



AIS Awards for 1974

Votes *Dykes Memorial Medal*

165 '[Shipshape](#)' (TB) (Sanford Babson)

Runners Up:

114 'Pink Taffeta' (TB) (Nate Rudolph)

42 'Dusky Dancer' (TB) Walter Luihn)

The Cook-Douglas Medal

Standard Dwarf Bearded irises

291 '[Gingerbread Man](#)' (Bennett Jones)

Runners Up:

59 'Orange Capers' (Bee Warburton)

57 'Dove Wings' (Earl Roberts)

The Hans And Jacob Sass Medal

Intermediate Bearded irises

86 '[Little Bit Blue](#)' (Gordon Plough)

Runners Up:

82 'Annikins' (Bee Warburton)

73 'Oriental Baby' (Grace Guenther)

The Knowlton Medal

Border Bearded Irises

73 '[Junior Prom](#)' (Joseph Ghio)

Runners Up:

70 'Dresden Frills' (Nate Rudolph)

58 'Miss Ruffles' (Maybelle Wright)

The Caparne Award

Miniature Dwarf Bearded irises

41 '[Three Cherries](#)' (Ben Hager)

Runners Up:

40 'Lemon Puff' (Bonnie Dunbar)

35 'Mini-Plic' (Alta Brown)

The Williamson-White Award

Miniature Tall Bearded irises

78 '[Carolyn Rose](#)' (Mary Louise Dunderman)

Runners Up

50 'Bit O' Afton' (Dorothy Guild)

38 'New Idea' (Ben Hager)

The Clarence G. White Award

Aril irises and Arilbred irises with at least 50% Aril content

64 **'Syrian Moon'** (Roy Brizendine)

Runners Up:

41 'Radiant Smile' (Henry Danielson)

37 'Grand Vizier' (William Hawkinson)

The William Mohr Award

Arilbred irises with less than 50% but at least 25% Aril content

80 **'Sojourn'** (Harry Tate)

Runners Up:

44 'Girl Watcher' (Stanley Street)

42 'Mint Parfait' (Doris Foster)

The Sydney B. Mitchell Award

Pacific Coast Native irises

27 **'Amiguita'** (Eric Nies)

Runners Up:

25 'Ripple Rock' (Lee Lenz)

24 'Native Warrior' (S. August Phillips)

The Mary Swords Debaillon Award

Louisiana irises

31 **'Clyde Redmond'** (Charles W. Arny, Jr.)

Runners Up:

26 'Charlie's Michele' (Charles W. Arny, Jr.)

20 'Contraband Days' (Marvin Granger)

The Morgan-Wood Award

Siberian irises

66 **'Grand Junction'** (Forrest McCord)

Runners Up:

52 'Sparkling Rose' (Ben Hager)

48 'Blue Burn' (William McGarvey)

The Eric Nies Award

Spuria irises

97 **'Marilyn Holloway'** (Ben Hager)

Runners Up:

40 'Woodwind' (Ben Hager)

28 'Imperial Bronze' (Eleanor McCown)

The Payne Award

Japanese irises

No Award in 1974

The Fred And Barbara Walther Cup

(Judges' Choice most votes in any category)

153 **'Lemon Mist'** (TB) (Nate Rudolph)

Runners Up:

- 152 'Vamp' (IB) (Joseph Gatty)
- 141 'Bride's Halo' (TB) (Hubert C. Mohr)
- 127 'Sea Venture' (TB) (Bennett Jones)
- 127 'Winner's Circle' (TB) (Gordon Plough)
- 115 'Wedding Vow' (TB) (Joseph Ghio)
- 113 'Peach Frost' (TB) (Schreiner)
- 113 'Raspberry Sundae' (BB) (O. David Niswonger)
- 110 'Flamingo Fling' (TB) (Melba Hamblen)
- 106 'Swizzle' (IB) (Ben Hager)
- 99 'Candy Apple' (SDB) (Melba Hamblen)
- 97 'Loudon Lassie' (TB) (George Crossman)
- 92 'Blue Luster' (TB) (Opal Brown)
- 92 'Princess' (TB) (Joseph Gatty)
- 91 'Country Manor' (TB) (Eleanor Kegerise)
- 89 'Going My Way' (TB) (James Gibson)
- 85 'Cosmopolitan' (TB) (Melba Hamblen)
- 84 'Carved Cameo' (TB) (Nate Rudolph)
- 84 'Prosperity' (TB) (Keith Keppel)
- 82 'Limerick' (TB) (Keith Keppel)

Tall Bearded Award of Merit

- 159 '[Post Time](#)' (Schreiner)
- 127 '[Sapphire Hills](#)' (Schreiner)
- 115 '[Dream Lover](#)' (Esther Tams)
- 101 '[Elizabeth Stuart](#)' (Benett Jones)
- 87 '[Caro Nome](#)' (Bob Brown)
- 86 '[Odyssey](#)' (Sanford Babson)
- 84 '[Lilac Treat](#)' (O. David Niswonger)
- 84 '[Margarita](#)' (Schreiner)
- 83 '[Eagle Harbor](#)' (Opal Brown)
- 79 '[Symphonette](#)' (Luella Noyd)
- 78 '[Ballyhoo](#)' (Keith Keppel)
- 78 '[Chapeau](#)' (Sandford Babson)

Runners Up:

- 76 'Beaux Arts' (Gordon Plough)
- 73 'Angel Choir' (Arnold Schliefert)
- 73 'Fond Wish' (Eva Smith)
- 72 'Glazed Orange' (Schreiner)
- 68 'Foggy Dew' (Keith Keppel)
- 68 'Louise Watts' (Calrence Blocher)
- 67 'Cherry Jubilee' (Vernon Wood)
- 66 'Big League' (Schreiner)

Standard Dwarf Bearded Award of Merit

- 76 '[Rangerette](#)' (Melba Hamblen)
- 64 '[Puppet](#)' (Ben Hager)
- 60 '[Knockout](#)' (Alta Brown)
- 60 '[Lemon Spot](#)' (Anthony & Dorothy Willott)

Runners Up:

- 58 'Boo' (Lynn Markham)
- 52 'Silkie' (Ben Hager)
- 48 'Kentucky Bluegrass' (Bennett Jones)
- 47 'Watercolor' (Earl Roberts)

Intermediate Bearded Award of Merit

- 72 '[Sea Patrol](#)' (Cleo Palmer)
- 70 '[Pale Cloud](#)' (Keith Keppel)
- 62 '[Apache Gold](#)' (Alta Brown)
- Runners Up:
- 57 'Clique' (Keith Keppel)
- 46 'Aquarius' (Steve Moldovan)
- 46 'Voodoo Doll' (Joseph Gatty)
- 45 'Con Brio' (Bee Warburton)

Border Bearded Award of Merit

- 132 '[Embroidery](#)' (Keith Keppel)
- 118 '[Blue Warbler](#)' (James Tucker)
- 60 '[Maynard](#)' (Beebee Knopf)
- Runners up:
- 43 'Ardi Loy' (Les Peterson)
- 41 'Dashing Deb' (Alta Brown)
- 41 'Mini-Sapphire' (Harry Kuesel)
- 32 'Moonshade' (Thornton Abell)

Tall Bearded Honorable Mention

- 129 '[Bride's Halo](#)' (Hubert C. Mohr)
- 93 '[Blue Luster](#)' (Opal Brown)
- 91 '[Loudoun Lassie](#)' (George Crossman)
- 88 '[Country Manor](#)' (Eleanor Kegerise)
- 81 '[Starring Role](#)' (Dorothy Palmer)
- 72 '[Limerick](#)' (Keith Keppel)
- 67 '[Interpol](#)' (Gordon Plough)
- 66 '[Sailor's Dance](#)' (Schreiner)
- 65 '[Love Is](#)' (Steve Varner)
- 65 '[Mary Frances](#)' (Larry Gaulter)
- 60 '[Brook Flower](#)' (Schreiner)
- 60 '[Pink Angel](#)' (Nate Rudolph)
- 55 '[Smoked Pearl](#)' (Truman Gladish)
- 52 '[Virginia Squire](#)' (Larry Gaulter)
- 50 '[Peach Float](#)' (Opal Brown)
- 44 '[Michelin](#)' (Melba Hamblen)
- 44 '[Pretty Karen](#)' (Melba Hamblen)
- 44 '[Tangerine Sunset](#)' (James Marsh)
- 43 '[Faith As This](#)' (Mrs. F. Allen (Frances) Brown)
- 43 '[Happy Halo](#)' (James Gibson)
- 41 '[Blue Mink](#)' (Melba Hamblen)
- 40 '[Conversation Piece](#)' (Dorothy Palmer)
- 40 '[Dialogue](#)' (Joseph Ghio)
- 40 '[Ormolu](#)' (Herbert Schafer)

- 40 [‘Peach Spot’](#) (George Shoop)
 39 [‘Dover Beach’](#) (D. C. Nearpass)
 39 [‘Kona Coast’](#) (Gordon Plough)
 38 [‘Clairvoyance’](#) (Joseph Ghio)
 38 [‘Loudoun Charmer’](#) (George Crossman)
 37 [‘Sun Worshiper’](#) (Ben Hager)
 36 [‘Rondo’](#) (Schreiner)
 35 [‘Becky Lee’](#) (Bernard Hamner)
 35 [‘Misty Dawn’](#) (Melba Hamblen)
 35 [‘Valentina’](#) (Herbert Spence)
 34 [‘Powder Snow’](#) (Schreiner)
 33 [‘Dark Alley’](#) (Frederick Knocke)
 33 [‘Irish Spring’](#) (Bernice Roe)
 33 [‘O My Goodness’](#) (Lloyd Zurbrigg)
 33 [‘Titian Gold’](#) (Nate Rudolph)
 32 [‘Eloquent’](#) (Joseph Ghio)
 32 [‘Hall Of Fame’](#) (Neva Sexton)
 32 [‘Pagan’](#) (Robert Dunn)
 31 [‘Bonifay’](#) (Keith Keppel)
 31 [‘Colonial Gold’](#) (Opal Brown)
 31 [‘Dark Ritual’](#) (Ben Hager)
 30 [‘Mr. Lincoln’](#) (Neva Sexton)
 29 [‘Chamber Music’](#) (Bryce Williamson)
 29 [‘Paris Lights’](#) (Schreiner)
 28 [‘Blue Charmer’](#) (Nate Rudolph)
 28 [‘Flamingo Blues’](#) (Melba Hamblen)
 27 [‘Citrine Charm’](#) (James Gibson)
 27 [‘Prophecy’](#) (Joseph Ghio)
 26 [‘Avanti’](#) (Bryce Williamson)
 26 [‘Blue Chalice’](#) (Melvin Leavitt)
 26 [‘Brimstone’](#) (Chet Tompkins)
 26 [‘Dandelion Days’](#) (Chet Tompkins)
 26 [‘Full Tilt’](#) (O. David Niswonger)
 26 [‘Summer Silk’](#) (James Gibson)
 25 [‘Arctic Viking’](#) (W. C. Carter)
 25 [‘Delicato’](#) (Schreiner)
 25 [‘Fiesta Sun’](#) (Hazel Schmelzer)
 25 [‘French Vanilla’](#) (Joseph Ghio)
 25 [‘Happy Bride’](#) (Neva Sexton)
 25 [‘Meteor’](#) (Keith Keppel)
 25 [‘Miss Junior Miss’](#) (Eva Smith)
 25 [‘Mlle. Modiste’](#) (Clifford W. Benson)
 25 [‘Sentry’](#) (Luella Noyd)
 25 [‘Shining Light’](#) (Joseph Gatty)
 25 [‘Thundercloud’](#) (Keith Keppel)
 25 [‘Tiburon’](#) (Larry Gaulter)

Standard Dwarf Bearded Honorable Mention

- 59 [‘Amazon Princess’](#) (Hooker Nichols)
 27 [‘Pixie Plum’](#) (Melba Hamblen)

- 22 ‘[Pansy Raye](#)’ (Melba Hamblen)
- 20 ‘[Tres Jolie](#)’ (Jean & Paul Hoffmeister)
- 19 ‘[Ginger Tart](#)’ (Joseph Riley)
- 18 ‘[Omen](#)’ (Joseph Gatty)
- 15 ‘[Blue Pools](#)’ (Bennett Jones)
- 15 ‘[Gentle Smile](#)’ (Alta Brown)
- 15 ‘[Jolly Fellow](#)’ (Alta Brown)
- 15 ‘[Olive Accent](#)’ (Alta Brown)
- 15 ‘[Sky And Snow](#)’ (Bee Warburton)
- 15 ‘[Three Smokes](#)’ (Bee Warburton)
- 15 ‘[Whiz Kid](#)’ (Alta Brown)

Intermediate Bearded Honorable Mention

- 73 ‘[Voila](#)’ (Joseph Gatty)
- 43 ‘[Dandelion](#)’ (Bee Warburton)
- 31 ‘[Baby Ribbons](#)’ (Melba Hamblen)
- 27 ‘[Kilkenny](#)’ (Melba Hamblen)
- 26 ‘[Little Rainbow](#)’ (Z. G. Benson)
- 22 ‘[Burning Gold](#)’ (Anthony & Dorothy Willott)
- 21 ‘[Macey](#)’ (Constance Harder)
- 20 ‘[Yellow Doll](#)’ (Irene Nelson)
- 18 ‘[Brassie Lass](#)’ (Carl Boswell)
- 18 ‘[Rainbow Bridge](#)’ (Steve Moldovan)
- 17 ‘[Bright Ruffles](#)’ (Alta Brown)
- 17 ‘[Gypsy Wine](#)’ (Alta Brown)
- 17 ‘[Towncrier](#)’ (Mildred Brizendine)
- 16 ‘[Fancy Dan](#)’ (Opal Brown)
- 16 ‘[Golden Frost](#)’ (Alta Brown)
- 16 ‘[Heartstrings](#)’ (Steve Moldovan)
- 16 ‘[Overtone](#)’ (Sydney DuBose)
- 16 ‘[Pink Splash](#)’ (Hazel E. Schmelzer)
- 15 ‘[Cumquat](#)’ (Steve Moldovan)
- 15 ‘[Sparkle Plenty](#)’ (Mildred Brizendine)
- 15 ‘[Wisteria Sachet](#)’ (Cleo Palmer)

Border Bearded Honorable Mention

- 49 ‘[Stepping Little](#)’ (Harry Kuesel)
- 42 ‘[Miss Petite](#)’ (Maybelle Wright)
- 36 ‘[Magician](#)’ (Joseph Ghio)
- 30 ‘[Peach Fizz](#)’ (Bion Tolman)
- 29 ‘[Wendy’s Pretty](#)’ (Margaret Albright)
- 25 ‘[Ruby Flame](#)’ (George Mayberry)
- 24 ‘[Littlebritches](#)’ (Delora Smith)
- 23 ‘[Moon Halo](#)’ (Lola Ayers)
- 20 ‘[John’s Joy](#)’ (Allan Ensminger)
- 20 ‘[So Chic](#)’ (Bernard Hamner)
- 18 ‘[Dream Date](#)’ (Eleanor Kegerise) *Reclassified as TB after receiving HM as BB in 1974.*
- 18 ‘[Space Age](#)’ (Alta Brown)

- 16 ‘[Ain’t Nuthin’](#)’ (James Gibson)
- 15 ‘[Rozon’](#)’ (Bion Tolman)
- 15 ‘[Step By Step’](#)’ (Mark Rogers)

Miniature Dwarf Bearded Honorable Mention

- 51 ‘[Tom Thumb’](#)’ (Melba Hamblen)
- 31 ‘[Raisin Eyes’](#)’ (Bonnie Dunbar)
- 28 ‘[April Ballet’](#)’ (Cleo Plamer)
- 27 ‘[Dewberry’](#)’ (Frank A. Williams)
- 23 ‘[Flirty Eyes’](#)’ (Earl Roberts)
- 23 ‘[Gay Sunshine’](#)’ (David Sindt)
- 20 ‘[Munchkin’](#)’ (Anthony & Dorothy Willott)
- 18 ‘[Kissimee’](#)’ (Frank A. Williams)
- 15 ‘[Kid Sister’](#)’ (Alta Brown)
- 15 ‘[Little Beauty’](#)’ (Eva Smith)
- 15 ‘[Red At Last’](#)’ (Leona Mahood)
- 14 ‘[Prodigy’](#)’ (Ben Hager)
- 13 ‘[Snow Girl’](#)’ (Alta Brown)
- 12 ‘[Mini-Spark’](#)’ (Alta Brown)
- 11 ‘[Spot Pattern’](#)’ (Walter E. Welch)
- 10 ‘[Easter Gift’](#)’ (Richard Rosenfels)
- 10 ‘[Purple Sideburns’](#)’ (Lucille Kavan)

Miniature Tall Bearded Honorable Mention

- 56 ‘[Dancing Gold’](#)’ (Mildred Brizendine)
- 54 ‘[White Canary’](#)’ (Earl Roberts)
- 39 ‘[Tinsel’](#)’ (Mary Louise Dunderman)
- 23 ‘[Amethyst Sunset’](#)’ (Walter E. Welch)
- 17 ‘[Pale Amoena’](#)’ (Walter E. Welch)
- 16 ‘[Emmie Lu’](#)’ (Dorothy Guild)
- 12 ‘[Paltime’](#)’ (Earl Roberts)
- 11 ‘[Mellacata’](#)’ (Frank A. Williams)

Arilbred Honorable Mention

- 25 ‘[Stars Over Chicago’](#)’ (Henry Danielson)
- 20 ‘[Big Daddy’](#)’ (Gilbert Anderson)
- 20 ‘[Quote Me’](#)’ (Henry Danielson)
- 18 ‘[Habibi’](#)’ (Mark Rogers)
- 15 ‘[Desert Dove’](#)’ (Lin Flanagan)
- 15 ‘[Shalom’](#)’ (Doris Foster)
- 14 ‘[Etched Beauty’](#)’ (Foster)
- 13 ‘[Tuesday Song’](#)’ (Les Peterson)
- 13 ‘[Wee Mac Beth’](#)’ (Stanley Street)
- 12 ‘[Rare Form’](#)’ (Doris Foster)
- 11 ‘[Dome of Omar’](#)’ (William Hawkinson)
- 11 ‘[Jahmeelah’](#)’ (Harry Tate)
- 10 ‘[Abu Zabad’](#)’ (Lois Rich)
- 10 ‘[Soft Image’](#)’ (Harry Tate)

Pacific Coast Native (Californicae) Honorable Mention

- 24 'Native Born' (Joseph Ghio)
- 16 'California Native' (Joseph Ghio)
- 16 'Fairy Chimes' (Jack McCaskill)
- 12 'Aromas' (Ben Hager)
- 12 'Empire Grade' (Joseph Ghio)
- 11 'Mendocino Morn' (B. LeRoy Davidson)
- 11 'Western Hero' (Joseph Ghio)

Louisiana Honorable Mention

- 17 'F.A.C. McCulla' (Charles W. Army)
- 16 'Counterpoise' (Joseph Mertzweiller)
- 15 'Delta Butterfly' (Carl Wyatt)
- 14 'Pam Truscott' (Charles W. Army)
- 12 'Martin Redmond' (Charles W. Army)
- 12 'May Roy' (Marvin Granger)
- 12 'Walter Dupree III' (Charles W. Army)
- 10 'Delta Prince' (Marvin Granger)

Siberian Honorable Mention

- 22 'Ruffled Violet' (Currier McEwen)
- 16 'Yellow Polka' (Mildred Mize-Mrs. James Ruggles)
- 15 'Lightning' (Mattie Reinhardt)
- 15 'Moon Drummer' (William Newhard)
- 14 'Blue Song' (Bee Warburton)
- 11 'June Violet' (Dorothy Spofford)
- 10 'Stellar Blue' (Bee Warburton)
- 10 'Tigger' (Lorena Reid)

Spuria Honorable Mention

- 44 'Pink Candles' (Walter Ferguson)
- 41 'Prairie Shadows' (Walter Ferguson)
- 29 'Oroville' (Marion Walker)
- 26 'Indian Pueblo' (Marion Walker)
- 20 'Transition' (Walter Ferguson)
- 18 'Recluse' (Walter Ferguson)
- 14 'Blue Madrigal' (Walter Ferguson)
- 14 'Exception' (Walter Ferguson)
- 13 'Montalvo' (Marion Walker)

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