

# 2025 Exhibition Report Summary

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'Gypsy Lord' (Keith Keppel 2006, TB)



'Coralie' (Dr. Wylie McLean Ayres 1932, TB)



'Snow Flurry' (Clara Rees 1939, TB)



'Purissima' (William Mohr and Sydney B. Mitchell 1927, TB)

it had no progeny. But most had been used quite a bit. 'Rippling Waters' had a high of 387 progeny. But a non-medal winner 'Snow Flurry' had a high of 517 progeny and was awarded the AIS Board of Directors Award. 'Snow Flurry' was the offspring of 'Purissima' which had 336 progeny. If one added the two progeny records, then it is possible that 'Purissima' actually has 843 plus progeny, plus even more if one researched its 239 first generation offspring for their progeny. No wonder the Historic Iris Preservation Society named 'Purissima' the Legacy Iris for 2025.

We have only scratched the surface discovering irises that may not have won medals but contributed mightily to the gene pool. You are invited to research your own favorite irises on the wiki.

To discover how the Dykes Medal winners rate as foundation irises go to [wiki.irises.org/Main/InfoFoundationIris](https://www.wiki.irises.org/Main/InfoFoundationIris) ("foundation iris" in the index). To see other years for biological success see [wiki.irises.org/Main/InfoBiologicalSuccessOfCultivars](https://www.wiki.irises.org/Main/InfoBiologicalSuccessOfCultivars).

It takes lots of time to do this research, and I would welcome anyone interested enough to do even parts of it.\* If you would like to choose a year or an iris and do the research all help will be appreciated.

Please contact Bob Pries for more information.



On the foundation iris page, all winners are listed. Recent winners are ignored because they have not had much time for crosses to be made, yet one of these recent winners stands out. 'Gypsy Lord' has had 187 progeny since 2015. Some Dykes Medal winners were used very little in hybridizing, perhaps because they were like 'Coralie' so poor a grower

\* Evaluating a specific historic iris does take some work but the result can be quite informative and satisfying. Using these methods, I researched the iris history and descendants of 'Chubby Cheeks' in 2021 and nominated that SDB, introduced by Paul Black in 1985, for the AIS Board of Directors Award. The AIS Board voted to grant the award and 'Chubby Cheeks' became just the fourth iris in history to be given this honor since the award's inception in 1972. These methods that Bob Pries describes were valuable in assessing the legacy of 'Chubby Cheeks' (246 plus registered progeny) and responsible in part for proving its worth and standing as "among the greats of irisdom" as noted in the award description itself. You can view the nomination report for 'Chubby Cheeks' at: [bit.ly/4qQd76A](https://bit.ly/4qQd76A)

—Gary White



Bennett with best seedling

number of youth divisions increased by seven to a total of twenty-four. Eleven of the youth shows met the requirements for medals to be issued.

Tall bearded iris were predictably the prevalent type selected as best specimen at eighty-six shows, yet the other classes were well represented in thirty-seven best specimen placements. Intermediates were the second most type placing in the best specimen category a total of eight times, followed by arilbreds (six), miniature-tall (five), species and Louisiana (four each), and border bearded and standard dwarf (three each.) Other types in the best specimen category for 2025 were spuria, species-X, and Pacific coast iris with two or less placements as best specimen.

There was a three-way tie for the Nelson Award in 2025. The Nelson Award is granted to the iris selected as best specimen of show the most times in a calendar year. Selected twice each, the irises are AB 'Perry Dyer' (P. Black, 2017), AB 'Heart of Hearts' (P. Black, 2015), and TB 'Sharp Dressed Man' (T. Johnson, 2010).

Occasionally, mistakes are made, and after publication of the 2024 Exhibition Report last January, it was discovered a seedling had not received recognition for an exhibition certificate. At the May 4, 2024, iris show in Lebanon, TN, seedling number CXCOC16, TB-RE, hybridized by Bruce Schaffer, was selected as best seedling of show, and was subsequently awarded an exhibition certificate.

As always, congratulations to all of you who conducted an iris show, or exhibited irises at an iris show, and keep up the good work!

Iristatically Yours,  
Adam Cordes



Greetings, fellow iris friends! It is truly an irisarian's delight to see the number of approved iris shows increase from previous years. In 2025 there were 112 shows approved by our committee, and only four had to cancel (usually due to weather). New to the list is a recently organized iris society in Abilene, Texas, the Big Country Iris Society.

Nearly all regions held at least one iris show in 2025, except for Region 10 (Louisiana). Region 14 (Northern California, Nevada, & Hawaii) topped the list with fifteen shows, and Region 17 (Texas) followed with twelve. The



'Chubby Cheeks' (Paul Black 1985, SDB)  
PAUL BLACK

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1	5/24	Auburn, ME	SDB	Kewlopolis	Pauline Grenier	Pauline Grenier (27)	Harriet Robinson (4)	Peter Young	*tied: Stephanie Markham & Harriet Robinson
2	5/25	Rochester, NY	Species	<i>Iris graminea</i>	Michael Roller	Wendy Roller (11)	Michael Roller (10)		
2	5/31	Cheektowaga, NY	TB	Instant Message	Dave Baehre	David Baehre (13)	Joanne Bassett (11)	Marilee Farry "Hiking the Appalachian Trail"	Christine Wilkolaski
2	6/1	Toronto, Ontario, Canada	IB	Witty	Terry Laurin	Terry Laurin (6)	Ilona Shtepan (3)		
3	5/10	Burlington, NJ	TB	Sharp Dressed Man	Gary Slagle	Gary Slagle (10)	George Hildenbrandt (7)		
3	5/17	Hershey, PA	BB	Boundless Berry	Jay Holcomb	Jay Holcomb (6)	George Weaver (5)	Joyce Hoek	
3	5/18	Swarthmore, PA	TB-SA	Cyber Chaser	Alaina Markham	George Hildenbrandt (4)	Michalina Czernik (3)	Joan Kehm	
4	4/12	Charlotte, NC	TB	Edifice	Tamara Hinson	Sarah Sue Miller (5B, 5R)	Matt Liner (5B, 2R)		
4	4/25	Durham, NC	TB	Safe And Sound	Dean Richards & Diana Dudley	Matt Liner (18)	Sarah Sue Miller (7)		
4	5/3	Spotsylvania, VA	TB	Peekaboo Zebu	Sue Shackelford	Sue Shackelford (10)	Lois Rose (7)	Christina Foutz	Thea McGinnis
4	5/4	Richmond, VA	TB	Marital Bliss	Joni Truscott	Deadra Moore (7)	Judy Durant (6)		
4	5/5	Easton, MD	TB	Presby's Crown Jewel	Rebecca A. Riti	Ed & Pat McNeal (9)	Anthony Iwanski (5)	Chris Eareckson	
4	5/10	Stephens City, VA	TB	My Missus Carter	Colin Campbell	Patti Meagher (5)	Colin Campbell (4)		
4	5/17	Cockeysville, MD	TB	Little John	Carol Warner	Carol Warner (12)	Dave Piasecki (6)		
4	10/4	Glen Allen, VA	IB-RE	Constant Companion	Ed & Pat McNeal	Ed & Pat McNeal (2)	Ginny Spoon (1)		
5	4/12	Milledgeville, GA	MTB	To The Contrary	Brittany White	Cindy White (17)	Darlene Brantley (12)	Jeanette White	Joe Scott Watson
5	4/26	Columbia, SC	TB	Painted Love	Nancy Cook	Nancy Cook (21)	Peggy Jeffcoat (10)	Becky Wise	Becky Wise
5	4/26	Atlanta, GA	TB	Bonnie's Pleasure	Kathy Blackwell	Kathy Blackwell (12)	Dianna Wright (10)	Ken Duke	
5	5/3	Spartanburg, SC	TB	Edwardian Era	Pat Johnson	Marshall Goforth (15)	Robb Startzman (8)		
6	5/10	Cleveland, OH	IB-SA	Concertina	David Mauerman	David Mauerman (6)	Robert Pindell (2)		

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6	5/26	Fort Wayne, IN	LA	Mary Jo	Alvie Bebertz	Brian Wendel	Alvie Bebertz	Katie Hines - "Christmas"	
6	5/31	Portage, MI	TB	Paul Black	Virginia Smith	Susie Everse (15)	Virginia Smith (9)		
6	6/7	Hale, Michigan	TB-HIST	Jesse's Song	Ruth Leach	Kris Sorgenfrei (23)	Adam Cordes (15)	Kim Kocher	Kim Kocher
7	4/26	Memphis, TN	TB-HIST/SA	Conjuration	Melanie LaRoche	Pat LaPradd (9)	Nancy Kina (5)		
7	5/3	Jefferson City, TN	LA	Lust For Lime	Ron Thery	Ron Thery (10)	Jovie Stone (3)		
7	5/3	Greeneville, TN	TB	Milan	Karen Pruitt	Linda Barnette (13)	Karen Pruitt (9)		
7	5/3	Madison, TN	TB	Mayberry	Brenda Batson	Greg Beavers (9)	Sue & Layton Gossage (5)		
7	5/3	Jackson, TN	TB	Irish Jester	Lyn Warner	Denise & Mike Flowers (9)	Pat LaPradd (3)		
7	5/10	Louisville, KY	TB-HIST	Bad Cad	Bland Garrett	Bland Garrett (5)	Terryl Allen (3)		
7	5/10	Lebanon, TN	TB	Devonshire Cream	Barbara Gregory	Jana Sharooni (8)	Barbara Gregory (7)	Jana Sharooni	Jana Sharooni
7	5/10	Lexington, KY	TB-BC/SA	Mosaic Madness	Greg Beavers	Greg Beavers (14)	Bruce Schaffer (11)	Barbara Dunlap	
8	5/25	Madison, WI	Species	<i>Iris tectorum Alba</i>	Lloyd Ravet	Karen Johnson (15)	Doris Lehman (7)	Brenda Mikkelsen	
8	5/31	Minneapolis, MN	TB-HIST	Stepping Out	Zach Tibbits	Holly Johnson (6)	Zach Tibbits (4)	Jodi Olson	
9	5/5	Springfield, IL	TB	Insaniac	Jak Henton	Cheryl Cummings (6)	Joan Little (4)		
9	5/26	Lisle, IL	TB	Change In The Weather	Scott Meister	Scott Meister (34)	Carol Bacskai (13)	Diane Fisher	Diane Fisher
11	5/24	Missoula, MT	MTB	Going Dotty	Swede Gustafson	Judy Blunt (10)	Fred Frey (8)	Judy Blunt	
11	5/31	Twin Falls, ID	TB	Devoted To You	Jeanette Graham	Nikki Poulson (10)	Linda Aufderheide (10)	Jeanette Graham	
11	6/14	Missoula, MT	TB	Sea Power	Jim Sadler	Judy Blunt (12)	Fred Frey (8)	Jim Sadler	Judy Blunt
12	5/10	Salt Lake City, UT	TB	Precious Thing	Randy Brown	Mary Durtchi (14)	John Zastowney (12)	Christine Katsilas	Jan Petty
12	5/24	Salt Lake City, UT	TB	I've Got Rhythm	Lisa Denton	Marc Walker (8)	Randy Brown (5)	Christine Katsilas	Christine Katsilas

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12	5/30	Logan, UT	TB	Art Critic	Bryan Earl	Bryan Earl (12)	Laura Urness (7)	Nadine Edwards	Nadine Edwards
13	5/4	Canby, OR	Species	Aaron's Blue	Chad Harris	John Ludi (26)	Chad Harris (5)	Chad Harris	Kay Ludi
13	5/11	Milton-Freewater, OR	TB	Dazzle	Lucy M Floren	Lucy M Floren (37)	Rhonda Nosler (12)	Bev Almvig	Bev Almvig
13	5/17	Brooks, OR	AB	Perry Dyer	John Ludi	John Ludi (10)	Bonnie Perozzi (4)		
13	5/23	Tacoma, WA	BB-RE	Act Two	Maiya Heath	Maiya Heath (7)	Mike Unser (5)	Eileen Smiley - "Wild One"	Eileen Smiley
13	5/24	Clackamas, OR	TB	Color Me Cool	John Ludi	John Ludi (13)	Chad Harris (11)	Chad Harris	Chad Harris
14	4/6	Saratoga, CA	PCI	Story Of My Life	Steve Taniguchi	Jeff Bennett (11)	Jane Jordan (6)	Chrys Huynh	Jane Kwant
14	4/12	Clovis, CA	TB	Cowboy Boots	Roberta Alves	Carolyn Honnette (8)	Katie Myers-Hancock (6)	Roberta Alves	Frankie Bergmann
14	4/12	Livermore, CA	AB	Heart Of Hearts	Mary Sindicic	Jeff Bennett (10)	Mary Sindicic (9)	Marilyn Moore Kaplan	
14	4/19	Sacramento, CA	AB	White Noise	Claire Waggoner	Ruth Ostroff (8)	Claire Waggoner (7)	Jan Knecht - "Picnic In The Park"	Jan Knecht
14	4/19	Las Vegas, NV	TB	Ghost Train	Karen Hudson	Karen Hudson (3B, 8R)	Christine Meagher (3B, 2R)	Judy Stebbins	
14	4/26	Chico, CA	BB	My Cher Of Happiness	Nathalie Kuhn	Nathalie Kuhn (12)	Gretchen Lasater (8)	Damara Marsh	Damara Marsh
14	4/26	Oakhurst, CA	TB-SA	Picked For Pat	Bill Tyson	Carolyn Honnette (13)	John Honnette (7)	Karen English	Karen English
14	4/26	Auburn, CA	TB-HIST	War Chief	Della deCorse	Kathy Braaten (12)	Della deCorse (8)	Kathy Braaten	
14	4/26	Santa Cruz, CA	AB	Eye Of Excellence	Jeff Bennett	Jeff Bennett (18)	Wayne Crabbs (10)		
14	4/27	Anderson, CA	TB	Bishop Of Rome	Nathalie Kuhn	Nathalie Kuhn (9)	Sylvie Sidebottom (4)	Grechen Lasater	
14	5/31	Reno, NV	TB-SA	Act Surprised	Patricia Canter	Sherri Canter (5)	Patricia Canter (4)	Debra Peterson	Debra Peterson
14	1/1-8/31	Virtual/Online	TB	Lunar Ring	Riley Probst	Elizabeth Rieniets (71)	Sergey Melnikov (62)		
14	3/1-6/15	Virtual/Online	TB	Cubs Win It	Jan Blaedel	Sergey Melnikov (35)	Susan Auman (20)	Kimberly Rieniets	
14	10/3	Los Altos, CA	TB-RE	Liquid Amber	Carolyn Honnette	Carolyn Honnette (4)	Jeff Bennett (1)	Gwendolynn Betts	Gwendolynn Betts

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15	4/12	Arcadia, CA	LA	Crushed Ice	Leigh Nicolai-Moon	Leigh Nicolai-Moon (14)	Lynn McIlwain (13)	Derry Gerald	Derry Gerald
15	4/12	Phoenix, AZ	AB	Perry Dyer	Pat Olsen	Sharon Peterson (3)	Pat Olsen (2)	Cynthia Huettner	*tie: Luis Verger & Sharon Petterson
15	4/12	Riverside, CA	TB	Iridescent	Abe Feuerstein	Beverley Fortune (2)	Beth Balaney-Train (1)	Beth Balaney-Train	Beth Balaney-Train
15	4/19	Tucson, AZ	TB	Center Ice	Kevin Kartchner	Kevin Kartchner (36)	*tie* Pat Olsen & Susan Schaefer (3B, 11R, 2W, 3P)	Sue Clark	Sue Clark
15	5/3	Palmdale, CA	TB	Amazon Queen	Yvette McClung	Yvette McClung (7)	Marilyn Kiger (3)		Marilyn Kiger
15	5/3	San Diego, CA	AB	Heart Of Hearts	Claire Schneider	Claire Schneider (21)	Janis Shackelford (9)		
15	5/4	San Fernando Valley, CA	TB	Voluminous	Kim Ung	Loren Zeldin (3)	Kim Ung (2)	Jan Lauritzen	Jan Lauritzen
17	4/6	Austin, TX	TB	Camera Ready	Jacky Roberts	Donna Little (6)	Dara E Smith (5)	Jaime Hadley	
17	4/6	Hico, TX	TB-BC/SA	Spring Starter	Mayna Haggard	Mary Keeth (11)	Mark Hamel (4)	Laurie Paulson	Laurie Paulson
17	4/12	Tyler, TX	TB-BC/SA	Shattered Dreams	Connie Ford	Connie Ford (8)	Phyllis Hackman (6)		
17	4/12	Abilene, TX	TB	Dorothy Devenport	Laurie Paulson	Laurie Paulson (8)	Pug Parris (3)	Pug Parris	Pug Parris
17	4/12	Waco, TX	TB	User Friendly	Mary Keeth	Michael Lowe (13)	Mary Keeth (11)	Ken Anderson	Ken Anderson
17	4/12	Dallas, TX	IB	Ice Cream Dream	Hooker & Bonnie J Nichols	Hooker & Bonnie J Nichols (14)	Dell Perry (10)		
17	4/12	Fort Worth, TX	TB-SA	Tobacco Chew	Morgan Peugh	Morgan Peugh (10)	Gordon & Happy Carver (9)		
17	4/19	Amarillo, TX	TB-HIST	Point Made	Johnnie & Daphne Fetsch	Johnnie & Daphne Fetsch (18)	Dawn Boyer (15)	Dawn Boyer	Dawn Boyer
17	4/19	Midland, TX	SPU-HIST	Mrs. Tait	Muff Fregia	*tie* Muff Fregia & Pug Parris (5B, 3R)	n/a	Lupe Arrieta	Pat Jones
17	4/19	Cleburne, TX	TB-SA	Cry Me A River	Mark Hamel	Mary Keeth (10)	Mayna Haggard (9)	Peggy Cathey	Peggy Cathey
17	4/26	Lubbock, TX	TB-HIST	Violet Dawson	Jennifer Zarate	Jennifer Zarate (7)	Edna Rice (4)	Jennifer Zarate	Jennifer Zarate
17	4/26	Wichita Falls, TX	TB	Fresh Powder	Deborah Rutledge	Nancy Andrade (12)	Arlene Childress (10)	Clarissa Carter	Arlene Childress
18	4/27	Wichita, KS	IB	Protocol	David Arvidson	*tie* David Arvidson & Joan Schneider (7B, 2R)	n/a	Floanna Crowley	Joan Schneider

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18	5/3	Springfield, MO	TB	Queen's Circle	Janice Overbey	Wanda Gideon (17)	Janice Overbey (7)	Janice Overbey	Janice Overbey
18	5/10	Hutchinson, KS	TB	Follow My Lead	Lonnie Capps	Lonnie Capps (10)	LaDeana Hindle (8)	Shana Thornhill	Adrienne Moore Baxter
18	5/10	Prairie Village, KS	Spec-X	Who's On First	Jackson Bollinger	Mary Farley (12)	Sarah McCormick (11)		
18	5/10	Cape Girardeau, MO	TB	Montmartre	Cindy Laboube	Cindy Laboube (11)	Bill Eddleman (6)	Cindy Laboube	
18	5/10	Columbia, MO	TB	Another Chapter	Doug Schuyler	Carl Olson (9)	Dan Judy (8)	Clarice Brown	Clarice Brown
18	5/11	Wichita, KS	TB	Good Morning Sunshine	Brenna Davis	David Arvidson (7B, 5R)	J & L Winzer (7B, 3R)	Sherryl Fitzpatrick	Floanna Crowley
18	5/11	St. Louis, MO	Spec-X-HIST	Roy Davidson	Jim & Jean Morris	Cindy Laboube (18)	Jim & Jean Morris (12)	Kim Peterson	
18	5/14	Washington, MO	Species	Seakrill	Jim & Jean Morris	Cindy Laboube (12)	Jim & Jean Morris (8)	Bernadette Pennington	Jean Morris
18	5/24	Wichita, KS	SPU	Hot Chili	J & L Winzer	Sherryl Fitzpatrick (5)	Jerry Richardson (3)	Sherryl Fitzpatrick	Sherryl Fitzpatrick
20	5/17	Denver, CO	TB	Essence Of Beauty	Andrea Cox	Kimberly Rieniets (9)	Lynda Love (3)		
20	5/31	Littleton, CO	TB	H. C. Stetson	Lisa Story	Lynda Love (5)	Amanda Deerr-Miller (3)		
20	5/31	Fountain, CO	TB	Midnight Treat	Connie Doud	Kimberly Rieniets (8)	Shanna Holiday (4)	Susan Marion	Susan Marion
21	5/10	Omaha, NE	TB-SA	Luminager	Kami Brinkerhoff	Jennifer Crumbliss (9)	Natalia Bjorklund (5)		
21	5/17	Lincoln, NE	TB-SA	Thornbird	Lois Linke	Dorothy Ladman (9B, 7R, 5W)	Kami Brinkerhoff (9B, 7R, 2W)	BJ Ohme "Yellowstone"	BJ Ohme
21	6/8	Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada	MTB	Silver Ice	Jacquie Lawson	Barbara-Jean Jackson (6)	Len Giesbrecht (5)		
22	4/5	Oklahoma City, OK	SDB	Flaming Lips	Faith Ryan	Cynthia Wade (20)	Rick & Sunny Casey (10)		
22	4/13	Norman, OK	SDB	Oh Canada	Christy Osborne	Christy Osborne (15)	Randy Moore (13)		
22	4/19	Tulsa, OK	TB	Lady In Purple	Cheryl Wilson	Josh Winzer (51)	Cindy Brown (10)		
22	4/25	Searcy, AR	TB	Raspberry Lemonade	Terry Smith	Alice Jewell (14)	Terry Smith (8)		
22	4/26	Hot Springs, AR	TB	All Too Exciting	Jim Bledsoe	Mary Carle (16)	Jim Bledsoe (8)	Jean Moser	
22	4/26	Oklahoma City, OK	MTB	Breakfast In Bed	Hugh Stout	Cynthia Wade (15)	Roger Wherley (10)		
22	5/3	Little Rock, AR	LA	Icarus	Robert Treadway	Robert Treadway (17)	Sarah Cater (13)	Jean Moser	Robert Treadway

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22	5/3	Tulsa, OK	TB-RE/HIST	Immortality	Judy Spens	Roger Wherley (11)	Josh & Emily Winzer (10)		
23	4/19	Las Cruces, NM	IB	Black Comedy	Marlene Nagel	Steve Kelly (14)	Scarlett Ayres (10)		
23	5/11	Albuquerque, NM	TB-HIST	Change Of Pace	Beth Schneider	Megan Baldwin (9)	Cindy Rivera (6)	Patricia Randall	Patricia Randall
23	5/17	Santa Fe, NM	TB	Brilliant Disguise	Erlinda Lujan	Darlene Maestas (5)	Henry Day (4)		
23	5/3	Rio Rancho, NM	TB	Drama Queen	Jody Kennedy	Cindy Rivera (9)	Eva Barry (7)		

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5	4/12	Milledgeville, GA						Raley Shea Smith	
6	6/7	Hale, MI	TB	Banana Daiquiri	Bennett Cordes	Nevaeh Bieri (11)	Sarah Cordes (9)	Zoe Cordes	Sarah-Grace Ness
7	4/26	Memphis, TN	TB	Sharp Dressed Man	Abbie Brooks				
7	5/3	Madison, TN	TB	Lemon Chess	Kathryn Gibson				
7	5/3	Jackson, TN	TB	Over Heated	Wyatt Willis	Wyatt Willis (5)	Landry Smith (2)		
9	5/26	Lisle, IL						Anna Maggos	
11	5/31	Twin Falls, ID	TB-HIST	Breakers	Mallory Barckholtz				
12	5/10	Salt Lake City, UT	TB-HIST	Dusky Challenger	Elizabeth Burke	Lucas Fotheringham (3B, 1R)	Elizabeth Burke (3)	Matthew Burke	
12	5/24	Salt Lake City, UT	TB	Celebrity Dream	Elizabeth Burke	Lucas Fotheringham (4)	Elizabeth Burke (2)	Matthew Burke	Matthew Burke
12	5/30	Logan, UT	TB	Pale Sunlight	Iris Williams	Emma Lagunas (5)	*(tie) Iris Williams & Violet Williams (2)		
14	4/19	Sacramento, CA	TB-HIST	Square Dance	Jackson Long				
14	1/1-8/31	Virtual/Online	TB	Buttermilk And Blue Cheese	Grayson	Grayson (3)	Livia (2)		
14	3/1-6/15	Virtual/Online	TB	Golden Panther	Grayson Vevoda	Grayson Vevoda (2)			
15	5/3	San Diego, CA						H. W.	
17	4/12	Abilene, TX	IB-HIST	Ask Alma	Abigail McCall				
17	4/12	Tyler, TX						Elliot Roe	

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18	5/11	St. Louis, MO	TB	Cosmopoly	Gigi Shaffer	Gigi Shaffer (2)			
18	5/14	Washington, MO						Ava Pennington	
21	5/10	Omaha, NE						Eric Denker	
22	4/19	Tulsa, OK	IB	Crazy Over You	Carter Wheeler	Carter Wheeler (4)	Evie Baldwin (2)		
22	4/25	Searcy, AR	TB	Coral Cove	Mabel & Ernie Stirrup	Ellie Ferren (4)	Mabel & Ernie Stirrup (1)		
22	4/26	Oklahoma City, OK	TB	Masterplan	Amanda Taylor	Kaylee Taylor (2)	Amanda Taylor (1)		
22	5/3	Tulsa, OK	MTB	Pixi-Wan Kenobi	Carter Wheeler				

# 2025 AIS Bronze Medals/Certificates

*Awarded for Outstanding Educational Exhibits*

## Commercial

Reg	Show Sponsor	Show Date	Location	Exhibitor
23	Enchanted Vista Iris Society	5/3	Rio Rancho, NM	Patricia Randall

## Educational

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2	Western New York Iris Society	5/30	Cheektowaga, NY	Marilee Farry
5	Oconee Valley Iris Association	4/12	Milledgeville, GA	Cindy Ivey
5	Piedmont Carolina Iris Society	5/3	Spartanburg, SC	Gail Adams
6	Northeastern Indiana Iris Society	5/26	Fort Wayne, IN	Bruce Schaffer
7	Louisville Area Iris Society	5/10	Louisville, KY	Terryl Allen
7	Bluegrass Iris Society	5/10	Lexington, KY	Graham Rowles
11	Magic Valley Iris Society	5/31	Twin Falls, ID	Craig Nebeker
12	Northern Utah Iris Society	5/30	Logan, UT	Emma Lagunas
13	Pierce County Iris Society	5/23	Tacoma, WA	Erin Severe
14	High Desert Iris Society	5/31	Reno, NV	Debra Peterson
15	Inland Region Iris Society	4/12	Riverside, CA	Beth Balaney-Train
15	San Diego Iris Society	5/3	San Diego, CA	Beth Train
17	Big Country Iris Society	4/12	Abilene, TX	Pug Parris
17	West Texas Iris Society	4/19	Midland, TX	Debbie Strauss
17	West Texas Iris Society	4/19	Midland, TX	Aiden Strauss - Youth
17	Benson Iris Society	4/26	Wichita Falls, TX	Pug Parris
23	Albuquerque Aril & Iris Society	5/11	Albuquerque, NM	Dayna Paula
23	Enchanted Vista Iris Society	5/3	Rio Rancho, NM	Patricia Randall

# 2025 AIS Exhibition Certificates

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Show Date	Reg	Location	Seedling	Type	Hybridizer
4/5	<b>22</b>	<b>Oklahoma City, OK</b>	<b>SN28A</b>	<b>SDB</b>	<b>Hugh Stout</b>
4/5	22	Oklahoma City, OK	V2-186	MDB	Hugh Stout
4/5	22	Oklahoma City, OK	19-18-3	SDB	Josh Ryan
4/5	22	Oklahoma City, OK	V-43	SDB	Hugh Stout
4/6	<b>14</b>	<b>Saratoga, CA</b>	<b>1307A-1</b>	<b>PCI</b>	<b>Garry Knipe</b>
4/6	14	Saratoga, CA	13-1-C	TB	James Cummins
4/12	14	Clovis, CA	TTECPKT2	TB	Terry Toney
4/12	14	Livermore, CA	24-5	PCN	Ryan Grisso
4/12	15	Riverside, CA	18-A-18	TB	Cheryl Hicks
4/12	17	Dallas, TX	E23	TB-NOV	Hooker & Bonnie J Nichols
4/12	17	Fort Worth, TX	2022-4	TB	Stephanie Myers
4/12	17	Tyler, TX	22CR015 <i>Iris tectorum</i>	Species	SIGNA Seed Exchange (Dallas National)
4/19	14	Sacramento, CA	10111221B	TB	Jackson Long
4/19	17	Amarillo, TX	2	TB	Craig Edwards
4/19	17	Cleburne, TX	19-21A	TB	Tom Burseen
4/19	23	Las Cruces, NM	A CN-FH-2115	AB	Howard Dash
4/19	23	Las Cruces, NM	A-09-CN-2001	OGB	Howard Dash
4/25	4	Durham, NC	IC14	TB	Colin Campbell
4/26	7	Memphis, TN	19-105-01	TB	David Moore
4/26	14	Chico, CA	45-19x-3	TB	Robert Marshall
4/26	14	Santa Cruz, CA	Ballerina's Tutu	TB	Diane Sampson
4/26	17	Wichita Falls, TX	22-013-A	TB	Mayna L. Haggard
4/26	22	Oklahoma City, OK	DN-104	BB	Hugh Stout
5/2	14	Santa Rosa, CA	48TRL10	TB	Diana Ford
5/3	4	Easton, MD	20-PF.LP-K	TB	Ed & Pat McNeal
5/3	4	Spotsylvania, VA	DIS 20-69-04	SDB	Nicole Greenwood
5/3	5	Spartanburg, SC	RS220901	TB	Robb Startzman
5/3	22	Little Rock, AR	17-09-20C	LA	Robert Treadway
5/3	22	Little Rock, AR	20-98-24A	LA	Robert Treadway
5/3	22	Little Rock, AR	17-08-21A	LA	Robert Treadway
5/3	22	Little Rock, AR	17-23-20C	LA	Robert Treadway
5/3	22	<b>Tulsa, OK</b>	<b>RW2207G</b>	<b>TB</b>	<b>Roger Wherley</b>
5/3	23	<b>Rio Rancho, NM</b>	<b>WEMB 19 - 1</b>	<b>TB</b>	<b>Steve Kelly</b>
5/4	13	<b>Canby, OR</b>	<b>3923</b>	<b>TB</b>	<b>Lynda Miller</b>
5/4	13	Canby, OR	3021H	MTB	Lynda Miller
5/4	13	Canby, OR	921A	MTB	Lynda Miller

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5/10	3	Burlington, NJ	<b>GDR30-4</b>	IB	Gary Slagle
5/10	4	Stephens City, VA	<b>97-726A</b>	BB	Don Spoon
5/10	4	Stephens City, VA	1F14	TB	Colin Campbell
5/10	6	Cleveland	<b>19.72D</b>	SDB	David Mauerman
5/10	7	Louisville, KY	<b>21-KD/S-01-25</b>	TB	Bland Garrett
5/10	12	Salt Lake City, UT	<b>125</b>	TB	Randy Brown
5/10	18	Cape Girardeau, MO	<b>DM 3-6-1</b>	TB	Alvin Murphy
5/10	18	Columbia, MO	<b>I505</b>	TB	Jesse Emmons
5/11	18	St. Louis, MO	<b>J 16-9-9 IB</b>	IB	Robert Skaggs
5/17	4	Cockeysville, MD	<b>T6-12-235-3</b>	SIB	Dean Cole
5/17	20	Denver, CO	<b>T-BB-PLxIT</b>	IB	Kimberly Rieniets
5/17	23	Santa Fe, NM	<b>411-4A</b>	TB	Paul Hill
5/24	12	Salt Lake City, UT	<b>18-24</b>	TB	Randy Brown
5/24	13	Clackamas, OR	<b>20LAA1</b>	I. laevigata	Chad Harris
5/24	13	Clackamas, OR	SPX-19-1	SPX	William Plotner
5/24	13	Clackamas, OR	CS-20-2	Cal-sibe	William Plotner
5/24	13	Clackamas, OR	20LAE1	Species	Chad Harris
5/25	2	Rochester, NY	<b>Red Versicolor</b>	Species	Borglum
5/25	8	Madison, WI	<b>8-5</b>	Spec-X	Lloyd Ravet
5/26	6	Fort Wayne, IN	<b>BPYB01</b>	MTB	Lisa Arnold
5/27	13	Brooks, OR	<b>TQ28622</b>	TB	Thomas Johnson
5/27	13	Brooks, OR	3723D	TB	Lynda Miller
5/27	13	Brooks, OR	3723A	TB	Lynda Miller
5/27	13	Brooks, OR	Sandy Claws	TB-SA	Lynda Miller
5/27	13	Brooks, OR	AD121-12	PCN	Kevin Vaughn
5/30	12	Logan, UT	<b>25-49</b>	TB	Randy Brown
5/31	8	Minneapolis, MN	<b>22-02-03</b>	TB	Andrea McCready
5/31	20	Littleton, CO	<b>18-301-8</b>	TB	Amanda Deerr-Miller
5/31	20	Fountain, CO	<b>HHK</b>	MTB	Kimberly Rieniets
6/7	6	Hale, MI	<b>P61-2</b>	IB	Bennett Cordes
1/1-8/31	14	Virtual/Online	<b>CA12-01E</b>	CA	Steve Taniguchi
3/1-6/15	14	Virtual/Online	<b>19-02A</b>	PCI	Steve Taniguchi

## 2024 Correction

Show Date	Reg	Location	Seedling	Type	Hybridizer
5/4/2024 corrected	7	Lebanon, TN	<b>CCXOC16</b>	TB-RE	Bruce Schaffer

CAROLYN HOOVER, AIS YOUTH CHAIR, CALIFORNIA

Happy New Year 2026! What a year this is going to be, a year of reflection and joy as the United States of America celebrates its semiquincentennial (250th year) anniversary of becoming a nation! The 2026 AIS Youth program will once again be offering three contests for you to enter and win! 1) the Coloring Contest, 2) the Ackerman Essay Contest, and 3) the Clarke Cosgrove Memorial Award for Outstanding Youth Achievement.

Let's review the rules and information for the three AIS contests:

### 2026 YOUTH AIS COLORING CONTEST

- Must use the printable 8 1/2" x 11" 2026 entry form posted online: [aisyouth.org](http://aisyouth.org).
- The 2026 entry form appeared in the fall/winter *Iris Fan* newsletter that you received in the mail in December 2025. If you need help receiving an entry copy you may contact me and I will email the entry form to you.



Classroom Iris Program youth in Region 14 working on coloring contest entries.  
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- Please be sure to write your **full name, mailing address, and age** on the back of the entry form.
- You must be eighteen years or under to enter.
- You may choose to use any art medium (crayons, colored pencils, pastels, etc.).
- You may be creative and original by adding items such as clouds, sky, sunset, other flowers, plants, grass, animals, insects, etc. Use your imagination!
- Do your best work! Take your time!
- Prizes: Overall winner wins \$25.00. All participants will receive \$1.00. Each age group will receive: \$10 for first place; \$5 for second place; \$3 for third place. Most Original: \$15 Creativity Awards (in each age group): \$5.
- Must mail your entry to me before deadline date: **January 31, 2026**
- Mail entry to: **Carolyn Hoover, AIS Youth Chair**  
5812 Old Corral Road, Coarsegold, CA 93614

### 2026 CLARKE COSGROVE MEMORIAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT

The 2026 Clarke Cosgrove Memorial Award for Outstanding Youth Achievement nominations are almost due!

**January 31, 2026.** If you have won second, third, or fourth place for this award in the past, you may be nominated again this year! Please email nominations to: Carolyn Hoover: [yischoover@gmail.com](mailto:yischoover@gmail.com)

Nominees must:

- Grow their own iris garden with a variety of irises.
- Attend shows and regional meetings.
- Participate in club activities such as meetings, fundraisers and shows.
- Be a good member of their community.
- Enter AIS Youth contests such as the annual Coloring Contest and the Ackerman Essay Contest.
- Promote The American Iris Society.
- Be involved in other community service clubs or school organizations.
- Be eighteen years or younger.

Only adult AIS members may nominate a youth. Multiple nominations for youth are acceptable and encouraged! This may increase the youth's chance of winning!

First place is awarded \$500 and trophy, and second place is awarded \$350.

If you have any questions regarding the Clarke Cosgrove Memorial Award, please contact me. The winners will receive their awards at the AIS National Convention, May 19-23, 2026, New Jersey.

### 2026 AIS FOUNDATION ACKERMAN ESSAY CONTEST- DEBBIE STRAUSS, CHAIR

All the rules for the 2026 AIS Foundation Ackerman Essay Contest were published in the fall edition of the *AIS Bulletin*, page 55.

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Carolyn Hoover, AIS Youth Chair

