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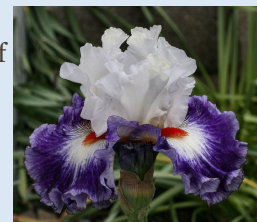
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Welcome to a special issue of the **AIS News & Notes** announcing the **2015 AIS Iris Medal Winners**. We will return to our regular publishing schedule with the next edition near the end of August. You can contact either [Bob Pries](#) or [Wayne Messer](#) with your comments.

AIS Announces the 2015 Iris Medal Winners!

Each year the [American Iris Society](#) judges vote for the top irises in each of the classes based on the **irises performance in gardens**. The 2015 winners have just been announced!

Beginning with the **Dykes Medal Winner - 'Gypsy Lord'** by **Keith Keppel** shown at the right - photos of the winners and all the votes can be seen on the Iris Encyclopedia [here](#). For a printable awards list on AIS website click [here](#).



In addition to the Iris Medal Winners for all 15 classes, the list also has the **Walther Cup** (all classes eligible) and has the **Honorable Mention** and **Award of Merit** irises in each class.

Congratulations to all the winners!

Did you know that the AIS website has the yearly lists of winners, including number of votes, for 1999 to the present in PDF format on this [page](#)? Go about halfway down the page to find the links.

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And the Iris Encyclopedia has pages devoted to each of the awards with pictures of winners. Start [here](#) for a list of the awards. For example, this is the [Dykes Medal page](#).

You Can Help Choose Future Winners

Interested in voting to choose which irises become Medal Winners? **By becoming an AIS Judge you are eligible to vote.**



'Future Classic'

Learn more from the Judges Training Chair in your Region. Or talk to some of the current judges; [here](#) is a list of the 2015 judges by Region. Note that this list also has the contact information for the Judges Training Chair in each Region.

Many of the presentations at your Fall Regional Meeting (and the Spring Meetings as well) provide credit as Judges Training so you can start soon. [Here](#) is a list of the upcoming 2015 Fall Region Meetings we are aware of.