

2024 American Iris Society Photo Contest Results

Category 1 - Irises in a landscape or garden

First Place – “Standing Proud” – Ken Folwell, Boise, ID

Second Place – “Sunday Morning Stroll” – Beth Balaney-Train, Colton, CA

Honorable Mention – “Vanity” – Paula Blackstock, Edmond, OK

Category 2 – Irises in the wild

First Place – “Country Life” – Katherin Smith, Greenbrier, AR

Second Place – “*Iris nelsonii* growing wild in Abbeville LA swamp” – Patrick Fett, Pollock, LA

Honorable Mention – “*Iris nelsonii*, *hexagona* and seedling along a lake bank” – Patrick Fett, Pollock, LA

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

First Place – “Morning Inspiration at Schreiner’s Garden” – Cindy Laboube, Hermann, MO

Second Place – “Mt. Pleasant Garden Tour” – Mason Train, Colton, CA

Honorable Mention – “Iris Smiles” – Mason Train, Colton, CA

Category 4 – Close up of an iris or irises

First Place – “Betty’s Gift” – Ken Folwell, Boise, ID

Second Place – “Droplets” – Neal Knobler, Cherry Hill, NJ

Honorable Mention – “‘Mesmerizer’ Close-up” – Pug Parris, Abilene, TX

Category 5 – Iris photos-MACRO

First Place – “Vain Veins” – Beth Balaney-Train, Colton, CA

Second Place – “Hairy Beard” – Mark Hamel, Blum, TX

Honorable Mention – “A Purple Fuzzy Wuzzy” – Wendy Rutan, Charlottesville, VA

“Bordeaux Blaze” – Jim Palmer, Tulsa, OK

“Heartbeat Away”- Rachel Young, Knoxville, TN

Category 6 – Photos of pets, wildlife or garden art with irises

First Place – “Zen Moment” – Mason Train, Colton, CA

Second Place – “Bumble Bee and ‘Trip To Paris’” – Rita Adkins, Frenchburg, KY

Honorable Mention – “Butterfly on ‘Conjuration’” – Pug Parris, Abilene, TX

“Wheel Bug inspecting a LA iris” - Mary Jo Fortuna, Edmond, OK

Youth Entries*:

Category 1 - Irises in a landscape or garden

First Place – “Irises on the Farm” – Wyatt Willis, Dyersburg, TN

Second Place - “Love Deep Purple” - Alex A., New Market, TN

Honorable Mention – “Morning Dew” – Alex A., New Market, TN

“Spring Essence” – Alex A., New Market, TN

Category 2 – Irises in the wild

First Place – “*Iris cristata*” – Wyatt Willis, Dyersburg, TN

Category 3 – Scene at any iris event

First Place – “Dr Pepper Man” – Lily Y., Knoxville, TN

Second Place – “Smile! Gigi Snaps A Picture” – Wyatt Willis, Dyersburg, TN

Category 4 – Close up of an iris or irises

First Place – “Look At This!” – Alex A., New Market, TN

Second Place – “Above It All” – Adelaide M., Knoxville, TN

Honorable Mention – “Spiced Tiger” – Grayson V., San Diego, CA

“Scarlett Ring” – Alex A., New Market, TN

Category 5 – Iris photos-MACRO

First Place – “Beardo” – Lily Y., Knoxville, TN

Second Place – “‘Rum And Coke’ Up Close” – Wyatt Willis, Dyersburg, TN

Honorable Mention – “Jesse’s Song” – Adelaide M., Knoxville, TN

Category 6 – Photos of pets, wildlife or garden art with irises

First Place – “Ruger Among The Irises” – Wyatt Willis, Dyersburg, TN

Second Place – “Minion Mischief” – Korben C., North Logan, UT

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For the Editor:

Caption	Photo Credit	FileName	Permission to Print Youth Name
Category 1, First Place: "Standing Proud"	Ken Folwell	Cat1 Ken Folwell with Standing Proud.jpg	ADULT
Category 1, Second Place: "Sunday Morning Stroll"	Beth Balaney-Train	Cat1 Beth Balaney-Train with Sunday Morning Stroll.jpg	ADULT
Category 1, Honorable Mention: "Vanity"	Paula Blackstock	Cat1 Paula Blackstock with Vanity.jpeg	ADULT
Category 2, First Place: "Country Life"	Katherin Smith	Cat2 Katherin Smith with Country Life.jpg	ADULT
Category 2, Second Place: " <i>Iris nelsonii</i> growing wild in Abbeville LA swamp"	Patrick Fett	Cat2 Patrick Fett with Iris nelsonii growing wild in Abbeville Louisiana swamp!.jpg	ADULT
Category 2, Honorable Mention: " <i>Iris nelsonii</i> , <i>hexagona</i> and seedling along a lake bank"	Patrick Fett	Cat2 Patrick Fett with Iris hexagona, nelsonii, and a seedling along a lake bank.jpg	ADULT
Category 3, First Place: "Morning Inspiration at Schreiner's Garden"	Cindy Laboube	Cat3 Cindy Laboube with Morning Inspiration at Schreiner's garden (1).jpg	ADULT
Category 3, Second Place: "Mt. Pleasant Garden Tour"	Mason Train	Cat3 Mason Train with Mt Pleasant GardenTour.jpg	ADULT
Category 3, Honorable Mention: "Iris Smiles"	Mason Train	Cat3 Mason Train with Iris Smiles.jpg	ADULT
Category 4, First Place: "Betty's Gift"	Ken Folwell	Cat4 Ken Folwell with Betty's Gift.jpg	ADULT
Category 4, Second Place: "Droplets"	Neal Knobler	Cat4 Neal Knobler with Droplets.tif	ADULT

Category 4, Honorable Mention: “Mesmerizer Close-up”	Pug Parris	Cat4 Pug Parris with Mesmerizer close-up in yard.jpg	ADULT
Category 5, First Place: “Vain Veins”	Beth Balaney-Train	Cat5 Beth Balaney-Train with Vain Veins.jpg	ADULT
Category 5, Second Place: “Hairy Beard”	Mark Hamel	Cat5 Mark Hamel with Hairy Beard.png	ADULT
Category 5, Honorable Mention: “A Purple Fuzzy Wuzzy”	Wendy Rutan	Cat5 Wendy Rutan with A Purple Fuzzy Wuzzy.jpg	ADULT
Category 5, Honorable Mention: “Bordeaux Blaze”	Jim Palmer	Cat5 Jim Palmer with Bordeaux Blaze.jpg	ADULT
Category 5, Honorable Mention: “Heartbeat Away”	Rachel Young	Cat5 Rachel Young with Hearbeat Away.jpg	ADULT
Category 6, First Place: “Zen Moment”	Mason Train	Cat6 Mason Train with Zen Moment.jpg	ADULT
Category 6, Second Place: “Bumble Bee and ‘Trip To Paris’”	Rita Adkins	Cat6 Rita S. Adkins with Bumble Bee and Trip to Paris.JPG	ADULT
Category 6, Honorable Mention: “Butterfly on ‘Conjuration’”	Pug Parris	Cat6 Pug Parris with Butterfly on Conjuration.jpg	ADULT
Category 6, Honorable Mention: “Wheel Bug inspecting a LA iris”	Mary Jo Fortuna	Cat6 Mary Jo Fortuna with Wheel Bug inspecting a Louisian Iris.jpg	ADULT
Youth Category 1, First Place: “Irises on the Farm”	Wyatt Willis	Cat1 Wyatt Willis with Irises On The Farm.jpg	Yes 9/4/24
Youth Category 1, Second Place: “Love Deep Purple”	Alex A.	Cat1 Alex Korbyn Anderson with Love Deep Purple.jpg	No

Youth Category 1, Honorable Mention: "Morning Dew"	Alex A.	Cat1 Alex Korbyn Anderson with Morning Dew.jpg	No
Youth Category 1, Honorable Mention: "Spring Essence"	Alex A.	Cat1 Alex Korbyn Anderson with Spring Essence.jpg	No
Youth Category 2, First Place: " <i>Iris cristata</i> "	Wyatt Willis	Cat2 Wyatt Willis with Iris cristata.jpg	Yes 9/4/24
Youth Category 3, First Place: "Dr Pepper Man"	Lily Y.	Cat3 Lily Young with Dr Pepper Man.jpg	No
Youth Category 3, Second Place: "Smile! Gigi Snaps A Picture"	Wyatt Willis	Cat3 Wyatt Willis with Smile! Gigi Snaps A Picture.jpg	Yes 9/4/24
Youth Category 4, First Place: "Look At This!"	Alex A.	Cat4 Alex Korbyn Anderson with Look At This!.jpg	No
Youth Category 4, Second Place: "'Above It All'"	Adelaide M.	Cat4 Adelaide Mims with Above It All.jpg	No
Youth Category 4, Honorable Mention: "'Spiced Tiger'"	Grayson V.	Cat4 Grayson John Vevoda with spiced Tiger.jpg	No
Youth Category 4, Honorable Mention: "Scarlett Ring"	Alex A.	Cat4 Alex Korbyn Anderson with Scarlett Ring.jpg	No
Youth Category 5, First Place: "Beardo"	Lily Y.	Cat5 Lily Young with Beardo.jpg	No
Youth Category 5, Second Place: "'Rum And Coke' Up Close"	Wyatt Willis	Cat5 Wyatt Willis with rum And Coke Up Close.jpg	Yes 9/4/24
Youth Category 5, Honorable Mention: "'Jesse's Song'"	Adelaide M.	Cat5 Adelaide Mims with Jesse's Song.jpg	No

Youth Category 6, First Place: "Ruger Among The Irises"	Wyatt Willis	Cat6 Wyatt Willis with Ruger Among The Irises.jpg	Yes 9/4/24
Youth Category 6, Second Place: "Minion Mischief"	Korben C.	Cat6 Korben Clark with Minion Mischief.jpg	No