



AIS Awards for 1956

Votes *Dykes Memorial Medal*

- 83 [‘First Violet’](#) (TB) (Fred DeForest)
Runners Up:
62 ‘Palomino’ (TB) (David F. Hall)
47 ‘Violet Harmony’ (TB) (Mrs. Franklin (Edith) Lowry)
34 ‘Happy Birthday’ (TB) (David F. Hall)
24 ‘White Peacock’ (TB) (Mrs. Douglas (Ida Mary) Pattison)

MARY SWORDS DEBAILLON AWARD

Louisiana Iris

- 13 [‘Wood Violet’](#) (Miss Ruth Dormon)
Runners Up:
12 ‘Bayou Glory’ (Sidney Conger)
11 ‘Pink Caprice’ (Sidney DuBose)

CAPARNE AWARD

Miniature Dwarf Bearded Iris

- 45 [‘Sparkling Eyes’](#) (Walter Welch)
Runners Up:
24 ‘Path Of Gold’ (E. L. Hodson)
18 ‘Moon Gleam’ (Walter Marx)
16 ‘Veri Gay’ (Walter Welch)

ERIC NIES AWARD

Spuria Iris

- 77 [‘Wadi Zem Zem’](#) (Carl Milliken)
Runners Up:
22 ‘Sunny Day’ (Hans Peter Sass)
18 ‘Lark Song’ (Eric Nies)
17 ‘White Heron’ (Carl Milliken)

AIS AWARD OF MERIT

Tall Bearded Iris

- 215 [‘Blue Sapphire’](#) (Bernard Schreiner) (Attributed to Robert Schreiner in Bulletin)
161 [‘Rehobeth’](#) (Fred DeForest)
149 [‘Sierra Skies’](#) (William B. Schortman)
121 [‘May Hall’](#) (David F. Hall)
118 [‘Dark Boatman’](#) (Paul Cook)
117 [‘June Meredith’](#) (Tell Muhlestein)

- 96 **'Cathedral Bells'** (Mel Wallace)
 93 **'Wedding Bouquet'** (Stedman Buttrick)
 86 **'Pink Fulfillment'** (Tell Muhlestein)
 78 **'Golden Sunshine'** (Robert Schreiner)
 74 **'Apricot Glory'** (Tell Muhlestein)
 66 **'Majorette'** (Miss Elma Miess)

Runners Up:

- 60 'Altar Light' (Mrs. Opal Brown)
 58 'Top Hat' (Robert Schreiner)
 57 'Golden Hawk' (Kenneth D. Smith)
 56 'Gene Wild' (Tom Craig)
 56 'The Citadel' (Edward Watkins)
 55 'Belle Meade' (Jesse Wills)
 53 'Ruth' (Robert Innes)
 53 'Senorita Ilsa' (Guy Rogers)
 51 'Bright Hour' (Geddes Douglas)
 51 'Lady Rogers' (Guy Rogers)
 50 'June Bride' (David F. Hall)
 47 'Butterfly Blue' (Orville W. Fay)

Votes ***AIS HONORABLE MENTION***

Tall Bearded Iris

- 63 **'Gold Cup'** (George Murray)
 49 **'Eleanor's Pride'** (Edward Watkins)
 47 **'Tahola'** (James Gibson)
 30 **'Praiseworthy'** (Tell Muhlestein)
 30 **'Crystal'** (Harold W. Knowlton)
 30 **'No Mohr'** (James Gibson)
 30 **'Melodrama'** (Paul Cook)
 26 **'Patience'** (William B. Schortman)
 24 **'Victoria'** (Mrs. C. G. (Agnes) Whiting)
 24 **'Fortune's Gift'** (Grant Mitsch)
 23 **'Sea Master'** (Sass Brothers)
 23 **'Winter Imp'** (Henry E. Sass)
 22 **'Starfire'** (Jesse Wills)
 22 **'Violet Hills'** (Fred DeForest)
 21 **'Dotted Swiss'** (Henry E. Sass)
 20 **'Concord River'** (Stedman Buttrick)
 19 **'Annette'** (David F. Hall)
 19 **'Bella Mohr'** (John Ohl)
 19 **'Front Page'** (Rudolph E. Kleinsorge)
 18 **'Arctic Splendor'** (George Dubes)
 18 **'Dancing Ripples'** (Henry E. Sass)
 18 **'Orchid Ruffles'** (Robert Schreiner)
 17 **'Fleeta'** (Orville W. Fay)
 17 **'On Parade'** (Luzon Crosby)

- 17 [‘Surprise Party’](#) (Rudolph E. Kleinsorge)
- 17 [‘Total Eclipse’](#) (Orville W. Fay)
- 16 [‘Gay Paree’](#) (Gordon Plough)
- 16 [‘Truly Fair’](#) (Gordon Plough)
- 16 [‘Trim’](#) (William McKee)
- 16 [‘White Charm’](#) (Ethel Ricker)
- 16 [‘Yesteryear’](#) (Charles Branch)
- 15 [‘Galilee’](#) (Orville W. Fay)
- 15 [‘Hermit Thrush’](#) (Grant Mitsch)
- 15 [‘Mary Ella’](#) (Edwin Rundlett)
- 15 [‘Young Brave’](#) (Les Peterson)
- 14 [‘Bazaar’](#) (Bernard Schreiner)
- 14 [‘Bright Halo’](#) (L. Fitz Randolph)
- 14 [‘Muted Music’](#) (Dorothy Palmer)
- 14 [‘Mission Starlite’](#) (Melba Hamblen)
- 14 [‘Sweet Refrain’](#) (David F. Hall)
- 14 [‘Witch Doctor’](#) (Gordon Plough)
- 13 [‘Any Time’](#) (Mrs. Emanuel (Lulu Edna) Cavagnaro)
- 13 [‘Brown Ensemble’](#) (Carl Quadros)
- 13 [‘Constant Comment’](#) (David F. Hall)
- 13 [‘Full Reward’](#) (Rudolph E. Kleinsorge)
- 13 [‘Flirtation’](#) (Clifford Benson)
- 13 [‘Helen McCaughey’](#) (Gilbert Wild)
- 13 [‘Her Ladyship’](#) (Dorothy Palmer)
- 13 [‘Irma Melrose’](#) (Fred DeForest)
- 13 [‘May Magic’](#) (Robert Schreiner)
- 13 [‘Midnight Blue’](#) (Bernard Schreiner)
- 13 [‘Major Eff’](#) (Edward Watkins)
- 13 [‘Pink Clover’](#) (Mrs. C. G. (Agnes) Whiting)
- 13 [‘Starlift’](#) (Clifford Benson)
- 13 [‘Snow Goddess’](#) (Joseph Becherer)
- 12 [‘Casino’](#) (Gordon Plough)
- 12 [‘Dreamy’](#) (Jack Linse)
- 12 [‘Gay Lavinia’](#) (Robert Schreiner)
- 12 [‘Joan Crawford’](#) (Clifford Benson)
- 12 [‘Lantana’](#) (Fred DeForest)
- 12 [‘Pastella’](#) (David F. Hall)
- 12 [‘Polar Cap’](#) (Jean Stevens)
- 12 [‘Sassafras’](#) (William Scott)
- 12 [‘Winged Goddess’](#) (David Lyon)

Votes ***AIS HONORABLE MENTION***

Other than Tall Bearded

Louisiana Iris

- 5 [‘Dixie Deb’](#) (Frank Chowning)

- 5 '[Louise Army](#)' (Charles Army)
- 5 '[Royal Velour](#)' (Sidney Conger)
- 5 '[Upstart](#)' (Caroline Dormon)

Dwarf Bearded Iris

- 17 '[Ablaze](#)' (Walter Welch)
- 14 '[Cherry Spot](#)' (Walter Welch)
- 11 '[Red Amethyst](#)' (Helen Doriot)
- 11 '[Red Gem](#)' (Walter Welch)
- 7 '[Dream Child](#)' (Walter Welch)
- 6 '[Butter Ball](#)' (Edward Zickler)
- 6 '[Sky Patch](#)' (Paul Cook)
- 5 '[Bimbo](#)' (Vivian Grapes)
- 5 '[Remnant](#)' (Paul Cook)
- 5 '[Stint](#)' (Paul Cook)

Intermediate Bearded Iris

- 9 '[Little Gem](#)' (Fisher Harris)

Spuria Iris

- 19 '[Katrina Nies](#)' (Eric Nies)
- 19 '[Morningtide](#)' (Marion Walker)
- 14 '[Fairy Lantern](#)' (Eric Nies-Marion Walker)

Oncocyclus-Regelia Iris

- 7 '[Persian Lace](#)' (Lloyd Austin)

California Iris

- 8 '[Claremont Indian](#)' (Lee Lenz)
- 7 '[Mesa Queen](#)' (Lee Lenz)

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