

The American Iris Society 2025 Photo Contest Results

Category 1 - Irises in a landscape or garden

First Place – “‘giganticaerulea’ on Avery Island” –Patrick Fett, Pollock, LA

Second Place – “Lakeside Blooms” – Oscar Gutierrez, Fredericksburg, VA

Honorable Mention – “‘Edith Wolford’ at McMurray University Garden” – Pug Parris, Abilene, TX
“Iris Country Living” – Cindy Laboube, Hermann, MO

Category 2 – Irises in the wild

First Place – “Collected ‘nelsonii’ and white ‘giganticaerulea’” – Patrick Fett, Pollock, LA

Second Place – “Frog pond at Briarwood Nature Preserve” – Patrick Fett, Pollock, LA

Honorable Mention – “Clear Beauty” – Karen Pruitt, Mosheim, TN

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

First Place – “In Garden Judges Training” – Beth Train, Colton, CA

Second Place – “Missouri Country Garden” – Debbie Southard, Olathe, KS

Honorable Mention – “Bayli Brossette, curator at Briarwood Nature Preserve at annual Briarwood Spring Bash” – Patrick Fett, Pollack, LA

Category 4 – Close up of an iris or irises

First Place – “‘Picadilly Circus’” – Carol Bacskai, Yorkville, IL

Second Place – “‘Moose Tracks’” – Rita S. Adkins, Frenchburg, KY

Honorable Mention – “SPX, ‘Nada’” – Olga Batalov, San Diego, CA
“‘Eye Of Excellence’” – Jean Richter, Alameda, CA

Category 5 – Iris photos-MACRO

First Place – “‘Drama Queen’ Oh! What Drama” – Rita S. Adkins, Frenchburg, KY

Second Place – “Falling For Spuria, ‘Crepe Demeanor’” – Tammie Clark, North Logan, UT

Honorable Mention – “If You’ve Got It, Flaunt It” – Jan Hinrichs Blaedel, Dublin, CA

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

First Place – “Holly with Dutch iris ‘Eye Of The Tiger’” – Kathy Braaten, Grass Valley, CA

Second Place – “Patrolling for Aphids” – Mark Fortuna, Edmond, OK

Honorable Mention – “‘Roses In May’ with Bee” – Jean Richter, Alameda, CA
“Touched By An Angel” - Mary Jo Fortuna, Edmond, OK

Youth Entries:

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First Place – “Field of Dreams or is it irises” – Wyatt W., Dyersburg, TN

Second Place - “‘Iris sanguinea’ Shikina Park, Japan” – Grayson V., San Diego, CA

Honorable Mention – “Gone Viral” – Korben C., North Logan, UT

“‘Titan’s Glory’” – Livi V., San Diego, CA

Category 2 – Irises in the wild

First Place – ‘Iris tectorum’ – Wyatt W., Dyersburg, TN

Second Place – “Butterfly Flower, ‘Iris japonica’” – Grayson V., San Diego, CA

Category 3 – Scene at any iris event

First Place – “Garden Judging” – Carter W., Broken Arrow, OK

Second Place – “I.I.C. (Iris Inspection Committee)” – Wyatt W., Dyersburg, TN

Category 4 – Close up of an iris or irises

First Place – “‘Hail To The Chief’” – Carter W., Broken Arrow, OK

Second Place – “‘Tea Time’” – Krystin K., Bradford, TN

Honorable Mention – “‘Orange Temptation’” – Korben C., North Logan, UT

Category 5 – Iris photos-MACRO

First Place – “Heart of a Siberian Iris” – Wyatt W., Dyersburg, TN

Second Place – “‘Sand Dancer’” – Carter W., Broken Arrow, OK

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

First Place – “Petal to the Metal” – Wyatt W., Dyersburg, TN

Second Place – “Garden Art in Walt’s Garden” – Grayson V., San Diego, CA

Honorable Mention – “Garden Party” – Korben C., North Logan, UT