



IRIS AUSTIN

A Newsletter of the Iris Society of Austin



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ISA Website: http://www.kenfuchs42.net/isa_index.html

NO MEETING APRIL 11

NEXT MEETING:

Friday, April 22, 2023 2 P.M.
Zilker Botanical Garden - Auditorium
2220 Barton Springs Road
Austin, TX 78746
Set up for the Show

Enjoy the AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY
CONVENTION in Grapevine, Texas

2023 IRIS SHOW



With heartfelt
Sympathy

It is with sadness that we announce that Charlie Hensley went to be in the presence of Jesus on February 11th. The Celebration of his Life was held March 20, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel of Green Acres Baptist Church, Tyler TX. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Sonja and family.

Tracey Rogers stated, "I know some of the newer members won't have known the Hensleys, but they were a big part of our club for many years.

"Most everything I know about irises I learned from Charlie and Don Freeman, helping them weed the guest beds at the Natural Gardener when we hosted the National Iris Convention in 2008."

The Iris Society of Austin will have their Iris Show entitled "Celebrate Earth Day with Irises" Saturday, April 22 in the auditorium of the Austin Area Garden Center at Zilker Botanical Garden, 2220 Barton Springs Road, Austin, Texas 78746. This is the first time in three years that we have tried to have this annual event since the outbreak of Covid, a pandemic that shut stores, events, and gardens.

In order to have enough irises please talk to a neighbor or friend about joining us in this show. Ask the grower to enter a named iris Saturday morning by 8:30 A.M. The vases will be in the Greene Room with entry sheets with a number. Groom the iris so that there will be no fingerprints on the stem and no insects in the bloom. Then use a rubber band to attach the entry tag with all information on the neck of the vase. Using a piece of black foam insert the stalk with the front of the iris over the tag. You may use a small address label wherever your name should be on the tag. Then take your entry to the placement committee inside the auditorium.

If you are showing a collection of irises such as 3 stalks of Iris 'Football Hero' then you may place them in the room yourself. Be sure that you include this collection on your personal sheet and place your completed entry tag with the collection. Be sure to take the bottom of the tag and fold it to close so that your name and address are locked.

Division V EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS

Use any topic pertaining to irises, iris culture, or hybridizing or getting new members to join the American Iris Society or the local society.

Tie this theme to the Earth Day theme. A table will be provided.

Division VII PHOTOGRAPHY

Photos are displayed in a mat with outer dimensions of 11" X 14" and the mat may be of any color that enhances the photograph. The work gives an overall impact with close watch for composition and technique.

CLERKS

As a clerk pads of paper and a pencil will be provided for the judges. Then answer any questions that the judge has for you to follow. Since a judge can't touch the exhibit, she may ask you to turn the bottle so that she can see the other side of the flower. If she holds a sheet of paper behind the flower to check its substance, remember that this is allowed. Her decision counts. Do not jump and say, That is my iris! The Show Schedule is the law of the event. The judge's decision is final. When their job is accomplished, you as a clerk will carry the irises that are blue ribbon winners to the table of consideration. Then they will select Queen of the Show. You will place it as the winner.

ENJOY THE IRIS SHOW. We will display the irises in better lighting. The room will invite and accommodate. You will greet and show happiness!

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 14, 2023 MEETING OF THE IRIS SOCIETY OF AUSTIN

The meeting was called to order and presided over by Ellen Singleton.

The February 14, 2023 meeting minutes were approved as written in the March 2023 Newsletter. Thank you, Jaime Hadley for taking the minutes!

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Tracey Rogers and approved. The current balance is \$15,522.42. This includes recent expenses and deposits for AIS affiliate fees, membership dues, and printing of Show Schedules.

ISA Business:

- A motion was entertained and approved to allow

the expense of up to \$200.00 to apply towards the purchase of Photo Display and supplies.

- There was a discussion regarding the move for meeting times next year to take place on Sunday afternoon. Concerns for parking were discussed. Meeting attendees can park out of the main parking lot where volunteers park. Ellen will make time requests and let us know what the results are.

- We agreed to have a workday in the garden on Saturday morning March 18, 2023 at 9am to pull weeds out of the existing iris beds before our show. The daylily beds in the front are now empty. (Since the meeting, this was canceled due to inclement weather.)

- Jaime Hadley brought plastic tubes to share that can be used to transport iris stems.

- Waco will hold their Iris Show on April 8th, 2023. Check their website for Schedule information.

- ISA Show Schedule Information: The schedule was approved after we changed some of our schedule to be reflective of the new Judge's Handbook rules. However, it has caused some inconsistencies under scrutiny for some of the other parts of the schedule to be aware of. For example, Historic and Space Ager irises may be entered in the category of their choice. Someone could enter Ida Red in Historic and Someone else could enter Ida Red in TB. Neither of these 2 people can enter Red Ida in more than one section.

- There will not be an April 11, 2023 meeting.

- Everyone that took home vases should wash them and bring them to the show.

Important Dates:

- American Iris Society Convention April 12 - 16, 2023 Dallas, TX. Full Registration is \$349 until March 13, 2023. Other registration options are available see <http://www.irises-dallas.org/isd-events/2023-ais-convention/> for information

- ISA Show April 22, 2023 at Zilker Botanical Garden - "Earth Day"

- ISA May meeting - May 9, 2023 - Show results, Officer Nominations and Board elections.

Program:

All in attendance discussed the preparations for the April 2023 show.

- Bring breakfast food items.

- Plan to bring money to pay for lunch (TBD).

- Contact Tracey Rogers to reserve a class placement

- Contact Audrey Baker so she can plan for the display for photography entries if you have photos to enter.
- Entry cards will need to be filled out. We did not have any to hand out at the meeting.
- Entry sheets can be emailed out and printed at home ahead of the show.
- Setup will be on Friday April 21, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned.

Dara E. Smith, Secretary

Submitted for Approval on: May 9th, 2023

CHARLIE HENSLEY – A Gardener’s Gardener

Sonja and Charlie Hensley were vital members of the ISA for many years before they moved to Tyler in 2013. They won many awards at our Iris Shows and won Best of Show in 2002 with ‘Cinnamon Girl.’

Charlie oversaw the development of the masterplanting at The Natural Gardener for the 2008 A.I.S. National Convention hosted by the ISA in Austin.

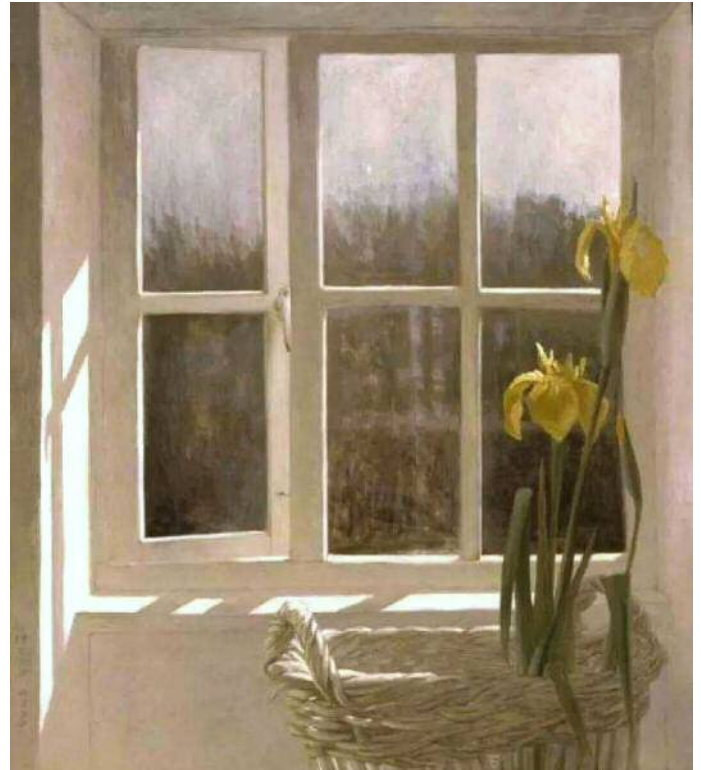


Charlie and Sonja at the 2012 Show (above) and entering irises in the 2013 Show (below)





'Jaunty Texan' - bloomed for Ellen Singleton March 19, 2023



She turned to the sunlight
 And shook her yellow head,
 And whispered to her neighbor:
 "Winter is dead."
 A.A. Milne - When We Were Very Young.
 Art by Jan van der Kooi

Arlo and Janis by Jimmy Johnson

