

WACO IRIS SOCIETY

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Saturday, April 11, 2026

Holiday Inn Express and Suites Waco South

5701 Legend Lake Parkway, Waco, Texas

Open to Public 1:00 – 3:00 PM

FREE ADMISSION

FREE PARKING

This will be short and sweet to get you last minute information regarding the iris show on Saturday.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

1. We can get in the hotel at 5:00 on Friday evening to get the tables arranged and decorated, and to bring in the potted irises for the sale. You can also use this early time to start on your artistic designs.
2. If you have potted irises to sell, please reply to this email no later than **Wednesday noon** so photos of your sale plants will be available.
3. If you need a copy of the show schedule, reply to this email and I will send you a copy.
4. There is limited time and space, so do your show prep at home as much as possible.

President's Message, April 6, 2026 by Ken Anderson

The arrival of spring seems to have occurred even sooner this year and nearly all varieties of trees and shrubs are fully leafed out in the San Antonio area. Fortunately, we have had some rain the past few days and hopefully more is on the way. The weather has not been too helpful this year for the production of iris blooms. Although we did have some frosty mornings, we did not have near the amount of winter chill this year nor quite the same amount of moisture as we had last year. However, having spoken to some of the club members, I am reassured that we will have adequate bloom production to provide for a good show.

I have been in contact with Jacky Roberts. He has been doing a great job as we are making the transition for him to become show chair as nearly all of those responsibilities have now been turned over to him. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the show on Saturday. Jacky has spoken to personnel at the hotel and we will be able to drop off our show supplies and potted irises on Friday evening after 5 p.m. If there is nothing scheduled in that meeting room, it might be possible for us to get in there a little earlier. If you are bringing potted irises for the sale, please remember to follow the process as outlined in previous communications. Members will be organizing and setting up tables for the sale on Friday evening so if it is possible, it would be great for you to drop off your potted irises on Friday evening.

For those of you who are bringing horticulture entries, please remember to do as much preparation as possible before arriving at the hotel. Every effort will be made this year to stay on schedule and have the initial setup time and the judging to occur as scheduled.

I have been busy gathering my potted irises and getting them ready for the sale. I hope these pots are making a one-way trip to Waco.



I am looking forward to seeing everyone, to seeing the wonderful irises you will be bringing to the show, and to having the chance to visit all members as time allows.

See you on Saturday, April 11th.