

# IRIS AUSTIN

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submittals to the newsletter should be sent (preferably via email) within nine days following the ISA monthly meeting.

**October Meeting**  
**7pm food & socializing**  
**7:30 pm program**

Tuesday, October 11, 2005  
Zilker Park Garden Center

**Program:** Texas Garden Clubs  
Evelyn Knox, District V Director

Hospitality Chairman for 2005-2006  
Carolyn Gifford at 512-452-0426

Theme: "Octoberfest"  
Marney Abel - salad  
Shirley Randolph - salad  
Ken Fuchs - salad  
Hensley's - salad  
David Kraemer - Veggies  
Nelda Moore - Entrée  
Joe Melomo - Entrée  
Cindy Hough - Entrée  
Lindsey Schell - Dessert  
?? - Bread

## BY-LAW CHANGE PROPOSAL

The 2008 AIS convention committee would like to announce a proposal for change to the current ISA By-Laws.

Please bring your copy of the ISA yearbook (which contains the current by-laws) to the meeting for a vote. Inside this month's newsletter are the proposed changes for review.

## Planting Iris

Bearded Irises grow from an underground stem known as a rhizome. Healthy rhizomes increase in size and develop new growth which can be broken off and replanted. The time to plant in central Texas is the fall (Sept-Oct) to allow the roots of each rhizome to become well established before the growing season ends. The ideal pH of soil is 6.8 but Irises are very tolerant of poor soil when good drainage is allowed. The tops of rhizomes should be exposed when planting. Firm the soil around each rhizome after the roots have been spread downward. Iris are generally planted 12-24 inches apart and need four hours of full sunshine or longer if some shade is provided for our hot

summers. Generally, Irises need to be thinned every 3-4 years. Leaves should be cut back to one third their length when thinning and replanting. Keep flower beds clean and free of weeds and debris. Bloom stems should be cut off close to the ground after blooming. Diseased or brown leaves should be removed.

## Volunteer Hours

Did you contribute your time to any Iris Society of Austin events? Or assist in clean-up, or planting of rhizomes in the Zilker Park planting beds? If yes to these activities or other such contributions of your time, the AAGC would like to know. Each society reports their membership's volunteer hours to the AAGC. So, if you have hours to report, please let Nelda Moore know.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
HOURS: \_\_\_\_\_

Below are the additions requested to the By-laws.

**Please read!**

**ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES**

SECTION 1:

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and public purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

SECTION 2:

a) Purpose of The Corporation shall be to develop the science of horticulture and activities related to the study, propagation, and culture of irises; to stimulate and foster interest in botanical and horticultural pursuits; to cooperate with other organizations, public and private, in the scientific and horticultural education of those interested in learning about irises by any means consistent with these Bylaws. These shall include, but are not limited to:

- 1) To support scientific research, including the culture and improvement of irises, and to encourage garden visiting by the general public;
- 2) To collect and disseminate information on the history, classification, hybridization, climatic range, and culture of irises;
- 3) To promote shows and exhibitions for the purpose of educating the general public and fellow irisarians;
- 4) To educate the public through public display gardens, published standards for judging, and local, area, regional and national meetings open to the public;
- 5) To do all possible to advance the cause of the American Iris Society.

**SECTION 3:** The Corporation shall be organized and operated exclusively for educational and scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**SECTION 4:** The property of The Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of the organization shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person.

**Section 5:** Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, The Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (1) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or (2) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code. No substantial part of the activities of The Corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and The Corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

**Section 6:** On the dissolution or winding up of The Corporation, its assets remaining after payment of, or provision for payment of, all debts and liabilities of The Corporation, shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**ARTICLE III**

**SECTION 7:** Youth membership shall be available to persons who are *youth* as defined by The American Iris Society.

<b>Iris Society Minutes September 6, 2005</b>	<b>Minutes (continued)</b>
<p>The meeting was called to order by our president, Nelda Moore.</p>	<p>Bronze: The Freeman's SpaceAge: The Freeman's Louisiana: Nelda Moore Best Design: The Freeman's</p>
<p>Treasurer report not given due Pat Byrne's recent injury and therefore not in attendance.</p>	<p>Artistic Sweepstakes: Nelda Moore Seedling: Jim Landers</p>
<p>Those that participated in the hospitality for the month were given a warm thank you.</p>	<p>Don Freeman was selected as the volunteer of the year from ISA. He will receive recognition on Oct 7, 2005.</p>
<p>Nelda Moore announced that Oct 7 is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Zilker Botanical Gardens and Nov 19 is this year's Holiday Bazaar.</p>	<p>Discussion of food, parking, and setup for the rhizome sale for Saturday, Sept. 10.  The program was pricing Iris for the sale.</p>
<p>Lindsey Schell gave the show results: Silver: The Hensley's</p>	<p><b>Respectfully submitted, Debbie Hood</b></p>

**From the President's Desk (Late into the night)**

**Sept. 14**

Thank you to Guy & Carolyn Gifford, Bill & Gina Long, Lindsey Schell, and Jan Sherrill for selecting rhizomes from iris growers for the sale September 10. For the next event the club should be able to purchase dark irises and City Lights, some of the local requests. Please tell Jan Sherrill about any other names of favorite irises that you would like to see in the sale. New introductions sold very well, and hybridizers usually send a few when the club orders from them.

By now these irises have been planted in separate prepared beds for bearded varieties, arilbreds, or spurias. Louisianas should be planted in containers holding water or in a bog. Spurias and Louisianas are also fed more often than the bearded irises during the growing season.

The Iris Society of Austin continues to seek a club representative who will attend the monthly meeting of the Austin Area Garden Council, vote, and report. The council meets on the second Tuesday of each month except June through August. Laura Joseph, current president, is very efficient; therefore, the volunteer representative will be in the auditorium from 10 am until 11:30 or noon. There is food for thought, delicious food and punch, a drawing for seeds and a variety of plants.

The Holiday Bazaar will be coming soon—November 18 for a preview and November 19. Let us have a winning table during this fall fundraiser for the gardens. Volunteer! Have a delightful year!

Nelda Moore