

SLI 2010 Annual Convention

April 22 - 24



General Information

Convention applications must be received no later than April 1, 2010!
Applications received after April 1st will be accepted on a space available basis.

HOTEL

The Hyatt Regency North Dallas/Richardson, located at 701 E. Campbell Road, Richardson, Texas, will be the host hotel for the 2010 convention. Room reservations need to be made directly with the hotel. The hotel is holding a block of rooms expressly for the convention until April 1, 2010. The convention rate is \$82.00 per room plus tax, single or double occupancy. The rooms are on the Concierge Level which includes a continental breakfast and other perks. Rooms have a coffee maker, hair dryer, ironing board and iron, complimentary high speed internet access and more. The hotel has an outdoor pool, a spa, and a fully equipped fitness and wellness center. It is located within walking distance of the trendy Eastside Shopping Plaza which offers a variety of dining, shopping and other various services. Reservations can be made by calling (888) 421-1442, be sure to mention "the SLI Convention" to obtain the convention rate. If you would like to reserve your room online, please go to https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=1467963, our online reservations web page. The hotel's fax number is 972-231-7384.

NOTE: Hotel reservations are separate from conference registration.

WELCOME MIXER – Thursday, April 22, 2010

Come join other conventioners for good conversation and fun. "Finger foods," wine and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided. The party will be in the Majestic Suite from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM, so the board members will be able to come before their meeting at 7:30 PM.

GARDEN TOUR – Friday, April 23, 2010

There are five gardens on the tour. All are members of the Iris Society of Dallas. This year will be among the first where Louisiana iris hybridizers sent seedlings to be grown in the tour gardens. We are honored to have been entrusted with these seedlings, as well as recent introductions, for our display gardens. Contributing hybridizers are, in no particular order, Harry Wolford, Dorman Haymon, Patrick O'Connor, Wayland Rudkin, Ron Killingsworth, Joe Musacchia, Ron Betzer, Jill Copeland, Richard Morgan, and Dick Sloan.

Recommended accessories:

Comfortable walking shoes, cameras, sunglasses, rain gear and/or umbrella in case of rain.

Tour will be conducted regardless of weather conditions, provided it is safe to do so.

Pat Norvell's Garden – Dallas, TX

Tour members will depart the Hyatt Regency Hotel at 7:00 AM for the short drive to Pat's garden. Pat has been growing Louisiana irises since she was about 11 years old, but didn't know it at the time. Someone had given her mother some "swamp irises" which Pat helped plant. They were very hardy, surviving with little water in thin, rocky, alkaline soil for years, and sometimes even blooming. Some came with Pat when she married, made it through three moves and are still growing in her garden despite the newer varieties being much prettier. In addition to Louisiana irises, Pat grows bearded, spuria and one Siberian iris.

Dr. Lew Begley's Garden – Mesquite, TX

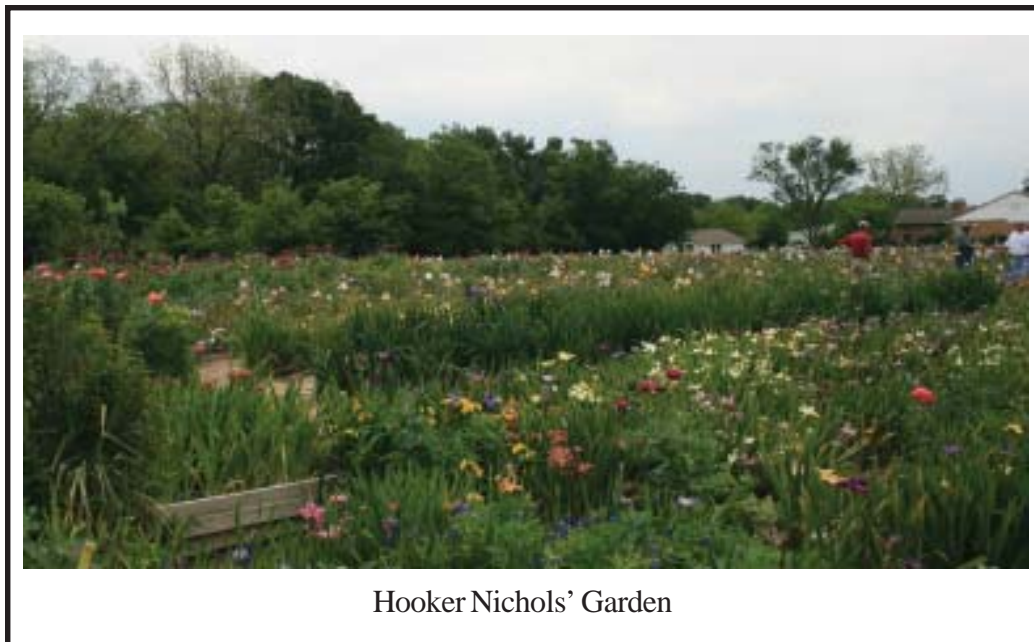
The tour will depart Pat's garden for the ride to Mesquite. Dr. Begley owns a large tract of land which surrounds his home. He has many iris beds and other plants. Many of you will remember visiting his garden during the 2004 SLI Convention. Heather Pryor will be conducting a one hour in-garden judges training class on Louisiana Irises.



Iris in Lew Begley's Garden

Hooker Nichols' Garden – Mesquite, TX

Hooker has a large garden on Dr. Begley's property. Hooker and his wife Bonnie run Hillcrest Gardens, a commercial business selling irises and daylilies. Aside from the convention irises, you will be treated to Hooker's seedlings - bearded, Louisiana, and spuria irises, and daylilies – and a field full of named irises and daylilies. Hooker has been growing irises and hybridizing since he was a small boy in Oklahoma. Many of his irises have received AIS awards.



Hooker Nichols' Garden

Lunch will be served at 12 noon under the huge trees in Dr. Begley's front yard.

Dell Perry's Garden – Plano, TX

The tour will leave the Begley/Nichols gardens for the drive north to Plano. Dell and her son Seann started Seandel Iris Gardens in the early 1990's. Dell has over 700 varieties of median, tall and arilbred bearded, Louisiana, spuria and species irises growing on her corner city lot. Her love for irises started in Connecticut, when at age 6, she saw some cast-offs growing along a stream, dug them up and took them home. She is currently a

member of three local iris societies, an AIS judge, and is the Region 17 Judges training Chairperson.

Annette Brown's Garden – Denison TX

The tour will then depart for Denison, Texas, which is a stone's throw south of the Oklahoma border. Annette has a double lot – one for the house and one for the garden. She started growing irises around 1965, and joined the Iris Society of Dallas in 1984. All she grew were tall bearded irises until Shirley Kelly introduced her to Louisiana



Annette Brown Garden

irises in the early 1990's. 'Kelly's Choice' was named for Shirley. A visit to Marie Caillet's pond and an armful of some of Marie's favorites made her a Louisiana iris devotee. She has been growing them ever since, having over 115 in her private garden, plus the convention bed.

The tour will depart from Annette's for the trip back to the Hyatt Regency. If the creek don't rise and the traffic is good, 6:00 PM should find us back at the hotel, with just enough time for a shower before going downstairs for the cash bar, dinner and the Hybridizers' Slide Show.

The cost of this trip is \$40.00 per person and includes lunch, drinks and transportation expenses. The order of the gardens on tour is subject to change. A minimum of 60 minutes per garden is scheduled, except for the Begley/Nichols gardens, but could be adjusted to accommodate unexpected travel delays.

IRIS SHOW – Saturday, April 24, 2010

Saturday will be a full and busy day beginning with accepting the entries for the show.

- 7: 00 AM - 10:00 AM - Entries will be accepted
- 10:15 AM - 11:30 AM - Judging
- 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM – Open to SLI Members only – member voting
- 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM – Judges Training Class – bench judging.
- 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM – Open to the Public
- 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM – Take down

BUSINESS MEETING – Saturday, April 24, 2010

All members are encouraged to attend the Society's Annual Business Meeting from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM. The location in the hotel will be posted in the registration packet.

SYMPOSIUM – Saturday, April 24, 2010

Heather and Bernard Pryor will provide an entertaining presentation and discussion. 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

OPTIONAL TOUR – Saturday, April 24, 2010

Arrangements for an optional tour of the Dallas Arboretum are in the works. Full details and sign-up will be available at the convention registration table.

SILENT AUCTION – Saturday, April 24, 2010

A popular event of the convention, and one that raises money to support the activities of the Society, is the Silent Auction. Members are encouraged to donate tasteful and useful items with an iris or horticultural theme. If you have items to donate, contact Wendell Hall at (501) 228-0500 or wendellhallgarden@sbcglobal.net. The Silent Auction will be open from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM for bidding.

Let's make the 2010 Silent Auction the BEST EVER!

IRIS AUCTION – Saturday, April 24, 2010

A tradition at the Saturday Night Banquet, and a fundraiser for the Society, is the Iris Auction. The auction will commence immediately after the banquet meal. Members who wish to donate plants, either live or in the form of certificates for plants to be mailed, should contact Annette Brown at (972) 834-9444 or jamesmabrown@graysoncable.com.

JUDGES TRAINING

All American Iris Society judges, anyone thinking about becoming a judge, and those interested in broadening their knowledge, are invited to attend either or both of the one hour training classes being held during the convention. The instructor for both classes will be Heather Pryor, an Australian hybridizer and grower of Louisiana irises.

Friday, April 23, - In-garden - Garden judging of Louisiana irises

Saturday, April 24, 11:30 - 12:30 – Show judging of Louisiana irises

This training is free to all interested. Reservations can be made through the convention registration form or once you arrive at the convention.



SLI Convention 2010 Schedule

All events are at the Hyatt Regency North Dallas/Richardson hotel, unless stated otherwise

Thursday, April 22, 2010

- 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM - Registration
- 6:30-PM – 8:00 PM - Welcome Mixer - Majestic Suite
- 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM - Board Meeting



Friday, April 23, 2010

(tour schedule subject to change)

- 7:00 AM - Depart Hyatt Regency, Richardson, TX
- 7:45 AM - Arrive at Norvell garden, Dallas, TX
- 8:45 AM - Depart Dallas
- 9:30 AM - Arrive at Begley/Nichols gardens, Mesquite, TX
- 9:30 AM – 10:45 AM - In-garden judges training
- 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM - Lunch in Mesquite, TX
- 1:00 PM - Depart Mesquite, TX
- 2:00 PM - Arrive at Perry garden, Plano, TX
- 3:00 AM - Depart Plano
- 4:00 PM - Arrive at Brown garden, Denison, TX
- 5:00 PM - Depart Denison, TX
- 6:00 PM - Arrive at Hyatt Regency, Richardson, TX
- 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM - Cash bar, Dinner, and Hybridizers' Slide Show

Saturday, April 24, 2010

- 7:00 AM – 10:00 AM - Show entries accepted
- 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM - Registration
- 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM - General Membership meeting
- 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM - Symposium - Heather and Bernard Pryor presentation
- 10:15 AM – 11:30 AM - Judging of show
- 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM - Show open to members only – member voting
- 11:30 PM – 12:30 PM - Judges training class – bench judging Louisiana irises
- 12:30 PM – 4:00 PM - Show open to the public
- 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM - Silent Auction – Cash bar
- 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM - Awards Banquet and presentation of awards
- 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM - Live Auction

Sunday, April 25, 2010

Have a safe trip home

Society for Louisiana Irises Annual Convention
April 22-24, 2010 Dallas, Texas



Registration Form

Room reservations are separate from Conference Registration!

Please complete and mail this form so that it arrives no later than April 1, 2010. Registrations will be acknowledged by email, unless no email is supplied. You will receive a packet with additional information, name tags, and tickets for events upon arrival.

Society for Louisiana Irises 2010 Convention Registration

Please print

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____ Email: _____

Names of those attending with you (Please DO NOT list people who intend to register)

	# of PERSONS		PRICE		TOTAL
Convention Registration Fee		X	\$20	=	
Thursday Welcome Mixer	Included in Registration Fee				
Friday Garden Tour		X	\$40	=	
Friday Garden Tour Lunch	Included in Garden Tour Fee				
Friday Judges Training - In-garden judging -1 hr			No Charge		
Friday Dinner: Southwestern Buffet		X	\$32	=	
Saturday Judges Training - Show judging - 1hr			No Charge		
Saturday Lunch	On Your Own				
Saturday Banquet					
Choose one per person attending:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Seared Chicken with Carbonara Mushroom Sauce		X	\$32	=	
<input type="checkbox"/> Parmesan Crusted Veal with Poblano Marinara Sauce		X	\$32	=	
<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian		X	\$28	=	
GRAND TOTAL (Registration + Tour + Meals)					

Payment Method:

CHECK - Make Payable to "Iris Society of Dallas"

CREDIT CARD - please supply this required information:

Card holder's name as it appears on the card: _____

VISA

Card Number _____

MASTER CARD

Expiry date _____

Send Convention Reservations and Payment to:

Dell Perry, 800 Purcell Dr, Plano, TX 75025 (972-816-3418) or seandelirises@yahoo.com