

1959 MEDIAN IRIS AWARDS

Supervisors, Median Test Gardens

Cook-Douglas Award for the Standard Dwarf Bearded Class

Green Spot (Cook '51), perfect choice for first winner of this newly activated award, a beautifully formed flower in crisp white with an olive green patch in its falls; a fine plant of excellent proportions, 12 inches.

HONORABLE MENTION

Standard Dwarf Bearded Varieties

Blue Denim (Warburton '59), Great Lakes in miniature with the allover texture veining, of fine ruffled form; robust growth with rather coarse foliage, 14 inches.

Dancing Bee (Roberts '59), lavish of bloom in the full-flaring form of its parent, Brite; a new color combination of cream standards and falls of pastel violet without the usual edging. 11 inches.

Lemon Flare (Muhlestein '59), The "Flame" is a misprint; the name was chosen because of the roundly horizontal falls, which show some markings. A lusty grower and bloomer in creamy yellow, 10 inches.

Lilli-Green (Welch '59), quite different in color described as a clear blue-green, this is from a cross of two yellows with blue beards, one of which, N-528, received an HC in this year's honors.

Lilli-Yellow (Welch '59), brilliantly clear yellow bitone with orange beard, 14 inches.

Little Cottage (Muhlestein '59), a Baria seedling of flaring lilt and small flowers on 14-inch stalks, clear white with yellow at the shoulders.

Little Dogie (Roberts '59), from the cross that produced Dale Dennis, a similar plicata of bright red-violet on white, with somewhat taller stem and fertile pollen. 12 inches.

Intermediate Bearded Varieties

First Lilac (Greenlee '57), clean and clear in the much desired lilac-pink coloring, with excellent form and finish. 21 inches, a beauty for that early Intermediate season.

Moonchild (Craig '56) (Moon Goddess x Ibmac), though its classification as an Intermediate is open to question, this is a fine plant with excellent proportions and is early, 22 inches tall in pastel lavender-gray with mulberry signal.

Miniature Tall Bearded (Table) Varieties

Desert Quail (Roberts '59), a new Table Iris distinguished by multiple branching and many buds, usually 12 with 4 in the terminal; cream with white falls bordered in cream, 24 inches.

Border Bearded Varieties

Chocoleto (Deru '59), a miniature Tobacco Road in bright brown with smooth finish and jaunty flare, well proportioned and a long bloomer. 22 inches.

Frenchi (Jones '59), very bright rosy bicolor, tangerine bearded, with violet pink stands and velvet, flaring rosy violet falls; this one fairly screams for attention and is nicely proportioned at 24 inches.



Brownie (Douglas '57) is an 8-in. median in tones of tan, cream, brown and lavender.
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Moon Talk (Crosby '59), Tell Mühlestein calls this a pinker pink with beard a tone darker, early to late, and 20 inches. We haven't seen it.

Pinata (Kleinsorge '59), pronounced Pin-ya'ta, a miniature but brighter Surprise Party from the same lines, in clean coloring of pale lavender stands and straw-yellow falls with orange beard, a strong plant with fine branching.

Two Bits (Albright '59), we have to fall back on Tell again for a description of this, but if it is as nice as its sibs, Yellow Dresden and Yum-Yum, Tell may not be exaggerating. He calls it a dainty, round and flaring flower with peach pink stands and falls blended peach and yellow. 20 inches.

HIGH COMMENDATION

Lillipinkput (Douglas), we have been waiting for this charming little peach with tangerine beard, excellent substance and flare, and neat proportions; perhaps 12 to 14 inches as we have seen it.

Spring Mist (Stephenson), this one is a very strong grower and bloomer in a misty gray-lavender with some yellow and brown blending lighting the falls, a Standard Dwarf at 12 inches, with fine flaring form.

Curtsy (Stephenson), much admired at the test gardens, a blue-falled amoena with wide tailored petals in a color pattern that is loved by all. 10 inches. We suspect that there are more Medians hiding under some of those numbers!