

## The American Iris Society's 2023 National Convention

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The American Iris Society (AIS) is happy to announce details of its 2023 annual convention, which will be held in Grapevine, Texas (in the Dallas area) April 12-16, 2023. In addition to garden tours to five area gardens featuring guest iris planted especially for this event, the convention will feature a welcome dinner, panel discussions on bearded and beardless iris, live auction and silent auction fundraising events, and an awards brunch where the winners of the convention awards will be announced.

Garden tours will feature the gardens of Connie Ford (lakefront property with Louisiana and species iris in addition to guest iris), Hooker and Bonnie J. Nichols (a new very large garden with many types of irises), Michael and Mary Ellen Reed (a beautifully designed suburban sized garden), Judy and Dale Schneider (a large garden featuring bearded and Louisiana guest iris), and Dell Perry (a suburban sized garden featuring all types of iris including Japanese and aril iris).

The convention hotel is the Courtyard by Marriott in Grapevine, Texas. Its amenities feature a shuttle to the Dallas/Fort Worth airport, a café, and an outdoor pool. Small pets are allowed. Room rates for convention attendees are \$139.00 per night single or double.

Full registration (including two days of garden tours, two lunches, the welcome dinner, awards brunch, and convention materials) is \$349.00. Garden bus tours only (including two lunches and convention materials) is \$275.00. Welcome dinner and awards brunch only is \$100.00.

For more information, see the convention website:

<http://www.irises-dallas.org/isd-events/2023-ais-convention/>

Don't miss this opportunity to see thousands of beautiful iris in bloom, and enjoy fellowship with hundreds of like-minded iris enthusiasts!

### About The American Iris Society

The mission of AIS is to organize and disseminate knowledge of the genus Iris and to foster its preservation, enjoyment, and continued development. The Society is welcoming to all people, regardless of race, religion, socioeconomic status, ethnic background, gender, or sexual orientation. Members collaborate locally, regionally, and nationally to encourage the cultivation, enjoyment, and preservation of all irises. Activities often include educational programs, judges' training, exhibitions, and garden observation of irises in 15 horticultural iris classifications. The AIS also maintains the official world registry for non-bulbous irises. Visit the AIS website for more information, including a Commercial Directory of iris growers and hybridizers.

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