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A Monthly Newsletter of the Iris Society of Austin

IRIS AUSTIN



Next Scheduled Meeting:

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

GATE CLOSSES AT 6:30 P.M.

Meeting begins at 7 P.M.

Pot Luck Dinner

EVENTS:

**May 16-June 24 Woodland Faerie Trail
open to public. Entry fee for faerie
plot was \$25**

**May 23-28, 2016 – AIS National
Convention in Newark, New Jersey**

**August 19-20 – 2016 Region 17
Convention in Waco, sponsored by
the Waco Iris Society**



DARA E. SMITH AND DON AND PAT FREEMAN WIN TOP AWARDS IN 2016 IRIS SHOW

Dara E. Smith entered a tall bearded iris named 'Baditude,' which won Best Specimen of the Iris Show, Best Blend, and Best Texas hybrid since it is one of Tom Burseen's prizes. The show was held in the Austin Area Garden Center Auditorium on April 9 in Zilker Botanical Garden, 2022 Barton Springs Road in Austin, Texas 78746.

Don and Pat Freeman's Louisiana Iris 'Lady of Lometa' was the Runner-Up of the show entitled "Waltzing Across Texas with Irises." This lovely iris also was named Best of Section / and Best violet.

Jim Landers, a member of the Iris Society of Austin, Belton IS, and Waco IS and Region 17 Historian, hybridized LA 'Lady of Lometa.' He also had the best Space-Age, TB 'Casino Cruiser,' which was also named

the Best Gold; the Best Historic, TB 'Belton Beauty'; Best Collection, TBs 'Plastic Money'; and Best Pink, BB 'Lenora Pearl.' In all, Jim won 8 blue ribbons.

The Best Median Bearded was exhibited by Jaime Hadley, the Border Bearded 'Whoopsidaisy' also chosen Best Multicolor. He also showed the Best Other Beardless Iris, 'Caesar's Brother,' a Siberian.

The other Best Specimens include the following:
Best Amoena – TB 'Almost an Angel' shown by
Stephanie Sheridan

Best Bi-Color – TB 'Mercy Marci' by Don and Pat
Freeman

Best Bi-Tone – TB 'Behavin Bad' by Donna Little

Best Blue – TB and SA 'Ty Blue' by D Boyle

Best Brown – TB 'Loco Coco' by Stephanie Sheridan

Best Gray – TB 'Devil David' by D Boyle
 Best Orange – TB 'Abbondanza' by Donna Little
 Best Pink – BB 'Lenora Pearl' by Jim Landers
 Best Plicata – TB 'Morning Mood' by Tracey Rogers
 Best Red – LA 'Rhett' by Don and Pat Freeman
 Best White – TB 'Skating Party' by Marney Abel
 Best Yellow – TB 'Notta Lemon' by Pat Byrne

In the Horticulture Division there were 47 first-place irises, 27 second-place, 20 third-place, one Honorable Mention, and 11 not judged (either not named correctly or unopened).

For the Tall Bearded there were 50 entries and 49 cultivars shown by 11 exhibitors; for Median there were 8 entries and 8 cultivars by 6 exhibitors; 7 Space Age or Novelty Irises shown by 5 exhibitors with 6 different cultivars; 21 Louisiana with 20 cultivars by 7 exhibitors; Other Beardless 10 with 8 cultivars by 7 irisarians; 4 Collections by 3 exhibitors; one English box by Jim Landers; 5 Historic of 4 cultivars by 3 exhibitors.

In the Artistic Division 11 exhibitors created a total of 15 arrangements.



The Best Design of the Show was 'Texas Two Step' – Two Containers created by Pat Freeman. She and her husband won the Silver Medal and Certificate with 9 blue ribbons. Jim Landers will be awarded the Bronze Medal and Certificate with 8 blue ribbons. Section Medal Certificates will be awarded to Stephanie Sheridan, who captured 5 blue ribbons in the Tall Bearded Section.

James Hadley acquired 2 blue ribbons for Median Bearded, Donna Little 2 blue ribbons for TB Space Age, and Don and Pat Freeman for 6 blue ribbons in the Louisiana section.

In the photography display there were 19 entries by 11 photographers. Linda Hartford won 1st place in the A section (A Single Iris) and Kathryn Petheram placed 1st in the B section (More Than One Iris). D Boyle captured 2nd place in the A section.



Nelda Moore won in the Educational Division with "Plicata Irises."

Five judges examined the total of 142 entries: Al Elliott, Debra Strauss (Horticulture); Dolores Rumpf, Jo Colonneta, and Alys Honey (Artistic).

"Of the 105 individual stalks there were 94 different varieties with only 7 with more than one entry. 'Victoria Falls' and 'Ty Blue' had 3 entries each in the historic division.

"This show was held 2 days earlier than last year with 3 fewer exhibitors and 25 fewer total entries. This was a great year for Spurias with nine entries. Last year there was only one Spuria," according to Jaime Hadley.



Isa Members Win at ZGF Garden Show

In the 59th annual flower show presented during the Zilker Garden Festival April 2 & 3, 2016, thirty irises were entered by ISA members. Tracey Rogers' tall bearded iris 'Grain Exchange' won the Award of Merit, which is the top award, given to the highest scoring specimen in Section B (Annuals & Perennials) in the Horticulture division of the show. Her entry scored higher than 30 or more other entries of all types of cut flowering stems, leaves or vines, many of which were iris brought in by our club members. The featured Louisiana was 'Lady of Lometa' grown by Don and Pat Freeman. Pat Freeman won the Designer's Choice Award for her

interpretation of 'Beachcomber.' It featured a gorgeous unknown Louisiana. She also received the Artistic Sweepstakes award for her multiple blue ribbon award-winning floral designs. Many other ribbons were won in this show by other members of the Iris Society of Austin in several different categories such as arboreal cuttings, artistic designs, hanging baskets, potted plants, etc. Members entering the show included Nelda Moore, Pat Freeman, Don Freeman, Dara E Smith, D Boyle, and Jaime Hadley.

The overall theme of the show was "Texas, Land of Contrasts."



MINUTES OF THE IRIS SOCIETY OF AUSTIN

April 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order and presided by Pat Byrne. Minutes from last month's meeting were approved as presented in the ISA Newsletter with the correction that Debby Cole was a visitor to our last meeting.

Announcements:

Region 17 meeting will be August 19-20, 2016 in Waco, TX. There is a registration form available on the Region 17 website (<http://www.aisregion17.org/images/Registration%20form.pdf>).

Treasurer's Report:

The balance at the end of March was \$15,257.55. The current balance on April 12, 2016 is \$14,711.10. Current expenses include judging and other show related expenses.

AAGC Council Report:

The Annual Zilker Garden Festival was the most well attended in the history of the event and was a huge financial success!! There were some issues with parking. The Beer garden was well received and patronized. Many of the services like the free plantings were in short supply for the large number of people that attended the festival.

Austin Iris Club business:

- ▶ Be sure to give Marney Able your volunteer hours for the ZGF and any work done in the gardens.
- ▶ Nelda Moore presented the 2016 Show Report for the Austin Iris Society Show. See the accounting of the results in the newsletter. Next year we need to expect to have to setup all tables.
- ▶ There was a discussion and an amended motion by Jim Landers: To spend \$200.00 (given to Ellen Singleton, Sale Chair) on the purchase of new Louisiana irises to be planted in the trench with

the other LAs. The suggested intent is to try and purchase 2 each of 8 different plants for this purpose. If there are funds leftover to purchase and make available for sale to members. 2nd D. Boyle and Passed.

- ▶ If you have any Re-bloomers you would like to contribute to the new bed there is space available.
- ▶ Members expressed an interest in learning more about collections. It was also suggested that we purchase supplies and have an English box "Maker Program". We may also consider increasing the scope of English box entries we allow in our show schedule for future shows to include a smaller or larger number than the current 5 blooms. There was also a good amount of entries in the Photography section for a first time category to our show. Next time we would like to consider having skilled photography judges for this category and may experiment with the display and space requirements.

Important Dates:

AIS National Meeting Newark, New Jersey – May 25–28, 2016.

2016 Region 17 Meeting – August 19, 20, 2016.

The meeting program was presented by Ken Fuchs. The 2016 Austin Iris Show – "Waltzing Across Texas with Iris"! Congratulations to all the members on this year's show!!

The meeting was adjourned.

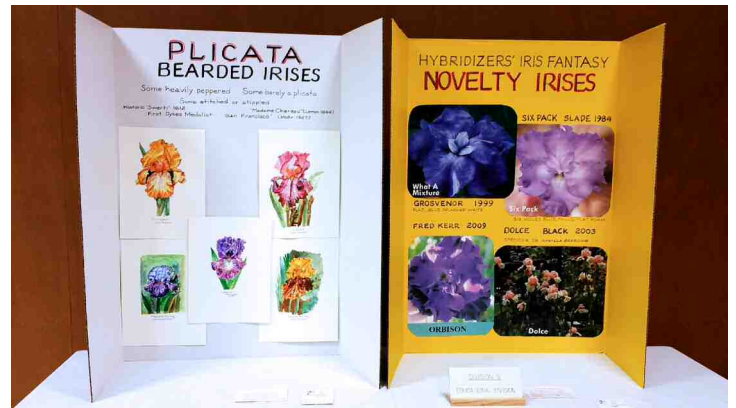
Dara E. Smith, Secretary

Submitted for Approval on: May 10, 2016.



New Iris Bed

‘Waltzing Across Texas With Irises’ The 2016 ISA Iris Show





Queen of Show - 'Baditude'
Dara Smith



Runner-up
'Lady of Lometa'
Don & Pat Freeman



Best Design - Pat Freeman



Visitors from Houston/Taiwan