

2023 AIS Photo Contest WINNERS

Compiled by Susan Driver, Tennessee

ADULT ENTRIES

Category 1: Irises in a landscape or garden (show iris in the garden)

FIRST PLACE: **"*Iris sibirica* Clump Beside Scottish Burn"** by Bernard Pryor, OAM, West Hobart, TAS, Australia

RUNNER-UP: **"Path to the Garden Shed"** by Brenda Fox, E. Pembroke, NY

HONORABLE MENTIONS: **"Red and Yellow Seedlings"** by Patrick Fett, Pollack, LA;
"Seedling Bed" by Roger Wherley, Broken Arrow, OK

Category 2: Irises in the wild (species iris in the wild, field or planting)

FIRST PLACE: **"*Iris hexagona*"** by Patrick Fett, Pollock, LA

RUNNER-UP: **"Confusa at UC Berkeley Botanical Garden"** by Jan Hinrichs Blaedel, Dublin, CA;

HONORABLE MENTIONS: **"Desirous Iris"**, by Kimberly Coffey, Wichita, KS

Category 3: A person or people at iris events or tours

FIRST PLACE: **"Spring Trek in So Cal"** by Mason Train, Colton, CA

RUNNER-UP: **"Bernard Pryor and *Iris sibirica* Clump"** by Heather Pryor, West Hobart, TAS, Australia

HONORABLE MENTIONS: **"Every Vote Counts"** by Belinda Carroll, Dyersburg, TN;
"Alone At Last" by Beth Train, Colton, CA

Category 4: Close up of an iris or irises (whole flower showing)

FIRST PLACE: **"Alabama Blue Fin"** by Curtis Smith, Oregon City, OR

RUNNER-UP: **"Iris 'Clairette'"** by Brenda Fox, E. Pembroke, NY

HONORABLE MENTIONS: **"Captain Thunderbolt"** by Jim Morris, Ballwin, MO;
"Ally Oops" by Kathy Oldham, San Ramon, CA;
"Eye For Detail" by Jim Palmer, Tulsa, OK

Category 5: Iris photos-macro (close-up of bloom segments)

FIRST PLACE: **"Reaching Out"** by Carol Backskai, Yorkville, IL

RUNNER-UP: **"Iris Teeth of 'Super Model'"** by Jim Morris, Ballwin, MO

HONORABLE MENTIONS: **"Coronation"** by Missy May, Knoxville, TN

Category 6: Photo of pets, wildlife, or garden art with irises

FIRST PLACE: **"Swallowtail on 'Ambrosia Delight'"** by Amy Bond, Shingletown, CA

RUNNER-UP: **"Pollinator on Pause"** by Pat McNeal, Preston, MD

HONORABLE MENTIONS: **"Photo Bombed"** by Beth Flom, Kelso, WA
"Polyphemus Moth on 'Crystal Ship'" by Carol Backskai, Yorkville, IL
"Pretty Kitty' and the Bee" by Erin Chien, Creve Coeur, MO

YOUTH ENTRIES

Category 1: Irises in a landscape or garden (show iris in the garden)

FIRST PLACE: **"Spurias in Bloom"** by Nathan Chien, Creve Coeur, MO

RUNNER-UP: **"Baymax 1"** by Korben Clark, North Logan, UT

HONORABLE MENTIONS: NONE

Category 2: Irises in the wild (species iris in the wild, field or planting)

FIRST PLACE: NONE

RUNNER-UP: NONE

HONORABLE MENTIONS: NONE

Category 3: A person or people at iris events or tours

FIRST PLACE: NONE

RUNNER-UP: NONE

HONORABLE MENTIONS: NONE

Category 4: Close up of an iris or irises (whole flower showing)

FIRST PLACE: **"Pacific Fire"** by Nathan Chien, Creve Coeur, MO

RUNNER-UP: **"Swerti"** by Nathan Chien, Creve Coeur, MO

HONORABLE MENTIONS: **"Cinnamon Stick"** by Nathan, Chien, Creve Coeur, MO

Category 5: Iris photos-macro (close-up of bloom segments)

FIRST PLACE: **"Fall Decor"** by Nathan Chien, Creve Coeur, MO

RUNNER-UP: NONE

HONORABLE MENTIONS: NONE

Category 6: Photo of pets, wildlife, or garden art with irises

FIRST PLACE: NONE

RUNNER-UP: NONE

HONORABLE MENTIONS: NONE