



# AIS Awards for 1976

## Votes *Dykes Memorial Medal*

148 **'Kilt Lilt'** (TB) (James Gibson)

Runners Up:

42 'Dream Lover' (Esther Tams)

38 'Grand Waltz' (Schreiner)

## *The Caparne Award*

Miniature Dwarf Bearded irises

59 **'Curio'** (Ben Hager)

Runners Up:

30 'Orchid Flare' (Leona Mahood)

30 'Tom Thumb' (Melba Hamblen)

## *The Cook-Douglas Medal*

Standard Dwarf Bearded irises

94 **'Laced Lemonade'** (Bee Warburton)

Runners Up:

87 'Dove Wings' (Earl Roberts)

74 'Puppet' (Ben Hager)

74 'Wow' (Alta Brown)

## *The Hans And Jacob Sass Medal*

Intermediate Bearded irises

109 **'Sea Patrol'** (Cleo Palmer)

Runners Up:

98 'Early Edition' (Keith Keppel)

80 'Azure Echo' (Jack Durrance)

62 'Pale Cloud' (Keith Keppel)

## *The Williamson-White Award*

Miniature Tall Bearded irises

44 **'New Idea'** (Ben Hager)

Runners Up:

42 'White Canary' (Earl Roberts)

29 'Quirk' (Alta Brown)

## *The Knowlton Medal*

Border Bearded Irises

101 **'Molten Glass'** (James E. Marsh)

Runners Up:

99 'Embroidery' (Keith Keppel)

- 73 'Boy Scout' (Helen Graham Reynolds)  
62 'Blue Warbler' (James Tucker)

### ***The Clarence G. White Award***

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

46 '[Loudmouth](#)' (Lois Rich)

Runners Up:

- 39 'Bangladesh' (Les Peterson)  
29 'Habibi' (Mark Rogers)

### ***The William Mohr Award***

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

89 '[Stitchery](#)' (Doris Foster)

Runners Up:

- 65 'Girl Watcher' (Stanley Street)  
46 'Lebanese Snow' (Tell Muhlestein)

### ***The Mary Swords Debaillon Award***

Louisiana irises

33 '[Eolian](#)' (Charles W. Arny, Jr.)

Runners Up:

- 31 'Ira S. Nelson' (Charles W. Arny, Jr.)  
15 'Bayou Comus' (Charles W. Arny, Jr.)

### ***The Sydney B. Mitchell Award***

Pacific Coast Native irises

29 '[Western Queen](#)' (George Stambach)

Runners Up:

- 28 'Sierra Sappidre' (Lee Lenz)  
17 'Wild Canary' (George Stambach)

### ***The Morgan-Wood Award***

Siberian irises

64 '[Orville Fay](#)' (Currier McEwen)

Runners Up:

- 27 'Polly Dodge' (Currier McEwen)  
23 'Blue Pennant' (Currier McEwen)

### ***The Eric Nies Award***

Spuria irises

39 '[Forty Carats](#)' (Walker Ferguson)

Runners Up:

- 32 'Antiqua' (Bryce Williamson)  
24 'Proverb' (Walker Ferguson)

### ***The Payne Award***

Japanese irises

29 '[Stranger In Paradise](#)' (Ben Hager)

Runners Up:

- 19 'Frostbound' (Lois Rich)  
 16 'Sea Of Amethyst' (Lois Rich)

***The Fred And Barbara Walther Cup***

(Judges' Choice most votes in any category)

- 274 '[Queen Of Hearts](#)' (TB) (Opal Brown)  
 Runners Up"  
 247 'Mystique' (TB) (Joseph Ghio)  
 226 'White Lightning' (TB) (Joseph Gatty)  
 217 'Brown Lasso' (BB) (Eugene Buckles)  
 214 'Caramba' (TB) (Keith Keppel)  
 180 'Five Star Admiral' (TB) (James Marsh)  
 177 'Autumn Leaves' (TB) (Keith Keppel)  
 175 'Skylab' (TB) (Neva Sexton)  
 143 'Navy Strut' (TB) (Schreiner)  
 123 'Blushing Lemon' (TB) (Jack Boushay)  
 119 'Clarke Cosgrove' (SPU) (Ben Hager)  
 108 'Cedar Waxwing' (MTB) (Earl Roberts)  
 108 'Vi Luihn' (SIB) (Sydney Dubose)  
 103 'Anon' (TB) (James Gibson)  
 103 'Cheers' (IB) (Ben Hager)  
 96 'Copy Cat' (BB) (Joseph Ghio)  
 91 'Gay Parasol' (TB) (Schreiner)  
 90 'Lemon Brocade' (TB) (Nate Rudolph)  
 88 'Appleblossom Pink' (IB) (Jack Boushay)  
 88 'Ming Dynasty' (TB) (Steve Moldovan)  
 87 'Old Flame' (TB) (Joseph Ghio)  
 85 'Panda' (MTB) (Mary Louise Dunderman)  
 83 'Venetian Dancer' (TB) (Melba Hamblen)  
 82 'Liz' (TB) (Joseph Gatty)  
 80 'Beau' (SDB) (Joseph Gatty)

***Tall Bearded Award of Merit***

- 213 '[Bride's Halo](#)' (Hubert C. Mohr)  
 145 '[Blue Luster](#)' (Opal Brown)  
 99 '[Mary Frances](#)' (Larry Gaulter)  
 95 '[Angel Choir](#)' (Arnold Schliefert)  
 90 '[Neptune's Pool](#)' (Steve Moldovan)  
 86 '[Georgia Girl](#)' (Neva Sexton)  
 84 '[Country Manor](#)' (Eleanor Kegerise)  
 84 '[Full Tide](#)' (Opal Brown)  
 82 '[Paris Opera](#)' (Cliff Benson)  
 80 '[Louise Watts](#)' (Clarence Blocher)  
 80 '[Starring Role](#)' (Dorothy Palmer)  
 79 '[Spartan](#)' (Schreiner)  
 79 '[Pink Angel](#)' (Nate Rudolph)  
 79 '[Cosmopolitan](#)' (Melba Hamblen)  
 Runners Up:  
 77 'Madeira Belle' (Carl Quadros)  
 74 'Peach Float' (Opal Brown)

- 73 'Princess' (Joseph Gatty)
- 72 'Royal Trumpeter' (Clifford M. Reynolds)
- 70 'Sabre Dance' (Opal Brown)
- 66 'Valentina' (Herbert Spence)

***Standard Dwarf Bearded Award of Merit***

- 130 '[Amazon Princess](#)' (Hooker Nichols)
- 86 '[Demon](#)' (Ben Hager)
- 58 '[Blue Pools](#)' (Bennett Jones)
- Runners Up:
- 55 'Canary Isle' (Melba Hamblen)
- 53 'Omen' (Joseph Gatty)
- 51 'Hooray' (Joseph Gatty)

***Intermediate Bearded Award of Merit***

- 112 '[Voila](#)' (Joseph Gatty)
- 58 '[Sweetie](#)' (Bee Warburton)
- 56 '[Apache Warrior](#)' (Alta Brown)
- Runners Up:
- 55 'Dandelion' (Bee Warburton)
- 40 'Turtledove' (Steve Moldovan)
- 38 'Space Cadet' (Steve Moldovan)

***Border Bearded Award of Merit***

- 74 '[Ain't Nuthin](#)' (James Gibson)
- 54 '[Lemon Tart](#)' (Earl Roberts)
- 53 '[Stepping Little](#)' (Harry Kuesel)
- Runners Up:
- 51 'Magician' (Joseph Ghio)
- 49 'Little Susie' (Carl Quadros)
- 49 'Miss Petite' (Maybelle Wright)

***Tall Bearded Honorable Mention***

- 166 '[Caramba](#)' (Keith Keppel)
- 164 '[Mystique](#)' (Joseph Ghio)
- 99 '[Anon](#)' (James Gibson)
- 69 '[Old Flame](#)' (Joseph Ghio)
- 59 '[Risque](#)' (Joseph Gatty)
- 52 '[Ice Sculpture](#)' (Ben Hager)
- 52 '[Sun City](#)' (Bernard Hamner)
- 50 '[Datebook](#)' (Glenn Corlew)
- 50 '[Ghost Story](#)' (Joseph Ghio)
- 49 '[Vanity](#)' (Ben Hager)
- 48 '[Ruffled Ballet](#)' (Elvan Roderick)
- 46 '[Lady X](#)' (Joseph Gatty)
- 45 '[Gold Trimmings](#)' (Schreiner)
- 44 '[Black Market](#)' (Gordon Plough)
- 43 '[Lordly Ways](#)' (Robert Mallory)
- 42 '[Exotic Star](#)' (Gordon Plough)
- 41 '[Chain O' Gold](#)' (Schreiner)

- 40 ‘[Dream Touch](#)’ (Bernice Roe)  
 40 ‘[Happy Harmony](#)’ (Dorothy Palmer)  
 40 ‘[Shoutin’ Blue](#)’ (O. David Niswonger)  
 39 ‘[Pretty Nancy](#)’ (Melba Hamblen)  
 39 ‘[Showcase](#)’ (Schreiner)  
 39 ‘[Waltzing Widow](#)’ (Lura Roach)  
 37 ‘[Deep Pacific](#)’ (Eugene Burger)  
 37 ‘[Melodian](#)’ (Opal Brown)  
 35 ‘[Clouds Of Gold](#)’ (Jack Boushay)  
 34 ‘[Geometrics](#)’ (Sydney Dubose)  
 33 ‘[Carved Pink](#)’ (Nate Rudolph)  
 33 ‘[Feminine Charm](#)’ (Evelyn Kegerise)  
 33 ‘[Hash Marks](#)’ (Schreiner)  
 33 ‘[Inferno](#)’ (Schreiner)  
 33 ‘[Mission Ridge](#)’ (Gordon Plough)  
 33 ‘[Modern Classic](#)’ (Frederick Knocke)  
 33 ‘[Moody Blue](#)’ (Elvan Roderick)  
 32 ‘[Blossom Pink](#)’ (Eugene Buckles)  
 32 ‘[Carolina Honey](#)’ (Loleta Powell)  
 32 ‘[Carved Angel](#)’ (Nate Rudolph)  
 32 ‘[Illini Repeater](#)’ (Steve Varner)  
 31 ‘[Dark Triumph](#)’ (Schreiner)  
 31 ‘[Fringed Taffeta](#)’ (Nate Rudolph)  
 31 ‘[Loop The Loop](#)’ (Schreiner)  
 31 ‘[Rancho Rose](#)’ (James Gibson)  
 30 ‘[Antique Tapestry](#)’ (Nate Rudolph)  
 30 ‘[Golden Apple](#)’ (Gordon Plough)  
 30 ‘[Sun Snap](#)’ (James Gibson)  
 29 ‘[Koala](#)’ (David Mohr)  
 29 ‘[Gene Buckles](#)’ (Eugene Buckles)  
 28 ‘[Late Report](#)’ (Steve Varner)  
 28 ‘[New Rochelle](#)’ (Melba Hamblen)  
 27 ‘[Dance Beat](#)’ (Eugene Buckles)  
 27 ‘[Fifty Fathoms](#)’ (Kenneth Shaver)  
 27 ‘[Instant Charm](#)’ (Opal Brown)  
 27 ‘[Peek A Blue](#)’ (Neva Sexton)  
 27 ‘[Treasure Key](#)’ (Opal Brown)  
 26 ‘[Apricot Blaze](#)’ (James Gibson)  
 26 ‘[Night Deposit](#)’ (Winfield W. Steinhauer)  
 26 ‘[River Rhythm](#)’ (Bernard Hamner)  
 26 ‘[Show Time](#)’ (Joseph Ghio)  
 26 ‘[Think Pink](#)’ (Bernard Hamner)  
 25 ‘[Plum Dazzle](#)’ (James Gibson)  
 25 ‘[Porta Villa](#)’ (James Gibson)  
 25 ‘[Tupelo Honey](#)’ (Larry Gaulter)

*Border Bearded Honorable Mention*

- 172 ‘[Brown Lasso](#)’ (Eugene Buckles)  
 42 ‘[Child Star](#)’ (Joseph Ghio)  
 38 ‘[Whoop 'Em Up](#)’ (Dovie Brady)

- 34 ‘[Little Admiral](#)’ (Eugene Burger)
- 34 ‘[Tulip Festival](#)’ (William Clough)
- 28 ‘[Stepping Small](#)’ (Tell Muhlestein)
- 23 ‘[Pocket Size](#)’ (Gordon Plough)
- 22 ‘[Scuppernong Rose](#)’ (Alva Hickerson)
- 19 ‘[Triple-Ripple](#)’ (James Gibson)
- 19 ‘[Winter's Charm](#)’ (Henry Danielson)
- 18 ‘[Shannon](#)’ (Myrtle Wolff)
- 17 ‘[Apricot Snow](#)’ (Wilma Vallette)
- 16 ‘[Heat Flare](#)’ (Les Peterson)
- 16 ‘[Suzanne Burks](#)’ (Fred Stephensen)
- 15 ‘[Angel Feathers](#)’ (Lynn Markham)
- 15 ‘[Iolani](#)’ (Ralph Stuart)
- 15 ‘[Plum Creek](#)’ (Les Hildenbrandt)

*Intermediate Bearded Honorable Mention*

- 91 ‘[Cheers](#)’ (Ben Hager)
- 38 ‘[Battle Shout](#)’ (Jack Boushay)
- 32 ‘[Happy Child](#)’ (Maybelle Wright)
- 30 ‘[Spring Cheddar](#)’ (Earl Roberts)
- 29 ‘[Black Watch](#)’ (Richard Rosenfels)
- 26 ‘[Ingrid](#)’ (Charlotte Gantz)
- 24 ‘[Liz Ann](#)’ (Myrtle Wolff)
- 20 ‘[Velvet Glow](#)’ (Alta Brown)
- 19 ‘[Vibrant Spring](#)’ (Mark Rogers)
- 16 ‘[Antique Loveliness](#)’ (Paul Smith)
- 16 ‘[Fairy Time](#)’ (Earl Roberts)
- 16 ‘[Pleasure](#)’ (Larry Harder)
- 16 ‘[Snow Festival](#)’ (Cleo Palmer)
- 15 ‘[Amethyst Flare](#)’ (Alta Brown)
- 15 ‘[Cherie Amour](#)’ (Earl Roberts)

*Miniature Tall Bearded Honorable Mention*

- 90 ‘[Panda](#)’ (Mary Louise Dunderman)
- 83 ‘[Bellboy](#)’ (Mary Louise Dunderman)
- 34 ‘[Gabi](#)’ (Bee Warburton)
- 28 ‘[Jill Welch](#)’ (Walter Welch)
- 17 ‘[Dainty Brunette](#)’ (Alta Brown)
- 15 ‘[Fairy Darkling](#)’ (Dorothy Guild)

*Standard Dwarf Bearded Honorable Mention*

- 68 ‘[Wink](#)’ (Joseph Gatty)
- 45 ‘[Starry Eved](#)’ (Joseph Gatty)
- 40 ‘[Mrs. Nate Rudolph](#)’ (Harley Briscoe)
- 25 ‘[Be Dazzled](#)’ (Jack Boushay)
- 25 ‘[Cherry Float](#)’ (Frank A. Williams)
- 23 ‘[Tease](#)’ (Ben Hager)
- 20 ‘[Betsey Boo](#)’ (Bee Warburton)
- 20 ‘[Lady In Red](#)’ (Anthony & Dorothy Willott)
- 19 ‘[Baby Baron](#)’ (C. O. Torkelson)

- 19 [‘Brass Ring’](#) (Anthony & Dorothy Willott)
- 19 [‘Solar Flight’](#) (Earl Roberts)
- 17 [‘Frost Tipped’](#) (Mark Rogers)
- 17 [‘Hammered Copper’](#) (Earl Roberts)
- 17 [‘Love’](#) (Larry Harder)
- 16 [‘Angel's Kiss’](#) (Anthony & Dorothy Willott)
- 15 [‘Caramel Candy’](#) (Melba Hamblen)
- 15 [‘Crimson Velvet’](#) (Cleo Palmer)
- 15 [‘Crystal Bright’](#) (Alta Brown)
- 15 [‘Elfin Duet’](#) (Melba Hamblen)

*Miniature Dwarf Bearded Honorable Mention*

- 44 [‘Wee Willie’](#) (Melba Hamblen)
- 43 [‘Libation’](#) (Ben Hager)
- 40 [‘Little Miss Muffett’](#) (Melba Hamblen)
- 35 [‘Buttons’](#) (Anthony & Dorothy Willott)
- 30 [‘Ruby Imp’](#) (Doris Foster)
- 27 [‘Baby Green Spot’](#) (Walter Welch)
- 27 [‘Baby Pink’](#) (Alta Brown)
- 23 [‘Inca Toy’](#) (Earl Roberts)
- 20 [‘April Sky’](#) (Earl Roberts)
- 20 [‘Toy Swan’](#) (Floyd Dyer)
- 18 [‘Little Goldilocks’](#) (Alta Brown)
- 18 [‘Little Sahib’](#) (Frank A. Williams)
- 16 [‘Rumpus’](#) (Jack Boushay)
- 14 [‘Inca Star’](#) (Earl Roberts)
- 13 [‘Azure Morn’](#) (Earl Roberts)
- 11 [‘Gunga Din’](#) (Steve Moldovan)
- 11 [‘Tagalong’](#) (Frank A. Williams)
- 10 [‘Brown Heart’](#) (Floyd Dyer)
- 10 [‘Little Alice’](#) (Frank A. Williams)

*Arilbred Honorable Mention*

- 38 [‘Canasta’](#) (Lois Rich)
- 24 [‘Dresden Gold’](#) (Doris Foster)
- 21 [‘Esther's Son’](#) (Eugene Hunt)
- 21 [‘Little Orchid Annie’](#) (Doris Foster)
- 13 [‘Red Wadi’](#) (William Hawkinson)
- 12 [‘Brown Warrior’](#) (John Holden)
- 11 [‘Cairo Sands’](#) (H. Valmar Slamova)
- 11 [‘Moon Dust’](#) (Henry Danielson)
- 10 [‘Nightlight’](#) (Lois Rich)

*Pacific Coast Native (Californicae) Honorable Mention*

- 79 [‘Canyon Snow’](#) (Dara Emery)
- 25 [‘Pastoral Charm’](#) (Doris Foster)
- 24 [‘Corralitos’](#) (Joseph Ghio)
- 10 [‘Cocoa Indian’](#) (Florence Day)

### *Japanese Honorable Mention*

- 17 'Blue Illusion' (Brother Gene Wagner)
- 14 'Prairie Velvet' (Arthur H. Hazzard)
- 13 'Prairie Joy' (Arthur H. Hazzard)

### *Louisiana Honorable Mention*

- 36 'Shrimp Creole' (Joseph Ghio)
- 24 'Bit Of Blue' (Charles W. Army, Jr.)
- 19 'Professor Ike' (Joseph Mertzweiller)
- 13 'Little Star' (Carl Wyatt)
- 12 'Charlie's Karen' (Charles W. Army, Jr)
- 12 'Harland K. Riley' (W. B. MacMillan)
- 10 'Carolyn LaPoint' (Charles W. Army, Jr)
- 10 'Charlie's Ginny' (Charles W. Army, Jr)
- 10 'Double Talk' (Marvin Granger)

### *Siberian Honorable Mention*

- 56 'Illini Charm' (Steve Varner)
- 47 'Steve' (Steve Varner)
- 29 'Red Passion' (William McGarvey)
- 28 'Peg Edwards' (Currier McEwen)
- 22 'Earthshine' (William McGarvey)
- 19 'Atoll' (Bee Warburton)
- 16 'Tokay Grape' (Gladys Wiswell)
- 11 'Amazement' (Gladys Wiswell)
- 11 'Purple Princess' (Currier McEwen)
- 11 'Rainbow Island' (Lorena Reid)

### *Spuria Honorable Mention*

- 106 'Clarke Cosgrove' (Ben Hager)
- 59 'Far Out' (Ben Hager)
- 54 'Butter Paddle' (O. David Niswonger)
- 44 'Golden Chocolate' (O. David Niswonger)
- 25 'Jet Set' (Bryce Williamson)
- 24 'Medallion' (Bernice Roe)
- 18 'Distant Thunder' (Roe)
- 17 'Feminine Mvstique' (Bryce Williamson)
- 11 'Bold Horizons' (Bernice Roe)
- 11 'Sierra Nevada' (Marion Walker)

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