

IRIS AUSTIN

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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

Sunday, October 19, 2025 1pm-3pm meeting/program at Auditorium

Zilker Botanical Garden Center 2220 Barton Springs Rd Austin TX 78746

http://www.zilkergarden.org/

Program: Rhizome Bingo

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

September miscellaneous

- 1. Tracey provided a couple notes from the September meeting:
 - 1. October program is RHIZOME (bingo) Audrey asked for people to bring prizes
 - 2. Donna is the hostess for October
 - 3. Iris Society of Austin (ISA) is looking for a show chair & a show theme. ISA wants to get a jump on planning for the 2026 show.
 - 1. make a decision at the October meeting
 - 2. themes requested
- 2. Tracey indicated there was Volunteer work day at Zilker Garden Friday, September 26, 2025
- 3. Marney mentioned new member joined: Helen Kent Davis



Iris 'Smith Named Keith' (left) blooming May 2025

Iris 'Global Crossing' (right) blooming April 2022



Notes about ISA meeting/show location & time for September 2025 - September 2026

Tracey received confirmation for the following Iris Society of Austin (ISA) meetings, show, & sale at Zilker Botanical Garden Center:

- Tuesday evening, September 9, 2025 starting at 6:30 pm
- Sunday afternoon, October 19, 2025, 12-4pm (meeting time 1pm-3pm)
- Sunday afternoon, November 16, 2025, 12-4pm (meeting time 1pm-3pm)
- Sunday afternoon, January 18, 2026, 12-3pm (meeting time 1pm-3pm)
- Sunday afternoon, February 15, 2026, 12-3pm (meeting time 1pm-3pm)
- Tuesday, March, 10, 2026, 6-8:30pm
- Iris Show Date:
 - Setup: Friday, April 3, 2026, 1-5pm
 - Sale: Saturday, April 4, 2026, 9am-5pm
 - includes the Auditorium and Greene Room for Judges
 - Zilker gates open at 8am for the show
- Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 6-8:30pm
- Tuesday, May 12, 2026, 6-8:30pm
- Iris Sale Date:
 - Setup: Friday, September 11, 2026, 1-5pm
 - Sale: Saturday, September 12, 2026, 9am-3:30pm
- Sunday, September 20, 2026, 12-3pm

Zilker Garden's regular operating hours are:

- September through May: 9:00 AM 5:00 PM
- June through August: 8:00 AM 4:00 PM
- Admissions close 30 minutes before the Garden closes

Region 17 2026 Meeting October 9-10

Hosted by the Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society
JN Long Cultural Arts Center
425 Granbury St
Cleburne, Tx

email: <u>iris.daylilies@gmail.com</u> facebook.com/johnsoncountyirisanddaylilysociety

Pictures from the Iris Society of Austin Rhizome Sale September 6, 2025





Jaime & Dara



Joyce & Nelda



Donna & Shirley

Photos from Marney Abel

As part of McMurry's centennial, the Centennial Garden renamed to "Pug Deavenport Parris Centennial Garden", which contains irises from Dr. Pug Parris' garden. The original McMurry Iris Garden was created by Dr. Norlan Henderson (1915-2016), hybridizer of fifteen American Iris Society registered irises.

Photo from Dara Smith at Region 17 meeting August 2, 2025 - Abilene, Tx





Iris Society of Austin members Ken, Dara, Jim, & Jaime (left to right)

Photo from Jaime Hadley August 2025

Pictures from Members that attended the Region 17 Meeting hosted by The Big Country Iris Society Garrison Campus Center of McMurry University August 1 & 2, 2025 - Abilene, Tx











amie (above), Marney (right) Ellen (bottom left), Shirley (bottom right)

Photos from Dara Smith & Marney Abel







In Memoriam

Tracey learned from Jim that Nelda Moore's husband Joe Moore passed away in August 2025. Services were held September 4, 2025 at the Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church, Austin, TX. We extend our support and comfort to Nelda and her family. Nelda and Joe have been participating in Iris Society of Austin for decades. We will miss Joe.

Tracey learned Martha Mueck passed away September 23, 2025. Martha had been battling cancer and liver disease for couple of years. She was a past member of both Violet Crown and the Iris Society of Austin. Her close friend Shirley Randolph has been keeping Tracey informed of Martha's illness. Rosary service will be held October 2, 2025 at 7pm at St William Catholic Church, Round Rock TX. Mass will be at 10am October 3, 2025 with services at the burial site in Coolidge Cemetery (northeast of Waco) at 3:30pm. We extend our condolences to Martha's family and friends.