



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

submittals to the newsletter should be emailed within eight days following the ISA monthly meeting



Next Meeting

Tuesday, March, 10, 2026,
6-8:30 pm
at Auditorium

Zilker Botanical Garden Center
2220 Barton Springs Rd
Austin TX 78746

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

Program: Iris show prep

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)

February Miscellany

1. Tracey is still looking for hosts for April & May.
2. The nominating committee presented a slate of officers at the February meeting.
 - An election will be held in March to approve the slate of officers, officers installed in May, and officers assume duties in June.
3. Tracey submitted the ISA show schedule to AIS. The club still had some black styrofoam for the containers, but exhibitors can provide their own.
4. Iris Society of Austin annual dues should have been paid in January. If you have not paid your dues, please make your payment to "Iris Society of Austin and send to Marney or Donna.
5. The ISA Iris Show Date is scheduled for Saturday, April 4, 2026, 9am-5pm. The show setup is scheduled for Friday, April 3, 2026, 1-5pm.

Marney asked Dara & David to display the Zilker garden festival T-shirt quilt she brought to the ISA meeting (bottom right)

Photo by Shirley Smith



Proposed Slate of ISA Officers for 2026-2027

Election will be held during the March meeting. Officers will be installed during the May meeting and will assume duties in June.

President-Tracey Rogers

VP Programming-Audrey Baker

VP Membership-Ellen Singleton

Secretary-Dara Smith

Treasurer-Donna Little

Notes about ISA meeting/show location & time for September 2025 - September 2026 with *zoom info

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) [*Zoom available]
- Sunday afternoon, February 15, 2026, 12-3pm (meeting time 1pm-3pm) [*Zoom available]
- Tuesday, March, 10, 2026, 6-8:30pm [*Zoom available]
- Iris Show Date:
 - Setup: Friday, April 3, 2026, 1-5pm
 - Show: Saturday, April 4, 2026, 9am-5pm [Easter weekend]
 - includes the Auditorium and Greene Room for Judges
 - Zilker gates open at 8am for the show
- Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 6-8:30pm [*Zoom available]
- Tuesday, May 12, 2026, 6-8:30pm [*Zoom available]
- Iris Sale Date:
 - Setup: Friday, September 11, 2026, 1-5pm
 - Sale: Saturday, September 12, 2026, 9am-3:30pm
- Sunday, September 20, 2026, 12-3pm [*Zoom available]

For Club Members -- *Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82096469078?pwd=yBaGnlv9pW8K5iZRbJHaWbmym2bsJ.1>

Meeting ID: 820 9646 9078

Passcode: 051827

One tap mobile – for call in audio only

+13462487799,,82096469078# US (Houston)

Join instructions

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/82096469078/invitations?signature=6D_Ouh-iZ84IfiL3ITbf0kXsRmNiO-r364yFBol4Rtc

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



Tall bearded iris 'Valentine's Day'
(Vernon Wood, R. 1996) (left)
Award of Merit 2001
photo via AIS wiki



Tall bearded iris 'Happenstance'
(Keith Keppel, R. 2000) (right)
Award of Merit 2004, Wister Medal 2006
photo by Argyle Acres via AIS wiki



Tall bearded iris 'Innocent
Pink' (Paul Black, R. 2003) (left)
photo by Paul Black via AIS wiki



Tall bearded iris 'Pink Pink'
(Donald Spon, R.d 1995) (right)
photo by BlueJiris via AIS wiki