

The Irisarian



Region 7
The American
Iris Society

Fall 2024

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RVP's Corner by Lorene Crone

Greetings Irisarians! As I write this, there are heat advisories and thunderstorm watches all around. When I returned from my travels, I found the weeds have taken up residence like never before and it's almost too hot to deal with them right now.

The Japanese Iris Convention was phenomenal! The flowers were spectacular and the weather... I wish I could have brought the weather home with me just long enough to get the weeds under control.

Although there were not hundreds of attendees, the venue was full of Japanese and SPEC-X lovers. The judges' training sessions were all



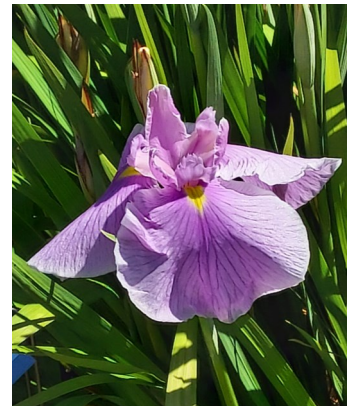
attended to room capacity. There were so many in-garden judges wanting to take the training that they had to recruit another instructor at the last minute. I ordered six Japanese irises to attempt to grow them here in west Tennessee. I have been given instructions on how to grow them in our temperamental weather so stay tuned for the results.

Looking to the future national convention in Billings, Montana, I hear it is going to be well attended. You need to make your reservations soon and be ready to submit your registration as soon as it is released. Stay tuned.

On the local front, the fall regional meeting is fast approaching. September 28-29 at Natchez Trace will be here before we know it. I hope you have your reservations made or will be making them soon. The group rate is good until August 12th! Bring your plant donations and other items for the auction. This helps the region provide judges training for all the meetings and covers expenses for the winter potluck which is always sponsored by the region. If you are donating iris, please send the name to Caroline Winters (carewint@att.net) so that she can prepare the pictures for the auction. Four of us from Region 7 got to hear judges training on Japanese iris from Chad Harris at the convention but we will be privileged to get more at our regional.

We are still looking for clubs to host regional meetings. Remember that you don't have to do what others have done. You don't have to break the bank to do it. If your club needs financial assistance, please see me about that. The region may be able to help you get it done without going broke! For spring meetings, we only need one garden for judges' training, and it doesn't have to be huge. Also remember, I can't schedule a trainer until we have a date and location.

Enjoy the rest of the garden season and be sure to take care of yourselves. Stay hydrated and take breaks. This weather is brutal. See you very soon!



THE IRISARIAN

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'Cascade Trails', MTB, Lynda Miller 2015



'Hot And Spicy', LA, Heather Pryor 1998



'Oriental Lady, JA, Bauer/Coble 2009

From the Editor by Susan Driver



Greetings from Middle Tennessee

As usual, we had some great shows in our region this year. I hope you all were able to attend some of them, as well as visiting area gardens. Thank you to those who opened your garden during the Spring Regional meeting and show. We all know that it is a labor of love maintaining our gardens, but much appreciated and well worth the effort when we get to share with fellow iris lovers.

The weather continues to challenge us with its high temperatures and little rain. The heat prevents me from spending as much time outdoors as I would like, and my yardwork has slowed down considerably. I am having to wait until an hour or so before sundown to do garden chores, mostly watering. It's hard to believe that when I lived in Tennessee back in the 1970's, we didn't have any air conditioning in our house, and now I feel like I can't live without it. Imagine how the plants must be feeling!

This edition is mostly full of show reports and pictures from shows, but I would like to thank Barb Pappenfus for submitting an article on the benefits of attending regional meetings. If you have never attended one, I hope that this article will encourage you to give it a try.....like the upcoming Fall meeting at Natchez Trace! As you can see from the schedule below, our clubs have really stepped up to host meetings for the next three years. Hosting a meeting is a way for club members to experience first hand what the region is all about.

Susan

Region 7 Meeting Schedule

Meeting	Dates	Location	Hosted By	Judges' Training Speaker
Fall 2024	Sep 28-29	Natchez Trace State Park	JAIS	Chad Harris on JI
Winter Potluck	Feb 22, 23	Lake Benson	Lorene Crone/Do's&Don'ts for a show	
Spring 2025	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Fall 2025	TBD	TBD	LAIS	TBD
Spring 2026	TBD	TBD	JAIS	TBD
Fall 2026	TBD	TBD	SMIS	TBD
Spring 2027	TBD	TBD	LAIS	TBD
Fall 2027	TBD	TBD	WTIS	TBD

Minutes from the
AIS Region 7 Spring Meeting
April 27, & 28, 2024

AIS Region 7 Spring Board Meeting - April 27, 2024 hosted by MTIS Middle Tennessee Iris Society held at the Hilton Inn and Suites, Brentwood, Nashville, TN.

RVP Lorene Crone called the meeting to order at 4:37 pm, thanking all those in attendance which were Susan Driver, Mary Ann Duncan, Jim Vernon, Scott Hall, Denise Flowers and others.

Minutes from the fall meeting were in the Irisarian, with no additions or corrections.

Treasurers Report: Jim Vernon passed out the treasurers report to board members, with an ending balance of 13,611.80. Treasurers report accepted as read. Audit of the treasure was done at the fall meeting, the auditors were Stephanie Plummer, Maryann Duncan, and Ernie Royal. All looked good with the audit to the Trustees. Lorene said Robert Treadwell our judges training speaker donated a truckload of irises to be auctioned which will help offset some of the meeting expenses.

Newsletter Editor: Susan Driver stated that the deadline to get show pictures and details of local shows to her will be between Aug 1st and Aug 15th. This will give her time to get them in the Irisarian Newsletter.

Judges Report: Lorene Crone reported several judges had retired but they can still judge as long as they keep up their membership and judge with an active judge. Lorene said Chad Harris will be coming and do our judges training for the fall meeting 2024. Caroline Winters said she had fly miles that could used to help with his airfare.

Webmaster: Scott Hall stated he regularly updates the website with current information.

Awards Committee: Denise Flowers stated the deadline for award nominations must be sent to her by July 1st, in order to get awards ordered. Also to enter the youth essay contest can be found on the AIS website.

Lorene said she had talked with the pastor at Lake Benson, Bon Aqua, TN. about having the winter pot luck at Lake Benson she has not heard back at this time. Also that the rate may have gone up a few dollars but not much.

Lorene went over the Region 7 meetings schedule as follows:

Fall 2024 — JAIS (Jackson)

Spring 2025 —

Fall 2025 — LAIS (Louisville)

Spring 2026 — JAIS (Jackson)

Fall 2026 — SMIS (Smokey Mountain)

Spring 2027 — LAIS (Louisville)

Fall 2027 — WTIS (West Tennessee)

New Business: Lorene advised us that AIS clubs in Region 24 along the Tennessee Mississippi border were in trouble of folding and that AIS had ask if they could merge with the Region 7 society. After much discussion and looking like this is going to happen that we need to merge with them and make them feel welcomed.

Lorene said Maryann Duncan's term as trustee is expiring this fall. We need to be considering someone for this position possibly someone from the Kentucky societies.

Lorene said she had assigned a committee of three Barb Papenfuss, Marilyn Vernon, and Sue Ann Barnes, plus Jim Vernon to look at and update Region 7 Travel and Reimbursement Policy. Barb discussed what the committee had proposed for the updated policy to be voted on at the fall 2024 meeting. Jim Vernon made the motion that we continue to cover the cost of our 2 AIS board members to go to the AIS convention covering their registration, basic transportation, and hotel costs until this fall when the updated policy can be voted on. This motion was seconded by Maryann Duncan and was voted on and approved by the board.

Jim Vernon thanked everyone for attending the AIS Region 7 meeting hosted by MTIS and coming to Nashville and participating in the show which had 152 stalks of iris.

Lorene said that was all she had on her agenda and adjourned the meeting at 5:49.

Respectfully Submitted

Brenda Batson

Secretary

A NOTE FROM THE YOUTH CHAIR

We have had several youths that are active not only in their club but also in our region! They have shown iris, helped in their local club's meetings, grown and tended their own beds. There is no way I can list all of them, I know of 3 that I was able to meet this year. So, if you have a youth member in your club, please let us know about them. There are several activities every year at the National Level that are aimed at the youth. So congratulations to Kate Gibson (MTIS) , Jaxon Ellis (ETIS) and Wyatt Willis(JAIS) for being active members of the Region!

The American Iris Society has a youth division in their photo contest. The deadline is August 1st! There is also the Coloring Contest and the Ackerman Essay Contest. Last year two of our youth placed in the Ackerman Essay Contest. This year Wyatt Willis placed 2nd in his age group. If you would like more information, check out the AIS Youth website, <https://aisyouth.org/>

Denise Flowers



A Wyatt entry



Wyatt with his iris bed



Wyatt with Best Youth, 'Bright Victory'

**TREASURER'S REPORT
A.I.S. REGION 7
July 16, 2024**

Previous Balance as of April 25, 2024	\$13,611.80
<u>Income:</u>	
06/20/24 Donation from Evan Underwood	\$ 100.00
06/20/24 Donation from Betty Stephens	\$ 30.00
07/11/24 Donation from MAIS	\$15,343.92
Closing MAIS bank account	
TOTAL INCOME \$15,473.92	
<u>Expenses:</u>	
04/27/24 Bob Strohman	\$ 300.00
Judges Training Spring Meeting	
05/31/24 Scott Hall (Webb Hosting Expenses)	\$ 45.16
07/10/24 Susan Driver	\$ 902.80
2024 AIS Convention Expenses	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1247.96
Ending Balance as of July 16, 2024	\$27,837.76

Respectfully Submitted by

**James D Vernon
Treasurer**

MEMBERSHIP

Barb Pappenfus has graciously agreed to be our new
membership chair.!

You may contact her at: bpappenfus@hotmail.com



Young Jaxson with Tom Parkhill

YOUTH

Meet 9 year old Jaxson Ellis. He has been a lifelong member (since infancy) of ETIS. As you can see, he is very active in all things iris, and we are fortunate to have him in our region!



2024 1st ETIS - 'Do The Fandango'



Jaxson and loyal customer at ETIS sale



Jaxson helps with club rhizome distribution



Preparing an iris bed

IT'S AUCTION TIME!

Traditionally, the fall iris auction is Region 7's biggest fundraiser of the year.

We are looking for you to donate:

- * Fun stuff,
- * Baked goods,
- * Iris stuff, and most importantly,
- * Iris rhizomes/potted iris.

Please email the names of all rhizomes you bring to Betty Kidd (bettykidd@gmail.com), so they can share photos and descriptions <https://wiki.irises.org/>

SPRING REGIONAL MEETING AND IRIS SHOW

April 27, 2024 Nashville, TN Co-Chairs: Stephanie Plummer and Marilyn Vernon

Best in Show: "Ballroom Belle", exhibited by Sue and Layton Gossage

1st Runner Up: "Gypsy Lord", exhibited by Marilyn and Jim Vernon

2nd Runner Up: "Urban Cowgirl", exhibited by Sue and Layton Gossage

3rd Runner Up: "That's All Folks", exhibited by Jana Sharooni

4th Runner Up: "Very Vein", exhibited by Scott Hall

Silver Medal: Sue and Layton Gossage Bronze Medal: Marilyn and Jim Vernon

Youth Best Specimen: "Bright Victory", exhibited by Wyatt Willis

Most Blue Ribbons, Youth: Wyatt Willis

Second Most Blue Ribbons, Youth: Kate Gibson

Entries: 152

Exhibitors: 21

Queen's Court:

"All Things Considered", Sue and Layton Gossage

"Haunted Heart", Rebecca Gibson

"Pinch of Nutmeg", Wendi Powers

"Australian Rose", Nancy Thompson

"Stairway To Heaven", Sue and Layton Gossage

"Power Point", Sue and Layton Gossage

"Ozark Charmer", Wyatt Willis

"Reckless Abandon", Sue and Layton Gossage

"Irish Jester", Sue and Layton Gossage





Best of Show "Ballroom Belle"



1st Runner Up "Gypsy Lord"



2nd Runner Up "Urban Cowgirl"



3rd Runner Up "That's All Folks"



4th Runner Up "Very Vein"



Best Specimen Youth "Bright Victory"



Jackson Area Iris Society Show Results

May 4, 2024

Show Chair: Lorene Crone

Best in Show: Megatrend (exhibited by Mike & Denise Flowers)

1st Runner Up: "Roy's Repeater" (exhibited by Nancy Thompson)

2nd Runner Up: "Frederick Douglas" (exhibited by Denise & Mike Flowers)

3rd Runner Up: "Ozark Charmer" (exhibited by Mike & Denise Flowers)

4th Runner Up: "Royal Birth" (exhibited by Denise & Mike Flowers)

Silver Award: Denise & Mike Flowers (10)

Bronze Award: Nancy Thompson (3)

Honor Court: "Mrs. Tait" (exhibited by Nancy King)

"Fairy Tale Romance" (exhibited by Lynn Warner)

"Swirling Waters" (exhibited by Mike & Denise Flowers)

"Action Pack" (exhibited by Nancy Thompson)

"Kissing Booth" (exhibited by Mike & Denise Flowers)

"Madam President" (exhibited by Mike & Denise Flowers)

Number of entries: 51

Number of Exhibitors: 9

Artistic Design Division IV

*Indicates Best Design in show

Home for the Holidays

#1 Wyatt Willis 4th place

#2 Denise Flowers 3rd place

#3 Caroline Winters 2nd place

#4 Lynn Warner 1st Place

Home is Where the Heart Is

#1 Lorene Crone 3rd place

#2 Deb Mell 1st place

#3 Nancy Thompson 4th place

#4 Sue Ann Barnes 2nd place

Home Office

#1 Deborah Mell 3rd place

#2 Lorene Crone 2nd place

#3 Wyatt Willis 1st place

#4 Denise Flowers 4th place

Home Garden

#1 Belinda Carroll 3rd place

#2 Denise Flowers 1st place *

#3 Nancy Thompson 2nd place

#4 Sue Ann Barnes 4th place



Queen of Show "Megatrend"



1st Runner Up "Roy's Repeater"



2nd Runner Up "Frederick Douglas"



3rd Runner Up "Ozark Charmer"



4th Runner Up "Royal Birth"



Queen's Table



Best Design "Home Garden"



"Home For The Holidays"

Twin States Iris Society Show Results

May 4 2024

Show Chairs: Rena Shrum and Sherrie Green Silver Medal: Bruce Schaffer Bronze Medal: Sara Block

Best Specimen: "Elixir", exhibited by Jana Sharooni
1st Runner Up: "Prophetic Dream", exhibited by Barbara Gregory
2nd Runner Up: "Ann Chowning", exhibited by Jana Sharooni
3rd Runner Up: "High Chaparral", exhibited by Jana Sharooni
4th Runner Up: "Sultan's Palace", exhibited by Bruce Schaffer
Best White: "Snow Goddess", exhibited by Bruce Schaffer
Best Blue: "Navy Blues", exhibited by Bruce Schaffer
Latest Dykes: "That's All Folks", exhibited by Bruce Schaffer
Best Yellow: "Spirit of Memphis", exhibited by Tim Curtis
Best Plicata: "Evening Stroll", exhibited by Bruce Schaffer
Best Historic: "Flavescens", exhibited by Bruce Schaffer
Best "Dusky Challenger", exhibited by Sara Block
Best Space Age: "Thornbird", exhibited by Connie Gibbs
Best Seedling: Exhibited by Bruce Schaffer

Entries: 99 Horticulture and 24 Designs

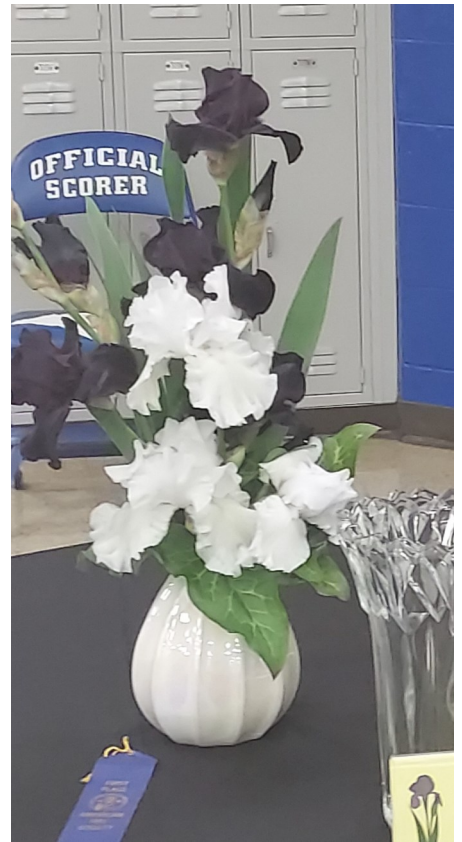




“Let the Games Begin”



“Blaze of Glory”



“Unity and Harmony of Iris”



“Bringing Home the Gold”



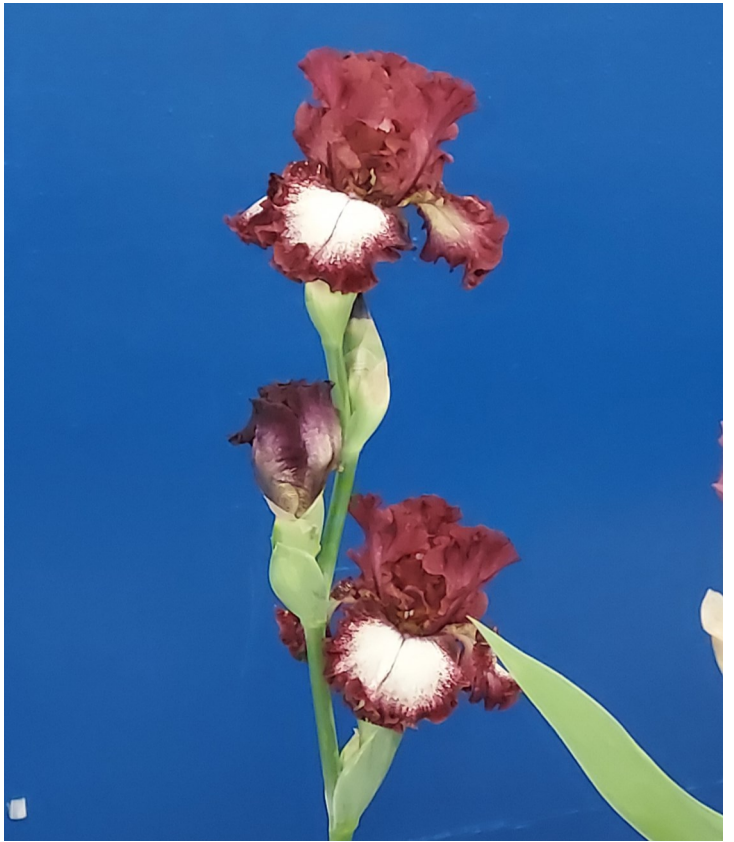
“The Power and Beauty”



“Closing Ceremony”



Best Specimen "Elixir"



1st Runner Up "Prophetic Dream"



2nd Runner Up "Ann Chowning"



3rd Runner Up "High Chaparral"



4th Runner Up "Sultan's Palace"



Best Specimen - Jana Sharooni

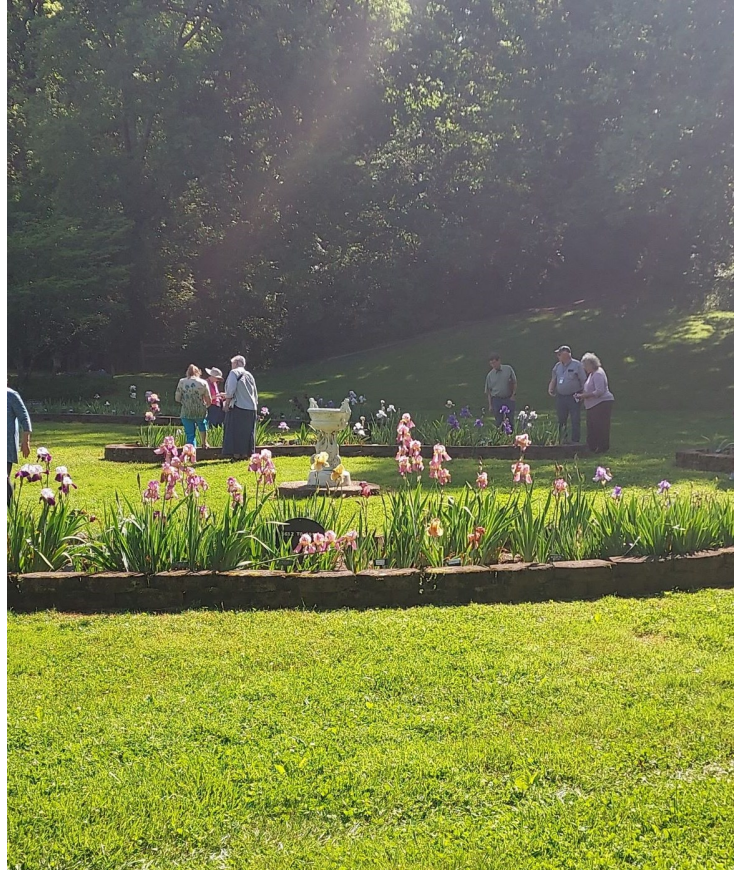
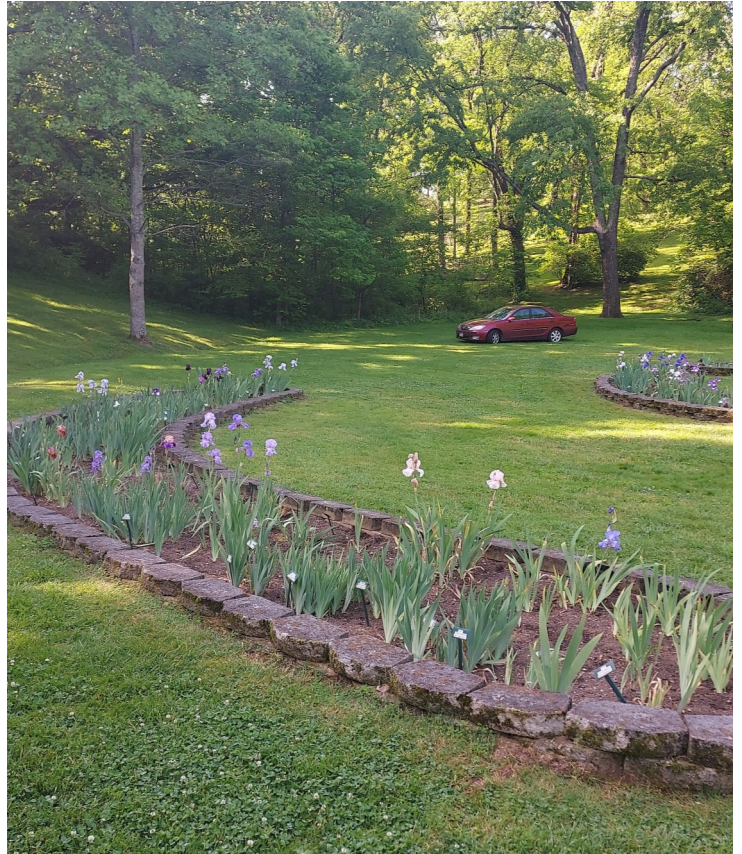


Silver Medal - Bruce Schaffer

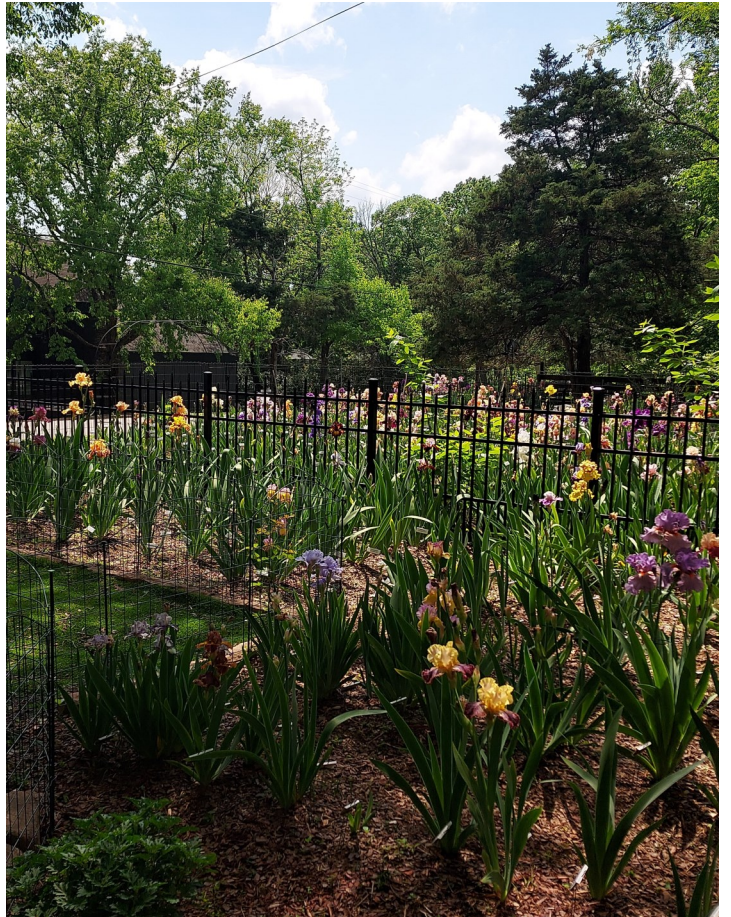


Bronze Medal - Sara Block

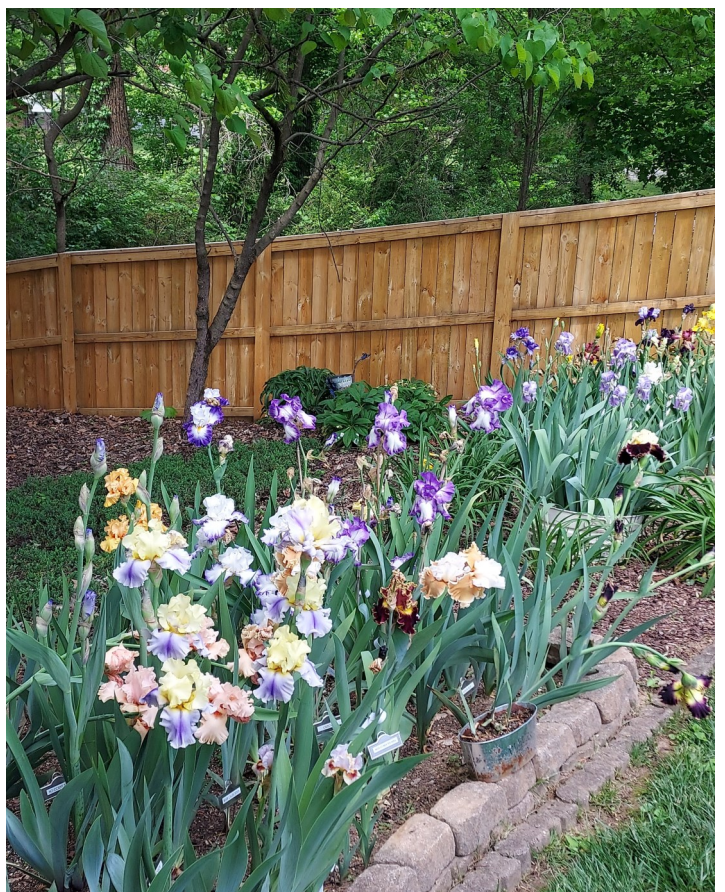
A BRIEF LOOK AT REGIONAL GARDENS IN AND AROUND NASHVILLE, TN



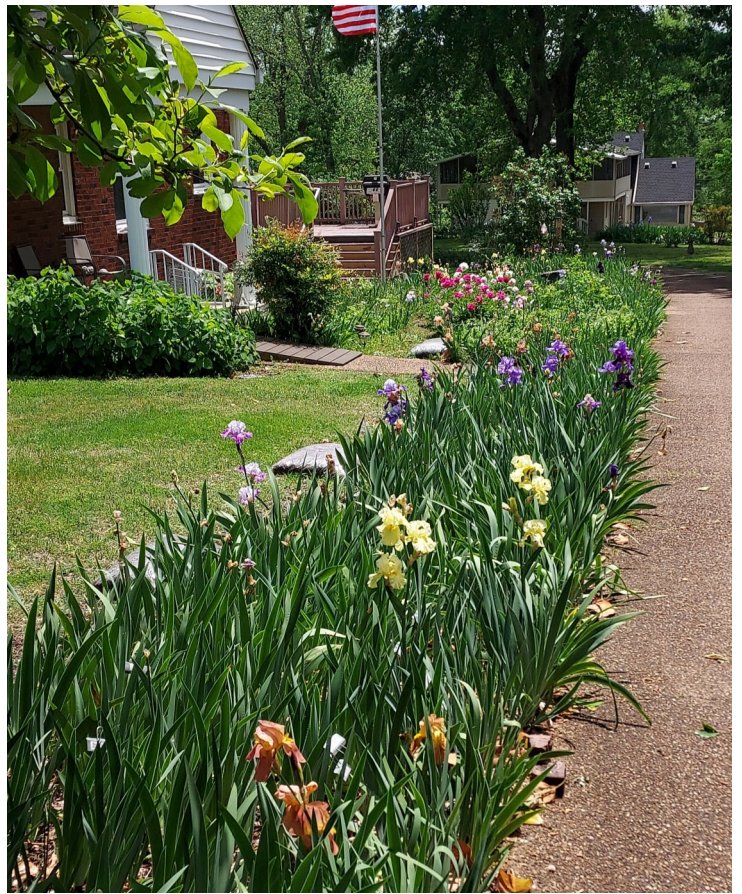
Ellington Agricultural Center Garden-Judges Training



Stacey Cawthon's Garden



Stephanie Plummer's Garden



Ginny Russell's Garden

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Food, fun and friendship starts at
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son City Public Library

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2024 Total 32 (*includes retired judges who are still eligible to judge on a panel with other accredited judges)

Region 7 Fall Meeting
Natchez Trace State Park
567 PIN OAK LODGE RD

Lexington, TN
Off I-40 exit 116

September 28-29, 2024

Room rate \$122 + tax Book by 8/12/2024; ask
for American Iris Society group **731-968-8176**

Rates good from 9/27-29/24
[https://www.reseze.net/servlet/SendPage?
hotelid=1803&skipfirstpage=true&page=1049](https://www.reseze.net/servlet/SendPage?hotelid=1803&skipfirstpage=true&page=1049)

Contact Lodge for cabins



You may come early on Friday night and enjoy a seafood buffet at the restaurant. (Dutch treat).

Saturday 9/28

Set up for auction

12:30 pm Board Meeting

2:30 pm Live and silent auction begins

5:30 pm Dinner in private dining room

7:30 pm Business Meeting Natchez Room

Sunday morning 9/29

Judges' Training Natchez Room

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City, St, Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Registration Fee \$40 per person (includes Saturday night buffet)

Mail to: Denise Flowers
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Unlocking the Secrets of Irises: The Unparalleled Advantages of Region 7 Meetings by Barbara Pappenfus - ETIS & SMIS member

Imagine a weekend dedicated to irises, surrounded by fellow enthusiasts, where the air is alive with excited conversation. This isn't just a dream—it's the reality of a Region 7 meeting for iris aficionados!

A Symphony of Irises

Attending a Region 7 meeting is akin to stepping into a living encyclopedia of irises. It's an opportunity to discover unfamiliar varieties, both bearded and beardless, as well as to revisit classic favorites. Our inaugural Winter 2022 meeting introduced us to the charm of Louisiana Irises, and by the end, several found their way into our gardens. The spring meeting has exhibit and garden training. The fall meeting unites us for an Iris Auction, featuring irises contributed by you, our Region 7 members. This ensures the irises are well-suited for our area, and the auction itself is a delightful highlight!

Cultivating Knowledge and Friendships

The allure of irises goes beyond their visual splendor. These meetings serve as a crucible of knowledge, where cultivation tips and techniques are freely exchanged. Whether you're a veteran grower or a newcomer, there's always something new to learn about soil composition, disease control, and the latest in hybridization. Attendees also have the chance to participate in training sessions to become certified Iris judges or to simply broaden their horticultural knowledge. I've personally benefited from sessions on Louisiana and Spuria Irises, the different classes of bearded iris, and Garden Judging, to name a few.

Networking Roots Run Deep

The connections forged at these meetings go beyond acquaintances, providing a supportive network for your horticultural pursuits, whether they be a hobby, business, or side project. You'll encounter mentors, friends for rhizome exchanges, and potential collaborators for community projects. For instance, SMIS President Elaine Garner initiated an Iris Pal program, facilitating iris swaps between Region 7 clubs. This initiative culminated in a SMIS club bingo party to distribute those irises to club members, spreading joy and irises alike.

A Perennial Experience

Why attend a Region 7 meeting? Because they enrich both your passion for irises, your life, and create new friendships. It's a place where the love for irises and community weave together, creating a vibrant tapestry that reaches far beyond your garden.

Join us and watch your iris-related endeavors flourish amongst friends! The next meeting is scheduled for September 27-29, 2024, hosted by the Jackson Area Iris Society at Natchez Trace State Park. Don't miss the training on Japanese Irises by Chad Harris. For booking details, please follow the [Region 7 Fall Meeting Natchez Trace](#) link.

Blue Grass Iris Society Show

May 11, 2024

Show Chair: Jane Hellmann Silver Medal: Bruce Schaffer Bronze Medal: Greg Beavers

Best in Show: "Hawthorne Bridge", exhibited by Michael and Lisa Kuduk

1st Runner Up: "Just Between Us", exhibited by Greg Beavers

2nd Runner Up: "I. Tectorum", exhibited by Bruce Schaffer

3rd Runner Up: "Raven Girl", exhibited by Rita Adkins (also Best Dark)

4th Runner Up: "Loop The Loop", exhibited by Bruce Schaffer (also Best Historic)

Best Median: "Moose Tracks", exhibited by Jane Hellmann

Best Multi-Color: "Rodeo Blue", exhibited by Michael and Lisa Kuduk

Best Space Age/Novelty: "Conjuration", exhibited by Greg Beavers

Best White: "Snow Goddess", exhibited by Bruce Schaffer

Best Yellow: "Just A Kiss Away", exhibited by Greg Beavers

Best Pink: "Beverly Sills", exhibited by Annette Boehm

Best Orange: "Galacico", exhibited by Greg Beavers

Best Purple or Blue: "Twilit Snow", exhibited by Bruce Schaffer

Best Seedling: SMXRW7, exhibited by Bruce Schaffer

Best Design: "Pretty Is as Pretty Does", exhibited by Barbara Dunlap

Entries: 199 Horticulture, 4 Design, 24 Photos



"Pretty is as Pretty Does"



"I Feel Pretty"



"Picture Perfect"



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AIS Region 7 website: aisregion7.org



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