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# IRIS AUSTIN



## next ISA meeting >>>

Iris Society of Austin Meeting  
**Tuesday March 11, 2014**  
**6:45 pm** (gates close at 7:00)

**Late? call 477-8672 ext 13**

Zilker Garden Center  
2220 Barton Springs Rd  
Austin TX 78746

- Potluck Supper
- Business Meeting
- Trip Down Memory Lane

## next AAGC meeting >>>

Austin Area Garden Council Meeting  
**Tuesday March 11, 2014**  
**10:00 am**  
Zilker Garden Center

Marney Abel – ISA representative

## upcoming events >>>

Mar 29-30, 2014 – Zilker Garden Festival

Apr 5-10, 2014 – AIS Nat'l Conv

No April ISA Meeting

Apr 11, 2014 – Show Set-up - 3p  
Apr 12, 2014 – Annual Iris Show

May 13, 2014 – Regular Meeting

## Iris Under the Big Top

"Iris Under the Big Top" will provide inspiration to all who enter the 25th Iris Society of Austin Annual Iris Show in the Austin Area Garden Center Auditorium on April 12 in Zilker Botanical Garden, 2220 Barton Springs Road, Austin, Texas 78746. The show will be judged under the auspices of and according to the rules of the American Iris Society.

On Saturday, horticulture and artistic entries will be received from 7:30am to 9:45am. Judging will be from 10:15am until Noon. The show will open to the public free of charge from 1 to 4pm.

Artistic classes include Novice--Iris Under the Big Top; Religious--Gospel Under the Tent; Two Containers--Ring Master; and Table for Two--Two-Ring Circus. To make reservations to enter a flower arrangement telephone Pat Freeman 512-836-4679. The Novice is for anyone who has not won a blue ribbon in an iris show.

All members are welcome to come to Zilker on Friday, Apr 11, at 3pm to help with set-up for the show, and everyone is also encouraged to be on hand Saturday at 4pm to help clean up after the show

## Sign Up for Lunch

Tracey Rogers, your Iris Show Hospitality Coordinator, asks that you come to the March meeting prepared to pay \$10 if you plan to eat lunch at our April 12th show. Since there will be no April meeting, this is the only chance for Tracey to get a count. If you are still undecided, you can call Tracey at 512-280-4856 or email [rogers89@earthlink.net](mailto:rogers89@earthlink.net) by March 31, then you can pay the day of the show.

## Miscellanea

*The Artistic Flower*, by Melanie North, contains photographs of flowers, many of them irises. Some photos are unedited; others have artistic effects applied in Photoshop.

[www.blurb.com/user/store/htcowgirl](http://www.blurb.com/user/store/htcowgirl)

Did you know that there is a TBIS Garden Directory?

Go to [www.tbisonline.com](http://www.tbisonline.com), then click on Garden Directory

# AIS Nat'l Convention

The American Iris Society Convention will again be hosted by the Dallas Iris Society at the Crown Plaza Hotel and Resort, 14315 Midway Road, Addison, 75001. The dates this year will be Saturday, April 5 through Thursday, April 10. This is the first time in American Iris Society history that the convention is held in the same city two years in a row, which enables attendees to admire three-year-old clumps of iris.

The hotel can be reached from I-635 and the LBJ Freeway. Turn north on Midway Road and after passing through the light at Spring Valley Road it is on the left. A room with one to four people is \$99 plus tax per night. The phone number to make reservations is 972-980-8877.

- A Welcome Dinner will begin at 7:30pm Monday evening
- The Silent Auction Bids will close at 10pm Tuesday
- The Garden Tours begin at 6:30am Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
- Your final ballot will be due Thursday evening at 5pm
- And the Awards Banquet will take place Thursday evening at 7:30pm

This year the convention gardens include Addison Garden, Brown Garden in Dennison, Burseen Garden in Grand Prairie, Carver Garden in Weatherford, Clark Garden west of Ft Worth, Keas Garden in Sherman, Winston Patrick McGregor Park Garden in Cleburne, McDowell Garden in Anna, Nichols Garden in Mesquite, and Perry Garden in Plano.

The Dallas Iris Society annual Spring Iris Show will be held at the convention hotel Monday April 7, so be sure to bring your best blooms. Entries will be accepted from 8am to 10am in the Pin Oak Room.

A Geek Dinner will be held on April 9 for \$27 per person. This is separate from the convention package. The meal will include grilled chicken breast over linguini and much more. To attend submit payment to Joanne Prass-Jones, 35572 Linda Dr, Fremont, CA 94536.

At registration collect a reward for Tex Q. Arter, which you received at the 2013 AIS Convention or at the Region 17 AIS Convention last Fall.



an award-winning design from the 2011 show

Pack a coat and an umbrella so that it will not get cold and rainy. Texas weather is full of surprises even in April.

To register to attend this great Texas convention e-mail Dell Perry at [seandelirises@yahoo.com](mailto:seandelirises@yahoo.com)

## zilker garden festival >>>

# Volunteers Needed

Because The Iris Society of Austin is one of the member societies of the Austin Area Garden Council, all ISA members should plan to volunteer at least 4 hours during the upcoming Zilker Garden Festival. This is a great way for us to help meet our club's quota of volunteer hours for the year. The festival is March 29 and 30 in Zilker Park.

After your 4-hour shift, shop with over 50 vendors selling plants and gardening supplies, enjoy live music in the Rose Garden, and get a bite to eat in The Oaks. Bring your kids to enjoy balloons, face painting

and many types of crafts in the Kids Corner.

Two tickets per member of ISA are available for free, and additional tickets can be purchased at the gate for \$7 for adults, and \$3 for children.

If you can volunteer to work a shift selling water at the festival, please contact Nelda Moore.

If you have early iris blooms and don't want to drive them to the Dallas IS show at National Convention, you can enter them in the Zilker Festival flower show. See Pat Freeman for details.