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A Monthly Newsletter of the Iris Society of Austin

IRIS AUSTIN

NEXT MEETING – January 9, 2018

6:30 – 9 p.m.

Hospitality – Donna Little

Pot Luck

Zilker Botanical Garden

Auditorium 6:30 - 9 P.M.

2220 Barton Springs Road

Austin, TX 78746

Dues are due if not paid in November.

Judges Training Jan. 20 \$5

2018 Nominating Committee

Report on 2018 AIS Region 17
Convention

Report about Iris Garden at Zilker

MEDIAN IRIS JUDGES TRAINING JANUARY 20

Debra Strauss, Master Judge for AIS Region 17, will provide a 2-hour course about Median Irises Saturday, January 20, in the Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church, 7127 Bee Cave Road, Austin, TX 78746.

The cost of the training is \$5. Breakfast begins at 9 A.M. along with registration. Debra Strauss will prepare attendees to grow and know median irises beginning at 10 A.M. and ending at noon. She will provide many photographs of medians since Lynda Miller's 'Moose Tracks' won the Fred and Barbara Walther Cup during the 2017 American Iris Society Convention.

Have your Judges Handbook with you to study and answer the test questions. This excellent program is not only for judges who will receive credit, but it is also for all irisarians and new members who wish to learn about these beautiful blossoms that are often used in flower arrangements.

For information about becoming a judge see the Application to the Judges Training Program for Region 17 that is on the website. Then send the completed application for "Candidate for Judgeship under the Judges Training Program of the AIS, Region 17" to Alverton A. Elliott, 104 Saddle Trail, Georgetown, TX 78633 or e-mail the form to him at aaelliott@grandecom.net. Be sure to sign and date the application. After that always carry a stamped envelope with you when attending a Regional or National Convention. Carry the Judges Handbook with you and record the title, date, instructor, and place where you take notes and complete the test, which the instructor will send to the person who is the Judges Training Chair.

As of 2017 Apprentices include Bill Pittman of Amarillo and Judy Schneider of Whitesboro. Region 17 has 9 Master and 15 Garden Judges. Pat Byrne, Jim Landers, Shelia Senghas, and Alverton Elliott are members of the Iris Society of Austin and are among these judges. Please consider becoming a judge.



'Moose Tracks' - Lynda Miller 2015

2018 – 2020 CONVENTIONS

Aril Trek is April 6 and 7 in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Siberian/Species will be May 25-26 in Hunt Valley, Maryland with headquarters in Delta Hotels Baltimore Hunt Valley at 245 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley MD 21031.

American Iris Society/Society for Louisiana Irises Conventions will be April 8-14 in Hilton New Orleans Airport Hotel, 901 Airline Drive, Kenner, LA 70062 with AIS Convention Chair Paul W. Gossett of Tulsa, Oklahoma and SLI Chair Joe Musacchia from Gray, Louisiana. Hotel reservations can be made at <http://group.hilton.com/American-Iris-Society> or telephone 504-469-5000 or 1-800-872-5914 Extension 1. Use group code AIS. Cut-off date is March 17, 2018.

Geek Dinner Registration on Wednesday, April 11 to Joanne Prass-Jones, 35572 Linda Drive, Fremont, CA 94536 or e-mail joanne.@usjoneses.com.

2019 AIS National Convention April 23-27 in Northern California with Chair Shirley Trio-Probst.

2020 AIS National Convention in Newark, New Jersey, celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the American Iris Society.

each and the meals at \$46 each in addition to your selections from the menu. The Youth Registration Fee (\$120 by January 31) covers all tours and meals.

The boutique will be open from 6-10 P.M. on April 8; the AIS Storefront comes April 9. Garden Tours will begin Wednesday to City Park, Sculpture Garden, Longue Vue Garden with a box lunch, Thursday to "A Louisiana Pond," and LSU Hammond Research Center, and Friday to Baton Rouge Botanical Garden and the Burden Museum and Garden. Judges Training will be held at 4:30 on April 12 and then on April 14 for Judging a Louisiana Iris Show. On Friday before the AIS Awards Dinner at 7 P.M. there will be How To Register an Iris. On Saturday, April 14, SLI Show Entries will be on display with the Awards Dinner, Silent and Live Auctions ending the week of festivities.



Patrick O'Connor and Richard Drouant digging up *I. giganticaerulea* Louisiana specie irises Dec. 16, 2017

Patrick O'Connor – “Must have dug 300+ clumps but if you separated them out, surely 1000 separate plants. Many of the rhizomes were huge, some over 20 inches long. They were very happy in the front of an abandoned house and trailer, but the property had sold and was going to be filled. I did not see them in bloom, but pictures indicate fairly typical blue-purple *giganticaeruleas*.”



FLEUR-DE-GRAS Iris en Louisiane: The AIS and SLI-New Orleans 2018

A Registration Form for the 2018 AIS-SLI Convention is on page 35 of *Irises, the Bulletin of the American Iris Society* Fall 2017 vol. 98, no. 4.

Complete the page by filling in the information and give your payment (check or CC) to Ken Fuchs at the January meeting or send to KEN FUCHS, 710 N 11TH STREET, TEMPLE, TX 76501-3016 by January 31 or Feb. 1–March 17.

No cancellations after April 1, 2018.

Since registration is "A LA CARTE," please select the Basic Registration fee of \$45 for January registration and then select the number of tours at \$48



MINUTES OF THE IRIS SOCIETY OF AUSTIN

November 14, 2017

Donna called the meeting to order at 7:30.

Welcome to everyone - Happy Thanksgiving.
Welcome to guest and new member Barbara Paul.

Minutes from October 2017 meeting were submitted and approved as printed in the monthly November 2017 ISA newsletter.

Treasurer's Report from Marney Abel:

After the Fall sales, the current balance for Tuesday November 14, 2017 is \$15,130.18.

AAGC Report from Ellen Singleton:

A consulting firm has been hired to establish Phase 1 of the Master Plan. Part of this is seeking feedback on what people would like to have in Zilker Botanical Garden, such as parking, better plant identification, better signage, kiosk, seating in the garden etc..

Zilker BG will not have the annual Garden Festival in 2018 due to the rising costs required to make this event happen. Instead, there will be available 8'x8' space for a \$50.00 fee so that individual clubs can have a display/sale table in the large meeting room. There will not be other outside vendors except for food. This event is scheduled as Spring Fest 2018 @ ZBG on Saturday March 24, 2018.

ISA Updates on Events –

There will be a scheduled weeding day. This was tentatively set at the meeting for December 9th, 2017. Ellen Singleton will send out an email with a list of the missing iris in the front beds. She has asked for any other volunteers to pot up irises for the Spring event.

Jaime Hadley had some announcements including future meeting hosts to forgo cheap cutlery and get some better plastics. Membership dues will be due in January 2018.

Be sure and get your early registration in before the end of January 2018 for the New Orleans Convention of AIS/SLI April 8 - April 14, 2018.

There will be a judge's training hosted by ISA on January 20, 2018 at 9am for \$5.00.

2018 calendars are available for \$5.00 tonight.

ISA Business –

A motion for ISA to pay the \$50.00 fee so that we can have a table space for selling items at the Spring Festival 2018 was made by Marney Abel and seconded by Mike Renfro. The motion was passed.

November Program presented by Marney Abel

"A Thanksgiving Feast for your Irises" with a special helping of "Guy Gifford's Elixir"!

Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted for approval January 9, 2018 by Dara E. Smith, Secretary.



NEW AIS HANDBOOK FOR REGION VICE PRESIDENTS

A new revised AIS Handbook is available for Region Vice Presidents on the website.

CANDIDATES FOR CLARKE COSGROVE MEMORIAL AWARD NEEDED BY THE END OF JANUARY

Do you know a perfect candidate to nominate for the Clarke Cosgrove Memorial Award? That person possesses the qualities of an AIS member by growing irises, attending regional meetings, visiting gardens in bloom, and attending and working in club activities such as shows and sales. In addition that candidate enters youth contests such as the coloring contest, Ackerman essay contest, or the AIS photo contest.

Send a 2-page letter with the nomination to Cheryl Deaton, 27218 Walnut Springs Avenue, Canyon Country, CA 91351-3314 by January 31, 2018.

From Donna Little, December 19, 2017



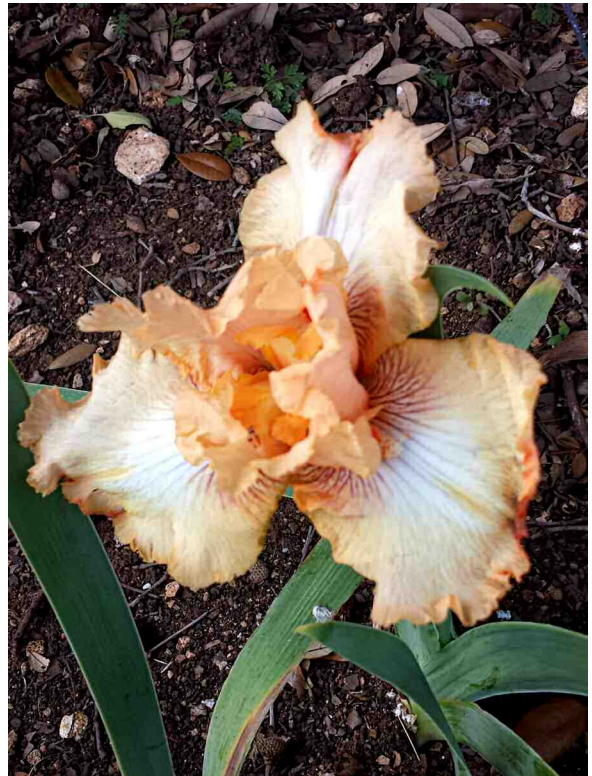
“The Zilker Weeding Wednesday Group helped Don, Ellen and me finally clear out our back bed. Sad to see it go. Planning on potting some & sharing with ISA. Ellen will pot for Springfest sale.”



Nelda & Tracey decorated the ISA holiday tree in the green room.

FROM OUR GARDENS

From Tracey, December 3, 2017:



'Global Warmer' - Burseen 2008

From Ellen, December 30, 2017:



'Halloween Halo' - Weiler, 1990

"A Thanksgiving Feast for Your Irises"
with a special helping of "Guy Gifford's Elixir"

