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A Monthly Newsletter of the Iris Society of Austin

# IRIS AUSTIN

## NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, January 8, 2019 6:30 P.M.  
Auditorium  
Austin Area Garden Center  
Zilker Botanical Garden  
2220 Barton Springs Road  
Austin, TX 78746  
Pot Luck

## EVENTS AT ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDEN CONSERVANCY:

Gift Shop Sales to members at 20% off for December

Weeding Wednesdays

December 29: Remove Club Trees by taking decorations 10 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.

January 8, 2019: Iris Society of Austin brings food for AAGCC (40 members) work with West Lake Hills Garden Club

January and February:  
Volunteer for Faerie Tea Parties  
Become a Docent.

February 9: Dino Day Celebrating Hartman Prehistoric Garden

## OUT OF THIS WORLD JUDGES TRAINING JANUARY 19

Debra Strauss will teach a Judges Training class entitled “Out of This World Irises,” which are Space Age Irises that are now included in the Novelty Section of the American Iris Society. These irises have appendages extending from the beards such as horns, pom poms or carnation-like frills, spoons, or whatever appeared during the space age exploration in the world.



Registration and breakfast begin at 9 A.M. January 19, 2019, in the Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church, 7127 Bee Cave Road, Austin, Texas 78746-4102. The cost is \$10. If you plan to attend, you can pay during the January 8th meeting.

Marney Abel has made the arrangements at the church so sign the list and make payment to her. Remember that you do not have to be a judge to enjoy this special training.

### DON'T FORGET!!

ISA Membership Dues are due at the January meeting.

ISA Website: [http://www.kenfuchs42.net/isa\\_index.html](http://www.kenfuchs42.net/isa_index.html)

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH MEMBERS

Cheryl Deaton has asked adult AIS members to send nominations for the Clarke Cosgrove Memorial Award for Youth Achievement to her by January 31, 2019. Mail your selection of a deserving Youth to her at 27218 Walnut Springs Avenue, Canyon Country, CA 91351-3314 or as an attachment to e-mail at [region15kids@hotmail.com](mailto:region15kids@hotmail.com). Limit your account to 2 pages in telling why you nominated this youth, who is an AIS member who grows and shows fine irises, who participates in local, regional, or national activities, promotes AIS, writes articles for their club or regional newsletters, enters shows or sets up and works club events, or provides information at their schools about irises.

The adult may select from this list a few of the above and provide details so that the reader will know this person from the 500 words or less.

Debra (Debbie) Strauss has made a few changes for the 2019 Ackerman Essay Contest. Now there are 3 age groups:

9 and under

10-12

13 years and over.

The youth should use the following theme for the essay: "If you could plant an iris garden anywhere in the world, where would it be, which irises would you choose to plant, and what you like visitors to your garden to learn?"

Deadline for entering the 500 word essay is February 15, 2019. Send to Debbie Strauss at 2213 Hereford Blvd., Midland, TX 79707-5012.

Prizes will be awarded to the first, second, and third place winners in each of the three age groups. The AIS Foundation Ackerman First Place Essays are on page 26 and 27 in *IRISES* Bulletin of AIS Fall 2018 Volume 99, No. 4.

## REBLOOMING IRISES: AN AUTUMN FEAST

By Virginia Spoon

Reprinted from World of Irises

The Blog of The American Iris Society

Monday, December 3, 2018

Our garden in northern Virginia, zone 6, at an elevation of 1100 feet with alkaline soil, is almost a perfect location to grow bearded irises. In the autumn the colors of the reblooming irises blend

with the leaves of the mountain maples, the black gums, persimmons and dogwoods.



Reblooming SDB 'Eric Simpson' – Image by Ginny Spoon

As I am writing this article in mid October, the rebloomers are putting on quite a show along with the changing leaves. Our weeping cherry tree is changing color and the winterberries are starting to lose their leaves while our resident Mockingbird is tirelessly guarding his hoard.

Each day brings a new surprise while stalks appear as if by magic. I thought 'Lord of Rings' matched the changing leaves of the cherry tree so well.



'Lord of Rings' (George Sutton 2003) reblooming in October at Winterberry – Image by Ginny Spoon

It is so peaceful to wander around the garden and enjoy the sounds and colors and even the smells of autumn. Our Katsura tree now smells like burnt brown sugar and somewhere nearby, someone is burning leaves. A customer called a few days ago and asked about fragrant irises that matched their color. I remembered a few, but I had some rebloomers open and I checked the fragrance of 'Persimmon Pie' and remembered why we named it that. Also, 'Mango Parfait' was reblooming and it smelled like a fresh mango.





'Mango Parfait' (Don Spoon) reblooming in October at Winterberry – Image by Ginny Spoon

What would a fall garden be without the chrysanthemums? There are perennial mums that come back every year and their colors blend in well with the rebloomers. Ours grow beside our entrance and I must remember to plant some among the irises next spring.



'Doubleday' (George Sutton 2001) – Image by Ginny Spoon

Enjoy the crisp fall weather and all of the sights, sounds and smells because ... Winter is coming.

#### FUTURE EVENTS FOR REGION 17:

Iris Society of Austin

Iris Show April 13, 2019

Zilker Botanical Garden

2220 Barton Springs Road, Austin, TX 78746

ISA Rhizome Sale September 7, 2019

Permian Basin Iris Society

Rhizome Sale Sept. 22, 2019 Odessa, TX

Iris Show in Music City Mall

April 20 9 A.M. – 3 P.M. Odessa, TX

West Texas Iris Society

Iris Show April 13, 2019 Midland Park Mall

8 A.M. – 3 P.M. Midland, TX

#### NOTES FROM TRACEY ROGERS

ISA members were busy inside and out at Zilker on Saturday, November 17. Erin Boyle, Ellen Singleton, Nelda Moore, and I decorated the ISA Christmas tree. Then we worked in the iris beds. David spread the compost out on Friday. Saturday, Nelda, Ellen, Erin, David and I spread it



ISA Elves

some more, and filled in the gaps in the second bed with irises leftover from previous sales. We tried to replace marked irises with the same if we had it, but overall the empty spots have been filled. Ellen is redoing the map. The first bed was looking better than expected after the talk at the meeting. A lot of plants have come back, but there is still some identification needed. We will schedule a work day for next fall to redo the bed by just removing any unknowns. The beds do look better.



[To Gailmae Suite – December 9, 2018]

Here is my first rebloomer for the season. I was surprised to see it looking so good after all the rain. Also, 'Over and Over' hasn't bloomed in a few years, so I had decided it was gone.



'Over and Over' - Innerst 2000 – Image by Tracey Rogers

I had to go to the database to confirm its identity.

MINUTES OF THE IRIS SOCIETY OF AUSTIN  
November 13, 2018

The meeting was called to order and presided by ISA Jaime Hadley. The minutes from the October 2018 meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report:

The balance for November 1, 2018 is \$16,316.05.

AAGC Council Report:

There is more talk about the Conservancy and upcoming changes to the gate charges and gift shop attendant on the nights of meetings.

Austin Iris Club business:

1. An update on Imre Eifert. We have made him an honorary member of the Iris Society of Austin. A motion was entertained to acquire a 3-year membership to the American Iris Society for Imre. The motion was passed unanimously.
2. Proposed work date to prepare our Zilker iris beds. David K. and Ellen will coordinate this for some time in the future.
3. Christmas tree decorating Saturday November 17, 2018 (9a - 2p).
4. Judges Training January 19, 2019.
5. Jim Landers presented Don and Pat Freeman with the Silver Medal Award from the Belton Iris Society. Congratulations Don and Pat!!!
6. Annual ISA dues are due at the next meeting on January 8, 2019. Please pay your dues to Nelda Moore:  
Single: \$12  
Joint: \$18  
Youth: \$6
7. Sign up with your \$10 for the Judge's Training (Space Age and Novelty) on January 19, 2019.

ISA SHOW 2019

1. The Iris Society of Austin will host an Iris Show on April 13, 2019. We discussed several themes and decided to go with "IRISES IN ART".

2. The following leadership roles were given:  
Show Chair - Donna Little with Assistance from Jaime Hadley  
Judge Coordinator - Donna/Jaime  
Clerk/Placement Coordinator - Carolyn Wylie  
Secretary/Classification - Dara E. Smith  
Awards - Ken Fuchs  
Artistic Design - Tracey Rogers  
Photography - Marney Able  
Hospitality - Nelda will lead and everyone should contribute in some way  
Publicity - Audrey with Assistance from Tracey
3. We discussed continuing to use the New Horticulture Rules that we used in 2016. We are attempting to fill as many Sections with the following rules:
  - a. Non-Tall Bearded
  - b. Historic Tall Bearded
  - c. Space Age, non-Historic TB
  - d. Other Novelty, Non-Space Age, Non-Historic Tall Bearded
  - e. All Other Tall Bearded
4. English Box can be 3 to 6 blooms
5. Artistic Sections:
  - a. Novice
  - b. Small Design
  - c. Functional Tray
  - d. Designer's Choice

Important Dates:

- Next ISA Meeting - Tuesday January 8th, 2019
- Tentative ISA Spring Show - Saturday April 13, 2019
- AIS Convention April 23 - 27, 2019  
San Ramon, CA

No meeting in December 2018.

The meeting was adjourned.  
Dara E. Smith, Secretary

Submitted for Approval on: January 8, 2019.