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an Affiliated Society of the American Iris Society in Region 17 (Texas)

<https://www.irises.org/> <https://www.irises.org/about-ais/regions-affiliated-societies/region-17-affiliates/>

Submittals to the newsletter should be emailed within twelve days following the ISA monthly meeting

Next Meeting

Tuesday, September 9, 2025
6pm meeting/program
Auditorium

Zilker Botanical Garden Center
2220 Barton Springs Rd
Austin TX 78746

<http://www.zilker garden.org/>

Hospitality: Tracey Rogers

Program: Rhizome Sale results

ISA Rhizome Sale

Saturday September 6, 2025
9:30 am to 2:00 pm
Zilker Auditorium

Zilker Botanical Garden Center
Members may enter at 9am
may need to pay for parking

Sale setup

Friday September 5, 2025
1pm to 5pm

2026 American Iris Society National Convention

<https://ais2026convention.org/>

May 18-23 New Jersey &
New York

2027 AIS Convention - Oklahoma City

April 27- May 1 (tentative)
Officially submit rhizomes
between 8/15/25 – 10/1/25

See the [complete details for
submitting guest irises.](#)

2025-2026 ISA Officers

Jaime Hadley - President

Donna Little - Treasurer

Marney Abel - Membership

Dara E. Smith - Secretary

Audrey Baker - Programs

Tracey Rogers (until Oct 2025) - AAGC representative

Iris Society of Austin Rhizome Sale September 6, 2025

Tracey has been working on plant sale planning and will be requesting information on what varieties members will be bringing for the sale. The sale will be Saturday, 9/6/25 and we will be able to enter the gates at 9 am. If everything is set up ahead of time, sale can start early. ISA is booked for sale setup at Zilker on Friday, 9/5/25 from 1pm to 5pm. For those members that cannot make it to Zilker for setup, you can bring your clean, groomed, labeled, & priced rhizomes on Saturday morning, before the sale begins.

For those members bringing rhizomes for the sale, Tracey mentioned that pricing of rhizomes should be in even amounts of \$2, \$4, \$6, \$8 and \$10. If the rhizomes are really small & scraggly, we can give them away for buyers. Unknown irises can be priced at \$1. If you know the color of unknown/nameless rhizomes, it can be priced at a higher amount, if the member can provide a picture of it blooming in their garden. Many customers shop by color.

If you are planning to contribute rhizomes for the sale, please wash, dry, & groom plants ahead. You can prune leaves in fan or an upside down "V" shape, leaving about 4 or 5 inches of foliage above the rhizome. Label and price each iris cultivar and place it in a paper bag to bring to the sale.

For a list of other Iris society sales, AIS posted the following link:

https://wiki.irises.org/pub/Main/IrisShows/AIS_Sale_Schedule.pdf

Notes about ISA meeting location & time for September - November 2025

Tracey received confirmation for the following Iris Society of Austin (ISA) meetings:

- Tuesday evening, September 9, 2025 starting at 6:30 pm
- Sunday afternoon, October 19, 2025 at 1 pm
- Sunday afternoon, November 16, 2025 at 1 pm

Tracey is supposed to hear in August regarding meetings for the remainder of the year.

Workday at Zilker Botanical Garden

Thursday, June 26, 2025

ISA members volunteered 6/26/25 to work in the main iris bed at Zilker. Tracey, Audrey, Dara & Cynthia came out that morning to thin out iris' planted previously with the roses at Zilker Botanical Garden. Tracey noted in her email that day that the yellow roses should now have more room to grow, although the Daylilies may need to be thinned as well. The 'Ida Red' iris clump was one of the biggest clumps Tracey had seen and with glorious blooms. The team dug the irises to be potted for the rhizome sale in September. Tracey emailed 7/25/25 that she has potted at least 3 each of 6 varieties including Austin City Blues, Ida Red, Lemon Pledge and Skip a Beat.





Audrey Baker, Tracy Rogers, Cynthia Sadler, and Dara E Smith
Photos from Cynthia Sadler & Dara Smith

Iris 'Ida Red' (front right) & 'Skip a Beat' blooming at Zilker Botanical Garden
 March 27, 2025
Photo by Tracey Rogers





Iris 'Austin City Blues' blooming
at Zilker Botanical Garden
March 27, 25
Photo by Tracey Rogers



Iris 'Coral Point' blooming
at Zilker Botanical Garden
March 27, 25
Photo by Tracey Rogers