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A Monthly Newsletter of the Iris Society of Austin

IRIS AUSTIN



NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 6:30 P.M.

Auditorium

Austin Area Garden Center

Zilker Botanical Garden

2220 Barton Springs Road

Austin, TX 78746

Dinner Easter Ham by Nelda

Sweet potatoes

Potato salad

Salads either greens or jello

Pie, cake, cookies

Corn

Bread or rolls

Installation of Officers

Program: 2019 Show Video

September 3 Meeting in Greene Room

Cleaning and pricing rhizomes

September 7 Iris Rhizome Sale

September 10 Meeting

IRIS SOCIETY OF AUSTIN SHOW APRIL 13



Jamie Hadley, president of the Iris Society of Austin, served as Show Chairman for the 29th accredited Iris Show Saturday, April 13, in the Austin Area Garden Center Auditorium in Zilker Botanical Garden located at 2220 Barton Springs Road in Austin, Texas. A total of 103 entries were judged with 73 in the Horticultural Division, 16 in the Artistic Division, and 14 in Photography. Fifteen exhibitors produced the beautiful show entitled "Irises in Art." Twelve participated in Horticulture, 9 in Artistic, and 6 in Photography. Horticultural Judges were Philip and Charlanne Stonecipher from Oklahoma. Marie Jo Colonna and Julie Johnson from Austin judged the Artistic Division and Photography.

Ellen Singleton's entry 'High Point' was judged Best Specimen of the Show, and she easily gained recognition as Best Tall Bearded, Best Amoena, Best by Texas Hybridizer with 'Walk That Walk,' hybridized by Tom Burseen of Grand Prairie. Debbie Hood won Best Collection for 'Violet Harmony.'



'High Point' - G. Sutton 1999

In the Horticultural Sweepstakes once again Don and Pat Freeman will be awarded Silver Medal and Certificate for having the most blue ribbons for 10 irises. Stephanie Sheridan will receive the Bronze Medal and Certificate by exhibiting the 4 irises with second-most blue ribbons.

Pat Freeman created the Best Artistic Designer's Choice with her yellow irises against a black geometric creation that indicated that irises inspired artists. The tan backdrop showed an artist's palette.

Dara Smith's photograph of a close-up of a part of an iris showing details of its beard won over the other photographs that captured the interest of members as well as visitors to the show. Ken Fuchs, official photographer for Iris Austin and creator of iris programs, easily produced runner-up pictures.



Since this show was based on Best Colors, other blue ribbon winners included the following:

Best White - 'Mesmerizer' by Stephanie Sheridan

Best Red - 'Ruby Lady' by Dara Smith

Best Historic and Best Blue - 'Great Lakes' by Stephanie Sheridan

Best Spuria and Best Gold - 'Fire Mist' by Don and Pat Freeman

Best Purple - "Port of Call' by Jaime Hadley

Best Yellow - 'Glitter Gulch' by Don and Pat Freeman

Best Brown - 'Picacho Peak' by Don and Pat Freeman

Best Blend - 'Wild Prairie Serenade' by Marney Abel

Best Multi-color - "Hopen Fer Rain' by Don and Pat Freeman

Absent from this show were English Boxes and Educational Exhibits.

CARING FOR IRISES AFTER BLOOM

While the bearded irises are blooming, mark some of them that are too thick, write the names of them, and dig the rhizomes in late August for the sale on Saturday after Labor Day. You might even draw a map of the garden to assist you in finding them easily. If you would prefer to dig them and label them correctly now, place them in pots.

Louisiana irises need thinning as well. If you grow them in pots, these cultivars usually keep their labels bright and clear in the dense foliage, but you will want to keep the soil damp and mulch the rhizomes to keep them out of the summer sun. Remember that Louisianas can grow in some shade. Since these bloomed profusely this spring, watch the bloom stalks and remove the seed pods if you are not the hybridizer.

Another feeding can be applied to all irises after the bloom stalks are cut. Bearded irises enjoy bone meal, Louisiana irises thrive in acid soil, and Spurias, the tallest of irises, grow and bloom in rose soil.

Louisianas and Spurias are heavy feeders.

That means that you can fertilize them 3 times per year. Select a type that you are successful with and that can mean to change the soil with added amendments if the irises are not responding to some chemical fertilizer that you are applying.

Do not use too much nitrogen.

MINUTES OF THE IRIS SOCIETY OF AUSTIN

April 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order and presided by President Jaime Hadley. Welcome back to Debby Cole! We also had returning member and visitor Martha and Shirley.

A motion to approve the minutes from the March 2019 meeting as written in the April 2019 Newsletter was passed.

Treasurer's Report from Tracey Rogers:

March balance \$15,432.62. Recent transactions: newsletter and show supplies. A motion was accepted and passed to approve the Treasurer's report.

AAGC Report from Ellen Singleton:

Officer meeting was held earlier today. ISA needs to provide a planting platt for the iris beds. The new labeling machine has arrived and we need to determine how we want the 3 lines for the labels to be arranged. The Louisiana and Spuria plantings do not have existing labels.

We are looking for some news on our member Pat Byrne. Keep Lori Anderson in your thoughts as she is dealing with health problems. Imre Eifert is responding to email and has a Facebook page on Social Media where he can be contacted. Erin Boyle is recovering from a car accident and we wish her a speedy recovery.

ISA Business:

Officer Installation for 2019-2020 will be at the May 2019 meeting.

Jaime Hadley - President

Nelda Moore - Membership

Dara E Smith - Secretary

Tracey Rogers - Treasurer

Erin Boyle - Programs

ISA News:

Nelda Moore announced the well-deserved recognition for Shelia Shengas for receiving the Gold Certificate in Beautification for her work on the iris planting in Hondo, TX.

Updates on the ISA 2019 Iris Show

Saturday April 13, 2019 - "Irises In Art"

- Carolyn has all the Clerk spots filled.
- Nelda asks for everyone to help with hospitality and is collecting \$10 ea. for BBQ lunch.
- We have volunteers ready to set up the room for the show on Friday afternoon 3p -5p.
- We can get into the building to setup for the show entries on Saturday at 7:30am.

Important Dates:

- Iris Society of Austin Show - Saturday April 13, 2019
- Next ISA Meeting - Tuesday May 14, 2019 - 2019 Show Highlights
- AIS Convention April 23 - 27, 2019 San Ramon, CA

Program:

Getting your irises ready for the big day!! Grooming and Entry tag review.

The meeting was adjourned.

Dara E. Smith, Secretary

Submitted for Approval on: May 14, 2019.





'Self-Portrait' - Dara Smith



Functional Tray - Nelda Moore

