

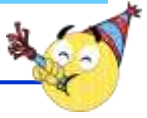


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## Happy Iris & Daylily Growing New Year!



Come celebrate the new year with us. The January 14, 2017 meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the United Cooperative Services community room, 3309 N. Main St., Cleburne. Kathy Wade

is scheduled to present a slideshow of the 2016 National Iris Convention which was held in New Jersey. We want to show you all the fun and beautiful flowers you will enjoy while attending

a National AIS Convention. Details for the 2017 AIS Convention in Des Moines, Iowa may be found on page 5 of this newsletter with a link to download the registration form.

## December Christmas Party Highlights by Peggy Cathey

What a fun Christmas Party we had in December. There were 23 party goers and enough food to feed twice that many. WoW! We have some great cooks!

Sixteen participated in the gift exchange and it was the most

lively one I can ever remember.



There were lots of irises and daylilies offered as gifts along with yard art, iris pictures, tea towels, and even Moon Pies! Most exchanged hands many-many times! Karen Singletary was especially lucky and got to open LOTS of gifts.



## January Garden ToDo/Idea List by Peggy Cathey

We have had some really cold days, but we have also been experiencing some really fantastic days to get out in the garden and get things done before the busy Spring season is upon us. How about getting started on projects you have been putting off like putting up arbors or screens? Do



you need to lay some stepping stones, build a new patio or deck or how about a new bed to

make room for more irises and



daylilies. If you need to hire someone to do the work, do it now during their slow season. How about starting a compost pile to take advantage of all the fallen leaves? It is better to use them to improve your soil than to send them to the landfill. If you can mulch them with your lawn

mower and bag them, they make



great mulch for your daylilies and other perennials.

Is there a large tree where the lawn doesn't grow because of the shade or the roots are shallow and exposed making it difficult to mow? Try incorporating them into a new or existing garden bed. The exposed roots may be covered with soil, just avoid the root flair at the base (cont. pg. 3)



## Officer and Committee Chair Reports

### President's Report

by Vicki Howard



Now that the holidays are over we can all start planning for the iris show in April. Start by potting irises for the sale held during the show. You can also start thinking about what artistic design we will enter and finding things for the category. No need to wait until last minute.

Hope everyone had a great Christmas and I my wish is this year is good to everyone. Happy gardening to all.



### Program Chair Report

by Kathy Wade



I hope that all of you had a great Christmas and a very Happy New Year! Our program this month will be on Region 17 meetings and National Conventions. There will be a slide show of past events with an open discussion of these events. I hope you all can come and join in on the fun.

### Membership Report

by Anita Goodale



The Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society met on December 10, 2016 for the annual Christmas Luncheon and Gift Exchange. Twenty-three members enjoyed fun, food and fellowship with a Chinese Gift Exchange activity highlighting the occasion.

### Show Report

by Peggy Cathey



The 2017 JCI&DS Iris Show will be held Saturday, April 15 at the JN Long Cultural Arts Complex. This year's theme is *An Iris Forecast*. The show schedule is completed and has been submitted for approval.

I hope everyone will think about making an Artistic Design this year. The classes are pretty simple and give you lots of colors and ideas to work with. You may express your design by using the colors of flowers, the backgrounds, or the accessories to best interpret the class. Here are a few ideas and suggestions to help you get started.

Class 1: *White as Snow*



Think of whites or cool, icy colors.

Class 2: *Here Comes the Sun*



This class suggests bright, sunny colors.

Class 3: *Stormy*



How about using dark black or grays to set the "stormy mood"?

Class 4: *Purple Rain*-Novice



Any color of purples and blues would work great here. If you have never won a blue ribbon in the Artistic Design Division, you may enter this class.

Class 5: *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*-Youth



Anything goes in this class. Youth must be under 19 years old.

If you have a position you would like to work during the show, please let me know.

### Treasury Report

by Dan Cathey



We began December with a total account balance of \$5,178.77. Our expenses for the month included an AHS membership for Diana Medrano in the amount of \$25.00, and an AIS membership for Gisele McCurdy in the amount of \$30.00. Newsletter costs were \$11.06. Once again, we were able to donate \$150.00 to each of our annual Christmas charities: Family Crisis Center of Johnson County and Operation Blessing of Johnson County. We had no income during the month of December. The ending balance for all accounts is \$4,812.71.



### Hospitality Report

by Gailmae Suite



Only a few signed up for January's hospitality, but let's all forget our New Year's diet for a day and bring a dish or 2 to share. Those who did sign up are; sweet - Mary & Jerry Keeth, non-sweet - Diana Medrano, drinks - Laura Smargiasso and Wayne & I will bring coffee, pasta and chips. It was no nice of Diana to make the turkey and Peggy the ham. Both were delicious !!! THANK YOU.



## MINUTES OF NOVEMBER/DECEMBER, 2016 MEETING(S) by Vickie Rigby

### NOVEMBER MEETING (Program: Daylily presentation by John Turrentine):



The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Vicki Howard. The minutes of prior meetings were approved, as well as treasurer's report, which was part of the newsletter (and a copy of which is attached to these minutes in the formal minute book of the Club.) There were no changes or objections.

Approximately 26 members and 3 guests enjoyed a bountiful meal provided by all members of the Club. No objections or complaints were heard. APPROVED by all.

The format for the December meeting gift exchange was laid out for everyone. The December Christmas buffet was also brought up and Bonnie Parks volunteered to cook the ham and Diana Medrano volunteered to cook the turkey. Thanks!

The AIS drawing was won by

Laura Smargiasso and AHS by Mary Keeth.

Club bucks were passed around to everyone who attended the October meeting.

Peggy showed the new Youth t-shirt and the sale price is \$8.00 – a great Christmas present for up and coming hybridizers.

The "meat" of our meeting was presented by John A. Turrentine, Jr. Much was learned by all through his presentation, particularly on polymerous daylilies.

### DECEMBER MEETING (Potluck and Gift Exchange):

President Vicki Howard was not able to attend so 3rd Vice President Peggy Cathey took charge and called the meeting to order at noon.

There was no formal business conducted, only a reminder that AHS memberships would expire on Dec. 31 unless you had an extended membership. The AIS membership drawing was won by

Gisele McCurdy, while the AHS membership was won by Diana Medrano.

I did not get the formal count of the members/guests in attendance but ALL enjoyed a great Christmas Potluck meal provided by all members of the Club. No objections or complaints were heard, and the Christmas luncheon was APPROVED and ENJOYED by all.

After lunch we all participated in the Annual Gift Exchange – everyone went home with the gift of their choice and Gailmae showed her talent for theft recovery via instructional advice. It was all GREAT FUN.

Happy 2017 to all – may we all be healthy and live happily ever after (no weeds in our gardens and beautiful blooms in the Spring)!!

Respectfully submitted,  
Vickie Rigby, Secretary

### January Garden ToDo/Idea List (cont. from pg. 1)



of the tree. Add some ground cover or mulch, a few stepping stones and a nice garden bench or swing and you have a great place

to sit and admire your beautiful new landscape.

Now is **not** the time to prune your roses and other shrubs. They will start to put on new growth 3 weeks after pruning and if we get a prolonged cold snap it will kill the new growth. Wait until the middle of February to prune them so by the time the new growth starts, we will be into March and it should be OK.

## Congratulations!

### December Drawing Winners

	<b>AIS MEMBERSHIP</b>	
		Gisele McCurdy AIS Winner
		Diana Medrano AHS Winner
		<b>RAFFLE</b>  No Raffle in December





## AHS Facebook Auction



The American Hemerocallis Society will be hosting a fundraiser auction beginning January 15, 2017. The auction will last one week. To participate, "like" the AHS Facebook page and all the information will come to you via Facebook.

Here is the link to "Like": <https://www.facebook.com/ahsdaylilies/> Once the auction starts, you just type in your bid on whatever item you are interested in. There are over 50 items up for bid, and not just plants. There are trips, giant

table top daylily sculptures and much more. What fun! Not only can you participate in the auction, you will meet Nikki Schmith, the AHS president who has enough energy for all of us. There are lots of daylily photos, *Teach Me Tuesdays*, and you will be kept up to date on all AHS happenings. Don't forget, AHS memberships expired December 31, 2016 unless you joined after October 1, or you had an extension renewal. If you aren't sure, let Peggy know and she can try and look it up for you.

## More from AHS & Region 6

*Daylilies in the garden are*  
**7th HEAVEN**

**Region 6 Meeting & Garden Tours**  
Austin, Texas  
May 25-27, 2017

Region 6 Banquet  
Special Guest speaker:  
**Rich Rosen**

Daylily Auction  
Daylily Boutique  
Garden tours: 2 days

**Registration Fees:**  
\$120.00 per person  
\$95.00 per Youth (17 or younger)  
Register at  
[AustinDaylily.org](http://AustinDaylily.org)

**JUDGES CLINICS & WORKSHOPS:**  
Exhibition Judging Clinics:  
Clinic I, Clinic II, Clinic III (refresher)  
Garden Judging Workshops:  
Workshop 1, Workshop 2

**HOTEL**  
Make reservations by May 10, 2017:  
Room Rate of \$99 includes a hot  
breakfast (Ask for Austin Daylily Society rate)

**Wingate Inn and Suites**  
**Williamson Conference Center**  
1209 North IH 35, Exit 253  
Round Rock, Texas 78664  
512-341-7000



To learn more about the 2017 AHS National Convention in Norfolk, Va., please check our the official convention website: <http://ahs2017convention.org/index.html>



## AIS 2017 National Convention by Peggy Cathey

The National AIS Convention is being held in Des Moines, Iowa, May 23-27, 2017. If you have never attended to a National Convention, you don't know what you are missing. Not only is there the beauty of the irises that will be on display in the 5 tour gardens, there is also many opportunities to learn more about the many different affiliate societies such as the Historic Iris Preservation Society, Tall Bearded Iris Society and others, you can also meet the officers of AIS, and Iris lovers from all across the US and many foreign countries. You can make lots of new friends who have the same interest as you—a love of irises.

Be sure to attend our January meeting where Kathy Wade will be giving us some highlights from the 2016 Convention in New Jersey.

**AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY  
NATIONAL CONVENTION**  
May 23-27, 2017  
[ais2017.wordpress.com](http://ais2017.wordpress.com)



## A Where to Order Tom Burseen 2017 Iris

In case you haven't heard, Tom will no longer be selling irises from his garden, but never fear, you may still order his newer introductions from 2 of our AIS Region 17

gardens. Check out Tom's newest introductions at Bonnie & Hooker Nichols' *Hillcrest Garden*, <http://www.hillcrestiris.com> and a new commercial garden for North Tex-

as, *The Shady Spot*, Judy Schneider's garden in Whitesboro <http://theshadyspotiris.com/>

## A Judges Training Class Reminder

Anyone wanting to learn more about irises is invited to attend the following Judges Training classes.



You do not have to be a judge to attend.

January 14, 9:00—Noon,  
Debbie Strauss

will conduct a 2 hour class on *Collections and English Boxes* in Austin.

January 21, 9:00—Noon, Dell Perry will conduct a 3 hour class on *Arilbred Irises* in Fort Worth.

January 22, 2:30—5:30, Hooker Nichols will be teaching a class on *Louisiana Irises* in Sherman.

Anyone interested in attending any of these classes can find out more information on cost of the class and who you should send your RSVP to on page 3 of the JCI&DS December Newsletter.





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**Meetings held 2nd Saturdays at  
10 a.m.**

**United Cooperative Services  
Community Room (in rear of bldg.)  
3309 N. Main St., Cleburne, TX**

**Vicki Howard, President**

**Peggy Cathey, Newsletter Editor**

**[iris.daylilies@gmail.com](mailto:iris.daylilies@gmail.com)**

**Join JCI&DS today!**

Only \$10 per year. You may join at a meeting, download membership form from our website, or send a check with your name, address, phone number and e-mail address to:

JCI&DS Membership  
425 Granbury St.  
Cleburne, TX 76033



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**IMPORTANT DATES**

- January 14, 2017  
United Cooperative Services Community Room, High-lights from the 2016 AIS Convention in Newark, NJ
- February 11, 2017  
United Cooperative Services Community Room, Speaker-Bonnie Parks, Program- McGregor Park
- March 11, 2017  
United Cooperative Services Community Room, Show Prep
- April 15, 2017  
IRIS SHOW  
JN Long Cultural Arts Complex Gym
- May 23-27, 2017  
AIS National Convention, Des Moines, Iowa
- May 25-27, 2017  
AHS Region 6 Meeting, Round Rock, TX

**Check out our website:**  
**[http://  
johnsoncountyirisandday-  
lilysociety.org/](http://johnsoncountyirisanddaylilysociety.org/)**

## JCI&DS Puzzle of the Month by Peggy Cathey



### **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Monty Byers, 1990

TB, 35" (89 cm), E-M & RE

Ruffled creamy white, finely sprinkled with tiny violet dots overall, yellow hafts heavily overlaid with violet plicata markings; white beard tipped mustard.

Link to puzzle:

**[http://www.jigsawplanet.com/?  
rc=play&pid=07a82308893b](http://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=07a82308893b)**

