



Waco Iris Society News

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2018 Dykes Medal Winner

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A Look Back at the NOLA Convention

The next meeting of the Waco Iris Society will be Saturday, November 17th at the Crestview Church of Christ Community Center, 7129 Delhi, beginning at 10:00. We have a special treat planned for this month's program. Ken Fuchs will dazzle us with his slides taken during the AIS National Convention held this past April in New Orleans, LA. Here is what Ken has to say:

"Fleur-de-Gras," the 2018 A.I.S. - S.L.I. National Convention was held in New Orleans, April 8-14. Convention headquarters were at the Hilton New Orleans Airport Hotel in Kenner. Buses took conventioners to seven different gardens, where myriads of irises were in bloom. As could be expected, there were only Louisiana irises in the gardens. On Wednesday we stayed in New Orleans and visited three gardens. The Society for Louisiana Irises' Species Project is located on a slip of land called "The Island," where historic Louisiana iris are maintained in



bucket containers. Thursday's tour took us across the 25-mile-long bridge over Lake Pontchartrain to Madisonville, where the host had planted Louisiana irises all around a large pond in the middle of an up-



scale housing development. We then visited the Hammond Research Station. The grounds were very extensive and beautifully laid out. Garden Judging took place in the distant iris gardens. On Friday we drove up to Baton Rouge to the Burden Museum and Garden. Perhaps the most inter-



esting "garden" was The Mosaic Boardwalk at Black Swamp, located near the museum. It winds through the swamp, where true Louisiana irises were in bloom in their natural habitat, in the boggy waters alongside enormous tupelo trees and Southern magnolias. Our final destination was the Baton Rouge Botanical Garden, where several walkways led through a number of beds packed with brilliantly colored irises.



President's Message by Dan Cathey

I would like to thank everyone who participated in our annual rhizome sale in September both by donating plants for sale and/or by helping out during the day. Despite a threatening rain all day, we had a successful day, posting total sales of \$1,812.00. Top sales honors went

to Bill Calhoun, closely followed by Francis Peterson. Congratulations to both. The annual sale is our main fundraiser and makes things like our annual giveaway and May luncheon possible. I know many club members took advantage of the sale to add irises to their gardens as

well. GreenLife Nursery has been very generous in providing our sale location for many years and deserves a big club THANK YOU. When you shop there, please identify yourself as a Waco Iris Society member and offer your appreciation for their continuing help.



Meeting Minutes By Bill Calhoon, Secretary



**Waco Iris Society
- Meeting Minutes**
Saturday, September 15, 2018

Meeting held at
Crestview Church

of Christ Community Center

Club President Dan Cathey called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m. Twenty-one (21) members and five guests were present at the meeting. Dan welcomed members and guests, including new members Mary and Jerry Keeth. Two of the guests, Merle Chapman and Carol Clark, subsequently joined the club.

Secretary Bill Calhoon conducted Roll Call. The minutes of the May 2018 meeting were published in the WIS Newsletter. After receiving no additions or corrections from the floor, Dan declared the minutes approved as published.

Treasurer Mitchell Whitley then presented the Treasurer's Report. The account balance as of July 13 was \$8,024.14. A Treasurer's Report also had been published in the newsletter. After receiving no additions or corrections from the floor, the Treasurer's Report was approved.

Vice-President Ken Anderson gave a recap of the May luncheon meeting and reported he had sent the re-

maining 2018 Show Awards to those members not present at the luncheon.

Peggy Cathey reported that the Waco Iris Society has been recognized as a Region 17 Silver Medal Club, meaning that 75% of the WIS members are also members of the American Iris Society.

In Old Business, Dan reminded members that membership dues for the 2018-2019 club year were due. Assistant Treasurer Peggy Cathey collected dues from those members who had not previously paid.

In New Business, Dan reminded members of the upcoming Annual Rhizome Sale to be held on September 29th in front of GreenLife Nursey. Members are encouraged to bring folding tables to use for the sale. Dan explained that a new process is planned, where rhizomes will be organized in brown paper bags with photographs attached to the bags rather than the photo boards and trays. Dan encouraged members to notify Peggy ahead of the sale with the names of iris they will be bringing so photographs will be available. Names of the iris should be written on a center leaf. Suggested pricing for rhizomes is available in member yearbooks and in the newsletter. To be eligible for the

50/50 bonus return, rhizomes must be labeled with the price and initials/name of the club member. Packets of colored paper tags were made available and yearbooks were distributed.

Bill conducted the AIS drawing which was won by Mary Keeth.

Show Chair Ken Anderson reported that the theme for the 2019 show is to be "Irises in All Kinds of Weather." Ken distributed copies with descriptions of the categories for Artistic Designs which are to be: Winter Wonderland, Stormy Weather, When The Wind Blows (Novice), Frosty Autumn Mornings, and Sizzling Summer (Youth).

The annual Exchange was then conducted. Twelve members participated in the Exchange.

Following a break for refreshments, the annual Giveaway was conducted with twenty-two eligible members choosing a gift rhizome. The remaining rhizomes were auctioned, with Glenn Huddleston as auctioneer and Oliver as "runner."

The meeting was adjourned following the auction.

Submitted respectfully,

Bill Calhoon

Secretary, Waco Iris Society

Reblooming Iris Report by Gailmae Suite, *Reblooming Iris Society*, Southern Area Director



It's a wonderful time of year when our reblooming irises have started to rebloom. Just makes me so happy!!!

If you have an iris that puts up a bud stalk to rebloom, but the flower does not open or bloom, please report it to me anyways. The iris is doing

it's job to rebloom, but we all know we can't control the weather or conditions in our area.

Please send your list of rebloomers to me via e-mail:

metex65@yahoo.com, or call and leave a message: 817-477-4454.

The following have bloomed in the Cathey's garden this fall:



Billionaire
Byers, 1987



Next in Line
Sutton, 2001



Looking Ahead to Spring Show by Ken Anderson, Show Chair

Various times of the year have specific minor events which come and go without much notice. One such event is the arrival of calendars for the coming year. They arrive from various organizations which are hoping to generate a donation for the calendar you received. I hope you have received at least one of those calendars. If you have, take out a pen and circle April 13, 2019, the date of our spring iris show.



That might sound like a time in the far distant future but it will arrive much sooner than one might expect. Five months is a long time but it does pass quickly. In just a couple



of weeks Thanksgiving will arrive and fade into our memories with the coming of Christmas. I don't know about you, but once we make it past New Year's Day, I begin to anticipate spring and all that comes with that time of year. There is always something for the gardener

to do.

The theme of the 2019 Waco Iris Society Show: ***Iris In All Kinds of Weather.***

The categories for artistic design are:

(1) Winter Wonderland



(2) Stormy Weather



(3) When the Wind Blows (Novice)



(4) Frosty Autumn Mornings



(5) Sizzling Summer (Youth)



A handout was provided at the first meeting with more detailed information and it will be available again at the upcoming meeting. I encourage all members to consider an entry in the Artistic Division. If you are new to our club and have questions about the artistic designs, do not hesitate to ask questions.

As your show chair I encourage you to tend to your iris. Iris always benefit from a feeding of balanced fertilizer this time of year. Also, there are many details to address prior to the show and even more on the day of the show. Feel free to volunteer in any area of the show activities. More details regarding how you can be involved with making a spring show a success will be discussed at the next meeting.

I am sure everyone in our club has received ample rain for the fall. Thankfully the really hot weather has been gone for a while and the rain has been beneficial. I hope everyone will have some wonderful blooms to enter next spring.

*And for our work—
though showers
And autumn frosts
destroy—
Our greatest pay
is not measured
In fruit and flower
we've treasured,
But in the golden
hours
That brought us
health and joy!*

(Frederick
Frye Rockwell)





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

**Crestview Church of Christ Community
Center, 7129 Delhi, Waco**

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November 17, 2018

**NOLA AIS 2018 Convention Highlights
Crestview Church of Christ Community Center**



January 19, 2019

**Waco Iris Society Meeting-Program TBA
Crestview Church of Christ Community Center**



April 13, 2019

**Waco Iris Society Iris Show
La Quinta Inn & Suites, Woodway-Waco South**



April 23-27, 2019

**2019 AIS National Convention
San Ramon, CA.**



August 9-10

**2019 AIS Region 17 Meeting
Weatherford, TX**

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Word Search-Iris Names Beginning With FALL by Peggy Cathey

Beauty
Bluebird
Cream
Days
Décor
Dragon
Empire
Enterprise
Fairy
Fantasy
Fashion
Favor
Festival
Fiesta
Fire
Flamingo
Formal
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