



# IRIS AUSTIN

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

<https://www.irises.org/>

[www.aisregion17.org](http://www.aisregion17.org)

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



## Next Meeting

Sunday, November 16, 2025,  
1pm-3pm meeting/program  
at Auditorium

Zilker Botanical Garden Center  
2220 Barton Springs Rd  
Austin TX 78746

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

**Program:** Feast for Irises  
(aka 'Fertilizers for Irises')

No December 2025 ISA  
Meeting

## 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)

## 2025-2026 ISA Officers

Jaime Hadley - President

Donna Little - Treasurer

Marney Abel - Membership

Dara E Smith - Secretary

Audrey Baker - Programs

Shirley Smith (after Oct 2025) - AAGC representative

## Iris History

Did you know that the AIS website is building up its Iris Library of Iris Literature. Take a look at [The AIS Hager-DuBose Memorial Iris Library](#) near the bottom of the home page. Within the AIS publication sub-page, you can explore sections of 1978 AIS publication "The World of Irises"

(<https://wiki.irises.org/Hist/Info1978AISTheWorldOfIrises>), including some early history about Irises. You can read about the [Iris pallida](#) in the mountains of Italy and the [Iris variegata](#) growing in Hungary (<https://wiki.irises.org/Hist/HistoryOfIrisDevelopment>).

AIS wiki notes that *Iris pallida* is differentiated from other bearded irises by the bracts protecting the flower buds being wholly dry, silvery or brown, and papery at time of flowering.

c. Mid-America Garden



Dykes Medal winner tall bearded iris 'Royston Rubies' (left)  
photo by Mid-American Gardens

Iris 'Caustic Tongue' (right)  
photo by Hillcrest Iris Gardens



c. Hillcrest Iris

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

Tracey confirmed Iris Society of Austin (ISA) meetings, show, & sale at Zilker Botanical Garden:

- 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

### *Notes from the Region 17 newsletter*

*Did you see Dell Perry's report in the Region 17 newsletter? She indicated there are 31 people in the judges training program with three candidates planned for January 2026. Two ISA members are progressing through the program. Tracey Rogers will be moving to garden/exhibition judges and Jacky Roberts will be moving to the apprentice stage.*

*New website for Region 17 is now available: [www.aisregion17.org](http://www.aisregion17.org)*

*The winner of the 2025 Dykes Medal is 'Royston Rubies,' a tall bearded iris hybridized by Adam Cordes.*

*Region 17 Hybridizer Award for most AM (Award of Merit) votes by the AIS judges for 2025 ballot went to Hooker Nichols for 'Caustic Tongue.'*

*Articles to Region 17 newsletter can be sent to Stephanie Sullivan [iris.newsletter.17@gmail.com](mailto:iris.newsletter.17@gmail.com)*

## **Iris Society of Austin Meeting Minutes - October 19, 2025**

Meeting was called to order by Jaime Hadley. There were 11 members present. This Sunday afternoon meeting was held at Zilker Botanical Garden.

Welcome and introduce any new members - Renee Israel & Annette Pearson

Our thoughts are with Victor Mueck for the passing of his wife and ISA member Martha Mueck. A card will be sent to him with our remembrance.

- Are there any members we need to be thinking of or caring for? - Tracey was not feeling well to attend today's meeting. She did send some delicious treats with Shirley Smith.
- The Minutes from the September 2025 meeting were lost and are not available.
- Treasurer's report given by Donna Little. Ending September 2025 balance and Current October 2025 balance was reported and will be redacted for printing in the newsletter per Region 17 instructions. Vote to accept - no opposition, Report Approved.
- The Region 17 meeting was held in Abilene, TX - August 1-2, 2025. Along with the guidelines for not publishing account information and balances in club newsletters, for privacy reasons, Youth members will have their faces obscured in publications.
- Shirley Smith has volunteered to be the ISA representative to the AAGC meetings and to provide a report to the ISA after the quarterly meetings. The next AAGC meeting is in November 2025.
- Donna Little has volunteered to be the Show Chair for the ISA Spring 2026 Show. A motion was made to accept her role and the motion passed.
- There was discussion selecting a Show Theme. Suggestions were: "Comedy Routine", "Works of Art", and "Iris Rainbow". A motion was made to accept the theme "Iris Rainbow". The motion was passed.
- The Show Schedule is due for submission and approval by AIS at the end of January 2026.
- Next scheduled ISA Meeting is at Zilker auditorium:  
Sunday November 16th, 2025 @ 1pm (hospitality and light refreshments Dara Smith and Jaime Hadley)
- An announcement and reminder for old and new members that attending 5 meetings or events in a year makes you eligible for Iris Society of Austin to pay your membership dues to the American Iris Society!
- Iris related event to plan in your calendars for next year!
  1. Iris Society of Austin Spring Show - Saturday April 4, 2026 (8am)
  2. American Iris Society National Convention in New York - May 19 -23, 2026
  3. Region 17 Fall meeting - October 9 - 10, 2026 (Cleburne, TX)
- Thank you to Audrey Baker for presenting a fun game of RIZOM!! See you all at the next meeting.

**Minutes Submitted for Approval at November 16, 2025 meeting as printed in the October 2025 Newsletter.**