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No Meeting in December

**No Meeting Friday evening,
JANUARY 5**

**Judges Training
JANUARY 6 9 A.M.**

Registration—8:30 A.M.

Noon—Lunch

Iris Meeting—12:30 P.M.

IRIS MEETING TO FOLLOW JUDGES TRAINING JAN. 6

Registration for Judges Training will begin at 8:30 A.M. Saturday, January 6, in the Zilker Botanical Garden Auditorium, 2220 Barton Springs Road.

Peggy Lamb will conduct the educational phase from 9 A.M. until noon.

According to Gordon Green, Judges Training Chairman in Region 17, five new people who attended the convention in Dallas indicated that they would become student judges. He reminded all the new candidates that they must be AIS members for three years by the time their training is complete. Each person received a packet with requirements to complete the apprenticeship. AIS will start requiring a set amount of hours for garden judging every year for every judge, but this training will be offered at each National Convention.

A \$5 fee will be collected during registration, but this training is fun, educational, and valuable to iris society members. Judges are always needed, and this is a great opportunity to start training.

Lunch will follow the training session, and the iris meeting will begin about 12:30 P.M.

Members who offered to bring food include Lila Lewis, Pat Byrne, Nelda Moore (main dish), Joanna Varner (bread), Audrey Baker (bread), Mike Renfro (sodas), Dorothy Carroll and Pat Freeman (salads), Lee and Sandy Schroeder and Charlie and Sonja Hensley (dessert), Carol Canfield (salad or deviled eggs). The hospitality list was originally circulated for the Friday evening meal; therefore, any person who will not attend the Saturday events, please telephone someone else to prepare food.

*Did you know that
an amoena (ame-nah) has white or
tinted white standards and colored
falls.*

*a neglecta has light blue standards,
darker colored falls.*

a space ager has horns, spoons, flounces.

*Spec-X aphylla cultivars lose their
foliage in late autumn, but will
come back with increased vigor*

*All guest plants belong to the hybridizer
or sender. Treat them kindly. Protect
this valuable property.*

2007 Regional Convention will be hosted by the Sherman/Denison Texoma Rainbow Iris Society. No date has been set.

IRIS SOCIETY OF AUSTIN MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 2006

Marney Abel, president, opened the meeting by welcoming the new members and guests.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as written.

Marney Abel gave an educational program on Dutch irises.

Pat Byrne, treasurer, reported that there had been little activity in the past month. The society netted approximately \$4100 from the rhizome sale.

2008 Committee Report:

Committee work is currently at a slow pace. The Iris Society has received approximately 3000 guest rhizomes that have been distributed and planted in 7 guest gardens.

Subcommittees will be forming soon such as the hospitality committee and bus captains.

The committee did decide to have a boutique at the convention and are looking for vendors to sell goods at the boutique.

There is some thought of having a craft group get-together next year to make things for the boutique.

Christmas Bazaar—Nelda Moore

The bazaar is November 18 from 9-4. Volunteers are needed to work on Friday to help set up and on Saturday to help with the sale.

The meeting ended with several rounds of RIZOM bingo.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Reeh, secretary



Although poinsettias come in many different colors ranging from white to green, a grocer in the South is selling blue and purple. They are sprayed white poinsettias!

Happy Holidays to each of you whether it be white or red or silver and gold, but may your irises be purple and blue and your Christmas poinsettia any color but blue.



From the President's Desk

You do not have to become an iris judge to attend the judges training school in January. If you just want to learn more about showing and growing irises, this school is for you. And you can earn hours toward becoming a judge if and when you ever want to qualify.

Many thanks to those who worked at the Zilker Holiday Bazaar.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

Hope to see you in January!

If you were an iris, would you know when to bloom in this 80 degree November? Would you think it's springtime?

I have two irises from Brad Kasperek **Doe z Doe** and **Kilimanjaro Sunrise** that are blooming, and I know of other guest gardeners who are enjoying blossoms.

Tonight we will have a freeze! Sorry little confused plants.

Marney Abel



ENJOY THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS!
Drive to Johnson City, Marble Falls, Austin, or The Emily Ann Theatre in Wimberley.

Guest Gardens Named in Region 17 Newsletter

Jim Landers and Pat Byrne, Co-Chairs of the 2008 National Convention, mentioned the 7 guest gardens that will be visited by conventioners from around the world. See the article on page 17 of the Fall Newsletter for Region 17. The convention will be April 14-19 in 2008.

The gardens are located at the Natural Gardener, Lee and Sandy Schroeder's Farm near New Braunfels, San Marcos Tourist Information Center, Brushy Creek Municipal Utility District's Community Center, Bannockburn Baptist Church, Janet and Jim Murphy's Farm in La Grange, and Roger and Marney Abel's landscaped garden near West Lake Hills.

IRIS 2007 TO BE HELD IN OKLAHOMA CITY APRIL 30

The American Iris Society Convention will be held in Oklahoma City April 30-May 5.

Convention headquarters will be the Marriott, 3233 Northwest. Full registration for one person by March 1 will be \$180, by April 1--\$205, after April 1, \$230.

The registrar is Betty Lou McMartin, 8904 NW 80th St., Oklahoma City, Ok 73132-4013. Website www.okiris.org Telephone (405) 728-9839 E-mail lulu245@sbccglobal.net

TRACY PLOTNER ELECTED AIS LIBRARIAN

Tracy Plotner, the new librarian of the American Iris Society Resource Library located in Silverton, Oregon, can be reached by e-mail at aislibrary@molalla.net or by mail at P.O. Box 250, Molalla, Or 97038-0250.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR RAISES \$3,600 FOR COUNCIL



The third annual Holiday Bazaar successfully sold books, cards, wreaths, ornaments, baked items, pansies, violas, kale, cactus and succulents, bulbs, pine and rosemary trees, poinsettias, and gifts, yielding \$3,600 for the Austin Area Garden Center, Inc. from 9 A.M. until 4 P.M. November 18, according to Nelda Moore, Vice President of Operations.

Marney Abel, Pat Byrne, Dorothy Carroll, Pat Freeman, Patty Reeh, and Sandy Schroeder all worked diligently to either set up or to assist the public during the sale.

Sandy Schroeder painted iris ornaments, which are on the club tree decorated by Marney Abel.

Nelda Moore created a yellow iris of Texas with Lone Star State in 2008 for the AAGC tree while Joanna L. Varner painted bas relief irises around a sprayed ornament, a genuine work of art.

The club Christmas trees will remain in the Greene Room until after New Year's Day.

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**FIND THE NAME OF A HYBRIDIZER BY CHECKING ACROSS
OR DOWN. THEN CIRCLE THE NAME, WHICH MAY BE THE
FIRST NAME SOMETIMES.**

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PACIFIC COAST
NATIVES

(Jim) Begley	(Anna and David) Cadd
(Charles A.) Bunnell	(Chun) Fan
(Tom) Burseen	(Bruce) Filardi
(Lucy) Burton	(Joseph J.) Ghio
(Susan) Boyce	(Clyde and Anita) Hahn
Ben (Johnson)	(Larry) Lauer
(Paul) Black	(Anita) Moran
(Howard M.) Bushnell	(Bonnie and Hooker) Nichols
(Richard) Cayeux	(Lois) Olson
(Vince) Christopherson	(Pat) Otterness
(J. Griffin) Crump	(Riley) Probst
Schreiner	(Robert L.) Reed
(Bob) Van (Liere)	(Francis) Rogers
(Ray) Ward	(Kim) Ung

LONE STAR STATE IN 2008 AUSTIN, TEXAS