



Society News

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It's Party Time



Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society will host our annual **Christmas Party and Pot Luck Luncheon** on **Saturday, December 8th** beginning at **NOON**.



Members and guests are asked to bring a covered dish for the luncheon and a wrapped Iris, Daylily or Garden related gift, valued between \$10 and \$15 for those wanting to participate in the **Chinese Gift Exchange**. I have always wondered how this game got its name so I did a little research. It seems the China reference is unclear, but one suggestion points to the Chinese concept of destiny. Participants believe their random gift was not random. I prefer the name **Grinch Christmas**. Here are the rules I found on the internet:

Please wrap or bag your gift (and may I suggest you make yours look extra special). Put the gifts together on a table in the center of the room.

Each person selects a number

from a basket or bowl to determine the order in which a person gets to select a gift. Number 1 goes first and gets to select and unwrap a gift. Everyone oohs and aahs or mentally thinks, "Boy, I'm glad I didn't select that."

Number 2 then selects. But Number 2 may take Number 1's gift, or select a gift from the pile. If Number 2 takes Number 1's gift, Number 1 gets to select again from the pile. After they have finished their turn, Number 3 gets to select.

Once again, Number 3 may select any opened or unopened gift. Each time a gift is taken away from someone, that person gets to select again. They may select any gift except the one that was just taken away from them. They may, however, have the opportunity to select it again later.

Some gifts are occasionally more popular and may get stolen several times. The fourth person to possess it gets to keep it. No more swiping the gift. The gift is frozen.

At the end of the game, Number 1 gets to select again, and

take someone else's gift if they want to, but they don't have to. They are actually forcing a trade. The only gifts they can't take are those that are frozen.

Don't be afraid to swipe a gift from someone. The more take-aways and turnovers there are, the more fun the game seems to be. Some of the best times have been when a particular gift gets swiped several times. There are always lots of laughs and sometimes gifts get swiped just for the fun of it. This is especially true when men are playing. They don't seem to care about the gifts as much as having fun stirring things up.

And after the game is over, if you and someone else wants to trade gifts, that's O.K. too.

These rules are just a suggestion. We can make changes **BEFORE** the game begins.



Officer and Committee Chair Reports

President's Report

by Vicki Howard



First Vice President, Mary Keeth, will be in charge of the December meeting. We will also need someone to volunteer to take minutes as Ricky and I will not be able to attend.

After a hot, dry summer, we have finally gotten plenty of rain and cooler weather and the irises are loving it.

In the new year, a committee will be appointed to nominate a slate of officers for the 2019-2020 club year. I urge each of you to consider taking an office in our club. Many of us have held an office for many years and it is time for you to step up to do your part. We need new officers and new ideas to continue to grow as a club. Members who are now holding office or have held an office in the past will be happy to help you. If you think you would like to be an officer, talk to the member who currently holds that office. They would love to help. Just talk to them. Find out what is required. Please say yes when asked. It takes very little time, and your reward is a club which continues to grow. The only requirement is to be a member of both AIS and ADS during your term of office, and most of our members already meet this requirement. Help me out by volunteering to be on the nomination committee. If no one volunteers, 3 members will be appointed. Thank you and have a very Merry Christmas.

Program Chair Report

by Mary Keeth



Christmas is just around the corner. Hope to see you at our Potluck Lunch and Party on December 8th. Let's have some fun and eat well as we end the year 2018. If you want to play the game, bring a gift, \$10-\$15 value and Iris, Daylily or Garden related.

Membership Report

by Anita Goodale



The Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society met for their monthly meeting on November 10, 2018 in the conference room of the United Cooperative Services building in Cleburne. Twenty-one members enjoyed fun, food and fellowship. The highlight of the meeting included an auction of potted Daylilies that were scheduled for the October meeting; but due to inclement weather, didn't arrive in time. Steve Barter won the AIS drawing and Vickie Rigby won the ADS.

Show Report

by Karen Singletary



No report submitted.

Treasury Report

by Dan Cathey



Balances for November 1, 2018, were \$6,335.57 in checking, \$113.65 in PayPal, and \$100.00 in petty cash. Our expenses totaled \$164.81 from

newsletter printing and postage \$26.37, printing of membership applications and Club brochures \$22.95, credit card fees from daylily auction \$1.54, speaker stipend for Galemae Suite \$25.00, program stipends for Peggy Cathey for the August, October, and November meetings, \$75.00, and reimbursement for potting soil for the November daylily auction of \$13.95. PayPal disbursements totaled \$55.00 for AIS membership for Steve Barter, \$30.00 and ADS membership for Vickie Rigby, \$25. Income for the month was \$426.00 from the November daylily auction. Total account balances on November 30th are \$6,755.51 with \$6,596.76 in checking, \$58.65 in PayPal and \$100.00 in petty cash.

Hospitality Report

by Gailmae Suite



December's noon meeting will be a potluck luncheon. Notice by the desserts there will be pretty plates and napkins that were donated to the club by Gisele. Mary Keeth has graciously volunteered to prepare the turkey and ham. Everyone, please take a moment to thank her as that is a lot of work. Those who signed the hospitality book for sweet are Bill and Anita Goodale. Non-sweets were Alison Clemens, Sue Ripley, Sue Walker and Janet and Brian Goodman. Everyone, please help fill the tables by bringing a covered dish



Secretary Report by Ricky Howard



Minutes for November 10, 2018

Meeting Minutes

The November meeting was called to order by President Vicki Howard. She talked about the club's two display gardens and said John Parks was no longer able to maintain them. After some discussion, Brian Goodman volunteered to be in charge of the beds with help from the membership. Laura Smargiasso had the city's volunteer forms which were handed out to those wishing to help with the parks.

Brian Goodman gave the blessing and we broke for refreshments.

The meeting resumed and Membership Chair, Anita Goodale conducted the AIS/ADS membership drawings. Vickie Rigby won AIS; Steve Barter won ADS. Program Chair, Mary Keeth announced the December program would be the Christmas Potluck and Gift Exchange. Mary volunteered to cook a ham and a turkey breast and members are to bring the sides and desserts. Those wanting to participate in the gift exchange should bring a wrapped garden-related gift, \$10-\$15 price range.

Dan Cathey had potted 34 daylilies which arrived after our October Daylily Giveaway and Exchange due to Hurricane Michael hitting Georgia. Dan Cathey gave

us suggestions for planting them and talked about the purpose of the auction and how the income from the auction makes the giveaway possible. Glenn Huddleston acted as our auctioneer.

Gailmae Suite gave our program and she talked about how she successfully grows irises in pots. She also gave tips on how to pot irises for our spring sale. During the discussion following the program, it was mentioned the club should order big pots for members to purchase to use for potting sale plants. Brian said he would talk to some of his contacts about getting information on size, quantity, and price. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Ricky Howard, Secretary

Rebloomer Report by Gailmae Suite



Laura Smargiasso reported a bloomstalk on **Autumn Nectar** at

Winston Patrick McGregor Park. That's wonderful to hear, and hopefully, it will bloom and put on a beautiful display for visitors to the park. Blooming in our club member's gardens are **Billionaire**, **Autumn Tryst**, **Priscilla of Corinth**, **My Friend Jonathan**, and **Buck-**

wheat – Vickie Rigby; **Nectar** – Anita & Bill Goodale; **Billionaire** and **Next in Line** – Peggy & Dan Cathey; and **Fall Décor**, **Bountiful Harvest**, **Billionaire**, **Low Ho Silver**, and **Double Your Fun** – Gailmae & Wayne Suite



L to R, top row: **Autumn Nectar**, **Autumn Tryst**, **Billionaire**, **Bountiful Harvest**, **Buckwheat**, **Double Your Fun**. Bottom row: **Fall Décor**, **Lo Ho Silver**, **My Friend Jonathan**, **Nectar**, **Next in Line**, **Priscilla of Corinth**.

In the Garden With Anita by Anita Goodale



Freeze Surprise

Several years ago Bill built me a three tiered rolling plant stand that we keep in the garage. When the temperature falls to the low 40s, we bring in the potted plants and hanging

baskets. Two days after our first freeze, the temperature was high enough for us to roll out the plant stand so the plants would receive some sun and I could water them. As I was watering them and observing the nearby plants that didn't make it through the freeze, I was pleasantly surprised to see this little potted plant with its foliage still green and orange blooms.

It's on the northwest side of the house and isn't protected from the weather. Next to it, I had a beautiful pot of red Geraniums that I failed to bring in and, unfortunately, didn't make it through the freezing temperature. Last year I had a hanging basket filled with this same plant,

but it didn't survive the hot summer. This year, no problem with the hot summer and it has now survived our first freeze. Go figure?

The Petunias, Begonias, Marigolds and Wandering Jew are gone for this year and the garden is looking rather sad with little color, so my next project is to plant some Pansies in the urns and pots that contained Periwinkles. The Irises and Daylilies are looking well and hopefully, Bill and I can soon begin preparing new beds for the ones



Impatiens still blooming in the garage

still in pots. Gardening is a year round project, but the rewards are outstanding when Spring arrives and the garden bursts into glorious color.

Happy Gardening

Poinsettia Care by Peggy Cathey

Many of us will brighten our homes this Christmas season with bright and cherry Poinsettias. I did a little research and here are some tips to keep them looking beautiful through the season:

When choosing a plant for purchase, look for dark green foliage and bracts (colored leaves) completely colored (no green margins). It should look lush and full and stand 2.5 times taller than its



diameter. Poinsettias HATE cold so wrap them carefully before transporting them home if it's cold out.

Display your new plant in indirect light for about 6 hours per day. The best temperature is between 60° and 70° during the day and 55° at night.

Water only when the soil

feels dry to touch. If you still have the decorative foil wrapper on your plant, punch some holes in the bottom to allow for drainage and put it in a saucer. Drain the saucer after watering so the plant isn't sitting in standing water. Don't over water.

Fertilize with a water soluble plant food every 2-3 weeks when in bloom, water monthly after blooming.

Poinsettias are poisonous, so please be careful if you have small children or pets.

A few Christmas Funnies

Just Sayin'...

According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, while both male and female reindeer grow antlers in the summer each year, male reindeer drop their antlers at the beginning of winter, usually late November to mid-December.

Female reindeer retain their antlers till after they give birth in the spring. Therefore, according to EVERY historical rendition depicting Santa's reindeer, EVERY single one

of them, from Rudolph to Blitzen, had to be a girl.

We should have known... ONLY women would be able to drag a fat man in a red velvet suit all around the world in one night and not get lost.

In the old days, it was not called the Holiday Season; the Christians called it "Christmas" and went to church; the Jews called it "Hanukkah" and went to synagogue; the atheists went to parties and drank. People passing each other on the street would say "Merry Christmas!" or "Happy Hanukkah!" or (to the atheists) "Look out for the wall!"

-Dave Barry, "Christmas Shopping: A Survivor's Guide"





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Only \$15 per year (\$25 per couple, \$10 for youth). 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
PO Box 2424
Cleburne, TX 76033



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December 8, 2018, Noon
Pot Luck Luncheon * Christmas Gift Exchange
United Cooperative Services Community Room



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



February 9 AIS Judges Training
Chad Harris, Instructor, Topic: "Beyond the Bloom"
Fort Worth, TX

Check out our website:

<http://johnsoncountyirisanddaylilysociety.org/>

Word Search: Iris Names That Begin with *Christmas*

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

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| Angel | Primrose |
| Carol | Rose |
| Cove | Rubies |
| Day | Snow |
| Eve | Star |
| Ice | Time |
| Joy | Treasure |
| Morn | Wish |
| Present | |

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