



IRIS AUSTIN

A Newsletter of the Iris Society of Austin



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NEXT MEETING:

Sunday, **November 19, 2023** 1-3 P.M.
Zilker Botanical Garden - Auditorium
2220 Barton Springs Road
Austin, TX 78746

No Meeting in December.

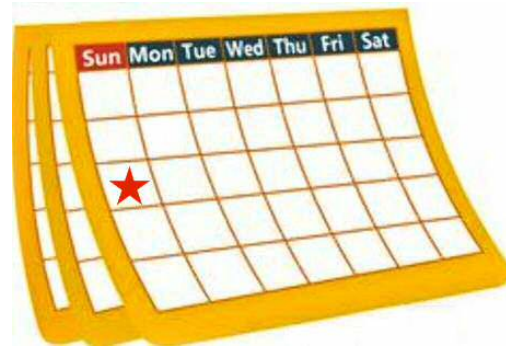
JUDGES TRAINING TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 19 IN DALLAS

Hugh Stout will teach Judges Training and provide a program on Standard Dwarf Bearded Iris beginning at 3 P.M. with set-up at 2:30 P.M. November 19 in the Holy Cross Lutheran Church located at 11425 Marsh Lane.



'Fairy Mischief' - Kenneth Fenn 2023 SDB

ISA MONTHLY MEETING DATES CHANGED



For the past thirty+ years the Iris Society of Austin has held its monthly meeting in the evening on the second Tuesday of the month. At the May 9, 2023 meeting, members present approved a motion to hold the monthly meetings on the third Sunday of the month 1–3 P.M. Exceptions are the Show date in April and the meeting date in May. The new meeting dates are as follows:

- Sunday, November 19, 2023
- No meeting in December 2023
- Sunday, January 21, 2024 — Dues are due.
- Sunday, February 18, 2024
- Sunday, March 17, 2024
- Friday, April 12, 2024 — Setup for the Show
- Saturday, April 13, 2024 — IRIS SHOW
- Sunday, April 21, 2024 — Meeting
- Tuesday, May 14, 2024 — Evening meeting

ELLEN SINGLETON ISSUES TOTAL HOURS FOR IRIS SOCIETY OF AUSTIN

As required by the Austin Area Garden Council Ellen Singleton, president of The Iris Society Of Austin and Council Representative, completed the form with 340 hours for the 18 members who have worked diligently in horticulture, education, sales, shows, publicity, and attending meetings to enhance the gardens.

On December 14 council representatives and officers from

the clubs are invited to the AAGC Meeting Celebration with pot luck and a quick business meeting concerning dues, which may be \$13.

HORTICULTURE

All Louisiana irises that members who attended the October Iris Meeting in the auditorium selected are now planted in containers or in the wet area of your garden. These irises are heavy feeders; therefore, use azalea food which provides acidity to them. Use this at least 3 times or until they have a bloom stalk beginning to show. The rhizome is planted about 2 inches in the damp soil to form roots, and they must be kept damp to bloom at the proper time.

If you need to allow some of the rain water to escape from the container that you use, drill holes at the top of the soil line. The container should be closed at the bottom..

Bearded irises should be growing rapidly in this cooler wetter weather with an outlook for more storms bringing the lake levels upward out of the drought.

Spurias finally decided to show new life — some tiny green leaves that proved that they were not dead. Remember that irises can survive a wildfire!

Keep your garden free of weeds and remove any dead stalks or the spuria dead leaves and bloom stalks from last spring that enabled them to survive the dry heat of summer, very unusual heat!

MINUTES OF THE IRIS SOCIETY OF AUSTIN MEETING OCTOBER 24TH, 2023

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

Apologies for the changes in tonight's meeting schedule. There were multiple date changes that Zilker imposed on our previously reserved meeting time(s).

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Tracey Rogers. The current balance on October 24th, 2023 is \$16,380.27. This includes recent expenses for photo display, membership dues and sale. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

The Minutes from September 12th, 2023 were approved as presented in the October 2023

Newsletter. Note that all the dates mentioned in the minutes were updated after the last meeting took place. New dates will be in this edition of the minutes.

AAGC meeting updates: There was no AACG meeting this month.

The demolition for the Green room has begun and the planned remodel will go through March 2024. There is a push for all affiliated groups with Zilker to provide volunteer time as a way to track each groups' overall contributions to the gardens.

ISA Business:

The awards from the 2023 Show have arrived and they were presented.

Donna Little - Queen of Show

Dara E Smith - Silver Medal for most Blue Ribbons

Ellen Singleton - Bronze Medal for 2nd most Blue Ribbons

(Note: There was a tie-breaker with Donna Little for the Bronze Medal that went all the way from 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place to the difference in 1 Honorable Mention!)

ISA Show will be Saturday April 13th, 2024 at Zilker.

Thank you to everyone that came to dig the rhizomes out of the old beds in July.

There is a request for all affiliated groups with Zilker to provide volunteer time as a way to track each groups' overall contributions to the gardens. All members are granted 2 hours of volunteer time for every meeting. Ellen is actively reporting all the member's time for participating in meetings, garden work, and sale activities.

Tracey ordered LA irises from Delane Langton in Montana. We had these available for members at the meeting this evening.

To plan our year long meetings here are the dates: These dates are revised!!!!

1. Sunday November 19th (1p-3p) - hospitality: Dara (this is our first meeting at our new time on the 3rd Sunday of the month from 1p-3p)

2. Sunday January 21st 2024 (1p-3p) - host: Donna
(Proposed Judges Training)
3. Sunday February 18th 2024 (1p-3p) - host: TBD
4. Sunday March 17th 2024 (1p-3p) - host: TBD
5. Sunday April 21st -2024 (1p-3p) (show is Saturday
April 20th) - host: TBD
6. Tuesday May 14th, 2024 (6p - 9p) - host: Audrey
7. (SALE DATE 2024)
8. Sunday September 15, 2024 (1p-3p)
9. Sunday October 20, 2024 (1p-3p)
10. Sunday November 17, 2024 (1p-3p)

Send items for the meeting agenda items for discussion to Ellen Singleton.

Program: Louisiana Irises

There were several varieties of LA iris from the order sent from Delane Langton and other potted varieties from Jim Landers. We all selected a variety of plants to take home and prepare them in our gardens. Thank you to everyone that potted and carted around and labeled and took plants home!! Can't wait to see all the flowers in the future!!

The meeting was adjourned.

Dara E. Smith, Secretary

Submitted for Approval on: November 19th, 2023



'Captivating One' - Johnson 2023 SDB



'Catch My Eye' - Johnson 2022 SDB



'Worlds Collide' - Toth 2023 SDB



'Bill Williams' - Krupka 2023 SDB