



# IRIS AUSTIN

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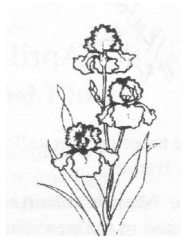
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*an Affiliated Society of the American Iris Society in Region 17 (Texas)*

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

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

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



## Next Meeting

*Tuesday, April 14, 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 review

**ISA Iris Show**  
**Saturday, April 4, 2026**  
**9am-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)

## ISA Iris Show Coming Soon

The Iris Society of Austin (ISA) Iris Show is scheduled for Saturday 4/4/26 at the Zilker Botanical Garden Auditorium. Tracey indicated that the gates should be open by 8:30am that morning for exhibitors to bring in their exhibits to prepare for show entry. The pre-show room setup is scheduled for Friday 4/3/26, 1-5pm. Please let Tracey know if you will be attending the setup on Friday.

### EVENT SCHEDULE DAY OF SHOW

Entries received .....	8:30am – 10:20am
Judging .....	10:30am - Noon
Open to public .....	1:00pm - 4:00pm
All exhibits removed .....	4:00pm - 5:00pm

The final Show Schedule was emailed by Tracey to members 3/9/26. If you need an emailed version, please let Tracey know. Please refer to the show schedule for show & entry information.

Jaime handed out Exhibitor entry sheets at the March meeting. He will also email an electronic version of the form for those not in attendance. Remember to fill out entry tags before the show, if possible. Exhibitors will attach the completed tag for every entry for judging, prior to delivery to the Classification table the day of the show. Please refer to the show schedule for how to fill out entry tags. A sample tag is include on page 11 of the show schedule.

Entries must have been grown and entered in person by the exhibitor whose name appears on the entry tag (except for seedlings). Unnamed (or name unknown) iris stalks may be displayed on the table marked "For Display Only", but may not be entered for Horticulture division judging.

## ISA Officers for 2026-2027

The ISA Officer election was held during the March meeting and passed as listed below.

President - Tracey Rogers  
VP Programming - Audrey Baker  
VP Membership - Ellen Singleton  
Secretary - Dara Smith  
Treasurer - Donna Little

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

## Iris Society of Austin Meeting Minutes - February 15, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Jaime Hadley. There were 12 members present (including 1 youth member) and one guest. This Sunday afternoon meeting was held at Zilker Botanical Garden.

We had a nice assortment of brunch items on the tables today! Thank you to everyone that brought food. We are keeping Gordon Carver and Debbie Strauss in our thoughts.

- The Minutes from the January 18, 2026 meeting were approved as printed in the January 2026 newsletter.
- Treasurer's report given by Donna Little. There are no changes in the current balance from the last report in November 2025 / January 2026.
- There are no updates from the recent quarterly AAGC meeting to report.
- Tracey has been sending emails to keep everyone informed of the plans that Zilker is coordinating to relocate the iris plantings. There are currently irises planted with daylilies in the rose garden. The interest in the members participating in this job is very minimal as the membership has dug up and replanted the irises several times in the past 3 years. There will be a workday scheduled in the following weeks to move the iris plantings to a new location in the garden and out of the rose beds.
- Iris Society of Austin Dues are due in the month of January. Please make your payment to Marney Able or Donna Little for "Iris Society of Austin". AIS sends renewal notices in December/January and some ISA members have their dues to AIS paid for by ISA. 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 annual membership dues to the American Iris Society! The AIS dues have been submitted to national membership chair and are now paid for 2026.
- Donna Little, Show Chair provided updates for the ISA Spring 2026 Show "Iris Rainbows". Entrance to Zilker will be 8:30am. Entries will be received between 8:30am – 10:20am. The judging will start at 10:30am and doors open to the public at 1pm. We will all need to share the role for Hospitality with Shirley Smith coordinating. Need food for

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judges and members for snacks and lunches.

- List of show leaders:
  - Tracey Rogers - Judge Coordinator
  - David Kramer - Placement
  - Dara E Smith & Jaime Hadley - Classification and Awards
  - Audrey Baker - Photography
- Needed - publicity (Chronicle, Social Media, FB and Instagram accounts if we still have access to these for ISA, also can be posted to the Region 17 accounts. Submit to AAGC to get on the Calendar of Events (Sally Dickenson, Nicki DeLeon - 2 weeks ahead of the end of the month)
- Tracey Rogers - The show schedule has been approved!
- Artistic Design will have 3 Classes
  - Novice - "Favorite Rainbow Color", Small 15" high - "Rainbow Connection" 2 to 3 colors, Designer's Choice - "Full Spectrum" colors, line design
- Photography will have 4 Sections
  - Single flower, Multiple flowers, Irises Etc. (photos of animals, yard art, etc with irises), Non-bloom - any part of the iris NOT the bloom.
- National Convention Registration is open. There is a discount for early registration before April 15, 2026
- Updates on the Nominating Committee. The following slate of officers for 2026 - 2027 was presented:
  - President - Tracey Rogers
  - Vice President Programming - Audrey Baker
  - Vice President Membership - Ellen Singleton
  - Treasurer - Donna Little
  - Secretary - Dara E Smith
- We will accept nominations from the floor and vote on the slate of officers at the Tuesday March 10th, 2026 6pm meeting.
- Next scheduled ISA Meeting is at Zilker auditorium:
  - Tuesday, March 10, 2026 @ 6pm
  - The meeting program will focus on the details for show prep including flower and exhibit prep and all the paperwork to turn in with your entries.
- Marney Abel brought in a quilt made from old Zilker Botanical Garden volunteer t-shirts.
- Congratulations to Tracey Rogers who is now officially an AIS Judge!!! We also have two other club members that are in the Judge's program, Donna Little and Jackie Roberts.
- Tracey will be judging the Waco Show with Hooker Nichols April 12, 2026 at the Crestview Church of Christ Community Center in Waco and the Abilene Show April 18, 2026 with Peggy Cathey.
- Tracey and Ellen will be making our club order to prepare for the Fall sale from Tina and Daughters. Please get with them if there are specific irises you are interested in having at the sale.
- Hospitality needed!! Please signup with Tracey for March, April and May meeting hospitality duties.
- Region 17 is seeking someone to be the Region 17 Youth Chair.

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- Iris related events to plan in your calendars for this year!
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  2. Iris Society of Austin Spring Show - Saturday April 4, 2026 (8:30am)
  3. American Iris Society National Convention in New York - May 19 -23, 2026. Registration is now open!  
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1 Hotel Road, Newark, New Jersey 07114  
(973) 623-006  
Convention website: <https://ais2026convention.org/>
  4. Region 17 Fall meeting - October 2 - 3, 2026 (Cleburne, TX). Please note the dates have recently changed for this meeting. Registration is open! Please see the information on the AIS Region 17 Facebook group or on the Region 17 Website. [<https://forms.gle/qDi3a6MtvCJgku7i8>]
- Today's meeting was one from the AIS You Tube Webinar library. "AIS Webinar - History of AIS"
- Next Meetings:
  - Tuesday, March 10, 2026 @ 6:00pm (Zilker)
  - Tuesday April 14, 2026 @ 6:00pm (Zilker)
  - Tuesday May 12, 2026 @ 6:00pm (Zilker)
- ZOOM meeting information will be included in the Newsletter. We will commit to setting up the Audio/Visual components in the meeting room and start the call from someone in attendance at Zilker that has a computer setup to access the Zoom application and initiate the call. We are hoping that members not able to attend in-person will join the meeting. Today's meeting was hosted in-person and on Zoom. There were no attendees on the call for February meeting.

Minutes Submitted for Approval at April 14, 2026 meeting as printed in the March 2026 Newsletter.

### 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 8:30am 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

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One tap mobile – for call in audio only

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Join **instructions**

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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 ‘March Madness’  
(Tom Burseen, R. 2007) (left)  
*photo via AIS wiki*



Tall bearded iris ‘Marching Band’  
(Joseph Ghio, R. 2005) (right)  
Honorable Mention 2008  
*photo via AIS wiki*



Tall bearded iris ‘Easy Being Green’  
(Richard C. Richards, R. 2007) (left)  
President's Cup 2012 &  
Award of Merit 2013  
*photo by Jan Lauritzen via AIS wiki*



Tall bearded iris ‘Green Machine’  
(Richard A. Tasco, R. 2024) (right)  
*photo by Rick Tasco via AIS wiki*

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We had a nice assortment of potluck items on the tables this evening! Thank you to everyone that brought food.

- The Minutes from the February 15, 2026 meeting were not delivered in time to be published in the February newsletter. They will be published in the March 2026 newsletter with tonight's minutes.
- Treasurer's report given by Donna Little. The current balance provided. \$54 in membership, but spent \$44 or so on new checks. The report was approved.
- There are no updates from AAGC meeting to report. The next quarterly meeting will be in May 2026??
- There was a workday scheduled on February 25th, 2026 to move the iris plantings to a new location in the garden and out of the rose beds. This was facilitated by the Park's Dept. Thank you to Tracey, Shirley F. and David Kraemer for working on this project.
- Show updates: Shirley Smith will email out the selection for lunch boxes from Panera and let us know the choices and the price. (counted 12 from the meeting plus some extras for judges and guests). Shirley and Tracey will bring drinks or bring your own drink.

Everyone please bring some refreshments for breakfast and afternoon snacks. We will be able to use the Green Room for show prep and lunch / socializing.

The final Schedule was emailed yesterday (3/9/26).

If you have boxes of vases bring them to the Friday setup. They should be washed and clean and ready for someone to put their entry card on and put their flower stem in.

If you are going to enter a Single bloom you will need to provide your own vase.

- National Convention Registration is open. There is a discount for early registration before April 15, 2026
- Nomination of Officers and Election - A motion was made by Dara E Smith to accept slate of officers for 2026 - 2027 that was presented by the Nominating Committee. There were no other nominations from the floor. The vote was Approved unanimously.

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New Officers will be installed at the Tuesday May 12, 2026 @ 6:00pm (Zilker)

- ISA has been asked to host the 2028 Region 17 Regional Meeting. This would be some time in early October. (past meetings have also been held in early to late August). A committee (Tracey, Donna, Dara and Shirley S.) has formed to investigate locations, scheduling, and itinerary.

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