



Society News

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Plant Sale

The annual Johnson County Iris and Daylily Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, September 14, 2019, in the JN Long Cultural Arts Complex cafeteria, 425 Granbury St., Cleburne, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Come early for the best selection. There will be lots of irises to choose from. Daylilies and other plants will also be available. Be sure to check our Facebook page for photos of what will be available:

<https://www.facebook.com/johnsoncountyirisanddaylilysociety/>

If you have ever considered becoming a member of the Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society, why not come to the sale and join us. Membership is only \$15 for individual, \$25 for a couple, and \$10 for youth. We have lots of fun, share lots of plants, and always have lots of food at our monthly meetings. The new club year is just getting started, so a great time to join.

Members: Be sure to call or e-mail Peggy with your list of plants you will be bringing so we will have photos of everything that is included in the sale. Plants always sell better if there are photos. Email:

iris.daylilies@gmail.com

Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society

IRIS & DAYLILY SALE

2nd Saturday in September

J.N.Long Cultural Arts Complex
415 Granbury, Cleburne

9 am til 2 pm

For more information visit us online at
www.johnsoncountyirisanddaylilysociety.org
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Officer and Committee Chair Reports

President's Report

by Brian Goodman



No Report

1st VP Program Chair Report

by Mary Keeth



We hope the heat lets up and we are praying for some rain so we can dig some big rhizomes for our September Plant Sale. It is time to start getting your irises and other plants ready for the sale. Please see your yearbook for instructions on how to clean and mark your plants for the sale, especially if you want to participate in the member bonus program. If you need instructions, please send your request to:

iris.daylilies@gmail.com

Also, don't forget to send Peggy your list of sale plants so we have photos of everything.

2nd VP-Membership Chair Report

by Anita Goodale



JCI&DS met for their monthly meeting on August 17, 2019, a week later than normal, due to a schedule conflict with AIS Region 17 hosting its annual meeting on the same day in Weatherford. The local meeting was held in the cafeteria of the JN Long Cultural Arts Complex. Twenty-four members and two visitors: Adrian Velasquez and Linda Enright enjoyed fun, food and fellowship. The highlight of the event included playing BINGO

with Iris and Daylily plants as the prizes.

We also want to welcome our newest member: Kenneth Dunaway of Gainsville, TX.

There are still a few members who have not paid your 2019-2020 club dues. Please do so at our sale. Yearbooks will also be available at our next meeting & sale.

Show Report

by Karen Singletary



No Report

Treasury Report

by Vicki Howard



No Report

Hospitality Report

by Gailmae Suite



We will be having breakfast snack items for the morning of the plant sale. Donuts, Danish, muffins, rolls, fruits, juices, etc., would be most welcome. There is a refrigerator in the Cafeteria we can use. Around 10:30, lunch items will be set out. Sandwiches, salads, etc., are needed. Also, brownies, cookies, chips, and crackers will go nicely with lunch. No soda is needed. Wayne will have the coffee on early and I will keep the ice water pitcher full. The Goodale's and Keeth's will be bringing sweets. Non-sweets will be brought by Amy Finck and the Keeth's. Also the Goodman's will treat us to their delicious rolls.

Wayne and I will bring turkey sandwiches and chips.

Reblooming Iris Report

by Gailmae Suite



Continue to check on your rebloomers.

Even with the heat and dry conditions I have had 3 rebloomers bloom in July and August: I. 'Low Ho Silver' (Byers 1989), I. 'Feed Back' (Hager 1983), and I. 'Lady Essex' (Zurbrigg 1991) and Sept. 1: I. 'Autumn Tryst' (Weiler 1993). The Reblooming Iris Society really needs help to continue its organization, so please consider becoming a member. The form was in the August newsletter. Thank you.



I. 'Low Ho Silver'

IB, 19" (48 cm), E-L & RE. Silvery white, touched tannish yellow at hafts; silvery white beard tipped yellow; slight sweet fragrance.



I. 'Feed Back'

TB, 36" (91 cm), E-M & RE. Mid-violet; yellow beard; pronounced sweet fragrance.



I. 'Lady Essex'

TB, 34" (86 cm), M & RE. S. white with slight violet markings; style arms deep violet; F. white with few violet markings, more at hafts; beards light yellow



I. 'Autumn Tryst'

TB, 34" (86 cm), EM & RE. white, shot, stippled and edged rosy lavender; F. white, edged rosy lavender; beards pale yellow; slight sweet fragrance.



August 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes by Amy Finck

Meeting called to order by President, Brian Goodman. He opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to our American Flag and welcomed guests Linda Enright and Adrian Velasquez. After a prayer offered by Glenn Huddleston, we broke for lunch.

Meeting reconvened after meal.

Officers Reports: There were no minutes from last month's meeting.

Treasurer's Report- Vicki Howard—published in the August newsletter. Vicki mentioned we had a new supply of Plant markers available and there had been a price increase to 25/\$9.

Raffle winners were:

AIS: Alden Nellis

ADS: Alden Nellis

Youth raffle: Sue Walker

Pots ordered by club are available for use for JCI&DS Sale plants

in 1 gallon size. Price is \$1 each or free for those who pot irises/daylilies for the spring sale, 3 gal. pots were brought by Brian, in case anyone needed those. There are also 5 gallon decorative pots available for purchase for \$10 and the profits for those will go to the Winston Patrick McGregor Park.

Peggy Cathey discussed the Summer issue of the *Daylilies of the Southwest* magazine as well as the ADS Region 6 Meeting held in June in Albuquerque, NM.

At the AIS Region 17 Meeting in Weatherford, TX the previous weekend, 8 out of 15 Region 17 clubs qualified as AIS Membership Medal Award clubs. Current AIS Region 17 RVP, Peggy Cathey, presented President, Brian Goodman, with a Silver Medal Membership certificates for 88% of our members being AIS members. Peggy, who is the current Membership Chair for ADS Region 6, also pre-

sented Brian with the a Silver Medal Membership certificate for 80% ADS members.

Plant Sale Report: Gailmae Suite, the Sale will be September 14th, at the JN Long cafeteria from 9 - 2. Members should be there at 8:00 a.m. for set up. We need breakfast as well as lunch items, sign-up form. Be sure to mark Irises clearly for the sale.

We need to continue to invite friends to the meetings and recruit new members. Membership brochures need to be available at our meetings and sales.

Peggy Cathey needs to be informed of Irises being brought to the sale in order to prepare for the sale. Sale organization was discussed. Paper bags, like last year, was the preferred method for rhizome organization.

Iris BINGO

Meeting Adjourned
Amy Finck, Secretary

In the Garden With Anita by Anita Goodale



The Three Ps

Even though Fall is right around the corner, Summer is still showing its presence by the high temperatures we've being experiencing here in North Central Texas. I noticed the other day that there is one reblooming Daylily showing new scape formation. The foliage on most of the Irises are showing signs of distress caused by the heat and direct sun. The good news though is that most of the

annuals are holding their own. In our garden the *Periwinkles*, the *Petunias* and *Purslane* are as pretty as when I first planted them. Daily watering and a dose of fertilizer periodically has proven to be the best defense against Mother Nature's summer

heat. So next Spring when deciding what annuals to include in your garden, you may want to consider what I call "The Three Ps", for a colorful addition. All three of these beautiful flowers come in a variety of colors. Happy Gardening!



Periwinkles



Petunias



Purslane

A Stroll Down Memory Lane by Peggy Cathey

Do you ever see a certain flower or plant and are suddenly taken back to the first time you saw it or who you were with? This happens to me a lot. Dan and I used to belong to an Organic Garden Club, and the first meeting we attended in 1998 was a trip to Bobbie Johnson's Iris Garden on a corner lot in Cleburne. That was my first look at a beautiful iris garden. In 2000, we visited another garden – a commercial garden called Hodge's Iris Garden. What a surprise to find out such a beautiful garden with acres of irises in full bloom was only 2 miles from my house! The garden belonged to Myrtle and Donald Hodges. Both Bobbie and Myrtle were members of JCI&DS and Myrtle invited me to a meeting. I was hooked from the first. Myrtle helped get me stocked up on lots of irises and after the 1st year, when I “killed them with kindness” by using too much manure fertilizer, several members came together to get me back “in business”, especially the club president at the time, Janice Green, who had a beautiful



I. 'Ask Alma'



I. 'Mesmerizer'

iris garden of her own on Island Grove Rd. Among others, she gave me I. '**Ask Alma**' (Lankow 1987, IB) which I wanted because that was my Grandmother's name. I got

Dykes Medal winner and Space Ager I. '**Mesmerizer**' (Byers 1991) from Myrtle, and most of the people in Johnson County got I.



I. 'Crimson King'

'Crimson King' (Barr 1893, IB) from Bobbie. I still have these special irises, and I always think of these wonderful ladies when I see them bloom.

Every time I see I. '**That's All Folks**' (Maryott 2005), I am taken



I. 'That's All Folks'

back to the first AIS National Convention Dan and I attended in Oklahoma City in 2007. The first stop on the garden tours was a feast for the eyes, with beautiful irises blooming everywhere. But '**That's All Folks**' was a standout. I heard someone say it was Bill Maryott's last iris introduction because he was moving on to become a Daylily hybridizer and that is how he came up with the name. It was so popular and such a great garden performer, it was voted the 2013 Dykes Medal winner.

The year 2007 was also our first Daylily Region 6 Meeting held in Nacogdoches.

That was the first time I saw H. '**How Beautiful Heaven Must Be**' (J. Carpenter 2002) and



H. 'How Beautiful Heaven Must Be'

thought that was the most beautiful daylily I had ever seen. The following year, 2008, we were totally hooked on daylilies after attending our first AHS National Convention in Houston. The daylilies were at peak bloom, and each garden was more beautiful than the last. That is where we got the inspiration to make our daylily beds into garden landscaping with other perennials mixed in instead of long “corn rows” of plants like we were currently doing. I remember seeing



Gloriosa superba

Gloriosa Lilies blooming for the first time and fell in love. I was finally able to find some at the Lone Star Daylily Society

(Pearland, TX) Daylily Show and Sale about 3 years ago. One of the most outstanding clumps of daylilies we saw at the convention was H. '**Debary Canary**' (Stamile 2006)



H. 'Debary Canary'

standing over 5 foot tall in Loris Garrett's garden. Dan told Loris how impressed he was with it and Loris sent him 3 fans.

He had the most beautiful garden I had ever seen. He has since moved the garden to Lake Jackson, and it is still an outstandingly beautiful garden. The photo on the cover of the Summer issue of ADS Region 6 **Daylilies of the**



A Stroll Down Memory Lane by Peggy Cathey, Continued

Southwest was taken in his garden during the 2018 Region 6 Meeting.

Another iris that made a big impression on me, I first saw as a seedling in Tom Burseen's garden in 2009. I am always drawn to bright yellow irises and daylilies because they stand out in a garden and seem to say, "Come closer!" He introduced it the following year as I. **'Notta Lemon'** (Burseen 2010). It just missed the Dykes Medal vote this year by 1 vote. It will be back on the ballot again next year, so keep your fingers crossed.



I. **'Notta Lemon'**

In 2014, we decided to visit friends who liked to spend the summers in the mountains of North Carolina. We had planned to attend the AHS National Convention in Asheville, NC, but it was sold out. So, we did the next best thing and went just before the convention and visited some of the gardens the day before everyone else did. We basically had the gardens to ourselves. One highlight was seeing hybridizer Paul Owens' **Slightly Different Nursery**.



Slightly Different Nursery & Daylily Gardens

What a super nice guy and a spectacular garden. We bought several daylilies from him, and he ran around – barefoot – digging them for us. Some of the unforgettable daylilies we saw there were H. **'Dances with Giraffes'** (Reed 2005) and H. **'Wildman George'** (Elliott 2010). We still don't have **'Dances with Giraffes'** but we did get one of Scott Elliott's **'Wildman George'** plants when we went to hear Scott speak at an East Texas Daylily Society (Tyler) meeting in November 2018. Scott was also our bus captain for the 2016 AHS National Convention in Louisville, KY.



H. **'Dances With Giraffes'**



H. **'Wildman George'**

The 2016 AHS Convention in KY was extra special because we got to go to **Daylily World**, which are the gardens of David Kirchoff and Mort Morss. We had heard David speak at the Dallas Region 6 Meeting in 2014 where he showed photos of his garden after moving all his daylilies from Florida to Kentucky. He talked about his garden being on tour for the 2016 National meeting, so we knew we had to



David Kirchoff & AHS President 2016-2017 Nikki Schmith

go. David and Mort will be speaking in Alvin, TX at the Lone Star Daylily Society meeting on September 15th, and we plan to be there. It is always fun to visit with the many friends we have made in the Houston area.

We have traveled to Oklahoma City for the AHS Region 10 Meeting to hear Nikki Schmith speak and another trip to Alvin, TX to hear her again. She is such a dynamo and we are always impressed with what she has to say. I am always reminded of her when her namesake H. **'Michigan Nikki'** (D. Hansen, 2010) blooms in our garden.



H. **'Michigan Nikki'**

Since 2007, Dan and I have attended almost every AIS Region 17 Meeting and AHS Region 6 Meeting and several AIS and AHS National Conventions. In 2020, AIS will be celebrating its 100 year Anniversary with a National Convention in New York, where it all began. The ADS National Convention will be held in Savannah, GA. AHS Region 6 will have a Fall Meeting in 2020 presented by the East Texas Daylily Society, and the Iris Society of Dallas will host the AIS Region 17 Meeting. If you want to meet some great people and see beautiful gardens to make your own memories, I want to encourage you to give them a try. You will not regret it.



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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**

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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
c/o Vickie Howard, Treasurer
3912 CR 1205, Cleburne, TX 76033



-  **September 14, 2019, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**
Annual Plant Sale
JN Long Cultural Arts Complex cafeteria
-  **October 12, 2019, 10 a.m.**
Daylily Giveaway, Auction and Exchange
United Cooperative Services community room
-  **November 9, 2019, 10 a.m.**
Program: *Fall Gardening with Irises*
United Cooperative Services community room
-  **December 14, 2019, NOON**
Christmas Party & Potluck Luncheon
United Cooperative Services community room
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Word Search: A Few Irises Available at Plant Sale Sept. 14, 2019

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

- Autumn Ring Love Goes On
- Avalon Sunset Moving On Down
- Billionaire New Face
- Effective One Of A Kind
- Eggnog Second Show
- Fast Forward Splatter Matters
- Glazed Gold Summer Tsunami
- Haunted Heart Twice Is Nice
- Jesse's Song Ty Blue
- Let's Play Dressup

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