

THE IRIS SOCIETY OF AUSTIN

in cooperation with
THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY

presents



Saturday, April 8, 2017

open to the public 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Austin Area Garden Center
at Zilker Botanical Garden
2220 Barton Springs Road
Austin Texas 78746

*Admission to American Iris Society approved shows
is always open to the public at no charge*

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Debbie Strauss for her graphic design skills
and Shelia Senghas for her vision*

The Iris Society of Austin is an affiliate of the American Iris Society. This local group promotes the growing and exhibition of irises. A newsletter is published containing timely hints and newsworthy information pertaining to the Iris.

The Iris Society of Austin usually meets the second Tuesday of January, February, March, April, May, September, October and November at the Austin Area Garden Center, inside Zilker Botanical Garden, 2220 Barton Springs Rd, at 6:45 pm. For more information, ask any member or fill out a membership form found as you enter the show auditorium. Local membership dues are \$12 per year, payable at the show or at any meeting. The membership year starts January 1 and ends December 31.

The American Iris Society (www.irises.org) is an international organization devoted to the promotion of the Iris. Anyone interested in this organization is invited to join today at this event (single, annual dues \$30) or by contacting the AIS Membership Secretary:

Tom Gormley
PO Box 177
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This show schedule has been submitted to and approved by:

Lois Rose
Exhibition Chair
American Iris Society

IRIS SOCIETY OF AUSTIN

CURRENT OFFICERS 2016 - 2017

President Donna Little
Vice President (Programs) Pat Byrne
Vice President (Membership) Jaime Hadley
Secretary Dara E Smith
Treasurer Marney Abel
Historian..... Tracey Rogers

EVENT SCHEDULE

Entries received..... 7:30am - 9:45am
Judging10:15am - Noon
Open to public..... 1:00pm - 4:00pm
All exhibits removed..... 4:00pm - 5:00pm

2017 IRIS SHOW COMMITTEES

Show Chair	Shelia Senghas
Show Co-Chair / Staging.....	Jaime Hadley
Schedule / Awards / Sec'y.....	Ken Fuchs
Entries / Classifications	Dara E Smith
Placement.....	Carolyn Wylie
Artistic Design.....	Lori Anderson
Photography	Marney Abel
Clerks.....	Pat Byrne
Judges.....	Jim Landers
Judges Hospitality	Nelda Moore
Public Hospitality	Kim Gass
Publicity	Tracey Rogers
Clean-Up.....	All Members

IRIS SHOW GENERAL RULES

- 1 The Iris Society of Austin presents their 28th accredited iris show on Saturday, April 8, 2017, in the Auditorium of the Austin Area Garden Center in Zilker Botanical Garden, Austin, Texas. This accredited show is being held and judged under the rules and regulations of The American Iris Society as set forth in the *Handbook for Judges and Show Officials, 7th Edition, 2007*, which cannot be violated
- 2 Judging will be in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth by the American Iris Society. Different accredited or expert judges may judge each of the different divisions. All judges' decisions will be final, and any award may be withheld at their discretion
- 3 Show judges or any immediate family members of the judges are not permitted to exhibit in the show
- 4 Youth exhibitors (persons under 19 years of age) may enter exhibits in the Youth Horticulture Division OR the Adult Horticulture Division but not both
- 5 The Classification Committee may divide, combine or create sections/classes as necessary
- 6 The Show Committee will exercise all possible care but is not responsible for loss or damage to exhibits
- 7 Only authorized persons will be allowed in the show area during judging

DIVISION I — HORTICULTURE RULES

- 1 This is a Variety/Cultivar Show, staged according to type and in alphabetical order within the various sections and groups. Each variety/cultivar constitutes a separate class and must be correctly named
- 2 Division and Section identifiers and name of variety must appear on every entry card. The entry card is to be prepared by the exhibitor
- 3 Entries are open to any grower

- 4 Entries must have been grown and entered in person by the exhibitor whose name appears on the entry tag. Members of a family may exhibit from the same garden
 - 5 Each exhibitor may enter as many varieties as desired, but may not enter more than one specimen of each variety (except in collections or English Box sections)
 - 6 Unnamed stalks, potted exhibits or labeled irises grown by another person are not eligible to be entered in this division, but may be displayed on the table marked "For Display Only"
 - 7 The Iris Society of Austin will furnish containers for all single specimens as well as containers for collections. Any other containers required must be furnished by the exhibitors
 - 8 Black foam will be furnished by the Show Committee for bracing stalks at the necks of containers
 - 9 Single specimens should be placed by the Placement Committee. Exhibitors will be allowed to place collections
 - 10 An English Box may contain 3 to 6 individual blooms. Flowers may be all the same or different varieties. Each bloom must be correctly named and labeled. Exhibitor shall furnish the English Box in a size and shape appropriate to the number and size of blooms displayed. The English Box should have an outside non-reflective surface in a neutral color
- Reservations are required** for the English Box section
Please contact Shelia Senghas at 830-275-9409 by April 6
- 11 All classifications other than Tall Bearded (Sections E - R) must be entered in the section of their classification, even if they are also Space Age, Novelty or Historic
 - 12 Historic Tall Bearded must be entered in Section D - Historic Tall Bearded, even if they are also Space Age or Novelty
 - 13 Space Age Tall Bearded introduced 1988 or later must be entered in Section B – Space Age TB
 - 14 Novelty TB other than Space Age introduced 1988 or later must be entered in Section C – Other Novelty TB

NOTE - *Rules 11-14 are new rules implemented 2017 to avoid confusion in classification and judging*

SECTIONS

- A Other Tall Bearded (TB) (not historic, SA or novelty)
- B Space Age TB (*introduced 1988 or later*)
- C Other Novelty TB (*non SA introduced 1988 or later*)
- D Historic TB (*introduced before 1988*)
- E Border Bearded (BB)
- F Intermediate Bearded (IB)
- G Miniature Tall Bearded (MTB)
- H Standard Dwarf Bearded (SDB)
- J Miniature Dwarf Bearded (MDB)
- K Aril Iris & Arilbred (AR & AB)
- L Spuria (SPU)
- M Species & Species Crosses (SPEC & SPX)
- N Bulbous**
- P Louisiana (LA)
- Q Japanese (JI)
- R Other
- S Collection (*3 stalks, same variety or different*)**
- T English Box** (see #10 above)

** *Entries not eligible for Best Specimen of Show*

AWARDS

- 1 **Ribbons** – One first place ribbon (blue), one second place (red), and one third place (white) may be awarded within each class (variety) in any given section. As many honorable mention ribbons (pink) as quality merits may be awarded
- 2 **Best of Section** – An AIS Rosette may be awarded to the best entry in any Section with at least 3 exhibitors and 5 cultivars
- 3 **Best of Texas** – An AIS Rosette may be awarded to the best specimen hybridized in Texas
- 4 **Best of Color** – An AIS Rosette may be awarded to the best specimen in each color category. Color categories are listed below, and color classification will be decided by the judges

Black	Gray	Red	Amoena	Multi-Color
Blue	Orange	Violet	Bi-color	Plicata
Brown	Pink	Yellow	Bi-tone	
Gold	Purple	White	Blend	

- 5 **Best Specimen of Show** – A Best Specimen AIS Rosette and Certificate may be awarded to the best single stalk entered in the Horticulture Division. (Seedlings, Bulbous, English Boxes and Collection entries are not eligible for this award)
- 6 **Runner-up to Best Specimen of Show** – An AIS Rosette may be awarded to the second best single stalk entered in the Horticulture Division. (Seedlings, Bulbous, English Boxes and Collection entries are not eligible for this award)
- 7 **Section Medal Certificates** – An AIS Section Medal Certificate may be awarded to the exhibitor with the most blue ribbons in any Horticulture section with at least 3 exhibitors and 5 cultivars
- 8 **Horticultural Sweepstakes** – An AIS Silver Medal and Certificate may be awarded to the exhibitor with the most blue ribbons in the Horticulture division, provided the Division had at least 5 exhibitors and 20 cultivars
- 9 **Horticultural Sweepstakes Runner-Up** – An AIS Bronze Medal and Certificate may be awarded to the exhibitor with the second most blue ribbons in the Horticulture division, provided the Division had at least 5 exhibitors and 20 cultivars
- 10 In addition to the AIS awards listed, the Iris Society of Austin may also award a “keeper trophy” to the winners of Best of Section, Best of Texas, Best of Color, Best Specimen of Show and Runner Up

DIVISION II — SEEDLINGS

RULES

- 1 Entries in this division consist of any unintroducted iris of any type, and it is not required that they have a registered name. Seedlings may be entered under either a seedling number or a registered name
- 2 Any exhibitor may enter a seedling owned or originated by

another person, but the entry card must contain the name of the owner or originator of the clone

- 3 Entries in this division will use the same Sections as in DIVISION I above

AWARDS

- 1 **Exhibition Certificate** – An Exhibition Certificate and AIS Rosette may be awarded to any seedling the judges determine Best Seedling of the Show; or any seedling receiving five (5) or more votes from fully accredited American Iris Society judges attending the show

NOTE – Exhibition judging of seedlings is distinctly different from judging of introduced varieties. Grooming and condition of the iris seedling (which are skills shown by the exhibitor) are not considered. The quality of the iris stalk and flower, and their distinctiveness are among the criteria used by judges in this division

DIVISION III — YOUTH HORTICULTURE

RULES

- 1 Any exhibitor under 19 years of age may enter exhibits in either the Youth Horticulture Division or the Adult Horticulture Division, but not both in the same show
- 2 All other rules and Sections are the same as in Division I above

AWARDS

Youth exhibitors will be eligible for any show awards (ie Best Specimen of Show) in addition to those specifically designated as Youth Awards. AIS Youth Silver and Bronze medals, Youth Best Specimen of Show and other certificates and rosettes may be awarded if the Division has at least 2 exhibitors and 10 cultivars

DIVISION IV— ARTISTIC DESIGN

RULES

- 1 An exhibitor may enter only one exhibit per class but may enter as many classes as desired
- 2 The design must be created by the exhibitor
- 3 Iris must be the dominant flower in all designs, but other flowers may also be used. Neither the irises nor other plant material are required to have been grown by the exhibitor
- 4 Other flowers, foliage, dried and treated plant material, accessories, bases, and weathered wood is permitted in all classes. Fresh plant material may not be treated. No artificial flowers or foliage is permitted. The American flag or any other country's flag may not be used
- 5 The use of any parts of plants on the state conservation list is strictly prohibited
- 6 Designs in all classes should interpret the general show theme
- 7 Each design will be allotted area on a table up to 30" wide and 24" deep, and designs should not be more than 40" tall
- 8 If desired, exhibitors may provide their own backdrop or niche. While these are not required, the presence or absence of a backdrop or niche may impact the judges scoring of the overall presentation of the design
- 9 A 3" x 5" card may be included with the exhibit to explain the designer's interpretation of the theme
- 10 Judging will be by the scale of points in the AIS Handbook

Conformance to Schedule Requirements	10 points
Design Principles	35 points
Color Harmony	20 points
Creative Expression	20 points
Distinction	15 points
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Total	100 points
- 11 Artistic Designs are placed by the exhibitor. No person shall touch, feel, adjust, or move any part of a design except the exhibitor

- 12 **Reservations are required** for the Artistic Design Division
Please contact Lori Anderson at 830-279-9107 by March 31

CLASSES

- 1 Novice – open only to exhibitors who have never won a blue ribbon in a design Class at this show
- 2 Small Design – no more than 15 inches in height
- 3 Functional Tray Design
- 4 Designer’s Choice – for example armature/framework

AWARDS

- 1 **Ribbons** – One first place ribbon (blue), one second place (red), and one third place (white) may be awarded in each class. As many honorable mention ribbons (pink) as quality merits may be awarded
- 2 **Best Design of Show** – An AIS Rosette and a certificate may be awarded for the best design as chosen by the judges from all entries in all classes
- 3 **Artistic Sweepstakes** – An AIS Rosette and a certificate may be awarded to the exhibitor with the most blue ribbons earned in the Artistic Design Division

DIVISION V – EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS

RULES

- 1 Each entry constitutes a separate class
- 2 Any topic pertaining to iris, iris culture, or hybridizing is acceptable; and, the exhibit should include some tie in with the general show theme
- 3 Up to 6 linear feet of standard tabletop will be assigned to each exhibit. Display should extend no more than 4 feet above the tabletop
- 4 **Reservations are required** for the Educational Division
Please contact Shelia Senghas at 830-275-9409 by March 31

AWARDS

- 1 **Ribbons** – A first place ribbon (blue), a second place (red), a third place (white), or an honorable mention (pink) may be awarded to any exhibit if merited
- 2 **Rosette** – An AIS Special Award Rosette may be awarded to any exhibit of unusual merit
- 3 **Bronze Medal** – An AIS Bronze Medal may be awarded to any exhibit of outstanding merit

DIVISION VI – COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS

The same rules as stated above for Educational Exhibits will apply in this division. The Show Committee will determine if an exhibitor is to be classified as a Commercial Exhibit

No awards are given in this Division

DIVISION VII – PHOTOGRAPHY

RULES

- 1 Each entry constitutes a separate class
- 2 An exhibitor may enter only one exhibit per section, but may enter as many sections as desired
- 3 Exhibits must have been photographed, matted, transported and entered, in person, by the individual whose name appears on the entry tag
- 4 All exhibits must be color photographs, and 8"x10" in size
- 5 Photos must be displayed in a mat provided by the exhibitor, with outer dimensions of 11"x14". The mat may be any color, but should enhance the photograph. Therefore, the exhibitor's choice of mat color may impact the judges' scores
- 6 Picture frames and glass are not permitted
- 7 Iris should be the dominant subject of the photograph, but the irises are NOT required to have been grown or owned by the exhibitors
- 8 Modifications may be made to the image in the photo editing mode of cameras, apps (Pro Camera), or programs (Photoshop), as long as the modification is applied to the

whole image and not just part of the image

- 9 Adding graphics, borders, text, clip art, computer generated images, and images from other photographs is NOT permitted
- 10 When awarding ribbons, judges will consider equally each of the following: Overall Impact, Composition, and Technique
- 11 The photo must have been taken within the last two years and may not have been entered in any ISA Show in the past

SECTIONS

- A Single Bloom - A single iris bloom or part of an iris bloom
- B Multiple Blooms - More than one iris bloom, either on a single stalk or multiple stalks
- C Irises in Natural Setting – Not in a formal flower bed
- D Non-Bloom - Any part of an iris other than the bloom

AWARDS

- 1 **Ribbons** – A first place ribbon (blue), a second place (red), a third place (white), or an honorable mention (pink) may be awarded to any exhibit if merited
- 2 **Best of Section** – An AIS Rosette may be awarded to the best entry in any Section
- 3 **Best Photograph of Show** – An AIS Rosette and a certificate may be awarded for the single best photo of the show, as chosen by the judges from all entries in all classes

SAMPLE HORTICULTURE ENTRY TAG

Put "T" here if your variety was hybridized in Texas

Registered name of your iris variety

	Division	I	
	Section	P	
Group/Class		--	
Variety	Cajun Sunrise		
			
Exhibitor	Bud Flowers		
Address	123 Falls Court Austin TX 78701		
1st Award	2nd Award	3rd Award	Honorable Mention
1st Award	2nd Award	3rd Award	Honorable Mention
Entry No.	12	Section I Group/Class P	
Variety	Cajun Sunrise		
Exhibitor	Bud Flowers		
Address	123 Falls Court Austin TX 78701		

"I" for Horticulture Division
"P" for Louisiana Iris Section
No Class for Horticulture

Your name and address as grower and exhibitor

Your exhibitor number

Write "T" if Texas hybrid on back of card

Repeat information from above

SAMPLE ARTISTIC ENTRY TAG

Name of artistic class

	Division	IV	
	Section	--	
Group/Class		1	
Variety	Novice		
			
Exhibitor	 April Showers 987 Garden Lane Austin TX 78701		
Address			
1st Award	2nd Award	3rd Award	Honorable Mention
1st Award	2nd Award	3rd Award	Honorable Mention
Entry No.	24	Section IV Group/Class 1	
Variety	Novice		
Exhibitor	 April Showers 987 Garden Lane Austin TX 78701		
Address			

"IV" for Artistic Division
No Section for Artistic
"1" for Novice Class

To save time, use a return address label

Your exhibitor number

Repeat information from above and use another label

PAST BEST OF SHOW WINNERS

YEAR	CULTIVAR NAME	EXHIBITED BY
2016	Baditude	Dara E Smith
2015	Al's Gal	Ellen Singleton
2014	Silverado	Debbie Hood
2013	Different Take	Don & Pat Freeman
2012	Thornbird	Tony & Tiffany Sheridan
2011	Thornbird	Patricia Colacino
2010	Laura Louise	Don & Pat Freeman
2009	Creole Rhapsody	Nelda Moore
2007	Cordoba	Carolyn Gifford
2006	Acadian Miss	Marney Abel
2005	Cajun Sunrise	Lindsey Schell
2004	Cordoba	Jim Landers
2003	Thornbird	Don & Pat Freeman
2002	Cinnamon Girl	Sonja & Charles Hensley
2001	Jesse's Song	Rita & Cliff Snyder
2000	Lotta Plicata	Jim Landers
1999	Ozone Alert	Roy & Connie Rutledge
1998	Guadalajara	Roy & Connie Rutledge
1997	Chickasaw Sue	Roy & Connie Rutledge
1996	Rebecca Anne	Lee & Sandy Schroeder
1995	Dawn Candle	Don & Pat Freeman



Credit: NASA/Scott Kelly/@StationCDRKelly

On Jan. 16, 2016, Expedition 46 Commander Scott Kelly shared photographs of a blooming zinnia flower in the Veggie plant growth system aboard the International Space Station. Kelly wrote, "Yes, there are other life forms in space!

This flowering crop experiment began on Nov. 16, 2015, when NASA astronaut Kjell Lindgren activated the Veggie system and its rooting "pillows" containing zinnia seeds. The challenging process of growing the zinnias provided an exceptional opportunity for scientists back on Earth to better understand how plants grow in microgravity, and for astronauts to practice doing what they'll be tasked with on a deep space mission: autonomous gardening. In late December, Kelly found that the plants "weren't looking too good," and told the ground team, "You know, I think if we're going to Mars, and we were growing stuff, we would be responsible for deciding when the stuff needed water. Kind of like in my backyard, I look at it and say 'Oh, maybe I should water the grass today.' I think this is how this should be handled."

The Veggie team on Earth created what was dubbed "The Zinnia Care Guide for the On-Orbit Gardener," and gave basic guidelines for care while putting judgment capabilities into the hands of the astronaut who had the plants right in front of him. Rather than pages and pages of detailed procedures that most science operations follow, the care guide was a one-page, streamlined resource to support Kelly as an autonomous gardener. Soon, the flowers were on the rebound, and on Jan. 12, 2016, pictures showed the first peeks of petals beginning to sprout on a few buds.

www.nasa.gov/image-feature/first-flower-grown-in-space-stations-veggie-facility