



# 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



## Next Event

### Iris Sale

**Sale:** Saturday, September 12, 2026  
9am-3:30pm at the Auditorium

**Setup:** Friday, September 11, 2026  
1-5pm at the Auditorium

Zilker Botanical Garden Center  
2220 Barton Springs Rd  
Austin TX 78746

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

**No ISA meetings  
before the sale**

## ISA 2026 Iris Rhizomes Sale in September

The Iris Society of Austin (ISA) rhizome sale will be held 9/12/26. As the sale chair, Tracey will be sending information regarding rhizome clean up and pricing so that members can prepare their own rhizomes before bringing them for the ISA sale.

The sale will be Saturday 9/12/26 at 9am. If everything is set up ahead of time, sale can start early, if the gates are open early enough. ISA is booked for sale setup at Zilker on Friday 9/11/26 from 1pm to 5pm. For those members that cannot make it to Zilker for setup, you may bring your clean, groomed, labeled, & priced rhizomes on Saturday morning, before the sale begins.



### 2026 American Iris Society National Convention

<https://ais2026convention.org/>

May 18-23 New Jersey &  
New York



### 2027 AIS Convention - Oklahoma City

<https://www.ais2027convention.org/>

April 27- May 1

Per AIS web page, registration  
will open 5/23/2026 (but may  
open earlier)

Convention hotel: Embassy  
Suites OKC Northwest

## ISA Officers for 2026-2027

Officers were 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

# Iris Society of Austin Meeting Minutes - May 12, 2026

submitted by Dara Smith

The meeting was called to order by Jaime Hadley. This Tuesday evening meeting was held at Zilker Botanical Garden.

- Welcome and introduce any new members.
  - 9 members in attendance, 1 on zoom call and 1 guest

## Agenda:

- Are there any members we need to be thinking of or caring for?
  - Carolyn will be moving to the Triangle in a few months.
  - Gordon Carver former Region 17 RVP from Weatherford has passed away 4/21/26. A memorial service honoring Gordon's life planned for Saturday 5/16/26.
    - <https://www.galbreathpickard.com/obituaries/gordon-william-carver>
- Minutes from April meeting - Unanimous approval
- Treasurer's report - Paid Judges for the show, travel and expenses; affiliation fee; Donna provided the current balance
- Any news from AAGC that needs to be shared?
  - Remembrance ceremony this morning remembering Joe Moore, Martha Meuck, and Barabara Paul

Shirley Smith snapped a photo of Tracey giving her speech at the Remembrance ceremony 5/12/26 (right)  
*photo by Shirley Smith*



- Update on Iris beds at Zilker - Maybe over-watering, 3 blooms reported today
- Rhizome Sale updates - when to dig, how to prepare & price, and where to bring them
  - 2nd Sat in September, 9/12/26 here in Zilker Garden Center. Irises ordered from Tina and her Daughters, if anyone would like to volunteer for Publicity, contact Tracey.
  - No meeting before the sale. Setup on 9/11/26
  - Members provided Tracey feedback on prices
  - Please wash, trim leaves and trim roots a little
- National Convention May 18-23, 2026 New Jersey/New York
- Regional Meeting
  - 10/2/2026-10/3/2026 Cleburne for the Regional - registration is \$75 before 9/1/2026 and then goes up to \$90 - rooms may be running out
- Any new business?
  - Tracey and Shirley will go pick up Carolyn's Irises
- Install of Officers for 2026/2027

- President - Tracey Rogers
  - Vice President Programming - Audrey Baker
  - Vice President Membership - Ellen Singleton
  - Treasurer - Donna Little
  - Secretary - Dara E Smith
  - Next Meetings
    - No meetings June, July, August
    - September 20th, 2026 @ 1p-3p (Sunday)
    - Fall Meeting Dates?
      - not finalized yet - hopefully we will know by 6/1/2026
      - Tracey requested for 1st and 2nd weekend in April 2027 for the show
  - Program
    - Iris pests and disease in the garden & Iris word search
- 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 was one attendee on the call for today's meeting.

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

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

- **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-r364yFBoI4Rtc](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/82096469078/invitations?signature=6D_Ouh-iZ84IfiL3ITbf0kXsRmNiO-r364yFBoI4Rtc)

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 'Ida Red'  
(Bruce Clark, R. 1978) in new  
garden bed at Zilker 5/12/26 (left)  
*photo by Dara Smith*



Tall bearded iris 'Notta Lemon'  
(Tom Burseen, R. 2009) in new  
garden bed at Zilker 5/12/26 (right)  
*photo by Dara Smith*

Austin Skyline as seen  
from Zilker Botanical  
Gardens 5/12/26 (right)  
*photo by Dara Smith*

