



# AIS Awards for 1978

## Votes *Dykes Memorial Medal*

184 '[Bride's Halo](#)' (TB) (Hubert C. Mohr)

Runners Up:

130 'Lemon Mist' (TB) (Nate Rudolph)

110 'Mary Frances' (TB) (Larry Gaulter)

109 'Going My Way' (TB) (James Gibson)

## *The Caparne Award*

Miniature Dwarf Bearded irises

28 '[Orchid Flair](#)' (Leona Mahood)

Runners Up:

26 'Libation' (Ben Hager)

25 'April Ballet' (Cleo Palmer)

25 'Grandma's Hat' (Leona Mahood)

25 'Velvet Toy' (Bonnie Dunbar)

## *The Knowlton Medal*

Border Bearded Irises

148 '[Raspberry Sundae](#)' (O. David Niswonger)

Runners Up:

91 'Stepping Little' (Harry Kuesel)

87 'Blue Warbler' (James Tucker)

## *The Cook-Douglas Medal*

Standard Dwarf Bearded irises

95 '[Amazon Princess](#)' (Hooker Nichols)

Runner Up:

None With Required Percentage

## *The Hans And Jacob Sass Medal*

Intermediate Bearded irises

131 '[Voila](#)' (Joseph Gatty)

Runner Up:

98 'Swizzle' (Ben Hager)

## *The Williamson-White Award*

Miniature Tall Bearded irises

50 '[Quirk](#)' (Alta Brown)

Runners Up:

37 'Dancing Gold' (Mildred Brizendine by Jean Witt)

37 'White Canary' (Earl Roberts)

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

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

33 '[Stars Over Chicago](#)' (Henry Danielson)

Runner Up:

27 'Genetic Artist' (Henry Danielson)

***The William Mohr Award***

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

82 '[Little Orchid Annie](#)' (Doris Foster)

Runner Up:

21 'Pogo Doll' (Leda Christlieb)

***The Mary Swords Debaillon Award***

Louisiana irises

No Award-Tie Between

'[F.A.C. McCulla](#)' (Charles W. Army)

'[Shrimp Creole](#)' (Joseph Ghio)

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

Pacific Coast Native irises

56 '[Canyon Snow](#)' (Dara Emery)

Runner Up:

21 'San Lorenzo' (Joseph Ghio)

***The Morgan-Wood Award***

Siberian irises

48 '[Silver Edge](#)' (Currier McEwen)

Runners Up:

31 'Illini Charm' (Steve Varner)

31 'Savoir Faire' (Sydney Dubose)

***The Eric Nies Award***

Spuria irises

119 '[Clarke Cosgrove](#)' (Ben Hager)

Runner Up:

27 'Buttered Chocolate' (O. David Niswonger)

***The Payne Award***

Japanese irises

31 '[Tuptim](#)' (Lois Rich)

Runner Up:

24 'Prairie Velvet' (Arthur H. Hazzard)

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

(Most HM votes in any category)

197 '[Ann Chowning](#)' (LA) (Frank Chowning)

Runners Up:

- 181 'Picayune' (BB) (Keith Keppel)  
 158 'Flamenco' (TB) (Keith Keppel)  
 154 'Bicentennial' (TB) (Joseph Ghio)  
 153 'Cranberry Ice' (TB) (Schreiner's)  
 153 'Temple Gold' (TB) (Walter Luihn)  
 137 'Penny A Pinch' (TB) (Winfield W. Steinhauer)  
 126 'Sun King' (TB) (John Stahly)  
 123 'Am I Blue' (BB) (Donald Denney)  
 121 'Entourage' (TB) (Joseph Ghio)  
 120 'Ila Crawford' (SPU) (Ben Hager)  
 119 'Peachy Face' (IB) (Bennett Jones)  
 119 'Raspberry Blush' (IB) (Melba Hamblen)  
 110 'Pink Kitten' (IB) (Vernon Wood)  
 105 'Bryce Leigh' (LA) (Frank Chowning)  
 105 'Coffee House' (TB) (Joseph Ghio)  
 104 'Kentucky Derby' (TB) (David Mohr)  
 95 'Playgirl' (TB) (Joseph Gatty)  
 94 'Imperial Ruby' (SPU) (Eleanor McCown)  
 92 'Flair' (TB) (Joseph Gatty)  
 91 'Intuition' (TB) (Joseph Ghio)  
 89 'Penny Candy' (MDB) (Melba Hamblen)  
 86 'Sheik' (AB-(OGB))(Ben Hager)  
 86 'This I Love' (LA) (Frank Chowning)  
 85 'Thelma Rudolph' (TB) (Nate Rudolph)  
 83 'Chartruese Ruffles' (TB) (Nate Rudolph)

***Tall Bearded Award of Merit***

- 247 '[Mystique](#)' (Joseph Ghio)  
 155 '[Feminine Charm](#)' (Evelyn Kegerise)  
 153 '[Caramba](#)' (Keith Keppel)  
 123 '[Vanity](#)' (Ben Hager)  
 107 '[Joyce Terry](#)' (Tell Muhlestein)  
 105 '[Ice Sculpture](#)' (Ben Hager)  
 104 '[Gold Trimmings](#)' (Schreiner's)  
 103 '[Anon](#)' (James Gibson)  
 83 '[Rancho Rose](#)' (James Gibson)  
 79 '[Pagan](#)' (Robert Dunn)  
 73 '[Loop The Loop](#)' (Schreiner's)  
 72 '[Lemon Brocade](#)' (Nate Rudolph)

Runners Up:

- 70 'Deep Pacific' (Eugene Burger)  
 70 'Old Flame' (Joseph Ghio)  
 69 'Dover Beach' (D. C. Nearpass)  
 68 'Cherished' (Glenn Corlew)  
 68 'Ruffled Ballet' (Elvan Roderick)  
 67 'Gypsy Belle' (Bernard Hamner)  
 66 'Valentina' (Herbert Spence)  
 65 'Colonial Gold' (Opal Brown)

### ***Border Bearded Award of Merit***

- 349 'Brown Lasso' (Eugene Buckles by O. David Niswonger)  
71 'Whoop 'Em Up' (Dovie Brady)  
44 'Stepping Small' (Tell Muhlestein)  
Runners Up:  
34 'Little Susie' (Carl Quadros)  
34 'Miss Goldilocks' (Bernard Hamner)  
36 'Little Admiral' (Eugene Burger)

### ***Intermediate Bearded Award of Merit***

- 98 'Cheers' (Ben Hager)  
60 'Gay Wings' (Opal Brown)  
50 'Snow Gnome' (Ralph Stuart)  
Runners Up:  
49 'Posy Parade' (Gordon Plough)  
48 'Cumquat' (Steve Moldovan)  
46 'Pharoah's Daughter' (Jack Boushay)

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

- 73 'Mrs. Nate Rudolph' (Harley Briscoe)  
66 'Be Dazzled' (Jack Boushay)  
61 'Melon Honey' (Earl Roberts)  
Runners Up:  
60 'Starry Eyed' (Joseph Gatty)  
46 'Oliver' (Hooker Nichols)  
40 'Wink' (Joseph Gatty)

### ***Tall Bearded Honorable Mention***

- 150 'Flamenco' (Keith Keppel)  
129 'Temple Gold' (Walter Luhn)  
120 'Coffee House' (Joseph Ghio)  
109 'Penny A Pinch' (Winfield W. Steinhauer)  
108 'Entourage' (Joseph Ghio)  
92 'Playgirl' (Joseph Gatty)  
92 'Sun King' (John Stahly)  
89 'Intuition' (Joseph Ghio)  
71 'Emphasis' (Keith Keppel)  
70 'Charisma' (Clarence Blocher)  
69 'Helen Boehm' (Schreiner's)  
61 'Lawrence Welk' (Henry Danielson)  
59 'Manuel' (Donald Denney)  
58 'Mandolin' (Joseph Ghio)  
57 'Silent Majesty' (Melba Hamblen)  
55 'Bonbon' (Joseph Gatty)  
53 'Evening Echo' (Melba Hamblen)  
53 'Victoria Falls' (Schreiner's)  
51 'Lovely Jan' (Melba Hamblen)  
51 'Spinning Wheel' (D. C. Nearpass)

50 'Jeanette' (Mark Rogers)  
49 'Michigan Pride' (Tena Berndt)  
47 'Memphis Delight' (Evelyn Kegerise)  
47 'Firewater' (Keith Keppel)  
46 'Asgard' (Sanford Babson)  
46 'Carved Marble' (Nate Rudolph)  
45 'Gentle Rain' (Keith Keppel)  
45 'Swedish Modern' (Sanford Babson)  
42 'Jeanne Price' (Bennett Jones)  
41 'Starfrost Pink' (James Gibson)  
40 'Crushed Velvet' (Joseph Ghio)  
39 'Heather Blush' (Bernard Hamner)  
39 'Persian Berry' (Larry Gaulter)  
38 'Lady Marie' (Tell Muhlestein)  
38 'Stop Sign' (Vernon Wood)  
37 'Astro Flash' (Schreiner's)  
37 'Birthday Song' (Glenn Corlew)  
37 'Party Girl' (Walter Luihn)  
37 'Superstition' (Schreiner's)  
37 'Victor Herbert' (Cliff Benson)  
37 'Yvonne B. Burke' (Ben Hager)  
36 'Hell's Fire' (Sanford Roberts)  
36 'Illini Moon' (Steve Varner)  
36 'Palace Guard' (Virginia Messick)  
35 'Pink Confetti' (James Gibson)  
35 'Valvouche' (Melba Hamblen)  
34 'Blue Stacatto' (James Gibson)  
34 'Blushing Pink' (Nate Rudolph)  
34 'Shaft Of Gold' (Neva Sexton)  
34 'Windsor Rose' (Schreiner's)  
33 'Instant Love' (Melba Hamblen)  
32 'Bordello' (Sanford Roberts)  
32 'Dualtone' (Opal Brown)  
32 'Royal Regency' (Schreiner's)  
31 'Cherished Memory' (Elvan Roderick)  
31 'World News' (Neva Sexton)  
30 'Butterscotch Bronze' (Schreiner's)  
30 'Carriage Trade' (Larry Gaulter)  
30 'Circus Stripes' (Gordon Plough)  
29 'Cathedral Windows' (Sanford Babson)  
29 'Countryman' (Larry Gaulter)  
29 'Oritam' (Jean & Paul Hoffmeister)  
29 'Tangerine Queen' (James Marsh)  
28 'Miss Personality' (Neva Sexton)  
28 'Rio Vista' (Bob Brown)  
28 'Silent Patriot' (Sanford Roberts)  
28 'Spiced Honey' (Bernard Hamner)

- 27 'Beige Ruffles' (Nate Rudolph)
- 27 'Lake Placid' (Cliff Benson)
- 26 'Lacy Snowflake' (Schreiner's)
- 26 'Matchmaker' (Evelyn Kegerise)
- 26 'Money' (Bernice Roe)
- 26 'Rippling Clouds' (Melba Hamblen)
- 25 'Cindy O' (Jane Overholser)
- 25 'Deep Throat' (John Weiler)
- 25 'Roman Candle' (Bennett Jones)
- 25 'Sun Fire' (Melba Hamblen)

***Intermediate Bearded Honorable Mention***

- 108 'Pink Kitten' (Vernon Wood)
- 80 'Shampoo' (Virginia Messick)
- 64 'Raspberry Bonnet' (Melba Hamblen)
- 58 'Boy Wonder' (Joseph Ghio)
- 44 'Hagar's Helmet' (Hooker Nichols)
- 36 'Early Frost' (Joseph Gatty)
- 34 'Subtlety' (Joseph Gatty)
- 32 'Snappie' (Bee Warburton)
- 26 'Navajo Pride' (Alta Brown)
- 25 'Blessed Again' (Frank Jones)
- 19 'Spring Bonnet' (Gordon Plough)
- 18 'Cherry Supreme' (Lloyd Zurbrigg)
- 17 'Honeyberry' (William Peck)
- 16 'Party Finery' (Earl Roberts)
- 16 'Regal Fashion' (Earl Roberts)
- 16 'Yum Plum' (Gordon Plough)

***Border Bearded Honorable Mention***

- 175 'Picayune' (Keith Keppel)
- 115 'Am I Blue' (Donald Denney)
- 60 'Sienna Star' (Melba Hamblen)
- 48 'Inner Circle' (Joseph Ghio)
- 30 'Stop Flight' (Henry Danielson)
- 29 'Petite Model' (Ruth Goodrick)
- 21 'Persian Harem' (Hazel Schmelzer)
- 20 'Touch Of Amber' (Eugene Burger)
- 18 'Wheatheart Princess' (Robert Jeffries)
- 15 'Peach Surprise' (Wilma Vallette)
- 15 'Pink Bassinet' (Dora Wall)

***Standard Dwarf Bearded Honorable Mention***

- 65 'Abracadabra' (Ben Hager)
- 32 'Popcorn' (Ben Hager)
- 31 'Pepper Mill' (Ben Hager)
- 29 'White Gem' (Earl Roberts)
- 25 'Be Magic' (Fry)

- 25 [‘Feather River’](#) (Gordon Plough)
- 24 [‘Chalk Mark’](#) (Gordon Plough)
- 24 [‘Copenhagen’](#) (Hooker Nichols)
- 23 [‘Color Me Rose’](#) (Donald Denney)
- 22 [‘Brink O’ Pink’](#) (Emma Hobbs)
- 22 [‘Stitch Witch’](#) (Anthony & Dorothy Willott)
- 21 [‘Combo’](#) (Ben Hager)
- 20 [‘Fine Taste’](#) (Hooker Nichols)
- 19 [‘Axiom’](#) (Ben Hager)
- 19 [‘Lollipop’](#) (Ben Hager)
- 17 [‘Dragon Slayer’](#) (Anthony & Dorothy Willott)
- 17 [‘Flirty Mary’](#) (D. Olen Rawdon)
- 17 [‘Little Buccaneer’](#) (Schreiner’s)
- 17 [‘Mint Ice’](#) (Earl Roberts)
- 17 [‘Music Caper’](#) (Earl Roberts)
- 17 [‘Toe Dance’](#) (Alta Brown)
- 17 [‘Twink’](#) (Schreiner’s)
- 16 [‘John Boy’](#) (Harry Hite)
- 16 [‘Plum Spot’](#) (Carl Boswell)
- 15 [‘Roustabout’](#) (Alta Brown)
- 15 [‘Sugar And Spice’](#) (Anthony & Dorothy Willott)

***Miniature Tall Bearded Honorable Mention***

- 50 [‘Little Bluebeard’](#) (Kevin Vaughn)
- 43 [‘Blue Twinkle’](#) (Mary Louise Dunderman)
- 35 [‘My Melissa’](#) (Dorothy Guild)
- 25 [‘Table Queen’](#) (Frank A. Williams)
- 22 [‘Chian Wine’](#) (Dorothy Guild)
- 13 [‘Gemsee Gee’](#) (Dorothy Guild)
- 12 [‘Chaste Delight’](#) (Dorothy Guild)
- 11 [‘Ornate Pageant’](#) (Walter Welch)
- 11 [‘Table Glow’](#) (Tell Muhlestein)
- 10 [‘Merry Vignette’](#) (Dorothy Guild)

***Miniature Dwarf Bearded Honorable Mention***

- 71 [‘Penny Candy’](#) (Melba Hamblen)
- 66 [‘Garnet Elf’](#) (Melba Hamblen)
- 43 [‘Dainty Belle’](#) (Melba Hamblen)
- 40 [‘Baby Tiger’](#) (Sigrid Dalgaard)
- 27 [‘Gizmo’](#) (Ben Hager)
- 24 [‘Dragons In Amber’](#) (Ben Hager)
- 23 [‘Chapel Glow’](#) (Dalgaard)
- 20 [‘Lemon Marmalade’](#) (Harry Hite)
- 19 [‘Commencement’](#) (Walter Welch)
- 15 [‘Brown Spectacle’](#) (Walter Welch) *Registered as an SDB.*
- 14 [‘Upstart Baby’](#) (Harry Hite)
- 13 [‘Yellow Fire’](#) (Harry Hite)
- 11 [‘Little Heartache’](#) (Harry Hite)

***Arilbred Honorable Mention***

- 67 'Genetic Burst' (Henry Danielson)  
42 'Byzantine Beauty' (Hooker Nichols)  
30 'Totem' (Fred Crandall)  
22 'Hidden Secret' (Hooker Nichols)  
20 'Pyzon' (Fred Gadd)  
17 'Jean Ralls' (Eugene Hunt)  
14 'Arab Dusk' (Les Peterson)  
13 'Lilac Spread' (Les Peterson)  
10 'Wyassup' (Fred Gadd)

### ***Aril Honorable Mention***

- 40 'Bionic Burst' (Henry Danielson)  
21 'Prince Thou Art' (Mark Rogers)  
13 'Bedouin Queen' (Herbert McKusick)  
12 'Mulberry Stain' (Mark Rogers)  
12 'Spiced Wine' (Doris Foster)

### ***Pacific Coast Native (Californicae) Honorable Mention***

- 76 'Soquel Cove' (Joseph Ghio)  
64 'Santa Rita' (Joseph Ghio)  
45 'Mayor' (Joseph Ghio)  
16 'Novia Del Mar' (Doris Foster)  
11 'Flamenco Queen' (Jack McCaskill)  
11 'Misty Lavender' (Jack McCaskill)  
10 'Blue Bird Canyon' (Jack McCaskill)  
10 'Flurry' (Doris Foster)

### ***Japanese Honorable Mention***

- 27 'Fuji' (Thornton Abell)  
20 'Purple Parasol' (Currier McEwen)  
14 'Prairie Chief' (Arthur Hazzard)

### ***Louisiana Honorable Mention***

- 161 'Ann Chowning' (Frank Chowning).  
99 'Bryce Leigh' (Frank Chowning)  
50 'Gold Reserve' (Frank Chowning)  
31 'Red Gamecock' (Frank Chowning)  
18 'Cajun Caper' (W. B. MacMillan)  
17 'Pay Check' (W. B. MacMillan)  
14 'Charlie's Tress' (Charles W. Army)  
14 'Crome Dome' (Charles W. Army)  
10 'Marjorie Brummitt' (Frank Chowning)

### ***Siberian Honorable Mention***

- 52 'Wine Wings' (Steve Varner)  
48 'Butter And Sugar' (Currier McEwen)  
30 'Little Red' (Kevin Vaughn)  
29 'Lavender Light' (Currier McEwen)  
29 'Pirate Prince' (Seve Varner)  
27 'Blue Chanteuse' (McGarvey)



- 20 'Harpwell Haze' (Currier McEwen)  
17 'Outset' (Currier McEwen)  
12 'On And On' (Currier McEwen)  
10 'Tawny Pipit' (Currier McEwen)

***Spuria Honorable Mention***

- 116 'Imperial Ruby' (Eleanor McCown)  
79 'Fergy's Poetry' (Walker Ferguson)  
36 'Cameltone' (O. David Niswonger)  
36 'Full Sun' (Joseph Ghio)  
28 'Just Reward' (Joseph Ghio)  
28 'Mariposa Tarde' (Eleanor McCown)  
28 'Objet d'Art' (Ben Hager)  
24 'Gentry' (Bernice Roe)  
23 'Urbane' (Joseph Ghio)  
20 'Navigator' (Marion Walker)  
18 'Happy Choice' (O. David Niswonger)  
12 'New Harmony' (Williamson)  
11 'Everglow' (Marion Walker)

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