



Waco Iris

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**Join us, at Di Campli's Italian Ristorante,
6500 Woodway Drive, Suite 121 from 11:00-12:30
on May 20th as we celebrate the end of our
2022-2023 club year
64 Years and still growing **STRONG...****

WACO IRIS SOCIETY—1959-2023

President's Report *by Ken Anderson*

A Wonderful Spring and a Wonderful Show!

We have had a wonderful spring so far. Today, Friday, May 5, 2023, has been quite warm for all of our members, not matter where you live. Yesterday I was visiting with my neighbor who is totally into working in his yard and we were both commenting that this year we have experienced a rather pleasant spring so far. We have had many days in April that have been absolutely perfect for being outside. We have all experienced those years when April decides to show us how summer is going to feel. But this year was quite different and quite nice. The rains have been wonderful. The rain coverage for some of these storm systems has been spotty but I am sure all of our members have enjoyed a significant amount of rain by now. May has arrived and our temperatures are rising. It is soon time to say farewell to the iris season for this year and enjoy the increasing appearance of daylilies for the next month or six weeks. Several years ago, I made a chart of all the irises I had growing in my yard, growing in a small, raised bed in the

country, and those growing in Preston's yard. I would take a walk every day and make note of which varieties were blooming. Preston would update me as to what was happening on days when I could not be in his yard. It is quite amazing how certain varieties just take their time and wait. Just when you think they are not going to bloom, all of a sudden up pops some bloom stalks. Such is the case with *Bluebird of Happiness*.



This is one of my favorite irises. One of the reasons I like it is because it seems to tolerate my heavy clay soil and it always provides such a pleasant closure to the bloom season. It is also one of those irises that just has to be seen growing amongst other plants to realize its full beauty. I hope all of you are enjoying this extended bloom season. So often those irises that bloom late are met with high temperatures. Fortunately, this year the temperatures have remained more moderate. It is my guess that the cooler temperatures and cloudy days probably add at least a day to the life of the blooms

on these "late season" irises.

I want to thank everyone who had a part in our show this year. Even if you did not have an entry, a design, or any other display, your presence at the show is appreciated. I am always reminded that one of the important things we can do as members is to just be present during the hours the show is open to the public. It is always nice to meet people who are interested in visiting our show. So often they have questions about growing irises. One of the things I witnessed this year was a number of our members spending time visiting with those who had come to our show. It seemed like this show was just really special. I witnessed many conversations and saw a lot of people who were having a great time just conversing about a common interest. Thanks to all of you who brought entries. We had a lot of beautiful irises for the public to enjoy. And thanks to everyone who helped with the set up of the show, the potted iris sale, and the dismantling time after the show. It takes help from everyone to make a show as special as this one proved to be.



2023 Iris Show Report by Ken Anderson

I wanted to extend a special thanks to every member who had entries in our show on April 8, 2023. This was one of the best shows we have had in recent years. Unfortunately, we have had several challenges during the past few years. There was 2020 when we did not have a show because of Covid. And then there have been years where when we wondered if we would have enough entries to meet the requirements of a sanctioned show because of extreme weather conditions. It was certainly great to not have to worry about meeting those expectations this year.



AIS Iris Judges (l-r) Gordon Carver, Connie Ford and Happy Carver.

What makes a show a really good show? Well, I am not sure if that has been clearly defined or established but I will tell you from a show chair's perspective what I think makes a good show. First of all, the more entries you have the more interesting the show will be. A great number of entries usually means there are a number of sections represented besides tall bearded. A second thing is that the greater the number, the greater the range of colors. Everyone enjoys seeing a lot of color. A third thing that I believe makes a show a really good show is one in which many members have something to show. This year's show certainly met all of those standards, even though these standards are just a "made-up" idea by the show chair! That being said, I am declaring this to be one of the best shows we have had in a long time.

Here are some details to support my assertion of having a great show. We had a total of 84 entries with 81



84 Iris entries

different cultivars entered. We had Tall bearded, Intermediate Bearded, Standard Dwarf Bearded, Arilbred, and Louisiana irises entered in our show. There were 11 exhibitors in the horticulture division and five exhibitors in the artistic design division.



Ice Cream Sundae

Ice Cream Sundae (Tasco, 2018),

shown by Peggy and Dan Cathey, was named ***Queen of Show*** and was also awarded Best Pink,

and Best Tall bearded.



Peggy & Dan Cathey with ***Ice Cream Sundae***-Queen of Show, Best Tall Bearded and Best Pink and ***Boss of the House***-Best by Texas Hybridizer and Best Variegata

Volunteer Pride (Parkhill, 2005) shown by Michael Lowe, was named Runner-Up to Queen and also awarded Best Orange.

The ***Silver Medal*** (exhibitor with the most blue ribbons) was won by Michael Lowe with 12 blue ribbons. The ***Bronze Medal*** (exhibitor with

the second most blue ribbons) was won by Mary Keeth with 11 blue ribbons.

Section Medal Certificates are awarded when there are at least three exhibitors and at least five different varieties/cultivars entered in a section. In this year's show we had four sections that met these standards. Section Medal Certificates will be awarded to Mary Keeth for



Mary Keeth-Tall Bearded Section Medal winner here with ***Copper Angel***-Best Amoena and ***Half Past Happy***, Best Bi-Color

Section A, Tall Bearded, Donna Little for Section B, Other Bearded (excluding Aril and Arilbreds) Linda Barnard for Section D, Space age and Novelty, and Ken Anderson for Section H, Historic.

Other color and sections awards were won by the following members: Linda Barnard's entries, ***American Master*** (Kerr, 2006) received Best Banded, ***Geisha Eyes*** (Army, 1987), Best Violet and Best Louisiana, ***Beefy*** (Burseen, 2013) Best Space Age.



Linda Barnard-***Geisha Eyes***-Best Louisiana and Best Violet



Linda Barnard-***American Master***-Best Banded

Peggy and Dan Cathey's entry of ***Boss of the House*** (Burseen, 2020)



Show Report cont.

was awarded Best Variegata and Best Texas Hybridizer.

Kimberly Christian's entry of *Artistic Webb* (Tasco, 2010) was named Best Bitone.

Mary Keeth's entry of *Copper Angel* (Dash, 2018) was awarded Best Amoena, *Cow Patty* (Burseen, 2014) Best Brown, and *Half Past Happy* (Burseen, 2018) Best Bicolor.

Donna Little's entry of *Abbondanza* (Ghio, 2003) was awarded Best Blend and *Suspect* (Johnson, 2006) Best Arilbred.



Donna Little with *Abbondanza*-Best Blend and *Suspect*-Best Arilbred

Michael Lowe had a number of entries that won awards. They were *Autumn Explosion* (Tasco, 2013) for Best Plicata, *Saffron Drift* (Blyth, 2012) Best Yellow, *Sea for Miles* (Blyth, 2013) Best Blue, *Midnight Run* (Sutton, 2013) Best Median and Best Black, *Lady Friend* (Ghio, 1981) Best Historic and Best Red.



Michael Lowe with *Midnight Run*-Best Median & Best Black, *Autumn Explosion*-Best Plicata, *Saffron Drift*, Best Yellow, *Sea for Miles*, Best Blue, *Lady Friend*-Best Historic & Best Red, and *Volunteer Pride*, 1ST Runner-up and Best Orange.

Artistic Design Division



First Place Winners

Class 1-*Armed Forces* by Dan Cathey, Class 2-*Veterans* by Ken Anderson, and Class 3-*Men and Women in Blue* by Katrina Reiser.

In the Artistic Design Division Dan Cathey won first place in Class 1, *Armed Services*. Ken Anderson won first place in Class 2, *Veterans*. Katrina Reiser won first place in Class 3, *Men/Women in Blue*, and Ken Anderson won first place in Class 4, *First Responders*. Ken Anderson won Best Artistic Design for his entry in Class 4, First Responders, and Artistic Sweepstakes for most blue ribbons in the Artistic Design Division.



Ken Anderson won Best of Show with his Class 4 first place winner-*First Responders*. He also won the Artistic Design Sweepstakes for the Most Blue Ribbons in the Artistic Design Division

There were approximately 180 pots of irises for the sale and there were very few left when the show ended. Visitors were lined up for the 1:00 opening of the Show and

Sale. Total sales were \$1,680 and we gained 4 new members! Please help us welcome our newest members, Kimberly Christian, Debbie Sartain, Marilyn Roessler, and Millie Read.



180 pots of irises for sale

The show was well attended and appreciated as noted by club members who received positive feedback from those attending the show. In spite of the time and effort that is needed to plan, execute, and complete paperwork for a show, there is a great amount of satisfaction in knowing that the show was a huge success.

After our year-end luncheon and Show Awards presentation, we will take the rest of the summer off. See you in September

Treasurer's Report	
Checking Account	
Beginning bank bal.	
April 1, 2023	\$ 10,897.76
Income	
Show Potted Iris Sale	\$ 1,680.15
Membership dues	\$ 40.00
Total Income:	\$ 1,720.00
Expenses	
Show supplies	\$ (109.82)
Facebook ad (2nd pmt)	\$ (38.13)
Judges lunch	\$ (58.96)
Judges stipend	\$ (300.00)
Credit card fee	\$ (18.66)
Show room rent	\$ (424.00)
Member sale bonus	\$ (1,260.00)
Total Expenses	\$ (2,257.92)
Checking account bal.	
April 30, 2023	\$ 10,408.34
Petty Cash	\$ 100.00
TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 10,508.34



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

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Word Search-Iris Names Beginning With SUMMER by Peggy Cathey

Words may be up, down, across, diagonal forward or backwards



Summer Shadow
Keppel, 2011

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- CANDY
- FUN
- BREEZE
- HOLIDAYS
- SOLSTICE
- FESTIVAL
- DREAMS
- INSPIRATION
- ECLIPSE
- PLACE
- BREAK
- RAIN
- FANTASY
- BUTTERFLY
- LIGHTNING
- LOVE
- MAGIC
- CHARM
- JOY
- CARNIVAL
- STORM
- NIGHTS
- DATE
- GLOW



May 20, 2023
End of Club Year Luncheon
Location to be announced



August 4-5, 2023
AIS Region 17 Annual Meeting
Weatherford, TX



September 16, 2023
Welcome to New Year-Iris Giveaway and Auction
Crestview Church of Christ Community Center
7129 Delhi



September 30, 2023
Annual Iris Rhizome Sale
GreenLife Nursery, 1312 N. New Road

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