



IRIS AUSTIN

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NEXT MEETING:

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

1-3 pm

Ruiz Library

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TIME FOR A CHANGE

This newsletter is my swan song, the LAST newsletter that I, Ken Fuchs, will be co-editing and co-writing for ISA, which I have been doing since March 2015. Hopefully, another ISA member will take over the newsletter responsibilities that I have performed over the years.

2025 SHOW – A DOUBLE WINNER



Jacky Roberts won the top two awards at the 2025 Iris Society of Austin Show on Sunday, April 6. He brought only five cultivars to enter, and all five ended up on the head table. Jacky's entry 'Camera Ready' was awarded the Best Specimen/Queen of the Show, and his 'Glitter Gulch' was Runner-Up. The following Saturday, April 12, Jacky's cultivar 'Spiked' was awarded Runner-Up/Queen of the Show at the 2025 Waco Iris Society Show.

Dell Perry and Peggy Cathey served as judges for the ISA Show.

2025 IRIS SOCIETY OF AUSTIN SHOW RESULTS

Best Specimen / Queen of Show – 'Camera Ready' – Jacky Roberts

Runner Up – 'Glitter Gulch' – Jacky Roberts

Best Tall Bearded – 'Camera Ready' – Jacky Roberts

Best Space Age – 'Glitter Gulch' – Jacky Roberts

Best Historic Tall Bearded – 'Mauna Loa' (Samuel Berry 1926) – Audrey Baker



Photos by Tracey Rogers

Best Intermediate Bearded – ‘Red Hot Chili’ – Donna Little

Best White – ‘Fifty Is Nifty’ – Tracey Rogers

Best Black – ‘Night Moves’ – Dara Smith

Best Blue – ‘Sugar Blues’ – Jacky Roberts

Best Brown – ‘Camera Ready’ – Jacky Roberts

Best Pink – ‘Concertina’ – Jacky Roberts

Best Yellow, Best LA – ‘Lemon Zest’ – Donna Little

Best Gold – ‘Glitter Gulch’ – Jacky Roberts

Best Plicata – ‘Naborlee’ – Donna Little

Best Multi-color – ‘Adventurous’ – Donna Little

Best Blend – ‘Honey Pie’ – Jacky Roberts

Best Amoena – ‘Snow Day’ – Donna Little

Best Texas Hybridized – ‘Glitter Gulch’ – Jacky Roberts

Best Photograph in Section – ‘Multiple Blooms’ – Tracey Rogers

Best Photograph, Best in Section – ‘Other Iris Images’ – Dara Smith

Artistic Design – 1st Place & Best Design – Jaime Hadley

Artistic Design – 2nd Place – Dara Smith



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Kathy Petheram, Nelda Moore, Dara Smith & Jaime Hadley are getting ready for the show.



Tall Bearded entries N-S prior to judging



Kathy Petheram sorts ribbons for the Show



Jaime Hadley & David Kraemer during the show



Donna Little gets exhibition judges training by show judge Dell Perry.



The Head Table

IRIS SOCIETY MEMBERS WIN IN THE 'DOWN MEMORY LANE' SHOW

The Capital City Judges Council in partnership with the Violet Crown Garden Club hosted the Down Memory Lane show April 12th-April 13th. The show theme was in honor of past garden club members in the Austin area: Bill Ater, past president of the Orchid Society; Renee Blascke, past president of the Texas Garden Club; Harriet Houston, past president of the Violet Crown Garden Club; Marge Roberts, a Master National Garden Club Judge; and June Wood, past president of the National Garden Club and published author of floral design.



Marney Abel & show attendees at Head Table



The Award of Horticultural Excellence
Photo by Shirley Smith

The Award of Horticultural Excellence is offered to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner and correctly named exhibit in the entire Horticulture Division. Tracey Rogers won the aforementioned award for 'Grain Exchange' (Ragle 2007).



Photo by Deana Dossey



Photo by Shirley Smith

Shirley Smith won the award for the most outstanding petite design, which is a small rosette of blue and white ribbon. She won for her design in Section A – Less Is More – class 1 - "Pint-Sized Pleasures." Designs must be between 3 to 5 inches and height and width.

Congratulations to both. Shirley previously won a blue ribbon in the 2023 Iris show.

SOME PHOTOS OF THE ZILKER BEDS TAKEN IN LATE MARCH



'Austin City Blues'



'Braggin' Rights'



'Coral Point'



'Ida Red' & 'Skip a Beat'



'Grain Exchange'