



# Waco Iris Society News



Bottle Rocket

2019 Dykes Medal Winner

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## Annual Iris Giveaway and Auction



Please join us for the annual Iris Giveaway and Auction hosted by the Waco Iris Society. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m., September 21, at the Crestview Church of Christ Community Center, 7129 Delhi (Sanger changes to Delhi by Providence Hospital). According to

club bylaws, members who have attended at least 3 meetings and assisted with either the club sale or iris show, are eligible to receive a free iris from those purchased by the club for the auction. Names will be drawn from those qualified to determine order of choosing irises. All remaining irises will be auctioned

off to the highest bidder. Irises have been purchased from Mid America Iris Gardens and Superstition Iris Garden and are 2017-2019 introductions. A list of qualifying members is included in this newsletter. Everyone attending my participate in the auction.

### President's Message by Dan Cathey

Once again, welcome to our new 2019-2020 Club Year! As you know, the upcoming meeting is one of the highlights for our Club with the Annual Iris Giveaway and Auction. In the recent past, we have also included an "exchange" at this meeting, but as interest has waned and with the time constraints of the giveaway, etc., I am going to cancel the exchange, at least for this year. Our annual Iris Giveaway and Auction gives all of us a chance to add to our iris gardens with access to many of the latest and best iris available. You will certainly don't want to miss out. Mitchell Whitley has acquired lots of excellent iris from Mid-America Gardens and Superstition Gardens with many new 2019 introductions so there will be plenty to pick from and to bid on! If you qualify for the gift iris and cannot

attend please designate a member to pick up your gift plant for you and don't forget to send your membership dues. **Remember, our annual dues (\$10) are due at this meeting, and your dues must be current (paid) to participate in the giveaway.**

Our big Iris Rhizome Sale will be here before you know it. Please be thinking about iris you can dig for our upcoming sale on September 28<sup>th</sup>, which is only one week after this meeting. Be sure to give your list of sale plants to Peggy no later than Wednesday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>. She will be sure we have photos for all our irises we are offering for sale. Remember, this is the main fundraiser for our Club, and it is what helps make things such as this free iris giveaway and our Spring Iris Show possible. Your help in mak-

ing it a great success will be gratefully appreciated. If anyone has tables you can bring for the sale, please do so. I think we are going to need them. Instructions for preparing your rhizomes for the sale and what to do if you wish to participate in our member bonus program are in your yearbook. If you need a copy, please let Peggy know before the September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Save the Date

**Waco Iris Society**  
**Annual Iris Sale**  
 Sept. 28, 2019  
 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
**GreenLife Nursery**  
 1312 N. New Rd., Waco, TX  
 For more information call 817-666-9002



## Minutes of May 19, 2019 Meeting by Bill Calhoun, Secretary

*Annual Luncheon Meeting held at Ocean Buffet Restaurant, Valley Mills Drive*

Club Vice-President Ken Anderson called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m. and welcomed members and guests. Fourteen (14) members and one (1) guest were present at the meeting.

Secretary Bill Calhoun conducted the Roll Call. Minutes of the March 2019 meeting had been printed in the WIS newsletter. After receiving no additions or corrections from the floor, the minutes were accepted as published. The AIS Membership drawing was conducted with Ken Anderson as winner.

Treasurer Mitchell Whitley presented the Treasurer's Report. The balance of the Club account as of April 12, 2019, was \$9,978.60. Mitchell noted this amount did not reflect the deposits from the sale of potted iris at the April 2019 Show. After no additions or corrections from the floor, the Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Ken then opened the floor to any Old Business; none was introduced.

In New Business, Ken reported that Hazel Haik is disbursing her collected of green glass display vases. Dan Cathey has offered to pick them up if any members are interested. Members are asked to let Dan or Ken know if they would like

any of the vases.

Ken then reviewed the Slate of Officers as listed on the Agenda:  
 President – Dan Cathey  
 Vice-President – Ken Anderson  
 Secretary – Bill Calhoun  
 Treasurer – Mitchell Whitley  
 Parliamentarian – Glenn Huddleston  
 Newsletter Editor – Peggy Cathey  
 Webmaster – Ken Fuchs  
 Show Chair – Ken Anderson.

Ken asked for nominations from the floor. There was a request to add Peggy Cathey as Assistant Treasurer to the official slate. Frances Peterson moved to accept the slate of officers as printed with the addition of Peggy Cathey as Assistant Treasurer; Mary Keeth seconded; the motion carried.

Ken reminded WIS members to vote the AIS Symposium ballot. Members can vote for up to 25 iris on the ballot. Completed ballots should be forwarded to Peggy Cathey, either by regular mail or email.

Discussion was opened regarding orders for the September 2019 Giveaway and Auction. Mitchell recommends that the club once again order from Superstition Iris and Mid-America Iris at the same level as 2018 (\$300 each plus shipping). After discussion, Mary Keeth moved to place orders with

Superstition Iris for \$300 (plus shipping) and Mid-America Iris (\$300 plus shipping) for the 2019 Giveaway and Auction; Jim Landers seconded; the motion carried.

Ken then opened the floor to suggestions for a theme for the 2020 Iris Show. The theme of *Irises Around Texas* (similar to that used by Johnson County) was suggested. Ken Fuchs suggested that since 2020 is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the AIS a theme focused on *Celebration* could be used. Mitchell Whitley suggested a theme of *National Parks*. Ken thanked members for the suggestions and will consider them when making the decision on the 2020 show theme.

Following a break for the meal, Ken reminded members of the upcoming Region 17 meeting which is to be held in Weatherford, Texas, in August. Further information was included in the newsletter.

Ken then presented the Show Report, noting that there were 7 entrants and 107 horticultural entries, with 104 varieties presented. Ken distributed the Show Certificates and Awards. Photos were taken for the newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Submitted respectfully,  
 Bill Calhoun



Michael Lowe receives Best of Show Award



Frances Peterson won Bronze Medal for 2nd most Blue Ribbons



Glenn Huddleston, Mary Keeth, Michael Lowe, Frances Peterson and Show Chair Ken Anderson

## Challenging Times by Ken Anderson

This is the time of year we all get busy checking on our iris clumps to see what has survived the summer heat and see what can be divided for rhizome sale or for potting. I suppose we all have lost some iris during the summer but I guess we have all come to expect that. I hope you are able to anticipate another great year of club activities, including the spring show.

Normally I would be providing a theme for the show and would have found some judges, too. However, as the title of my article states, I have run into some challenging times. I won't go into all the details. There is not enough space in the newsletter for that. However, last

spring I began to have some serious issues with my heart. Over the past several months I have been in and out of doctor's offices, had tests run, been in the hospital twice for different procedures, and even had two trips to emergency rooms. The problem has been diagnosed and treated but requires a time of healing and recovery along with using a drug for the next few months that can produce some nasty side effects. That being said, I have been giving very little attention to my yard and have not even stopped to think about the show for next year.

I have been show chair for at least the past seven years and had agreed to serve for one more year. How-

ever, at this time I am going to have to relinquish that responsibility. I am disappointed that I have to resign from this position but right now there are too many uncertainties regarding my health. I am planning to bring all of the materials to our first meeting if possible. There will be a notebook for planning included with the materials. If someone else in the club decides to take this responsibility I will be glad to help assist you as I can throughout the next few months, but I do not want to be the person responsible for the event.

I wish my best to all the club members as you continue with your support and interest in our club.

## Giveaway and Auction Iris

Below is a complete list of the irises that will be available for your selection. A photo slideshow will be available at the meeting along with a description of each. Here is a chance to pick your favorites ahead of time.

Aliens of the Galaxy	Black	2019	Frigorrific	Burseen	2017	Optic Overload	Tasco	2017
Aunt Pitty Pat	Black	2019	Full Moon Wish	Burseen	2018	Orange You Glad	Painter	2017
Berrylicious	Black	2019	Full Tilt Boogie	Schreiner	2017	Paisley Print	Black	2019
Better Man	Lauer	2018	Funday Monday	Schreiner	2017	Petticoat Junction	Stout	2017
Black Cherry Blast	Aitken	2018	Game Changer	Keppel	2018	Pounce	Johnson	2018
Boundless Beauty	Tasco	2019	Garden Debutante	Tasco	2019	Power of Dreams	Blyth	2019
Bug Zoo	Black	2019	Gem Trader	Blyth	2019	Priceless Memories	Tasco	2017
Bullet Points	Ghio	2018	Hardly Harley	Burseen	2017	Reality Check	Tasco	2019
Caramel Chocolate Sundae	Black	2019	Hot Sister	Miller	2019	Respect	Johnson	2019
Champagne Dream	Johnson	2019	Ice Cream Simdae	Tasco	2018	Royalty Remembered	Keppel	2017
Ciao Bella	Johnson	2019	Imperial Guard	Keppel	2017	Secret Delight	Tasco	2018
Dark Storm	Tasco	2017	Lavender Sprinkles	Black	2019	Shadow Bands	Johnson	2019
Desert Trails	Keppel	2017	Leave Me Breathless	Johnson	2019	Sheeza Breeze	Burseen	2017
Disco Lights	Johnson	2018	Lotsa Heat	Burseen	2017	Smoky Dusk	Keppel	2017
Dream About You	Johnson	2019	Margin Call	Keppel	2017	So Far So Good	Lauer	2018
Egyptian Sands	Black	2019	Marry the Night	Johnson	2017	So Noted	Johnson	2019
Electric	Sutton	2017	Me and My Shadow	Black	2019	Spicy Serving	Burseen	2016
Elite	Johnson	2018	Merry Mulberry	Black	2019	Spring Elegance	Tasco	2018
Empire Strikes Back	Moores	2017	Need You Now	Johnson	2018	Sugar High	Keppel	2018
Executive Order	Johnson	2019	Next To Me	Cordes	2017	Sunny Seas	Miller	2019
Feel the Moment	Blyth	2019	Nickel's Worth	Black	2019	Tell Your Children	Lauer	2018
First Prize	Tasco	2017	Noble Lord	Tasco	2019	Thimble	Johnson	2019
Fishnet Stockings	Black	2019	North Rim	Tasco	2018	True Patriot	Mego	2017
						You're The One	Johnson	2019



## Artistic Designs—*Iris*es in All Kinds of Weather

Members whose names are highlighted in yellow below, qualify for the Free Iris gift plant from those purchased by the club for our annual Iris Giveaway and Auction.



It is time for all members to renew their membership. Dues are \$10 per person. 2019-2020 Yearbooks will be distributed at the sale on September 28th. .

<i>Name</i>	<i>Sep</i>	<i>Sale</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>Show</i>	<i>May</i>
Alexander, Bob	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Anderson, Ken	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Barnard, Linda	---	---	---	X	---	X	---
Calhoon, Bill	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cathey, Dan	X	X	X	X	X	X	---
Cathey, Peggy	X	X	X	---	X	X	---
Chapman, Merle	<i>(joined)</i>	-?-	---	X	---	---	---
Clark, Carol	<i>(joined)</i>	X	X	---	---	---	---
Clarkson, Sherie	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Floyd, Preston	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fuchs, Ken	X	---	X	---	X	---	X
Gill, Becky	---	-?-	---	---	---	---	---
Haik, Becky	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Haik, Hazel	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Hivnor, June	X	X	X	---	---	---	---
Huddleston, Glenn	X	X	X	---	X	X	X
Jones, Joyce	X	---	---	X	---	X	X
Keeth, Jerry	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Keeth, Mary	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Landers, Jim	X	---	X	---	X	---	X
Lemley, Sylvia	---	-?-	---	---	---	---	---
Lowe, Michael	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Moses, Karen	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Nabors, Leroy	---	---	---	---	---	X	---
Nabors, Naomi	---	---	---	---	---	X	---
Nichols, Bonnie	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Nichols, Hooker	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Peterson, Don	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Peterson, Frances	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Richardson, Jean	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Roper, Linda	X	X	---	---	X	---	X
Tomlinson, Jean	---	X	X	---	---	---	---
Waight, Donnett	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Wheeler, B. J.	X	---	---	---	---	---	---
Wheeler, Frank	X	---	---	---	---	---	---
Whitley, Mitchell	X	X	X	X	X	X	X



# AIS Region 17 Annual Meeting Held in Weatherford, TX



Ten Waco Iris Society members, Mary & Jerry Keeth, Ken Fuchs & Jim Landers, Naomi & Leroy Nabors, Bonnie & Hooker Nichols, and Peggy & Dan Cathey attended the 2019 AIS Region 17 Meeting in Weatherford on August 8-9. The Luau, Texas Style event was hosted by the Fort Worth Iris Society. We all had a great time. Jim won the "tackiest Hawaiian Shirt contest.

voting period was Hooker Nichols for his Louisiana Iris I. 'Watermelon Wizard'.



Hooker Nichols, 2018 Region 17 Hybridizer Award winner.

Region 17 has 15 affiliate clubs. Of those 15, 8 clubs sent in clubs received awards for having 50% or better club members

who are also American Iris Society members. Club president, Dan Cathey was presented with a Silver Medal Award Club certificate on behalf of the Waco Iris Society who has 81% AIS members—second highest number in the Region!

Other awards presented at the Regional Meeting was the Outstanding Region 17 Youth Award which was presented to Joel Vanderveer, 18 year old member of the Fort Worth Iris Society.

The top most honor that can be given to any Region 17 members is the Distinguished Service Award. This year the award was presented to one of the hardest working ladies in the Region.

As the current Region 17 Vice President, I was very proud

to present this award to Dell Perry for all the service she has given the Region through the years.



Peggy Cathey & Bonnie Nichols

As outgoing RVP, the Iris Society of Dallas presented me with a silver "Past RVP" pin.

Kevin Vaughn, PhD. from Oregon, was the Judges



Kevin Vaughn

Training instructor, where judges received 3 hours of classroom credit on Median Irises. It was an extremely informational class.

The meeting wasn't just about awards and eating, there was also a lot of fun. Friday night, we all received hula instructions from the wife of Nick Steward, RVP-Region 22, who is Hawaiian. We learned how the hands tell the story of the song. Saturday, participants demonstrated their new found "skill".



Dara Smith of the Iris Society of Austin played the music on her ukelele. It was fun to

watch.

Next year's Region 17 Meeting will be held in Dallas. I hope more of our members will attend.



Jerry & Mary Keeth Ken Fuchs & Jim Landers



Naomi & Leroy Nabors Bonnie & Hooker Nichols



Peggy & Dan Cathey Al Elliott & Jim Landers

All Region 17 judges earned a ticket for each of the 2017-2018 shows they judged, judges trainings attended or taught, attending the Region 17 Meeting, attending the AIS National Convention etc. A ticket was drawn and Jim Landers was the lucky winner of a beautiful iris quilt made by Al & Barbara Elliott.

Region 17 presents a Hybridizer Award to the Region hybridizer who receives the most Award of Merit votes. The winner from the 2018



Region 17 Youth Advocate, Vicki Howard presents Youth award to Joel Vanderveer



Peggy Cathey & Dell Perry



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March, May,  
September and November at 10 a.m.  
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Community Center, 7129 Delhi, Waco

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

*September 28, 2019*  
*ANNUAL IRIS RHIZOME SALE 9—2*  
*GreenLife Nursery, 1312 N. New Rd.*

*November 16, 2019*  
*Crestview Church of Christ Community*  
*Center, 10a.m.*

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join at a meeting, download  
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### Word Search: Iris Names that Begin with September by Peggy Cathey

Words may be Forward, Backward,  
Diagonal, Up or Down

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|-----------|----------|
| Bouquet   | Moon     |
| Buttercup | Morn     |
| Butterfly | Pastel   |
| Charm     | Replay   |
| Chereau   | Sailor   |
| Contrast  | Seas     |
| Cream     | Serenade |
| Dawn      | Skies    |
| Frost     | Song     |
| Gleam     | Sparkler |
| Gold      | Sunshine |

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I	S	Q	L	K	P	R	T	B	F	G	S	O	L	T
V	K	Z	M	G	L	R	F	R	O	D	S	Z	E	G
M	I	R	D	R	A	E	E	G	L	T	S	U	T	S
P	E	I	Z	S	A	T	R	O	C	U	Q	Y	S	A
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