch	1992-Dusky Challenger	2012-Florentine Silk
1949-Helen McGregor	1971-Debby Rairdon	1993-Edith Wolford	2013-That's All Folks
1950-Blue Rhythm	1972-Babbling Brook	1994-Silverado	2014-Dividing Line
1951-Cherie	1973-New Moon	1995-Honky Tonk Blues	2015-Gypsy Lord

Region 17 Convention Program Schedule

Friday, August 19

3:00-6:30	Registration-Hotel Dining Room (across from lobby) Hospitality Room open (Longhorn) Boutique open (Bluebonnet)
6:30-7:00	Meet & Greet in Hotel Dining Room (no open bar-BYOB)
7:00-10:00	Barbeque Buffet (Bluebonnet) Dykes Medal BINGO
10:30-12:00	Board Meeting in Hospitality Rm. (Longhorn)

Saturday, August 20

6:00-10:00	Free Breakfast in Hotel Dining Room
8:00-8:30	Judges Training registration (Bluebonnet) Boutique open
8:30-12:00	Judges Training-Medians-Perry Dyer (Bluebonnet)
12:00-1:30	Lunch on your own (or light lunch in Longhorn Hospitality room)
1:30-3:30	Region 17 Business Meeting (Bluebonnet)
3:45-6:00	Region 17 Iris Rhizome Auction (Bluebonnet)
6:30-7:00	Social time in Hotel Dining Room (BYOB) Raffle and Silent Auction winners posted
7:00-8:30	Banquet Buffet (Bluebonnet)
8:30-9:30	Guest Speaker-Perry Dyer <i>Median Classics</i>

Sunday, August 21

6:00-10:00	Free breakfast in Hotel Dining Room
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WIS WEBSITE

Ken Fuchs has done an outstanding job with our club website. A few new features have been added. If you haven't been to the website lately, you should check it out.

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President's Message (cont)

member of the Johnson County Iris and Daylily Society, a previous member of the Lone Star Iris Society and an American Iris Society member.

I appreciate your confidence in naming me as your President. I will ALWAYS appreciate any input or comments you may have, especially ideas for meeting topics, things we could do to advance the Club, things about the Club that just aggravate the fool out of you or ways

to attract new members to our group. To my fellow officers, I will be happy to try and assist you in any way I can in your duties so please don't be shy about asking. My email address is:

dannydayle@yahoo.com. If you can, email is really the best way to contact me and I usually check it several times a day and will respond as soon as I can. My telephone number is 254-854-2558 and I do not have a cell but you can reach me on Peggy's at 817-666-9002.

I worked with a younger man we will call Freddy a few years ago and he told me one day "Real men don't belong to flower clubs" and my response to him was "Freddy, real men do anything they want".



Club Program Ideas Needed by Peggy Cathey

As we prepare to start another year of the Waco Iris Society, we are looking for lots of program ideas for our upcoming meetings. We want to know what you are interested in and what you want to learn more about. We don't need a lot. We only have 5 meetings per year plus our April Iris Show and our Fall Iris Rhizome Sale.

Our September meeting which is the first meeting of the new club year, is always our Iris Giveaway, Exchange and Auction. All qualifying club members who attend the meeting will receive a free iris purchased by the club. These will be irises introduced during the past 2 years.

After the "giveaway", all other irises will be sold at auction. Everyone, members and visitors, may bid on the auction irises. As is our usual custom, we will be receiving plants from Mid-America Iris Gardens and from Superstition Iris Garden. We have always received huge rhizomes from these growers and they have always been very generous, sending 3-4 times the amount of irises for the money we sent. So, September 17th is cov-

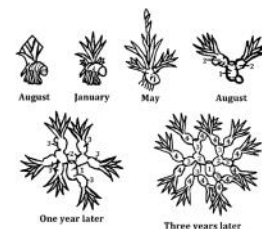


ered. Our annual Iris Sale will be held at GreenLife Nursery the following week, September 24th. The May meeting (May 20, 2017) will be our year-end luncheon and details of where will be announced next spring. I have been asked to present a program for the Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. District V Fall Meeting November 8th in Georgetown. You are all welcome to attend and if you are interested, I will get the registration information to you. They asked if I could talk about gardening with irises in the Fall. Well, since fall is the best time to dig and divide, I thought that would be an easy topic. Trouble is, most of those things should be done earlier in the fall than November. Well, I decided it is still good information and they would be armed with what they need to know for the next year. I have also included quite a bit of information about Reblooming Irises and lots of pho-



tos of those. I thought this would be a good program for our November 19th meeting. We will cover how to prepare a new garden area,

how to dig and divide your irises, how to plant, and when and how to



fertilize. A lot of this was covered in the Iris 101 program I presented in the spring, but this new one has a

few more photos and goes into a little more detail. It will be a good program for our new members and anyone else interested in growing fantastic irises, especially those who like to Rebloom in the fall.

Now, we still need something for January and March, so start thinking about what you want to learn more about. Maybe you would like to present one of the programs yourself or know someone who you think we would all enjoy hearing. We need your input! This is your club and we want you to enjoy it and it's always good to learn something new or be reminded of something you might have forgotten.

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And the Texas Garden Clubs, Inc.

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

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MARK THESE DATES



August 19-20, 2016

AIS Region 17 Convention
Hampton Inn South, Waco, TX



Sept. 17, 2016, 10:00

WIS Meeting—Iris Giveaway,
Exchange & Auction, Crestview Church of Christ
Community Center



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

WIS Iris Sale

GreenLife Nursery, 1312 N. New Road (@ Bosque
Nov. 8, 2016



Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. Fall Meeting
Georgetown, TX



Nov. 19, 2016, 10:00

WIS Meeting—Fall Gardening with Irises
Crestview Church of Christ Community Center



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Iris Fun Facts

Did you know?

The Iris is the state flower of Tennessee.

The Iris is the official flower of the month of February.

Depending on the color of the flowers, Iris can signify wisdom (purple iris), purity (white iris), faith (blue iris) or passion (yellow iris).

Iris rhizome, also known as "orris root", has been used since ancient times in the industry of perfumes and deodorants as well as many medicinal uses.

Ancient Egyptian kings marveled in the iris's exotic nature and drawings have been found of the flower in a number of Egyptian palaces. There

is believed to be an iris on the brow of the Sphinx and on the scepter of their kings, the three petals of its blossoms typifying faith, wisdom and valor.

During the Middle Ages, the meaning of irises became linked to the French monarchy, and the Fleur-de-lis eventually became the recognized national symbol of France.

The Fleur-de-lis is the emblem for the city of New Orleans and the Saints football team. It was once a part of the Louisiana state flag.

The Fleur-de-lis was the symbol of King Louis XVI of France, the namesake for Louisville, KY and is part of that city's seal.

The Iris's history is rich, dating back to Ancient Greek times when the Greek Goddess Iris, the messenger of the gods and the personification of the rainbow, acted as the link between heaven and earth. Purple irises were planted over the graves of women to summon the Goddess to guide the dead in their journey.

The fleur-de-lis is the main element in the logo of most Scouting organizations.

The three petals or leaves represent the Scout Promise: Duty to God and Country, Duty to Self, and Duty to Others.

