



AIS Awards for 1980

Votes *Dykes Memorial Medal*

- 126 '[Mystique](#)' (TB) (Joseph Ghio) (17.6% of the votes)
Runners Up:
114 'Brown Lasso' (BB) (Eugene Buckles by O. David Niswonger) (16.1% of the votes)
34 'Queen Of Hearts' (TB) (Opal Brown)

The Knowlton Medal

Border Bearded Irises

- 419 '[Brown Lasso](#)' (Eugene Buckles by O. David Niswonger)
Runners Up:
49 'Whoop 'Em Up' (Dovie Brady)
30 'Pink Swirl' (C Wedow)

The Hans And Jacob Sass Medal

Intermediate Bearded irises

- 93 '[Appleblossom Pink](#)' (Jack Boushay)
Runners Up:
76 'Cheers' (Ben Hager)
61 'Gay Wings' (Opal Brown)

The Cook-Douglas Medal

Standard Dwarf Bearded irises

- 98 '[Mrs. Nate Rudolph](#)' (Harley Briscoe)
Runners Up:
79 'Demon' (Ben Hager)
65 'Melon Honey' (Earl Roberts)

The Caparne Award

Miniature Dwarf Bearded irises

- 45 '[Nuggets](#)' (David Sindt)
Runners Up:
37 'Penny Candy' (Melba Hamblen)
22 'Garnet Elf' (Melba Hamblen)

The Williamson-White Award

Miniature Tall Bearded irises

- 68 '[Panda](#)' (Mary Louise Dunderman)
Runners Up:

- 26 'Spanish Coins' (Jean Witt)
18 'Little Bluebeard' (Kevin Vaughn)

The Sydney B. Mitchell Award

Pacific Coast Native irises

- 35 '[Soquel Cove](#)' (Joseph Ghio)
Runners Up:
11 'Restless Native' (Joseph Ghio)
9 'Councilman' (Joseph Ghio)

The Clarence G. White Award

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

- 40 '[Sheik](#)' (Ben Hager)
Runners Up:
37 'Bionic Burst' (Henry Danielson)
25 'Genetic Moment' (Henry Danielson)

The William Mohr Award

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

- 105 '[Genetic Burst](#)' (Henry Danielson)
Runners Up:
33 'Byzantine Beauty' (Hooker Nichols)
27 'Aril Lady' (Henry Danielson)

The Payne Award

Japanese irises

- 25 '[Purple Parasol](#)' (Currie McEwen)
Runners Up:
18 'Prairie Chief' (Arthur Hazzard)
17 'Fuji' (Thornton Abell)

The Mary Swords Debaillon Award

Louisiana irises

- 150 '[Ann Chowning](#)' (Frank Chowning)
Runners Up:
32 'Shrimp Creole' (Joseph Ghio)
19 'Bryce Leigh' (Frank Chowning)

The Morgan-Wood Award

Siberian irises

- 43 '[Ruffled Velvet](#)' (Currie McEwen)
Runners Up:
42 'Savoir Faire' (Sydney Dubose)
30 'Butter And Sugar' (Currie McEwen)
30 'Maranatha' (Steve Varner)

The Eric Nies Award

- Spuria irises
- 41 **'[Buttered Chocolate](#)'** (O. David Niswonger)
Runners Up:
- 33 'Imperial Ruby' (Eleanor McCown)
- 32 'Far Out' (Ben Hager)

The Fred And Barbara Walther Cup

(Most HM votes in any category)

- 150 **'[Gypsy Wings](#)'** (BB) (Melba Hamblen)
Runners Up:
- 149 'Christmas Rubies (TB) (Melba Hamblen)
- 143 'San Jose' (TB) (Joseph Ghio)

Tall Bearded Award Of Merit

- 178 **'[Entourage](#)'** (Joseph Ghio)
- 131 **'[Flamenco](#)'** (Keith Keppel)
- 116 **'[Victoria Falls](#)'** (Schreiner)
- 109 **'[Gentle Rain](#)'** (Keith Keppel)
- 109 **'[Temple Gold](#)'** (Walter Luihn)
- 91 **'[Coffee House](#)'** (Joseph Ghio)
- 87 **'[Orange Empire](#)'** (Bernard Hamner)
- 82 **'[Actress](#)'** (Keith Keppel)
- 82 **'[Sun King](#)'** (John Stahly)
- 79 **'[Cherished](#)'** (Glenn Corlew)
- 79 **'[Penny A Pinch](#)'** (Winfield W. Steinhauer)
- 79 **'[Playgirl](#)'** (Joseph Gatty)
- 79 **'[Michigan Pride](#)'** (Tena Berndt)
Runners Up:
- 77 'Lawrence Welk' (Henry Danielson)
- 75 'Mandolin' (Joseph Ghio)
- 74 'Kentucky Derby' (David Mohr)
- 70 'Deep Pacific' (Eugene Burger)
- 68 'Charisma' (Clarence Blocher)
- 68 'Intuition' (Joseph Ghio)
- 65 'Silent Majesty' (Melba Hamblen)

Border Bearded Award Of Merit

- 203 **'[Picayune](#)'** (Keith Keppel)
- 194 **'[Am I Blue](#)'** (Donald Denney)
- 59 **'[Sienna Star](#)'** (Melba Hamblen)
Runners Up:
- 53 'Scuppernong Rose' (Alva Hickerson)
- 52 'Pink Lollipop' (James Marsh)
- 49 'Pocket Size' (Gordon Plough)

Intermediate Bearded Award of Merit

- 173 **'[Pink Kitten](#)'** (Vernon Wood)

- 124 [‘Shampoo’](#) (Virginia Messick)
 70 [‘Rikki Tiki’](#) (Mark Rogers)
 Runners Up:
 64 ‘Raspberry Bonnet’ (Melba Hamblen)
 62 ‘Boy Wonder’ (Joseph Ghio)
 47 ‘Snow Festival’ (Cleo Palmer)

Standard Dwarf Bearded Award Of Merit

- 60 [‘Abracadabra’](#) (Ben Hager)
 54 [‘Betsey Boo’](#) (Bee Warburton)
 49 [‘Clap Hands’](#) (Ben Hager)
 Runners Up:
 47 ‘Forty Wink’s (Steve Moldovan)
 43 ‘Soft Air’ (Bee Warburton)
 41 ‘Queen's Pawn’ (Bennett Jones)

Border Bearded Honorable Mention

- 150 [‘Gypsy Wings’](#) (Melba Hamblen)
 142 [‘Marmalade Skies’](#) (O. David Niswonger)
 101 [‘Something Special’](#) (Ben Hager)
 92 [‘Happy Song’](#) (Melba Hamblen)
 59 [‘Peach Festival’](#) (Romona Blodgett)
 42 [‘Buffy's Baby’](#) (C. Wedow)
 25 [‘Coronado Hall’](#) (Hooker Nichols)
 22 [‘Westbay’](#) (Lois O'Brien)
 19 [‘Fairy Cloud’](#) (Opal Brown)

Intermediate Bearded Honorable Mention

- 88 [‘Marty’](#) (William E. Jones)
 82 [‘Frosted Crystal’](#) (Joseph Gatty)
 74 [‘Confederate Soldier’](#) (Hooker Nichols)
 69 [‘Lover Boy’](#) (Joseph Ghio)
 36 [‘Saint Teresa’](#) (Hooker Nichols)
 33 [‘Helen Proctor’](#) (Harley Briscoe)
 31 [‘Pony’](#) (Ben Hager)
 30 [‘Alta's Choice’](#) (Frederick Judy)
 27 [‘Perky Plik’](#) (John Weiler)
 21 [‘Sea Song’](#) (Hooker Nichols)
 18 [‘Spring Wine’](#) (William Peck)
 17 [‘Chatterbox’](#) (Schreiner)
 16 [‘Little Idol’](#) (Gordon Plough)
 15 [‘Pioneer Spirit’](#) (Hooker Nichols)
 15 [‘Truly Nice’](#) (Hooker Nichols)

Miniature Tall Bearded Honorable Mention

- 44 [‘Zippy Cherub’](#) (Dorothy Guild)
 42 [‘Consumation’](#) (Walter Welch)

- 42 ‘[Doll Ribbons](#)’ (Mary Louise Dunderman)
- 27 ‘[Disco Jewel](#)’ (Dorothy Guild)
- 24 ‘[Joette](#)’ (Frank A. Williams)
- 17 ‘[Agate Pass](#)’ (Jean Witt)
- 14 ‘[Sandino](#)’ (Dorothy Guild)
- 12 ‘[Aimee](#)’ (Dorothy Guild)
- 12 ‘[Dimity Jane](#)’ (Dorothy Guild)

Miniature Dwarf Bearded Honorable Mention

- 50 ‘[Brass Button](#)’ (Harley Briscoe)
- 42 ‘[Snow Sparkle](#)’ (David Sindt)
- 41 ‘[Baby Blue Eyes](#)’ (Jack Boushay)
- 35 ‘[Pinto Pony](#)’ (Anthony and Dorothy Willott)
- 28 ‘[Irish Baby](#)’ (D. Olen Rawdon)
- 23 ‘[Plic Sand](#)’ (Sigrid Dalgaard by G. F. Hanson)
- 21 ‘[Baby Blue Spot](#)’ (D. Olen Rawdon)
- 17 ‘[Michiana](#)’ (Frank A. Williams)
- 15 ‘[Middlebury](#)’ (Walter Welch)

Standard Dwarf Bearded Honorable Mention

- 127 ‘[Brass Tacks](#)’ (Keith Keppel)
- 93 ‘[Sapphire Jewel](#)’ (Melba Hamblen)
- 88 ‘[Joyful](#)’ (Joseph Gatty)
- 66 ‘[Little Bill](#)’ (William E. Jones)
- 49 ‘[Dixie Pixie](#)’ (Bennett Jones)
- 37 ‘[Helter Skelter](#)’ (Perry Dyer)
- 27 ‘[Jack Riley](#)’ (Harley Briscoe)
- 24 ‘[Dwight John](#)’ (Myrtle Wolff)
- 22 ‘[Snow Pixie](#)’ (Romona Blodgett)
- 19 ‘[Bayberry Mist](#)’ (Anthony and Dorothy Willott)
- 17 ‘[Gentle Air](#)’ (Bee Warburton)
- 17 ‘[Spring Butterfly](#)’ (Emma Hobbs)
- 16 ‘[Fortune Cookie](#)’ (Schreiner)
- 16 ‘[Gypsy Boy](#)’ (Romona Blodgett)
- 15 ‘[Caress](#)’ (Alta Brown by Jack Boushay)
- 15 ‘[Spangles](#)’ (Ben Hager)

Aril & Arilbred Honorable Mention

- 66 ‘[Mary Of Magdala](#)’ (Eugene Hunt)
- 58 ‘[Nehemiah](#)’ (Mark Rogers)
- 52 ‘[Fairy Artistry](#)’ (Cleo Palmer)
- 25 ‘[Snow Over Chicago](#)’ (Henry Danielson)
- 20 ‘[Rubidoux](#)’ (Harry Tate)
- 19 ‘[Black Dazzler](#)’ (Henry Danielson)
- 18 ‘[Calypso Clown](#)’ (Lois Rich)
- 18 ‘[Jeweled Veil](#)’ (Lois Rich)
- 17 ‘[Veiled Intruder](#)’ (Lois Rich)

- 13 '[Aril Landmark](#)' (Henry Danielson)
11 '[Turkish Delight](#)' (Lloyd Austin by William Hawkinson)
10 '[Traffic Jammer](#)' (John Holden)
10 '[Turkish Topaz](#)' (Lloyd Austin)

Aril & Arilbred Honorable Mention

- 58 '[Sizzle](#)' (Fred Gadd)
26 '[For Pleasure](#)' (Henry Danielson)
23 '[Buzz Fuzz](#)' (Fred Gadd)
23 '[Doll Foot](#)' (Louise Bellagamba)
17 '[Jessaboo](#)' (Fred Gadd)
12 '[Shepaug River](#)' (Fred Gadd)

Spuria Honorable Mention

- 87 '[Highline Honey](#)' (Eleanor McCown)
87 '[Imperial Gold](#)' (Eleanor McCown)
37 '[Blue Lassie](#)' (O. David Niswonger)
37 '[Wren's Nest](#)' (Marion Walker)
27 '[Royal Belise](#)' (Eleanor McCown)
22 '[Strutiin](#)' (O. David Niswonger)
19 '[Ethic](#)' (Joseph Ghio)
13 '[Airy Fancy](#)' (Ben Hager)
13 '[Equality](#)' (Joseph Ghio)

Siberian Honorable Mention

- 125 '[Steve Varner](#)' (Harley Briscoe)
115 '[Ann Dasch](#)' (Steve Varner)
48 '[Sparkle](#)' (Ben Hager)
44 '[Turquoise Beauty](#)' (Bion Tolman)
33 '[Star Cluster](#)' (Ben Hager)
26 '[Friendly Welcome](#)' (Steve Varner)
22 '[Maggie Lee](#)' (Louise Bellagamba)
18 '[Smooth Seas](#)' (Bion Tolman)
16 '[Reddy Maid](#)' (Currie McEwen)

Pacific Coast Native Honorable Mention

- 41 '[City Hall](#)' (Joseph Ghio)
26 '[Casa Pacifica](#)' (Joseph Ghio)
23 '[Joey](#)' (Joseph Gatty)
20 '[La Selva](#)' (Joseph Ghio)
11 '[Roving Eye](#)' (George Stamback)
10 '[California Yankee](#)' (Jack McCaskill)
10 '[Paper Boy](#)' (George Stamback)

Japanese Honorable Mention

- 22 '[Peacock Strut](#)' (Shuichi Hirao by Ben Hager)
15 '[Prairie Blueribbon](#)' (Arthur Hazzard)

- 14 ‘[Midnight Lagoon](#)’ (Lois Rich)
- 13 ‘[Prairie Bliss](#)’ (Arthur Hazzard)
- 13 ‘[Simple Elegance](#)’ (Currie McEwen)
- 12 ‘[Extravagant Plumes](#)’ (Frederick Maddocks)
- 10 ‘[Prairie Coquette](#)’ (Arthur Hazzard)

Louisiana Honorable Mention

- 80 ‘[Clara Goula](#)’ (Charles W. Army, Jr.)
- 54 ‘[Miss Arkansas](#)’ (Frank Chowning)
- 40 ‘[Monument](#)’ (Mary Dunn)
- 39 ‘[Full Eclipse](#)’ (Ben Hager)
- 34 ‘[Oath](#)’ (Joseph Ghio)
- 18 ‘[Rosy Moon](#)’ (Eleanor McCown)
- 16 ‘[Creole Canary](#)’ (Marvin Granger)
- 14 ‘[Andy Dandy](#)’ (Charles W. Army, Jr.)
- 13 ‘[Charjoy’s Anne](#)’ (Charles W. Army, Jr.)
- 13 ‘[Charjoy’s Jan](#)’ (Charles W. Army, Jr.)
- 12 ‘[Bayou Shadow](#)’ (Charles W. Army, Jr.)
- 12 ‘[Charjoy’s Mike](#)’ (Charles W. Army, Jr.)
- 12 ‘[Pink Frolic](#)’ (Marvin Granger)
- 10 ‘[Yellow Web](#)’ (Charles W. Army, Jr.)

Tall Bearded Honorable Mention

- 149 ‘[Christmas Rubies](#)’ (Melba Hamblen)
- 143 ‘[San Jose](#)’ (Joseph Ghio)
- 132 ‘[Flareup](#)’ (Joseph Ghio)
- 122 ‘[Graphic Arts](#)’ (Ben Hager)
- 113 ‘[Gold Galore](#)’ (Schreiner)
- 106 ‘[Fresno Calypso](#)’ (John Weiler)
- 106 ‘[Thick And Creamy](#)’ (John Weiler)
- 104 ‘[Santana](#)’ (Keith Keppel)
- 101 ‘[Homecoming Queen](#)’ (Neva Sexton)
- 101 ‘[Patina](#)’ (Keith Keppel)
- 100 ‘[Tequila Sunrise](#)’ (James McWhirter)
- 78 ‘[Barbary Coast](#)’ (James McWhirter)
- 77 ‘[Lemon Lyric](#)’ (Duane Meek)
- 76 ‘[Blazing Saddles](#)’ (Perry Dyer)
- 76 ‘[Sunday Chimes](#)’ (Melba Hamblen)
- 74 ‘[Bay Rum](#)’ (Bob Brown)
- 72 ‘[Cut Crystal](#)’ (Nate Rudolph)
- 72 ‘[Navajo Blanket](#)’ (Schreiner)
- 71 ‘[Glory Bound](#)’ (Roger Nelson)
- 71 ‘[Magnifique](#)’ (Joseph Ghio)
- 70 ‘[Southland Grape](#)’ (James Burch)
- 67 ‘[Space Odyssey](#)’ (Ben Hager)
- 66 ‘[Grandma's Trimdress](#)’ (O. David Niswonger)
- 65 ‘[Bride's Lace](#)’ (Odell Julander)

- 58 [‘Dream Affair’](#) (Joseph Gatty)
58 [‘Mulberry Mist’](#) (James Burch)
56 [‘Ballet Ruffles’](#) (Nate Rudolph)
56 [‘Cherry Smoke’](#) (Duane Meek)
56 [‘Metropolitan’](#) (Roger Nelson)
56 [‘Swazi Princess’](#) (Schreiner)
53 [‘Wild Berry’](#) (Bernard Hamner)
52 [‘Admiralty’](#) (Lerton Hooker)
51 [‘Peach Sundae’](#) (Bernard Hamner)
49 [‘Panache’](#) (Joseph Gatty)
49 [‘Premonition’](#) (Joseph Ghio)
48 [‘Misty Mooncape’](#) (Bernice Roe)
47 [‘Heavenly Harmony’](#) (Melba Hamblen)
46 [‘Gypsy Caravan’](#) (Steve Moldovan)
46 [‘Spirit Of Memphis’](#) (Lloyd Zurbrigg)
45 [‘Chief Waukesha’](#) (Arthur Blodgett)
45 [‘Louisiana Lace’](#) (Schreiner)
44 [‘American Heritage’](#) (Bryce Williamson)
44 [‘Far Corners’](#) (Steve Moldovan)
44 [‘Taco Belle’](#) (Neva Sexton)
42 [‘Apricot Fringe’](#) (Opal Brown)
42 [‘Trevi Fountain’](#) (Bennett Jones)
41 [‘Liebestraum’](#) (Fred Spahn)
41 [‘Spanish Harlem’](#) (Les Peterson)
41 [‘Western Hostess’](#) (Sanford Babson)
37 [‘Columbia Blue’](#) (Schreiner)
37 [‘Lyrical’](#) (Joseph Gatty)
37 [‘Robbie Lee’](#) (Donald Denney)
36 [‘Copper Mountain’](#) (Schreiner)
36 [‘Radiant Summer’](#) (Schreiner)
36 [‘Startler’](#) (Schreiner)
35 [‘Burgundy Cherry’](#) (Joseph Ghio)
35 [‘Corn Harvest’](#) (Carl Wyatt)
34 [‘Angel Chiffon’](#) (Nate Rudolph)
34 [‘Blanc De Chine’](#) (Steve Moldovan)
34 [‘Blueberry Meringue’](#) (Ruth Goodrick)
34 [‘My Girlfriend’](#) (Bryce Williamson)
33 [‘Artiste’](#) (Joseph Ghio)
33 [‘Colorado Sunshine’](#) (Tom Magee)
33 [‘Igloo’](#) (Ben Hager)
33 [‘Peachy Creamy’](#) (Allan Ensminger)
33 [‘Phoenix’](#) (Keith Keppel)
32 [‘Fantasy Faire’](#) (John Nelson)
31 [‘Caplight’](#) (Robert Dunn)
30 [‘Captain's Table’](#) (William Bledsoe)
30 [‘Formosa Spring’](#) (Steve Moldovan)
29 [‘Latin Lady’](#) (George Shoop)

- 29 '[Silver Heather](#)' (O. David Niswonger)
- 28 '[Christmas Treasure](#)' (Eugene Burger)
- 28 '[Cranberry Cocktail](#)' (William Bledsoe)
- 28 '[Lemon Glitter](#)' (Dorothy Palmer)
- 28 '[Top Banana](#)' (Fred Gadd)
- 27 '[Mocambo](#)' (Donald Denney)
- 26 '[Birthstone](#)' (Sanford Babson)
- 26 '[Gold Ring](#)' (Larry Gaulter)
- 26 '[Quiet Kingdom](#)' (Jack Boushay}
- 26 '[Volare](#)' (Glenn Corlew)
- 25 '[Fashion Rings](#)' (Bernard Hamner)
- 25 '[Oos And Ahs](#)' (Allan Ensminger)
- 25 '[Satin Gown](#)' (Joseph Gatty)
- 25 '[Snow Holly](#)' (Clarence Blocher)
- 25 '[Supersimmon](#)' (Margaret Parker)

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