



IRIS AUSTIN

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NEXT MEETING:

Sunday, **April 21, 2024** 12-3 P.M.
Zilker Botanical Garden - Auditorium
2220 Barton Springs Road
Austin, TX 78746

'LADY OF LOMETA' – BEST SPECIMEN OF SHOW(S)



'Lady of Lometa' - Dara Smith (All photos by Jim Landers unless identified by others.)

'Lady of Lometa,' hybridized by ISA member Jim Landers, won Best Specimen of the 2024 Show for Dara Smith Saturday, April 13. The Show, sanctioned by the American Iris Society, opened to the public at 1 P.M. When Jim Landers walked into the room to take photographs for the newsletter, he proudly faced his iris. He later learned that his 'Lady of Lometa' had also won Best Specimen of the Show at the Waco Iris Society 2024 Show earlier that same day.

Dara Smith also displayed I tectorum that achieved the Best of Section, First Place blue ribbon, and special award in the Horticultural Division.

As a talented photographer, Dara also won first place with an orange insect on an iris petal in Division VII C, 'Creatures in a Garden.' Second place was captured by Tracey Rogers with a butterfly on a yellow iris. Dara also entered Section D for Non-Bloom and easily earned another award while Kathy Petheram won Third Place.

Dara Smith brought a seedling, a tall Spuria that she hybridized.

While the Table of Consideration held the blue ribbon winners, these beautiful irises showed the best of colors. 'Inn Keeper,' the best violet, and 'Bayou Tiger' as well as 'Belize' and 'Zamboange' were all entered by Dara Smith. Other winners included Joyce Evans, Donna Little, and Ellen Singleton.

During the show a Historic Section held Louisiana irises 'Delta Star' and 'Flare Out' by Dara Smith. Jaime Hadley showed 'Sinfonetta' 1986 and Donna Little entered a tall bearded 'Thornbird' 1985.



(Tracey Rogers)

Division V Education Exhibits held an extraordinary display by Tracey Rogers, who wished the Iris Society of Austin a Happy 40th while celebrating the History of Zilker Botanical Garden Center a Happy 60th. Pat and Don Freeman were remembered fondly as the founders of the Iris Society of Austin in 1983 when 20 members joined. Pat was the first president. Both of them were famous exhibitors and dedicated officers. Tracey's exhibit includes iris plantings in Fall 2002, Ida Red Garden in 1995, the Louisiana Garden in 1995, and the new planting in the Herb Garden in 2024.

This is the largest show since the pandemic closed the gardens. Ellen Singleton was the Show Chairman and the irises attracted over 150 visitors. Sixteen members of the Iris Society of Austin worked to set up the show on Friday and Saturday. Last year Donna Little entered the Best Iris to win the show.

BEST OF . . . ENTRIES

Best Specimen of Show; Best of Section - I
'Lady of Lometa' - Dara Smith



Runner Up; Best of Section - I L (SPEC/SPX)
I Tectorum - Dara Smith

Best of Section - I A (TB)
'Dreamy Martini' - Ellen Singleton

Best of Section - I B (SA TB); Best Bi-Tone
'Behavin' Bad' - Donna Little

Best of Section - I D (Hist) ; Best Red
'Zamboanga' - Dara Smith

Best of Section - I F (IB)
'Black Comedy' - Donna Little

Best of Section - I K (SPU)
'Belize' - Dara Smith

Best of Section - I T (Single Blossom)
'Magical Encounter' - Donna Little

Best Bi-Color
'Pirates Ahoy' - Joyce Evans

Best Blue
'I Like Pretty Things' - Joyce Evans

Best Gold
'Garden Time' - Joyce Evans

Best Multi-Color

'Montmartre' - Ellen Singleton

Best Pink

'Double Platinum' - Ellen Singleton

Best Blend

'Bayou Tiger' - Dara Smith

Best Purple

'Inn Keeper' - Dara Smith

Best Seedling of Show

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Dara Smith

Multiple Bloom Photo

Best Photo of Show; Best Photo of Section - 7 B
Audrey Baker

Creatures in a Garden Photo

Best Photo of Section - 7 C
Dara Smith

Non-Bloom Photo

Best Photo of Section - 7 D
Audrey Baker

NEW OFFICERS

The new slate of officers presented at the February meeting:

- President – Jaime Hadley
- Programming VP – Ellen Singleton
- Membership VP – Marney Able
- Secretary – Dara Smith
- Treasurer – Donna Little

THE WOODLAND FAERIE TRAIL

The Woodland Faerie Trail will open in Zilker Botanical Garden on May 18. It is a wonderful experience for children and grandchildren to create a faerie land from sticks, wood, rocks, and leaves as they use their imagination on a piece of ground away from home and television. Water can be a piece of blue paper or even a painted rock. The creators might even add some faeries among the sticks and stones to surprise visitors when they come to admire what the kids have developed.

This popular event closes July 13.

NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK

June 2-8 is National Garden Week at Zilker Botanical Garden located at 2220 Barton Springs Road in Austin 78746. Several clubs will participate by selling plants and flowers as well as bulbs. This is a way to advertise your club and gain new members.

RHIZOME SALE

September 9 the Iris Society of Austin will have an iris rhizome sale. Come to the Iris Show on the 13th and write the names of those that you would like to purchase.

THE SHOW



Setting up - Friday, April 12 {Tracey Rogers}



Debbie Hood places the entries (Donna Little)



Louisianas and Spurias (Tracey Rogers)



Setting up the Head Table (Connie Ford)



Judges, Clerks, and ISA Members (Donna Little)



Judging Horticulture entries (Donna Little)



The Head Table



Single Blossoms



Judging Photography entries (Donna Little)



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'Zamboanga' - Dara Smith



'Behavin' Bad' - Donna Little



'Black Comedy' - Donna Little



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'Magical Encounter' - Donna Little



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	Variety	MAGICAL ENCOUNTER
		
		



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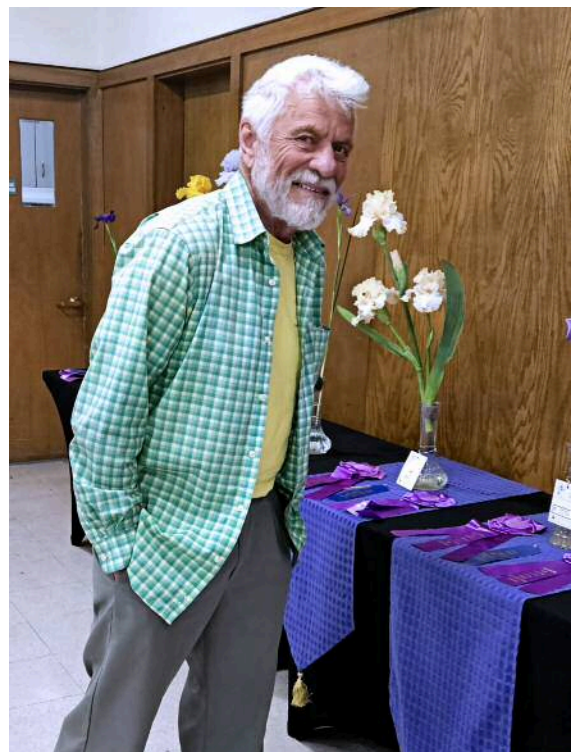
'Inn Keeper' - Dara Smith



(Donna Little)



DES-04-13-2014-BRONZE (seedling) - Dara Smith





(Tracey Rogers)

