



Waco Iris Society News

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2018 Dykes Medal Winner

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Please join the Waco Iris Society, May 18, at the Ocean Buffet, 505 N. Valley Mills Dr. in Waco, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for the annual year-end luncheon as we celebrate the end of the Waco Iris Society's 60th anniversary.

It hardly seems reasonable but our Iris bloom season is in the rear view mirror! Some had a better bloom than others, but I think from what I have been told and seen it was somewhat of a disappointment. We always look for reasons why a bloom was lacking and never able to pin it down exactly. Having the two coldest nights of the Winter, read low 20's, so late especially after being relatively mild overall and couple that with what has to be one of the wettest Fall and Winters I can remember the cards were just stacked against us. A few platitudes seem appropriate, "Oh Well," "Onward and Upward," and my personal favorite "It is what it is."

We had a very successful show regardless! Not a record number

of iris entries but a very respectful number and many gorgeous blooms. My congratulations to all the ribbon and class winners and my appreciation to all who entered and worked to make our show great. Also, we had a very good turn out from the public with many glowing comments and plant sales. A sincere tip of the hat to our hard-working show chair, Ken Anderson. Ken has chaired several shows for us and certainly deserves our appreciation. It takes lots of effort to coordinate everything to make such good shows.

We don't meet again until September, so a little housekeeping is in order. Everyone who is an AIS member should have received the blue ballot for the Tall Bearded Symposium. Please remember to vote for your favorite 25 Iris (you can vote for as few as one or as many as twenty-five) and mail your ballot to the Region 17 RPV, our own Peggy Cathey, at 1115 HCR 1414, Covington, TX 76636. This is our chance to name the best 25

Iris in the Region so again, please take time to vote. Also, put the Region 17 annual meeting on your calendar. It is in Weatherford this year and hosted by the Fort Worth Iris Society, so it is close enough to make it easy to attend. Finally, remember to do your after bloom fertilization the end of this month or the first part of June and to do a last through clean-up of your iris beds, removing all the spent bloom stalks, weeds, and unsightly dead or damaged leaves, you will be glad you did and your iris will be better off for it.

Peggy and I regret that we will be unable to attend our annual Spring luncheon due to a daylily judging obligation in Houston, but our thoughts will be with you. Ken Anderson has once again agreed to M.C. the event, and the Show awards will be presented. Enjoy the luncheon and my hearty congratulations to all the Show award winners!



Minutes of March Meeting by Bill Calhoon, Secretary

Saturday, March 16, 2019

Meeting held at the Crestview Church of Christ Community Center

Club President Dan Cathey called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. and welcomed members and recognized guests in attendance. Fifteen (15) members and two (2) guests were present at the meeting.

Secretary Bill Calhoon conducted Roll Call. The minutes of the January 2019 meeting were published in the WIS Newsletter. After receiving no additions or corrections from the floor, Dan declared the minutes accepted as published.

Treasurer Mitchell Whitley presented the Treasurer's Report. The account balance as of February 11, 2019, was \$10,184.47. Assistant Treasurer Peggy Cathey reported that Memorial Gifts had been made to AIS and Region 17 since the February balance.

Dan reminded members that Plant markers were available for purchase.

Show Chair Ken Anderson provided an update on the 2019 WIS Iris Show and Sale to be held Saturday, April 13, 2019. Ken distributed copies of the approved Show Schedule to members and also had flyers in various sizes, packets of entry cards and Entry Sheets available. The room at the hotel and judges have been scheduled. Openings are available in the Artistic Division categories. Glenn Huddleston suggested members write the date of intro-

duction on the back of the entry cards and members were reminded to write a "T" in the upper right corner of the entry tags for those by Texas hybridizers.

Bill conducted the AIS Membership Drawing which was won by Glenn Huddleston.

Dan then opened the floor to other old business. A question was raised about updates on club members Bob Alexander and Hazel Haik. No other old business was introduced.

In new business, Dan reported that two club members had passed since the last meetings: Daymon Graham on December 31, 2018, and Phil Nacke on March 4, 2019. Memorial gifts have been made to AIS and to Region 17 in their honor.

Dan reminded members that it was time to consider Officers for the 2019-2020 club year and that officers are inducted at the May meeting and luncheon. Dan then asked if current officers were willing to continue for the next club year. Dan Cathey has agreed to continue for one more year as President; Mitchell Whitley agreed to continue as Treasurer; Bill Calhoon agreed to continue as Secretary unless his circumstances change; Ken Anderson asked that another club member needs to step up and take over the Show Chair role. Peggy Cathey has a checklist of Show Chair activities if anyone wanted to understand more about what the role involves.

Dan then opened the floor to other new business. Preston Floyd reported that he is still try-

ing to find locations with meeting rooms available for the May Meeting and Luncheon. Other options offered for consideration if a restaurant is not available are to have it as a picnic at one of the pavilions at Cameron Park or to have the luncheon catered and then held at the Crestview Church of Christ Community Center.

Following a break for refreshments, Glenn Huddleston provided a program on Iris Show Preparation, with helpful tips and suggestions on getting your entries that "second look" by the show judges. Peggy then presented a short program on the winners from the 2018 Tall Bearded Iris Symposium, with the top winners for Region 17 highlighted. Members are strongly encouraged to complete and submit their votes for the 2019 Tall Bearded Iris Symposium which will be distributed with the next AIS Bulletin.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Submitted respectfully,
Bill Calhoon
Secretary, Waco iris Society





A Great Show By Ken Anderson, Show Chair

Another spring iris show is now history. The Waco Iris Society Show held on April 13 in Waco was one of the best shows we have had in a long time. As show chair I would have hoped that we would have had more entries in the Artistic Design part of the show but the amount of participation in the horticultural entries was exceptional. I just wanted to commend all the members who brought entries. We had 107 entries in the horticultural division. Also, it was noted that many of our experienced

members brought irises that ranged from first place to honorable mention. As I have been saying year after year, if it is a decent bloom, enter it in the show even if you don't think it is blue ribbon quality. The visitors attending our show like seeing all the color. The extensive number, varieties, and colors all contribute to having a successful show. Again I say, in spite of a strange year weather wise, this was one of the best shows we have had in a long time.

The show report has been submitted and the certificates are going to be printed this week. Hopefully the medals that are mailed out will be received within the next week. I have been told that they will be in the mail very soon. Remember, the May meeting, which is our luncheon at the Ocean Buffet in Waco, will include some business, but the primary part of the program is the distribution of certificates. I hope all members can be there and especially hope that all of you receiving awards will be in attendance. See you then!



L. Michael Lowe with Queen of Show winner I. *'Hollywood Lights'*

R. Michael Low—Silver Medal and Horticulture Sweepstakes winner for most blue ribbons (17)



Complete List of Horticulture Winners

Queen of Show—Michael Lowe with Iris *'Hollywood Lights'*

1st Runner-up—Ken Anderson with I. *'Sit In'*

Silver Medal—Most Blue Ribbons—Michael Lowe (17)

Bronze Medal—2nd most Blue Ribbons—Frances Peterson

SECTION WINNERS:

Tall Bearded—Michael Lowe—I. *'Hollywood Lights'*

Median—Glenn Huddleston—I. *'Crow's Feet'*

Space Ager—Michael Lowe—I. *'New Face'*

Novelty—Frances Peterson—I. *'Don't Doubt Dalton'*

Louisiana—Ken Anderson I.

'Sit in'

Historic—Michael Lowe—I. *'Muted Melody'*

Best by Texas Hybridizer—Glenn Huddleston—I. *'Cranfil's Gap'*

COLOR CLASS WINNERS:

Amoena—Mary Keeth—I. *'Muleshoe Money'*

Banded—Michael Lowe—I. *'Hollywood Lights'*

Bi-Color—Michael Lowe—I. *'Hollywood Lights'*

Bi-Tone—Mary Keeth—I. *'Drinks at Sunset'*

Black—Glenn Huddleston—I. *'Grapenut'*

Blend—Glenn Huddleston—I. *'Cranfil's Gap'*

Brown—Frances Peterson—I. *'Hardly Harley'*

Orange—Michael Lowe—I. *'New Face'*

Pink—Michael Lowe—I. *'Stroke of Luck'*

Plicata—Glenn Huddleston—I. *'Crow's Feet'*

Purple/Violet—Dan & Peggy Cathey—I. *'My Generation'*

Best Red—Ken Anderson—I. *'Sit In'*

Variegata—Michael Lowe—I. *'Red Rock Canyon'*

White—Frances Peterson—I. *'Don't Doubt Dalton'*

Yellow—Mary Keeth—I. *'Muleshoe Money'*



Artistic Designs—*Iris* in All Kinds of Weather



The number of entries in the Artistic Design division was down some—mainly due to the erratic Spring weather. We want to thank those who did participate.

Class 1: *Winter Wonderland* (1-r)

1st—Ken Anderson
2nd—Leroy Nabors
3rd—Peggy Cathey



Class 2: *Stormy Weather*

1st and Best of Show—Peggy Cathey
2nd—Leroy Nabors



Class 3: *Frosty Autumn Mornings*

1st—Dan Cathey
2nd—Frances Peterson
3rd—Ken Anderson



Class 5: *Sizzling Summer (Youth)*

1st—Oliver Earl



AIS Region 17 Annual Meeting to



ALOHA Y'all

Now is your chance to go to your favorite thrift stores to find the 'tackiest' or 'prettiest' Hawaiian shirt. We will be having a contest! You might need two shirts, one for Friday and one for Saturday! Besides wearing Hawaiian shirts, wear a big smile and come willing to have some fun.



The Regional Annual Meeting for 2019 will be held in Weatherford on Friday/Saturday August 9-10, 2019, hosted by The Fort Worth Iris Society.

Our host hotel will be The Best Western Plus 210 Alford Dr. Weatherford, TX **The room rate is \$95 +tax/night for a**

King or Double Queen Suite, and includes a hot breakfast. Price guaranteed until July 9, 2019. Contact the hotel DIRECTLY at 817-519-3300 - say you are with the "Fort Worth Iris Society" to get the special room rate. We have reserved a small room block, so **please book early** to ensure your room at the \$95 rate.

Regional registration is: \$60 for adults

\$45 for youth (under 19 as of August 9, 2019).

The optional Judges Training class is \$10.

There is a registration limit of 64 people.

Your registration **must be emailed or postmarked no later than July 31, 2019** to avoid a \$10 late charge.

All events will take place at the host hotel.

There will be food Friday night along with some fun events.

Saturday morning will be

Judges Training on Median irises. Our guest speaker and trainer is Kevin Vaughn, author and hybridizer from Salem, Oregon. A sandwich lunch will follow and then the Regional business meeting. Finally the ever popular IRIS AUCTION, followed by the banquet, and Vaughn's program on "Hybridizer On The Loose" will wrap up the evening.

There will be a Silent Auction. Donations welcome.

Check out the FWIS Facebook page – Fort Worth Iris Society - for more information, updates and the registration form.

Questions? Contact Happy Carver at gcarver@flash.net or 817-946-8473.

Registration form is attached to this newsletter. You may also go to the AIS Region 17 website <http://aisregion17.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Registration-form.pdf> to download it.

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March, May, September and November
at 10 a.m.

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May 18, 2019
Waco Iris Society Year End Luncheon, 11-12:30
Ocean Buffet, 505 N. Valley Mills, Waco



August 9-10
2019 AIS Region 17 Meeting
Weatherford, TX



August 31, 2019
Tall Bearded Symposium Ballot due



September 21, 2019
Crestview Church of Christ Community Center, 10a.m.
Iris Giveaway, Auction and Exchange



September 28, 2019
ANNUAL IRIS RHIZOME SALE 9 a.m.—2 p.m.
GreenLife Nursery, 1312 N. New Rd., Waco

Check out our website:

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Word Search: Iris Names that Begin with SUMMER by Peggy Cathey

Words may be Forward, Backward,

Break	Kiss	
Breeze	Lightning	
Butterfly	Love	
Camp	Magic	
Candy	Melody	Snowflake
Carnival	Nights	Solstice
Charm	Olympics	Splash
Cloud	Peach	Storm
Date	Place	Sunburst
Dawn	Radiance	Sunset
Dreams	Rain	Surf
Fantasy	Review	Tan
Glow	Romance	Tsunami
Holidays	Serenade	Waltz
Inspiration	Skies	Wine



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