



Waco Iris Society News



Bottle Rocket

2019 Dykes Medal Winner

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President's Message by Dan Cathey

Welcome to 2020! I want to wish everyone a sincere (although belated) Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and to hope for your best iris season ever.

We have not had to address the need for new Club officers in quite a while but changing circumstances dictate an almost complete change in our leadership. These elections are extremely important since they will help to set the Society's direction and success in the upcoming year(s). Club by-laws specify that elections are to proceed as follows: January - nominations for all officers presented at the meeting, March - vote on the proposed slate of officers be elected by a majority vote of the membership present, and May - installation of officers with the new officers taking over their positions at the September meeting.

In November, we had some lengthy discussions on the need for members to step up and volunteer for various positions and the result of these conversations yielded these unofficial offerings: President - Mitchell Whitley to replace Dan Cathey, V.P. (Programs) - (no volunteers) to replace Ken Anderson, Secretary - Preston Floyd (to replace Bill Calhoon, Treasurer - Mitchell Whitley & Peggy Cathey as co-chairs (no change), and Parliamentarian - Dan Cathey (as immediate Past President, a non-voting Board Member). The nomination committee consists of Mitchell Whitley and Michael Lowe who are to present the official nominations at this meeting and call for nominations from the floor. The position of Show Chair is an appointed position and will be filled by Ken Anderson and Linda Roper as co-chairs for this year's Spring Show. Next year's

Show Chair will be selected after the 2020 Show (let me stress now that without a Show Chair we cannot have a Show).

The Club By-Laws offer the following duties for officeholders. **President** - C.E.O., and chairman of the board of directors; **Vice-President** - chairman of the program committee, responsible for planning programs for regular meetings and planning and preparing the yearbook for the Society; **Secretary** - record all votes and minutes of all proceedings, call the roll at meetings, have charge of all papers and By-Laws of the Society, and report the minutes of regular and special meetings with a copy to the President, **Treasurer** - custody of the Society funds and keep accurate records all receipts and disbursements, and **Parliamentarian** - Advisor, and consultant to the President, and Continued on page 2



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see that parliamentary procedure is carried out.

Please plan to attend this most important meeting, your input is critical!

Our program for this month, presented by Peggy Cathey, will be a short slide presentation and discussion on "Stalking the Queen of the Show" which will help us all with creating, selecting and showing the

best possible irises.

STALKING FOR BEST OF SHOW



I would be remiss if I failed to mention that the most important fertilization of the year is coming up in mid-February so be sure and mark your calendars to get this done! As always, if you have any questions or comments, email me at dannydayle@yahoo.com or call my home at 254-854-2558.

November, 2019 Meeting Minutes by Preston Floyd for Bill Calhoon

November 16 meeting was called to order by President Dan Cathey. Attendance role was taken, 12 members were present. The minutes from the September meeting were accepted as published. The treasures report by Mitchell Whitley was \$9,814.87 dollars is in the bank. This balance includes the Sept.

rhizome sale. Old business: the vacancies of officers for the 2020 year. Mitchell Whitley accepted the presidents job for two years. Mitchell will continue as Treasurer, with Peggy Cathey as assistant treasurer and Preston Floyd will assume the secretary position. New business: a committee was formed by Mitchell, Ken Anderson and Linda Roper to

coordinate this year's Iris Show preparation. April 11, 2020 was selected as show date.

Dan broke the meeting for refreshments. After the break Ken Fuchs gave a slideshow on the 2019 AIS National Convention. Included in the slides were several garden tours and meetings.

Treasurer's Report, by Peggy Cathey (Assistant Treasurer)

Checking account starting balance: \$9,834.87. Only expense was a donation to Crestview Church of Christ—\$25. Income included membership dues of \$20 club dues

and \$43 plant marker sales leaving a bank balance of \$9,852.87.

PayPal account started with a balance of \$60.87. A transfer from the checking account of \$321 was

made to cover cost of purchase of 1,000 plant markers from PawPaw Everlast Label Co., leaving a balance of \$60.87 in the PayPal account.

Save These Important Dates in 2020

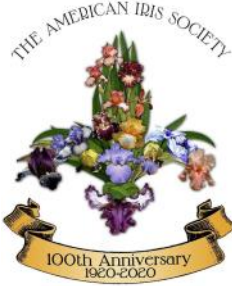
AIS 2020 NATIONAL CONVENTION
Join the American Iris Society as we celebrate 100 years as a national organization. The 2020 AIS Centennial Celebration will take place where it began—in New York City, May 18-23, 2020. Hotel headquarters will be in Newark, NJ.

lished in 1927 in Upper Montclair, NJ, the *New York Botanical Garden* in New York City, and *Wave Hill*, in New York City, overlooking the Hudson River. Optional side trips include the *Untermeyer Gardens* in Yonkers, NY, the *High Line* in Manhattan, and *Liberty Park*, NJ. AIS will also conduct its first ever *International Iris Compe-*

tition to be held at the *Presby Memorial Iris Garden*.

Click here for the official registration form:

<https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/ff97f6d8-bc06-45ca-8cff-3d6866ac9f99/downloads/2020%20REG%20FORM%20Rev.pdf?ver=1571517229641>



Gardens to be on tour include the *Presby Memorial Iris Garden*, estab-

2020 AIS REGION 17 ANNUAL MEETING
August 1-2, 2020, Dallas, TX.
More details coming soon.



Spring Show Update by Ken Anderson

Wow! It is January 7, 2020. A week has passed already since we were celebrating New Year's Eve! Have you written any checks or had reason to write the date on any document? Well, I have done a bit of that already. Isn't it great writing 20 20? It is so easy to remember! Speaking of dates, be sure you have marked your calendar or have noted on your phone calendar that our show will be on April 11, 2020, at the La Quinta Inn and Suites (Woodway) at 6003 Woodway Drive in Waco.

Having been an educator for most of my adult life, the Christmas holidays were very special for many reasons. After the holidays were over, it seemed as if we had made a psychological turn around a corner. Returning to the routine of work was a bit of a jolt to the system. Anybody who has worked in education will relate to that of which I speak. We would begin looking forward to spring break! However, as gardeners, there is another corner that we turn. Hanging up those new calendars over our desk or on the refrigerator reminds us that we have only a couple of months until we see definite signs of spring. Receiving some kind of seed catalog or gardening magazine really seems to revitalize us. Of course, with iris people, we begin checking our iris beds to see what is going on. We know that somewhere in that strange clump of plant life we call a rhizome lies a beautiful flower just waiting to be born. It's time to anticipate!

I was reviewing the article I had written last January and was reminded of the kind of winter we were having. If you recall, we had had so much rain by this time of the

year but not very much cold weather. This year in Gatesville, we have had very little rain but have seen many frosty mornings for the past several weeks. I am no expert when it comes to the cultivation of iris but I am fairly certain we have had adequate chilling time this year. Most of my iris are showing good signs of new growth. While discussing plans for our show, Linda Roper told me just yesterday that she had two irises blooming in her garden. Hopefully, all members are



Autumn Echo, Gibson, 1975

seeing the benefits of these chilly mornings. This should be a good year with many wonderful blooms for exhibition and lots of potted plants for our sale.

On November 20, 2019, Mitch Whitley, Linda Roper, and I met to discuss plans for our show this spring. Most of our time was spent trying to finalize a show theme. We wanted to do something to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the American Iris Society, and we also wanted to have some sort of Texas related theme. We finally settled on the theme:

Texas Celebrates the 100th Anniversary of AIS



For our artistic designs:

Category I: *The Natural Beauty of Texas*

Category II: *The History of Texas*

Category III: *The Symbols of Texas*

Category IV: *The Economy of Texas.*

Category III will also be used for the Youth Division. I want to encourage all members to participate in our show in as many ways as you can serve. It would be really great if we could increase the number of members participating in the horticultural section. And of course, as always, we need design entries!

If you are a new member of our club, please feel free to bring any and all questions to our next meeting. There are many experienced members who can give you excellent advice regarding the care of your plants, how to prepare blooms for exhibition, how to prepare an artistic design or any other question regarding iris.

I will have reminders about artistic categories to distribute at the meeting and will be happy to answer any questions about the displays or horticultural entries. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and I look forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting on January 18, 2020.



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

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Word Search: Iris Names that Begin with

SHOW by Peggy Cathey

BABY
BIZ
BOAT
CASE
CIRCUIT
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*Words may be Forward, Backward,
Diagonal, Up or Down*

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January 18, 2020 Program: *Stalking For Best of Show*
Crestview Church of Christ Community Center, 10a.m.



March 21, 2020 Program TBA
Crestview Church of Christ Community Center, 10a.m.



April 11, 2020 Iris Show
La Quinta Inn and Suites (Woodway) at 6003 Woodway
Drive



May 16, 2020 *End of Club Year Luncheon*
(Location to be announced)



May 18-23, 2020
AIS National Convention, Newark, NJ

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