

American Iris Society

Region 17

Iris Convention

September 19-21, 2008
Midland..Tall Bearded Plus..in Tall City

The Tall City will host the Region 17 AIS Convention and Annual Meeting on September 19 - 21, 2008. We will have two trainings. One will be a "hands on" *Artistic Design* training presented by Pegi Naranjo AIS Region 23 past RVP, President of the Judges Council of the New Mexico State Garden Clubs, Southwest Designers Guild, Pecos Valley Iris Society, and AIS & National Council of Garden Cubs Judge. The other judges training will be on "Tall Bearded Plus" presented by Jim & Jean Morris from Missouri. They are a dynamic iris-loving duo who have both been and still are an integral part of the American Iris Society. They will also give the Saturday night banquet address on AIS People & Irises in History. Texas hybridizer, Vincent Christopherson will present a program on hybridizing and genetics. He experiments with plant stock at his Accent Iris Garden in Arlington where he hybridized several award winning Texas-bred bearded irises.

There will be an exceptional boutique, *Gregg Strauss* original iris watercolor, amazing silent auction, excellent goodie bags, many door prizes and more fun than you can imagine!



26 people registered early enough to receive a total of 276 tickets for a chance to win these two lovely items. We will draw for the 48" x 60" fleece blanket (see picture to the right), and the 6" lilac crystal cut iris, with 2 bloom stalks on a clear cut crystal flower pot shaped base, on Friday night.

