



# 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 eight days following the ISA monthly meeting



## Next Meeting

**Tuesday, May 12 2026,**  
**6:30\*-8:30 pm**  
at Auditorium

*\*new time for meeting start*

Zilker Botanical Garden Center  
2220 Barton Springs Rd  
Austin TX 78746

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

*ISA Officers will be installed  
during the May 2026 meeting  
and will assume duties in June*

**Program:** TBD

## 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 2026 Iris Show Held in April

The Iris Society of Austin (ISA) Iris Show was held Saturday 4/4/26 at the Zilker Botanical Garden Auditorium.



Austin Area Garden Council (AAGC) sign in front of the Zilker Auditorium building during the Iris Show (left)  
Iris Art work was created by ISA member Nelda Moore

Iris Society of Austin (ISA) 2026 Best Specimen of Show & Best Tall Bearded "Timescape" (center below)  
Photos by Dara E. Smith



## ISA 2026 Iris Show (Continued)



Head table displaying all the winning iris specimens (left)

*photo by Dara E Smith*

Show judges behind the Head table pictured at the right (from left to right):

Apprentice judge Mayna Haggard of Poolville, TX, AIS judge Nick Stewart from Lawton, OK, & AIS judge Stephanie Myers from Colleyville, TX

*photo by Dara E Smith*



Auditorium with specimens before judging begins (left)

*photo by Dara E Smith*

ISA members waiting in the Green Room while Iris Show judging takes place (right)

*photo by Dara E Smith*



Judges at work (left)

*photo by Dara E Smith*

Jaime & Dara ready to collect exhibitor tags & tally winners (right)

*photo by Dara E Smith*



## ISA 2026 Iris Show (Continued)



Best of Show & Best Tall Bearded  
Tall Bearded (TB) iris 'Timescape'  
Exhibitor: Joyce Evans (left)  
*photo by Dara E. Smith*



Runner-Up & Best Texas Hybrid  
Tall Bearded iris 'Notta Lemon'  
Exhibitor: Joyce Evans (right)  
*photo by Dara E. Smith*



Best Bi-Color  
Tall Bearded iris 'Singularity'  
Exhibitor: Donna Little (left)  
*photo by Dara E. Smith*



Best Multi-Color  
Tall Bearded iris 'Bottle Rocket'  
Exhibitor: Donna Little (right)  
*photo by Dara E. Smith*



Best Orange  
Space Age TB iris 'Blow Your Horn'  
Exhibitor: Donna Little (left)  
*photo by Dara E. Smith*



Best Plicata  
TB iris 'Foolish Dreamer'  
Exhibitor: Dara E. Smith (right)  
*photo by Dara E. Smith*

## ISA 2026 Iris Show (Continued)



Best Historic TB & Best Blue  
TB iris 'Great Lakes'  
Exhibitor: Debbie Hood (left)  
*photo by Dara E Smith*



Best Louisiana  
Louisiana iris 'Cajun Sunrise'  
Exhibitor: Dara E Smith (right)  
*photo by Dara E Smith*



Best Purple  
Louisiana iris 'Inn-keeper'  
Exhibitor: Dara E Smith (left)  
*photo by Dara E Smith*



Best Pink  
Louisiana iris 'Nancy Tichborne'  
Exhibitor: Dara E Smith (right)  
*photo by Dara E Smith*



Best Black  
Louisiana iris 'Full Eclipse'  
Exhibitor: Dara E Smith (left)  
*photo by Dara E Smith*



Best of Section Single Blossom  
Tall Bearded iris 'Cinnamon Girl'  
Exhibitor: Donna Little (right)  
*photo by Dara E Smith*

## ISA 2026 Iris Show (Continued)



Best White  
Tall Bearded iris 'Immortality'  
Exhibitor: Kathy Petheram (left)  
*photo by Dara E. Smith*



Best Blend  
Tall Bearded iris 'Autumn Ring'  
Exhibitor: Donna Little (right)  
*photo by Dara E. Smith*



Best Amoena  
Space Age TB iris 'Snow Day'  
Exhibitor: Donna Little (left)  
*photo by Dara E. Smith*



Best Space Age TB  
& Best Bi-Tone  
Space Age TB iris 'Behavin Bad'  
Exhibitor: Donna Little (right)  
*photo by Dara E. Smith*



Best Arilbred  
Arilbred iris 'Desert Spirit'  
Exhibitor: Donna Little (left)  
*photo by Dara E. Smith*

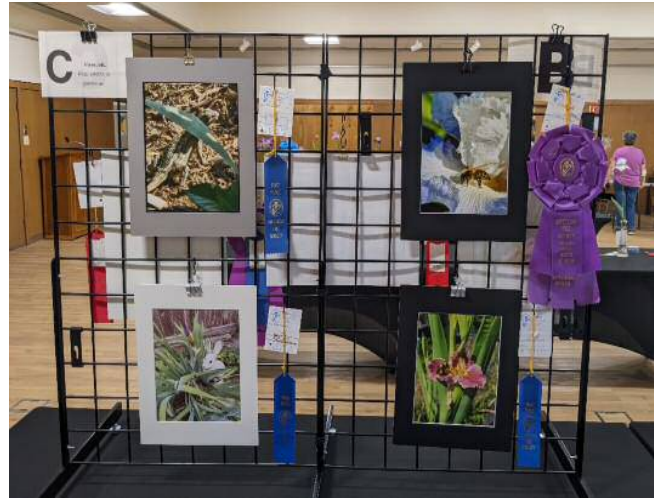
ISA Chair & Judges before the show (right)  
Donna Little, Mayna Haggard, Stephanie  
Myers, & Nick Stewart (from left to right)  
*photo by Dara E. Smith*



## ISA 2026 Iris Show (Continued)



Best Photography & Best of Section (“Iris Etc”) Exhibitor: Donna Little (above)



All entries for Photography Section “Iris Etc” (above)



Best of Section (“Non-Bloom”) Exhibitor: Debbie Hood (above)



All entries for Photography Section “Non-Bloom” (above)



Best of Section (“Single Bloom”) Exhibitor: Tracey Rogers (left)

All entries for Photography Section “Single Bloom” (right)



## ISA 2026 Iris Show (Continued)



Best of Section (“Multiple Blooms “)  
Exhibitor: Debbie Hood (above)



All entries for Photography Section “Multiple Blooms” (above)



Artistic Design – small design “Rainbow Connection”  
Exhibitor: Tracey Rogers (above)



Auditorium with specimens before judging begins (above)



Marney greeting visitors when  
show opened to the public (left)  
*photo by Dara E Smith*

Nelda hanging out after show  
opened to the public (right)  
*photo by Dara E Smith*



## Iris Society of Austin Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2026

submitted by Jaime Hadley for Dara Smith

- Welcome and introduce any new members – none
  1. Today's meeting was hosted in-person and on Zoom
  2. There were two attendees on Zoom for today's meeting
- Are there any members we need to be thinking of or caring for? - Ellen might have a cold
- Minutes from February and March meeting - unanimous pass
- Treasurer's report - Total for Judges for the Show including mileage and hotel was over \$1000. Donna provided 3/1/2026 starting balance & 3/31/2026 ending balance *<amounts redacted for newsletter>*. Donna also mentioned she wrote checks for AIS membership dues and the AIS "club" registration fee (amount for being a club associated with AIS).
- Any news from AAGC that needs to be shared? We have sent our membership list and paid our AAGC dues
- Update on Iris beds at Zilker- Tracey still working to provide markers. They might be over watering.
- National Convention May 18-23, New Jersey/New York
  1. Convention website: <https://ais2026convention.org/>
- Regional is first weekend in October in Cleburne, Donna thinks hotel rooms \$99 and are running out, so get registered soon. See information on the AIS Region 17 Facebook group or on the Region 17 Website. [<https://forms.gle/qDi3a6MtvJgku7i8>]
- Update from ISA Show, Sat 4/4/2026 - Iris Rainbows - Show Chair Donna Little
  1. Congratulations to Joyce for Best Specimen of Show and Runner-Up
  2. **Donna plans to hand out award certificates at the May meeting. She would like to hand these out in person and hopes everyone will attend the meeting in person.**
  3. Thanks to everyone who helped
  4. Parking did not seem too bad
  5. Shirley to pay back a little money because we collected more than we paid for food
- Did anyone go to the Waco or other Iris Show? Only Tracey, and she was a Judge
  1. They had a separate judge for Photography
  2. Only 2 artistic entries
  3. Horticulture judging was pretty lenient
  4. Spuria won Queen of Show
- Any new business?
  1. **Next Meeting starts at 6:30pm instead of 6:00pm, we can get into Zilker between 6:00pm & 6:30pm**

2. Tracey submitted our list of date on April 1, but we are not sure when we might get approval. The Zilker calendar runs from October to September.
3. For meetings we requested all Sundays, with Tuesdays as our 2<sup>nd</sup> choices
4. For the Show we requested 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in April with 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday as backup
5. For the Sale we requested 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday after Labor Day with 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday as backup

● No Program

➤ Next Meetings:

**- Tuesday May 12, 2026 @ 6:30pm (Zilker)**

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]—Meeting starts at 6:30pm & you can get into Zilker at 6pm
- 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

[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/82096469078/invitations?signature=6D\\_Ouh-iZ84IfiL3ITbf0kXsRmNiO-r364yFBol4Rtc](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



Zilker staff recently moved Irises to new beds at Zilker Garden's. Snapshots of Iris in new locations April 14, 2026

*photos by Jaime Hadley*



'Notta Lemon' (Tom Burseen, R. 2009) April 14, 2026 (right front)  
'Purr Form Mints' (Tom Burseen, R. 2006) April 14, 2026 (right back)  
*photos by Jaime Hadley*





'Prissy Christy' (Tom Burseen, R. 2013) (above)



Roses & Daylilies (previously included Irises as well) (above)



Spuria Irises at Zilker Garden's April 14, 2026  
(above & right)  
*photos by Jaime Hadley*



'Notta Lemon' (Tom Burseen, R. 2009) in  
new garden bed at Zilker 3/26/26 (below)  
*photo by Tracey Rogers*



'Do Wa Diddy' (Tom Burseen, R. 1997) in  
new garden bed at Zilker 3/26/26 (above)  
*photo by Tracey Rogers*

### **ISA Officers for 2026-2027**

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