



Waco Iris Society News

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The Many Color Patterns of Iris



Waco Iris Society will hold our next meeting on Saturday, March 19th. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and we meet in the Crestview Church of Christ Community Center, 7129 Delhi (Sanger changes to Delhi after crossing Hwy. 6).

This month, we will learn all about the many color patterns of irises and what each of these patterns is called. Peggy Cathey will be our speaker. Peggy is a Waco Iris Society member, a member of the American Iris Society, and an accredited AIS Exhibition and Garden Judge. The terms for this program come from the eighth edi-

tion of the *Handbook for Judges and Show Officials*, released in July 2021, can be found on the Iris Wiki here: <https://wiki.irises.org/pub/Hist/Info2021AISJudgesHandbook/Handbook%20Ed%208.0.pdf>

and downloaded for free. The definitions of each color pattern may be found listed at the end of the Handbook in the Glossary, which can be found here if you want to print a copy for yourself:

<https://wiki.irises.org/Hist/2021JudgesHandbookGlossary>.

Hopefully, by the end of the program you will know the difference

between a *BiColor* and a *Variegata*, or a *Neglecta* and a *BiTone*. Also, you will learn what terms like *Plicata*, *Luminata*, and *Glaciata* mean. Do you know what an *Emma Cook Pattern* is? You will after attending this program.

Waco Iris Society will host our Annual Iris Show on April 9th at the LaQuinta Inn & Suites Woodway-Waco South, 6003 Woodway Dr. At each of our shows, we have special awards for the best iris in each of the color classes as well as color patterns. Will this be your year to win a purple rosette?

In Memory

We were deeply saddened to learn of the loss of two of our members on February 28. Bob Alexander who was a Life member of Waco Iris Society, obituary may be found here: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/wacotrib/name/robert-alexander-obituary?id=33525768>

and Dr. Joyce Jones, <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/wacotrib/name/joyce-jones-obituary?id=33525755>



Robert "Bob" Alexander
July 21, 1928-February 28, 2022



Dr. Joyce Jones
February 13, 1933-February 28, 2022



With heartfelt
Sympathy

Minutes of January 15, 2022 by Ken Anderson, Acting Secretary

The January meeting of the Waco Iris Society was called to order by President Mitchell Whitley. Thirteen members and three guests were present. Members present were Linda Barnard, Dan Cathey, Peggy Cathey, Liz Dahl, Ken Fuchs, Jerry Keeth, Mary Keeth, Jim Landers, Michael Lowe, Don Peterson, Frances Peterson, Linda Roper, and Mitchell Whitley. There were also three guests present.

Old business: Assistant show chair Linda Roper conveyed that Ken Anderson had submitted the Show Schedule for approval. No other old business was discussed.

New business: 2021-2022 Yearbooks were made available to all members. Peggy Cathey suggested the introduction of a raffle or drawing for garden-related items to be held at each regular meeting. Members will donate irises, garden art, etc., to be used as prizes, and tickets will be sold for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.


Peggy kicked it off by bringing three drawing prizes. Mary Keeth sold tickets and collected the money. Twenty dollars was made on the drawing. All monies collected will go to the club. Winners of the first raffle drawing were: Mary Keeth-*My Lady Awaits* iris, Liz Dahl-Stepping Stone, and Linda Roper-Garden themed photo frame. Several members volunteered to bring prizes for the next monthly drawing. No other new business was discussed.

AIS Membership drawing winners: Frances & Donald Peterson.


With no further business, the business portion of the meeting was adjourned.

Peggy Cathey introduced our guest speaker, Michael Reed. Michael gave a very informative and entertaining PowerPoint program on *Preparing Your Garden for Spring*. Many aspects of growing a garden were discussed, such as soil prepa-

ration, fertilizing, weeding, mulching, and the importance of keeping a garden journal. He also had many photos and suggestions of companion plants to add to your iris garden. Everyone enjoyed the presentation.



Don't forget to bring iris or garden related items to the meeting for our raffle. These could be yard art, plants, handcrafted items, etc. Proceeds benefit the club and it is fun to win!



Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Hope everyone will participate.

Treasurer's Report—to January 10-March 11, 2022 by Peggy Cathey, Asst. Treasurer

Checking-Opening balance 1/12/22	\$ 11,261.23
Income:	
Dues	\$ 10.00
Raffle income	\$ 20.00
Expenses:	
AIS Memberships	\$ (65.00)
Meeting room donation	\$ (25.00)
AIS Club Affiliation dues	\$ (30.00)
Speaker Stipend	\$ (50.00)
Checking-Ending balance 3/14/22	\$ 11,101.23
Petty Cash balance	\$ 20.00
PayPal balance 3/11/22	\$ 9.84

2022 AIS Membership Drive

AIS is offering a 1 year free membership for every first time member of an AIS Affiliate. This special will be available from March through June of this year. To earn your free AIS membership, new members should attend the March, April and/or May meeting to fill out your application to join.

Our current new members who qualify for a free AIS membership are: Donna Popham, Jan Ketcher, Caroline Matthews and Jeani Collard. Please attend our March Meeting, April Iris Show or the May meeting to fill out your application. Let's make Waco Iris Society a 100% AIS Membership Club!



Still Some Winter Chill by Ken Anderson, Show Chair

It is that time of year again when gardeners are anticipating spring. We are still experiencing some chilling weather, but there are signs that this will be over very soon. The only thing blooming in my garden right now are daffodils and a few grape hyacinths. As usual, we are at that time of year when we look at our irises and wonder if we will even have one bloom stalk. It seems so hard to remember from one year to the next that regardless of how bad our plants look in January and February, there will always be a garden full of color by April. Our spring show is just a month away, and it seems those plants need to get busy if they are going to produce blooms in time for the show. But as I recall, that is pretty typical of the way we think and fairly typical of how the irises perform. Fortunately, our coldest freezing weather was not nearly as extreme as last year. Several members grow some or all of their irises in containers. I hope that the cold weather did not wipe out your plants as it did last year. I have many irises growing in pots, and it seems that they have weathered the cold temperatures much better this year. At least as I walked through my yard, making observations here and there, I did not see any rhizomes that were negatively impacted by the cold weather. Many of the irises growing in the ground are beginning to send up new growth. I am anticipating a good year. Although we have needed some rain, we certainly have had enough chilling time!

Our show schedule has been approved, and we are nearing the time of final preparations for our spring show. At our March meeting, usual reminders and information will be provided for all members who in-

tend to have entries. New members are encouraged to bring entries. If you need help or have questions about what needs to be done, there are many club members who will be happy to assist you and answer questions. This is an excellent time to note any questions you have about the show, as a portion of the March meeting is always devoted to show preparation.

I want to remind everyone that we need to have members sign up for the artistic division of the show. A sign-up sheet will be available at the meeting with information available to suggest ideas for each class of displays. Our theme is *Seasons of Color*. Class 1 is *Winter Wonderland*. Class 2 is *Spring Has Sprung*. Class 3 is *Sizzling Summer* (Novice). Class 4 is *Fall Festivities*. Class 3 is reserved for anyone entering who has not won a blue ribbon in the Artistic Division.

We are saddened by the loss of Bob Alexander and Dr. Joyce Jones

at this time. If you have recently joined the Waco Iris Society, you might not have had the opportunity to meet Bob Alexander. He was an active member of the club for many years. Unfortunately, a few years ago, his activity and participation in club events began to diminish as his health declined. Dr. Joyce Jones became a member of our club just a few years ago. Although she was a member of our club for only a few years, it was a pleasure to have her join us. She was anxious to learn more about irises. We will miss these wonderful people, both of whom passed away on February 28, 2022.

Despite the challenges and sadness that life sometimes brings, I hope that everyone can get outside and tend to spring gardening chores. All gardeners cherish this time of year, so get out there and enjoy it! I hope to see you at the March meeting.





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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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Join WIS today!

Only \$10 per year. You may join at a meeting, download membership form from our website, or send a check with your name, address, phone number and e-mail address to:
Mitchell Whitley, Treasurer
812 Dayton, Waco, TX 76706

IMPORTANT DATES

-  March 19, 2022, 10 a.m.
Crestview Church of Christ, 7129 Delhi
Getting Ready for the SHOW
-  April 8, 2022, 4-6 p.m.
LaQuinta Inn & Suites, Woodway-Waco South
Iris Show set-up All Members
-  April 9, 2022
LaQuinta Inn & Suites, Woodway-Waco South
Iris Show
-  May 21, 2022,
Yearend luncheon and presentation of Show Awards
Time and location TBD

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<https://www.facebook.com/search/wacoirissociety>

Word Search—Iris Names That End With Spring

Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

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| ALPINE | REMEMBER |
| ARTESIAN | RIPPLING |
| BIG | SAKURA |
| BUDDING | SECOND |
| CARTER | SILVER |
| CHINA | SMILING |
| COME | SPECKLED |
| DESERT | SYLVAN |
| EARLY | THINK |
| FOREVER | VERDANT |
| FORMOSA | WARM |
| GLACIER | WESTERN |
| GREEN | WINDWOOD |
| IRISH | |
| JOYOUS | |
| LASTING | |
| LINGERING | |
| LOUISIANA | |
| LOVELY | |
| MAINSTREAM | |
| MINERAL | |
| PERFECT | |



Carter Spring
Carter, 2006

