



Society News

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Annual Iris Giveaway, Exchange and Auction

The next meeting of the Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society will be July 13, 2019 at the United Cooperative Services community room. Everyone is welcome to attend and join in the auction.

WHO'S READY
FOR A
Giveaway?!

1. Giveaway Gift Plant

Each year, one of the perks of being a member of the Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society, is the opportunity to select an iris from among the many great irises purchased by the club. All you have to do to earn this free iris is to pay your dues at or before the July meeting, attend a minimum of 5 meetings during the club year and help with the show or sale. You are required to sign the membership book at each meeting or club event and the

Membership Chair keeps track and those who qualify and the names are published in the July Newsletter.

2. Exchange

Next—What to do with the iris you receive? Pot it up or hold until September, then plant in your garden.



The iris should grow and multiply. Next year, you are to bring back one of the increases from the gift plant you received the previous year. The Exchange plants will be numbered and everyone who brought a plant for the Exchange will get to draw for the irises brought back. If you did not receive a Gift Plant last year, you may still participate by bringing a rhizome of a named iris that has been introduced within the past 6 years.

3. Auction

The club spends \$500 to purchase irises for the members each year. The extra plants, after the Giveaway, will be auctioned to the highest bidder. Our membership has gotten into the habit of



Noble Lord, Tasco, 2019, just a sample of what will be available at the Giveaway an Auction

wanting to get these irises for next to nothing, which is understandable, but sad. We all need to show support for our club and help pay for these irises by bidding in the auction. Hope each of you will do your part this year.

ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP



It is once again time to pay your membership dues. Dues are only \$15 for a single membership and \$25 for a couple. Please see Anita and pay your dues before the meeting begins. You are not eligible to receive a Gift Plant until your dues are paid.

Officer and Committee Chair Reports

Program Chair Report

by Mary Keeth



We had a great display of Daylilies at our June Daylily Show thanks to the Daylily Growers of Dallas who co-hosted the show with us. Congratulations to Brian Goodman for winning Queen of Show. Thank you to all the members who came to help with food and cleanup on Saturday and a big thank you to Malcolm Avaritt and Tim Closs from the Dallas club who stayed to help clean up. We couldn't have a club without volunteer help, so thanks again.

We will end our club year this month with our Iris Giveaway, Auction and Exchange. Superstition Iris Gardens and Mid-America Iris Gardens have been very generous with the irises they sent, so everyone will have the opportunity to get some nice irises during the Giveaway and Auction. We need your auction bids to help pay for the plants, so bid often.

I am busy lining up programs for the coming year. If you have any suggestions or topics you want to learn more about, please let me know.

Membership Report

by Anita Goodale



JCI&DS co-hosted with the Daylily Growers of Dallas the 2019 Daylily Show on June 8, 2019. The event was held in the cafeteria located within the J.N. Long Cultural Arts Complex. Nineteen local members

and several DGD members assisted with the set up, working the show and clean up. Attendees from both clubs enjoyed a continental breakfast and a pizza lunch.

Membership dues are now being accepted.

- Individual Adult.....\$15
- Couple..... \$25
- Youth.....\$10

Treasury Report

by Dan Cathey



We began June 2019 with \$4,924.75 in checking, \$88.65 in PayPal, and \$100.00 in petty cash for a total of \$5,113.41. Checking activity was \$200.00 transferred to PayPal, \$100.00 for our annual Club membership in CFCA (2 years), and \$100.00 donation to CFCA for use of the facility for our Daylily Show. PayPal activity was \$25.00 for ADS membership for Glenn Huddleston for April drawing, \$25.00 ADS membership for Sharon Smith for May drawing, \$35.00 for AIS membership for Gailmae & Wayne Suite for May drawing, and \$35.00 for AIS membership for Bill & Anita Goodale for April drawing. There was no income for June. Ending balances were \$4,524.76 in checking, \$168.65 in PayPal, and \$100.00 in petty cash for a total of \$4,793.41.

Since this will be my final report I wish to thank the Club for the opportunity to have served as your Treasurer.

Hospitality Report

by Gailmae Suite



Its going to be a very busy meeting this

month with the officer's installation, iris giveaway, exchange and auction. We need our strength for all of the bidding everyone is going to be doing, so please bring a dish and dessert to share. The club has plenty of soda left over from the Daylily Show, but iced tea is always welcome.

Rebloomer Report

by Gailmae Suite, Southern Director of the Reblooming Iris Society



June/July is the start of the Reblooming Iris Season for North, TX. If you have any Reblooming Iris, keep checking them for bloomstalks. Report any to me by text: 817-477-4454 or e-mail: metex65@yahoo.com. This is a good time to fertilize them if you did not do so in the Spring and clean any dead leaves from them. No Reblooming irises in your garden? Consider getting 1 or 2 at our club's plant sale this fall. They make a great addition to any garden, but especially to those who love irises. Reblooming irises are extra special because they bloom in the summer, fall or winter. Please join the Reblooming Iris Society as there is much more to learn about them. You may find an application here:

<http://www.rebloomingiris.com/Membership/Join%20Form/>

RIS Membership Information and Application
 Use This Form to JOIN or RENEW Year MEMBERSHIP in the Reblooming Iris Society
(Please Print Name, Address, City, State, Zip Code, Phone, and E-mail)

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____

Are You a Member? (Please Check) YES _____ NO _____

You can use a Credit Card or PayPal to pay RIR Membership at the RIR website: www.rir.org

MEMBERSHIP DUES					
<small>(Please Check appropriate selection)</small>					
	Annual	Triennial	Division Individual	Annual	Triennial
Individual	\$12.00	\$36.00	Division Individual	\$17.00	\$51.00
Child	\$11.00	\$33.00	Division Child	\$16.00	\$48.00

Please make CHECK payable to RIR and send FORM To:
 Reblooming Iris Society
 c/o Rose Kinnard
 1415 Madison St.
 Fort Worth, TX 76104

Your Current Expiration Date is Shown On The Meeting Label. Please Renew Early To Avoid Missing The Next Issue Of "The Reblooming Iris Recorder".

In the Garden With Anita by Anita Goodale

Fire Ants—The War is On!



Bill and I have been dealing with fire ants for more years than I care to remember. Over the years we've used several different methods of control - some chemical and others organic. We first tried the Amdro control method. The Johnson County Extension Office used to sell one pound bags for, if memory serves me correct, \$3.50. Each year we bought several bags to apply over our two acres. Over time this product wasn't effective, so I began doing some research. YouTube has some interesting videos on different organic applications. We tried the cornmeal method - ants can't digest it so it kills them. Well, that didn't work either. Next, we simply tried drowning them. No luck. Boiling water is not an option for us. I read some material on dry molasses. I've applied this only in

the Iris and Daylily beds and there hasn't been enough time to give a fair report. The last method seems "too good to be true" and is inexpensive. It only requires three things: a plastic milk jug, water and Blue Dawn Dishwash-



ing Liquid*. Simply fill the jug with water, add a little dab of dishwashing liquid (enough that you would use if washing your hands). Tilt back and forth several times to mix; but not so much that it foams. Slowly pour over the ant nest in a circular motion. When the nest begins to collapse, concentrate slowly pouring in that area. The key is to apply multiple applications. I've tried this method in the flower beds as well as in the grass. The grass will turn yellow a bit; but I'd

rather have yellow grass than fire ants!

Another thought is to begin the applications at the first sign of ant nests before they increase in size. In several that have been treated, I've seen no returning signs of these little critters. I'm not an expert in Myrmecology, the scientific study of ants; but my theory is that the dishwashing liquid coats the outer shell of the ants and basically suffocates them.

Will using this simple ant control method guarantee that we'll be 100% free of fire ants, I doubt it; but at least it will help keep them under control.



* We use Blue Dawn here in the kitchen because our plumber says it's best for keeping the pipes clear. However, any brand should work. Also, one video suggested using Lavender scented dishwashing liquid so when we found lavender and chamomile scented hand soap, we experimented and had basically the same results.

2019 Daylily Show JCI&DS Winners by Peggy Cathey



Congratulations to Brian Goodman, winner of the Best in Show and Best Large Flower with H. **'Evening Enchantment'**. Dan and Peggy Cathey won Best Extra Large Flower with H. **'Yellow Mammoth'** and Best Popularity

Poll with H. **'Free Wheelin'**.

Winners from the Daylily Growers of Dallas were Tim Closs of Princeton, TX with Best Miniature, H. **'Ringlets'** and Best Spider, H. **'Cat's Cradle'**; Vernon Wallis of

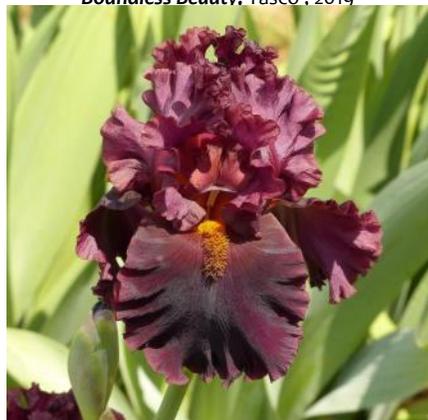
Azle, Best Small, H. **'Iditirod'**; Malcolm Avaritt of Midlothian, Best Unusual Form, H. **'Heavenly Ghost rider'**; and Pat Weller of Tyler, Best Double, H. **'Top Guns Citrine Dream'** and Best Seedling.

Members Who Qualify for Gift Iris

In order to qualify to receive a gift plant in the Iris Giveaway, you must pay your membership dues by the day of the Giveaway Meeting, attend 5 club meetings during the club year, and work the Iris Show, Daylily Show or the September Sale **or** be a new member, joining during the current club year and attending at least 2 meetings. All of our 2019 qualifying members are listed to the right, along with the iris they received last year. Please bring back an increase of the iris you received last year to participate in the iris exchange. If you did not get an iris last year, or if your gift plant did not increase, you may still participate by bringing an iris introduced within the past 6 years (2014 or newer).



Boundless Beauty, Tasco, 2019



Garden Debutante, Tasco, 2019



Reality Check, Tasco, 2019



Ay Chihuahua, Dash, 2018



Optic Overload, Tasco, 2017

1. Steve Barter **NEW** member
2. Dan Cathey.....*One Wild Child* (Burseen 2016)
3. Peggy Cathey.....*Sun for Sure* (Burseen, 2017)
4. Alison Clemens.....*Hardly Harley* (Burseen, 2017)
5. Amy Finck.....*Mammoth Orange* (Sutton, 2017)
6. Anita Goodale.....*Singing Eagle* (Burseen, 2017)
7. Bill Goodale.....*Good Prospects* (Sutton, 2017)
8. Brain Goodman.....*Pom Pom Party* (Sutton, 2018)
9. Janet Goodman.....*Howlin Mad* (Burseen, 2017)
10. Ricky Howard.....
11. Vicki Howard.....*Rocket Fuel* (Sutton, 2017)
12. Glenn Huddleston.....*Luminate* (Sutton, 2018)
13. Jerry Keeth.....*Applied Science* (Burseen, 2017)
14. Mary Keeth.....*Papa Pig* (Burseen, 2017)
15. Gisele McCurdy.....*Late Winner* (Burseen, 2017)
16. Diana Medrano..... *Artifacto* (Burseen, 2017)
17. Alden Nellis.....
18. Vickie Rigby.....*Breve* (Sutton, 2017)
19. Sue Ripley.....*Pink Sugar* (Sutton, 2017)
20. Linda Roper **NEW** member
21. Karen Singletary.....*Sheeza Breeze* (Burseen, 2017)
22. Laura Smargiasso... *Luminate* (Sutton, 2018)
23. Gailmae Suite.....*Half Past Happy* (Burseen, 2017)
24. Wayne Suite.....*Deep Cover* (Sutton, 2017)
25. Isabella Velasquez.....*Point of Interest* (Mego, 2017)
26. Victoria Velasquez.....*The Majestic* (Mego, 2017)
27. Sue Walker.....*Meteorite* (Sutton, 2016)

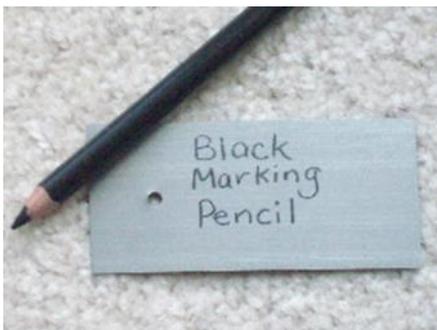
How Do I Mark My Labels—Let Me Count the Ways

By PawPaw Everlast Label Company

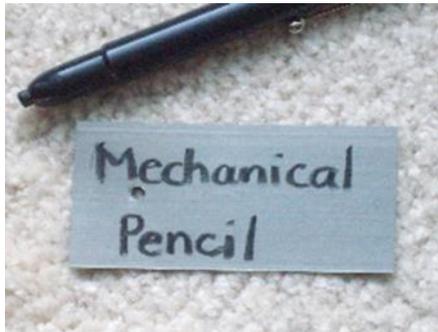
The club has purchased plant markers from PawPaw Everlast Label Company for over 20 years. The question that is always asked is “How to I label them?” Here is hoping some of your questions will be answered.

If you want to retain your plant identification, please do not use a Sharpie! Perhaps the biggest concern we find is that so-called “permanent” markers, such as Sharpies, fade in the elements. Even though they are called permanent, they do not last on our labels. If, however, you know you want to re-use the nameplates, then using a Sharpie is a great option as it will fade in the sun within a month or two allowing you to mark the nameplate with different information at that time.

Most gardeners desire a marking that lasts. If you want your plant identification to endure long-term, the best way to mark our zinc labels is with our [Black Marking Pencil](#) or [Mechanical Pencil](#).



[Pencil](#). Write your information on the nameplate, set the nameplate out in the sun for a day, and the



writing will “bake” into the nameplate. These markings should last for years. In our Michigan garden, we have nameplates which are still legible after 10-15 years. If you notice the markings beginning to fade, simply repeat the process. We encourage you to also use the back side of the nameplates to record your information as they are not as exposed to the elements and will last even longer.

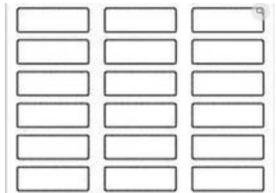
Our [Deco-Color Paint Marker](#) is another option for both our zinc and copper nameplates. It creates a very bold and dark marking.



Testing has indicated that it begins to fade in about 3 years depending upon weather conditions. If you notice the markings beginning to fade, use your paint marker to write over the top of the fading markings.

If your handwriting is not what it used to be, another method which works very well is to use our [Weather-Resistant Peel & Stick Labels](#). You must use a laser

printer with these white labels or the ink will smear. Simply adhere



the label to a clean nameplate. Our testing has shown that these last for about 3 years in the Michigan sun before they begin to fade.

Many of our customers have used the Brother P-touch or similar label maker with great success, as well. We do not sell them, but we have seen that the garden labels look very professional using this method.



We hope that this information helps. As always, we are available to assist you in any way we can. Send an email or give us a call if you have questions. Happy gardening!

For more information or to purchase any of their markers, or labels, please visit the website at:

<https://www.everlastlabel.com/>





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Meetings held 2nd Saturdays at 10 a.m.
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Join JCI&DS today!

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

<https://>



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July 10-13, 2019
ADS National Convention
Middleton, WI



July 13, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
Iris Giveaway, Exchange & Auction
United Cooperative Services community room



August 9-10, 2019
AIS Region 17 Annual Meeting
Weatherford, TX

Check out our website:

<http://johnsoncountyirisanddaylilysociety.org/>

Word Search: Daylily

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

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| Azure | Lightning |
| Blue | Love |
| Break | Magic |
| Breeze | Moon |
| Butterfly | Olympics |
| Camp | Peach |
| Carnival | Place |
| Charm | Radiance |
| Cloud | Rain |
| Date | Review |
| Dawn | Romance |
| Dreams | Shadow |
| Eclipse | Skies |
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| Fun | Sunset |
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