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Track Your Garden by Kathy Wade

The Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society will meet on February 11, 10:00 a.m. at the United Cooperative Services Community Room. Everyone is invited to attend. Our guest speaker will be Dell Perry, speaking on **Keeping Track of your Garden**. Dell says "The program is basically about the whys and hows of keeping garden records." She will cover manual as well as computer record keeping and labeling in the garden.



Dell was born in Connecticut and moved to Texas when she was 9. She was headed for a career as a veterinarian but Texas A&M would not allow women to enroll unless they transferred in from an A&M affiliate school. So, she attended Tarleton State College in Stephenville with the intent of transferring to A&M. While at Tarleton she met her husband, became a Berger, and moved with him to Fairbanks, Alaska where he was stationed in the

Army. They survived the Great Flood, a few earthquakes and 72 degrees below zero before moving back to Texas. She divorced in 1981, reverted back to being a Perry, and has never remarried. Dell and her son Seann started Seandel Iris Gardens in the early 1990's. She comes by digging in the dirt naturally, her Mother being from a Winters, Texas farm family. Although Seann no longer lives at home, Dell continues to run the commercial operation, maintain and expand the gardens and be a bane to the little grass left in her yard. She has over 1500 varieties of iris—including tall bearded, median, dwarf, aril, aril-bred, Louisiana, evansia, spuria, species and a couple Japanese - growing on her corner city lot in Plano. Her love for irises started in Connecticut, when at age 6, she saw some cast-offs growing along a stream, dug them up and took them home – thus the madness began. She retired in March 2012 from the City Of Plano where she had worked as a programmer/analyst for over 33 years and now spends her time painting, traveling, trying to keep orchids alive, giving garden club programs, judges training programs and doing "iris things".

Dell is currently a member of the

American Iris Society, three local iris societies where she is newsletter editor to two, past President of one, and Vice President in charge of membership to another; four AIS subsections – Aril Society, Median Society, Louisiana Society, and the Historic Iris Preservation Society (HIPS), a member of SIGNA – the Species Iris Group of North America, on the Boards of Directors for the Aril Society International, where she is the Plant Sale Chair, and the Median Iris Society, where she is the Symposium Chair. She is an AIS Garden and Exhibition judge, is a past AIS Region 17 Judges Training Chairperson and is the current AIS Region 17 Newsletter Editor. Her garden is an Aril Society International and a Median Iris Society display garden, and was a tour garden on both the 2013 and 2014 American Iris Society National Conventions.





Officer and Committee Chair Reports

President's Report

by Vicki Howard



I have talked to Grace Clanton, horticulturist for the City of Cleburne, which includes Winston Patrick McGregor Park as well as Hulen Park Iris Beds. I asked her if the Iris Club could hold periods of cleanups at the park. She gave us her okay.

I am hoping that we can set aside time such as the 2nd Saturday after our meeting to work in the park. We could work for 30 minutes to an hour and with everyone's participation, we could get a lot done in a short time. Our club used to work together as a team to accomplish such things as this. How about us going back to those times? As a bonus, with club members helping with the weeding, digging, and dividing, we will be able to use the extra for our club sales.

Each volunteer worker must fill out a Volunteer Registration Form.

<http://www.cleburne.net/DocumentCenter/View/509>

I will take all of the completed forms to city hall and turn them in. All you would have to do then is go have your photo taken and pick up your badge when they call you. The volunteer registration is for your protection as well as the City of Cleburne.

As a club, we voted to establish iris beds in both Hulen and Winston Patrick McGregor Park. The City does not maintain them. Our club name is on both of these gardens and they both get a lot of people

visiting and a lot of wonderful comments about how pretty they are. In 2012 we agreed to put in the Iris beds for the 2014 convention and later voted to keep them. Do we just want to give them up? In order for them to look good they require routine maintenance throughout the year. We understand for various reasons many of you can't do the actual physical work, but you can still help. Just come, bring a chair help by watching personal items for the workers, hand out water and be supportive of everyone doing the physical work. We really need your help in taking care of these Iris plantings. After all, we want everyone to have a good impression of our club since our name is on the gardens. With your commitment, we can make this happen.



Program Chair Report

by Kathy Wade



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Dell Perry will present our February

Program *Keeping Track of Your Garden.*

Membership Report

by Anita Goodale



The Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society met on January 14, 2017 in the United Cooperative Services conference room for their monthly meeting. Twenty-five members enjoyed fun, food and fellowship.

Show Report

by Peggy Cathey



The 2017 Iris Show schedule has been approved and printed copies will be available at the March meeting, once all the positions are filled. We would like to see everyone involved with the show. Please be willing to help with one of the following positions:

- Co-Chair (someone to learn what it takes to put on a show)
- Publicity
- Horticulture Entry Clerk-2
- Placement-3-4
- Show Clerk Chair
- Show Clerks-3
- Tally Clerk-1
- Hospitality Chair
- Welcome Committee-3-4

Remember, to get your free plants from our Iris & Daylily Giveaways, a requirement is to work at the show or sale. Also, please be thinking about which artistic design class you would like to sign up for.

Treasury Report

by Dan Cathey



We began 2017 with a total account balance of \$4,687.41. Expenses included our AIS annual Club affiliation dues of \$30.00, AIS membership for Karen Singletary of \$30.00 and AHS membership for Laura Smar-giasso of \$25.00. Total deposits of \$19.00 came from plant marker sales of \$8.00 and plant auction proceeds of \$11.00 (\$29.00 less \$18.00 club bucks) at the January meeting. Ending balance for all accounts is \$4,621.41.



Secretary's Report by Vickie Rigby



MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Vicki Howard. Several members were present that we had not seen for a while. The minutes to prior meetings were included in the December newsletter and there were no changes or additions. Prior month's Treasurer's report was made a part of the December newsletter and attached to these minutes.

BUSINESS/REMINDERS:

Dan reminded everyone that members of the Johnson County, Waco and Lone Star Iris Societies are compiling an "All Star" list of best performing iris. Everyone has been asked to submit their five best performers based on vigor, dependability of bloom, average number of blooms, rebloom, disease resistance and ability to increase (and of course, pretty)! From all members' submissions a list will be compiled and should be available by March. This will be exciting as we can learn from everyone else what works best in their gardens!

It was announced that Dell Perry will speak on "Record Keeping" at the February club meeting.

Laura brought a recent article from the Cleburne Times Review that showcased Gisele and her most interesting story of life and times in Berlin. It would be interesting to have her speak at a meeting.

Peggy reminded everyone to be thinking about what volunteer job they would like or be willing to do at our Iris show in mid-April. Peggy will be happy to answer any questions anyone has about volunteering to make our show a success.

Peggy also brought up for consideration the possibility of the Daylily Show again being a mock show rather than an accredited show. An accredited show requires that 50% of the Club's membership must be AHS members. This is sometimes a close call. A mock show would be beneficial to members and aspiring judges AND save the club much money inasmuch as we would not have to pay for travel, judges, etc. The Daylily Show is scheduled for June 10, 2017.

Peggy also mentioned that the Region 17 Newsletter should be out soon. She sent an e-mail version to all. She also reminded everyone that articles for the newsletter are always welcome and anyone can submit an article on most any garden-related subject.

Hooker and Bonnie Nichols were present and invited all to the Fall Regional meeting to be held in Dallas the first weekend in August.

The program was presented by Kathy Wade which included a slide presentation and narration about the happenings at the National Conventions and Regional Meetings. Her presentation was very interesting and the slides showed everyone having great fun and

enjoying great food. Makes you want to go, eh?

After the presentation Glenn Huddleston reminded us about how easy it is to pot Iris rhizomes and then bring to a meeting for auction, which in turn brings \$\$ to the Club's treasury. Most everyone signed up to bring one or more potted rhizomes to a future Club meeting for auction. January auction results may be found on following page.

After much social engagement and information, the meeting was adjourned at noon and the meeting room cleaned up by ALL!

Respectfully,
Vickie Rigby, Secretary
February is the month of love and

Hospitality Report



all of us love our great Iris & Daylily club so let's show it

by filling the refreshment table. Those who signed up to bring sweets are: The Goodales, Gisele McCurdy and Bonnie Parks. Non-sweet: Mary Keeth, Hooker Nichols and Sue Ripley. Drinks: Laura Smargiasso and Susan & Bill Paige. Wayne and I will bring coffee, pasta and chips. A thank you to



everyone who brought food for our January meeting.

January Auction



BEAUTY CONTEST (Black, 2013)

TB, 35" (89 cm), MS. mid-pink base and center becoming fine mid-pink veins over white in upper 1/3; style arms mid-light pink; F. dark grape-purple, darker textured veins, 1/3" band of light pink; beard hairs based purple, dark coral tips; slight sweet fragrance. Donated by Glenn Huddleston, bid won by Peggy & Dan Cathey.



PIPER MAY (Jenkins, 2009)

SPU, 32" (81 cm), MLS. reddish purple, slight yellow infusion at midrib; F. bright yellow stitched and striated red-purple over lower 2/3 of petal, fluted; ruffled. Donated by Dan & Peggy Cathey, bid won by Bonnie & Hooker Nichols.

February Auction Preview By Peggy Cathey

We had two irises for our January auction which earned \$29 for the club. For our February Auction, Mary & Jerry Keith will be bringing the 6 beauties in the following column.



If you would like to help make the auction a success, please choose which irises or daylilies you would like to bring for a meeting and call or e-mail Peggy at least 2 weeks prior to our meeting so she is able to put the photos in the newsletter, plus have photos to show



Center Line
Johnson, 2011



I Wuv Woses
Burseen, 2009



Melted Butter
Fan, 1994



Oil Painting
Ghio, 2013



Old Black Magic
Schreiner, 1996



Top Down
H. Nichols, 2015

during the meeting auction. Every one will then have a chance to select the irises and daylilies they will want to bid on. Remember, you may spend your **Club Bucks** on auction plants.

Speaking of **Club Bucks**, per the **Club Buck Rules**, you will earn 2 **Club Bucks** for each plant you bring—limit 1 per meeting. If you bring more than 1 plant to a meeting for the auction, you will receive 1 **Club Buck** for each additional plant.



Time to Fertilize Your Irises

The **American Iris Society** has this to say about fertilizing irises:

The soil type for your area will determine your fertilizer needs. Superphosphate, or a well-balanced fertilizer with an N-P-K ratio of 10-10-10 or 5-10-10 are recommend-

ed. Avoid anything high in nitrogen as it encourages soft growth that is susceptible to disease. Provide a light application in early spring (mid February in our area) and again a month after bloom. Place fertilizer around rhizomes, not directly on them. Alfalfa pel-

lets (without salt) are extremely beneficial when incorporated in the soil around newly planted irises.

Do NOT use Feed and Weed preparations.





AHS National & Region 6 News by Peggy Cathey

All AHS members should have received the Winter **AHS Daylily Journal** and the Fall/Winter issue of **Daylilies of the Southwest**, our Region 6 newsletter. How exciting to see *Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society* recognized in both publications for achieving the Silver Level of the AHS Membership Recognition Program for 2016. The Silver level is for having **75% of our club members as AHS members**. We should be very proud of our accomplishment. There were only 24 Daylily Societies in all of AHS who were recognized and 11 of those were from Region 6. Lets keep up the good work and do it again in 2017! If you are not already an AHS member, you may join online using a credit card or PayPal. <http://daylilies.org/AHSmemb.html> Membership is \$25 single and \$30 dual. You may also save some money by purchasing a 3 year membership. Here are a few incentives for joining AHS:

1. AHS members receive 4 AHS Daylily Journals – these are true collector items with interesting articles on hybridizing and cultivar introductions. There are many hybridizers featured or advertised!
2. AHS members can win show

awards at Flower Shows, Tri-Color Design Awards!

3. AHS members can vote for their favorite cultivars in the Regional Popularity Poll.
4. AHS members automatically get the Region Newsletters where non-members or clubs have to pay per copy.
5. AHS members can access the “AHS Members Only Portal” that provides insightful information with various round robins, hybridizer forums, rent/buy presentations, AHS registration database of all Daylilies, and other great information.
6. AHS members can be Exhibition Judges or Garden Judges. Garden Judges are the only ones that can vote on prestigious awards for the AHS.
7. AHS Voucher Program for increased membership renewals and new members—many hybridizers offer plant discounts for joining and renewing that literally pays for the AHS membership.
8. Back issues of the Daylily Journal and earlier bulletins from 1946 through 2014 in .pdf format are available to AHS members in the Members Portal. An index of arti-

cles, plant photos and people photos are available as well.

If you haven’t sent in your registration for the **Daylilies in the Garden are 7th Heaven** Region 6 Spring Meeting and Garden Tours, May 25-27 in Round Rock, TX., you should probably be getting that done soon. Here is the link for the registration form: http://www.ahsregion6.org/regional_meeting.htm

Hotel reservations need to be made to insure you get the Region 6 best rate. This is going to be a fun event with lots of beautiful daylilies and gardens to see. The special guest speaker will be Rich Rosen. Registration fee-\$120, Special Hotel rate: \$99.

Also, don’t forget the 2017 AHS National Convention **From Sea to Shining Sea**, June 21-24 in Norfolk, VA. The national meetings are always so much fun—the people, the flowers, the food, the gardens—you can’t help but go home happy. Registration fee-\$269, Special Hotel rate - \$129. Register by following this link: <http://ahs2017convention.org/index.html>

Still need more daylily fun? Then how about attending the Region 11 Summer Meeting in Oklahoma City, OK? AHS President Nikki Schmith will be the guest speaker. Registration fee-\$119, Special Hotel rate-\$89. Registration and information found here: http://www.ahsregion11.org/Summer_Meeting.html

AHS Membership Recognition Program





AIS National and Region 17 News by Peggy Cathey

I hope Kathy's January presentation on AIS conventions and Region 17 meetings has gotten you enthused about attending. The 2017 AIS National Convention will



be held in Des Moines, IA, May 23-27. Hotel reservations are selling out fast, so get yours in soon for the special rate. Hotel rate: \$135. Convention registration \$275. You don't need to be there for the Tuesday Board Meetings, but there will be special meetings on Wednesday, May 24 by the Aril Iris Society, Japanese Iris Society, Historic Iris Preservation Society and the Society for Louisiana Irises. Thursday is the day the fun really begins with buses loading at 8 a.m. for the first round of garden tours. The afternoon is filled with more Section meetings—Rebloomers, Novelty Iris, Siberians, Spurias, Dwarfs, and Tall Bearded. Friday will be more garden tours and judges training both in the garden and in the classroom. Saturday will be an Educational Symposium, Live Iris Auction and ending the evening with the Awards Banquet.



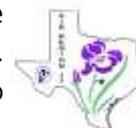
As first announced at our January meeting, the Iris Society of Dallas will be hosting the AIS Region 17 Fall Meeting August 4-5 in Dallas. After a lot of research through back issues of the AIS Iris Bulletin, we found out that Texas was in Region 10 prior to 1946 along with Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. In 1947, Texas and Oklahoma split off to become Region 17. Oklahoma did not split off until 1953, when it became Region 22 with Arkansas. To celebrate the beginning of Region 17, the Dallas Region 17 Meeting will be celebrating our Regions Platinum Anniversary—70 years. That is quite a milestone. Hope you will all join us in Dallas to celebrate our Region's 70th birthday. More details will follow in the Spring issue of the Region 17 Newsletter.



Did you receive your Region 17 Newsletter recently? If not, it may be because you are not an AIS member. Our club has a drawing each month for an AIS membership. Please don't wait for your name to be drawn. Join now so you won't miss an issue of the AIS Iris Bulletin or the Region 17 Newsletter. Membership is \$30 for single and \$35 for dual membership and can be easily done online using PayPal or a credit card. http://irises.org/ppal/ppal_main.html If you sign up for a Tri-annual

membership, you can save some money. Benefits of membership in the American Iris Society include a subscription to the AIS Bulletin published 4 times per year with interesting articles on iris culture, the different types of irises, photos of conventions and gardens and much, much more. You will also automatically become a member of AIS Region 17 and receive the Region 17 Newsletter twice per year. New members will also receive a voucher for \$25 which may be used to purchase irises from many participating growers and hybridizers. As an AIS member, you also have the opportunity to participate in the Tall Bearded Iris Symposium and to become an AIS accredited Garden and Exhibition Judge which will give you the honor of voting in the annual awards given for the most outstanding iris cultivars, including which one receives the coveted Dykes Medal, the highest award an iris and hybridizer can earn.

As RVP for Region 17, it is my duty to make sure that all 15 Iris Societies in our Region renew their affiliation each year. I am very happy to announce that all of our affiliates have renewed their affiliation, and all officers in each of the affiliates are AIS Members. This is a requirement for affiliation. Each officer must maintain an AIS membership for the term of their office. Just another reason to be an AIS member.





Is It Spring Yet? by Peggy Cathey

Well, here it is February 2 and that silly groundhog in Pennsylvania saw his shadow predicting 6 more weeks of Winter. Well, he should come to Texas. We have had



more Spring like days than we have had Winter days it seems.

The plants are so confused they don't know what to do. The roses are putting on new leaves, I have seen Flowering Quince bushes



Roses putting on leaves

blooming all over town, our first daffodil opened up on February 1,



Flowering Quince are blooming

and the daylilies and irises are starting to put on new growth and increases. All we can know for sure, is the OFFICIAL first day of Spring will begin at 5:29 a.m., March 20, 2017.



With this being February, it is about to start getting really busy in the garden. Pretty days can be spent doing fun chores like cleaning leaves from around our plants and the never ending job of weeding. It's time to put out pre emergent weed preventers with products like Preen Garden Weed Preventer® to stop most grassy and broadleaf



My 1st daffodil

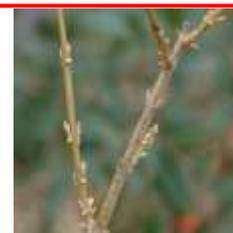


Irises putting on increases



Daylilies starting to grow

weeds from germinating. Apply at a rate of 1 oz. per 10 sq. ft. (Follow label instructions). All pre-emergent products must be watered in to activate them. Mid month is also the time to apply the first application of fertilizer for our irises and roses. Irises should receive about 1 Tbs. of fertilizer per rhizome. A "balanced" fertilizer such as 10-10-10 or 13-13-13 is a good choice.



Forsythia not fooled

I have always heard pruning and putting out pre emergent products were supposed to be done when the forsythia blooms. Ours is still hanging tough. It has not been fooled by the Spring like days we have had.

Balanced Fertilizer

Commercial fertilizers have numbers on their labels that show how much nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium is present. When the fertilizer is "balanced" the numbers will all roughly be the same—for example, 5-5-5, would be an "equal" amount of nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P) and potassium (K).

Congratulations!

January Drawing Winners

AIS MEMBERSHIP

  Karen Singletary
AIS Winner

AHS MEMBERSHIP

  Laura Smargiasso
AHS Winner

RAFFLE

 No Raffle in January



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

**United Cooperative Services
Community Room (in rear of bldg.)
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IMPORTANT DATES

- February 11, 2017
United Cooperative Services Community Room,
Speaker-Dell Perry-*Keeping Track of Your Garden*
- 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
- June 10, 2017
DAYLILY SHOW
JN Long Cultural Arts Complex Cafeteria

Check out our website:
<http://johnsoncountyirisanddaylilysociety.org/>

JCI&DS Puzzle of the Month by Peggy Cathey



Valentine Romance

Walter Moores, 2008

TB, 34-36" (86-91 cm), MS. light creamy pink; style arms light beige, darker in throat; F. medium mauve-orchid lightly rimmed beige, darker mauve-orchid center stripe, white lines at red orange beards; ruffled; pronounced sweet fragrance.

Link to puzzle:

<http://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=1d782647a8db>



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