



# Society News



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By Peggy Cathey

Hope everyone had a great Christmas and are getting ready for a great new year. With all the soil moisture, we should have a great bloom season. It won't be long now as the season gets started in mid February with our first and most important fertilization of the irises.

Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society will hold our first meeting of the new year on January 12th

at the United Cooperative Services community room beginning at 10:00 a.m. Our guest speaker will be long time member Gisele McCurdy to tell us about her experiences in Germany during WWII.

As I write this, it is raining and although the thermometer says it's 33° outside, the tops of the trees are covered in ice. That will be the end of Autumn Tryst,

which has been blooming since December 28th. It was beautiful and a welcome site for as long as it lasted.



## Secretary Report by Amy Finck for Ricky Howard



**Minutes for December 8, 2018**

### Meeting Minutes

In the absence of secretary, Ricky Howard, Amy Finck took the minutes of the meeting.

The Christmas Potluck Luncheon began at 12 noon after the blessing was given by Brian Goodman. Mary & Jerry Keeth prepared turkey and ham (furnished by the club) and members brought side dishes and deserts. Following the meal, a short business meeting was conducted with Mary Keeth (1st VP) presiding in president Vicki Howard's absence.

In Old Business: Brian reported he could get pots for our sale plants from Harry's Greenhouse and we could get free potting soil from Silver Creek (White Settlement) in January or February. Sur Walker made the motion to order the pots and Jerry Keeth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Hospitality Chair, Gailmae Suite and her husband Wayne were thanked for setting up for the meeting and providing the Christmas tableware.

Membership Chair, Anita Goodale announced there were 16 members and 3 guests pre-

sent. The AIS membership drawing was won by Sue Walker and ADS was won by Laura Smargiasso.

Youth Chair, Diana Medrano and youth members held the Youth Raffle drawing and Clayton Goodman (guest) won.

Show Chair, Karen Singletary, announced the April Show Theme **The Iris of Texas Are Upon You.**

The meeting was adjourned and the Christmas gift exchange game was played. There were a lot of nice gifts and everyone had a fun time.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Finck, filling in for Secretary Ricky Howard.

## Officer and Committee Chair Reports

### President's Report

by Vicki Howard



No report submitted.

### Program Chair Report

by Mary Keeth



No report submitted.

### Membership Report

by Anita Goodale



The Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society met for their monthly meeting on December 8, 2018 in the conference room of the United Cooperative Services community room in Cleburne. Sixteen members and three guests enjoyed fun, food and fellowship. The highlight of the event included the traditional Christmas luncheon, complete with all the trimmings, and the Chinese Gift Exchange.



2 Marys—guest Mary Watkins & Mary Keeth

Guests included: Mary Watkins, mother-in-law of Alison Clemens, Claire and Clayton Goodman, grandchildren of Brian and Janet Goodman.



Brian, Claton, Janet & Claire Goodman

### Show Report

by Karen Singletary



No report submitted.

### Treasury Report

by Dan Cathey



We opened December with a combined balance of \$6,755.41 from \$6,596.76 in checking, \$58.65 in PayPal and \$100.00 in petty cash. Checking expenses were our annual Christmas charity donations to Operation Blessing and Family Crisis Center for \$150.00 each \$36.42 reimbursed to Mary Keeth for Christmas Party turkey and ham, and \$200.00 transferred to PayPal for a total outgo of \$536.42. Checking deposits were \$25.00 from Doris Harts for an ADS membership. PayPal expenses were \$50.00 to ADS for memberships for Laura Smargiasso and Doris Harts. PayPal income was \$200.00 transferred from checking. There was no activity in the petty cash account for the month. Ending balances were \$6,085.34 in checking, \$208.65 in Paypal, and \$100.00 in petty cash resulting in a total of \$6,393.99.

### Hospitality Report

by Gailmae Suite



Our Christmas Potluck luncheon was a delicious feast. A big thank you to Mary and Jerry Keeth for making the turkey and ham. Both were so scrumptious and with the generous amount brought, everyone had their fill. There was a good dip with recipe provided by Allison. I saw photos of it being taken. Janet and Brian came with those tasty rolls that just the ar-

ma makes your mouth water. Yummm. Also, there were beans, dressings, fruit, pies, cookies, cakes, etc. Thank you to everyone who made this a special meal. Now, we all need to start the New Year off with a full table. NEED ICE!!! Had sign-ups for non sweet—Amy, Goodman's, Sue W. and Diana. Drinks—Allison and Laura. Wayne and I will bring coffee, pasta, chips and fruit.

### Newsletter Report

by Peggy Cathey



Thank you to our club officers who never fail to send in their officer reports. Also, an extra big thank you to Anita Goodale and Gailmae Suite for news articles submitted for this newsletter. What can you do to improve our monthly newsletter?

I also want to give special recognition to Anita for getting photos from the Christmas party into the December 16th weekend issue of the Cleburne Times Review.



## In the Garden With Anita by Anita Goodale



### Winter Blues Anyone?

What I miss most about our garden in the Winter is the absence of color. This year I've planted a total of twenty-eight pansy plants. Colors vary from yellow, blue and white and grow well for us in pots and



hanging baskets.

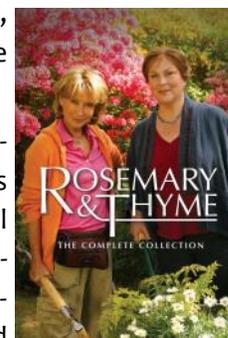
Speaking of Winter - a favorite past time for me is watching British films. Netflix and YouTube provide an endless array to choose from. One of my favorite

shows is entitled, *Rosemary and Thyme* featuring two women of mature age that meet at troubling times in their lives and discover a mutual love of gardening. They develop a landscaping business dealing with all sorts of horticultural problems and in the process, encounter murder and mayhem. The majority of episodes are filmed in England; however, due to the short blooming season, several were filmed in France, Italy and Spain. In one of the episodes, "The Tree of Death", while landscaping a church yard, they use a statue of the Greek goddess of spring growth, Persephone. For modesty sake, vines are draped over the upper part. So, one day when Bill and I stopped at a garage sale, I noticed a four foot statue of Persephone standing alone off to one side. When I found that



it was for sale and marked at only \$20, I latched on to it - I knew exactly how and where I would place it in our garden.

Netflix eventually removed the series. Since I do like to go back to watch some of my favorite episodes from time and time, Bill bought me the entire series on DVD. However, it is still available on YouTube.



I highly recommend this series for movie as well as garden enthusiasts - the beautiful flowers and landscaping scenes are awesome! So bring on the popcorn!

Happy Gardening.

## Stepping Up by Gailmae Suite

Several of our club officers were unable to be at our December meeting, so Mary and Jerry Keeth did a great job running the meeting with a little help from Laura Smargiasso. It's good for the whole club to know we have dedicated members who will do extra work when needed. All three of them are hard workers and excellent club members that make our club better.

The food prepared was delicious, Jerry got the tables set up with help from Bill Goodale and others.

Presents were displayed nicely on a center table. Brian Goodman



Brian trying to decide which



Club Youth Leader Diana Medrano and youth members Victoria and Isabella Velasquez

gave a heartfelt prayer that was very much appreciated.

Mary and Laura quickly and efficiently ran a business meeting, with Amy Finck stepping up to take the minutes before getting down to what we all came

for—playing the Christmas game. Jerry had the everything organized and ready to go. Fun was had by everyone.

Having great members to fill in when needed is a tremendous benefit to any club, but Mary and Jerry Keeth are true treasurers and our club is very fortunate to have them.



Jerry and Mary Keeth



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**Word Search: Iris Names That Begin with Winter**

Words may be Forward, Backward, Diagonal, Up or Down

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|-----------|----------|
| Adventure | Festival |
| Blues     | Fire     |
| Breeze    | Flame    |
| Calm      | Garden   |
| Camp      | Gold     |
| Carnival  | Lace     |
| Crystal   | Light    |
| Dance     | Magic    |
| Dreams    | Memories |
| Echoes    | Moon     |
| Embrace   | Morn     |
| Etchings  | Olympics |
| Fantasy   | Palace   |



January 12, 2019, 10:00  
Program by club member Gisele McCurdy  
United Cooperative Services Community Room



January 19, AIS Judges Training  
Debra Strauss, Instructor, Topic: "Space Age Iris"  
Austin, TX



February 9th, 2019, 10:00  
Iris Preparation-Glenn Huddleston  
United Cooperative Services Community Room



March 9th, 2019, 10:00  
Artistic Design  
United Cooperative Services Community Room



April 20, 2019,  
JCI&DS Annual Iris Show  
JN Long Cultural Arts Complex Gym

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