



AIS Awards for 1986

Votes *Dykes Memorial Medal*

200 '[Song Of Norway](#)' (TB) (Walter Luihn) (28.4% of the votes)

Runners Up:

57 'Copper Classic' (E. Roderick)

37 'Laced Cotton' (Schreiner)

The Knowlton Medal

Border Bearded Irises

292 '[Pink Bubbles](#)' (Ben Hager)

Runners Up:

50 'Doll Baby' (Glenn Corlew)

47 'Something Special' (Ben Hager)

The Hans And Jacob Sass Medal

Intermediate Bearded irises

215 '[Rare Edition](#)' (Joseph Gatty)

Runners Up:

162 'Az Ap' (Allan Ensminger)

63 'Oklahoma Bandit' (Hooker Nichols)

The Cook-Douglas Medal

Standard Dwarf Bearded irises

112 '[Rain Dance](#)' (Bennett Jones)

Runners Up:

63 'Little Black Belt' (O. David Niswonger)

62 'Brass Tacks' (Keith Keppel)

The Caparne-Welch Medal

Miniature Dwarf Bearded

71 '[Garnet Elf](#)' (Melba Hamblen)

Runners Up:

67 'Penny Candy' (Melba Hamblen)

59 'Nuggets' (David Sindt)

The Morgan-Wood Medal

Siberian irises

116 '[Butter And Sugar](#)' (Currier McEwen)

Runners Up:

- 68 'Steve Varner' (Harley Briscoe)
61 'Ruffled Velvet' (Currier McEwen)

The Mary Swords Debaillon Medal

Louisiana irises

- 190 '[Ann Chowning](#)' (Frank Chowning)
Runners Up:
50 'Clara Goula' (Charles W. Army)
30 'Easter Tide' (Charles W. Army)

The Clarence G. White Award

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

- 25 '[Khyber Pass](#)' (Kenneth Kidd)
Runners Up:
15 'Mohr Pretender' (Lois Rich)
13 'Cool Oasis' (Ben Hager)

The William Mohr Award

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

- 31 '[Smoke With Wine](#)' (Carl Boswell)
Runners Up:
26 'Humohr' (Ben Hager)
26 'Phophetic Message' (Hooker Nichols)

The Eric Nies Award

Spuria irises

- 24 '[Betty Cooper](#)' (Eleanor McCown)
Runners Up:
22 'Redwood Supreme' (O. David Niswonger)
20 'Eleanor Hill' (Ben Hager)
20 'Vintage Year' (O. David Niswonger)

The Sydney B. Mitchell Award

Pacific Coast Native irises

- 16 '[Big Wheel](#)' (Joseph Ghio)
Runners Up:
14 'Simply Wild' (Joseph Ghio)
12 'California Mystique' (Joseph Ghio)

The Williamson-White Award

Miniature Tall Bearded irises

- 45 '[Rosemary's Dream](#)' (Mary Louise Dunderman)
Runners Up:
35 'Puppy Love' (Ben Hager)
20 'Concord Sprite' (Carl Boswell)

The Payne Award

Japanese irises

- 13 [‘Ipsus’](#) (Sterling Innerst)
Runners Up:
10 ‘Flashing Koi’ (Walter Marx)
10 ‘Freckled Geisha’ (Lorena Reid)

The Fred And Barbara Walther Cup

(Most HM votes in any category)

- 139 [‘Aachen Elf’](#) (MTB) (Lois Kennedy)
Runners Up:
130 ‘Gigolo’ (TB) (Keith Keppel)
107 ‘Everything Plus’ (TB) (O. David Niswonger)

Tall Bearded Award Of Merit

- 190 [‘Mulled Wine’](#) (Keith Keppel)
188 [‘Bubbling Over’](#) (Joseph Ghio)
104 [‘Theatre’](#) (Keith Keppel)
95 [‘Wedding Candles’](#) (Schreiner)
86 [‘Color Coded’](#) (David Rawlins)
80 [‘Infinite Grace’](#) (Melba Hamblen)
77 [‘Spectacular Bid’](#) (Don Denney)
76 [‘Master Touch’](#) (Schreiner)
73 [‘Sky Hooks’](#) (Manley Osborne)
72 [‘Capricious’](#) (Melba Hamblen)
67 [‘Pops Concert’](#) (Kenneth Waite)
66 [‘Fresno Frolic’](#) (John Weiler)
Runners Up:
63 ‘Marmalade’ (Keith Keppel)
63 ‘Lighted Within’ (Romona Blodgett)
62 ‘Desert Echo’ (Duane Meek)
59 ‘An-Jan’ (Louise Bellagamba)
59 ‘Shaman’ (Sydney Dubose)
58 ‘Beyond’ (James Gibson)
58 ‘Cracklin’ Burgundy’ (Schreiner)
56 ‘Pray For Peace’ (Gordon Plough)

Intermediate Bearded Award of Merit

- 107 [‘Bold Print’](#) (Joseph Gatty)
66 [‘Bedtime Story’](#) (Jayne Ritchie)
64 [‘Raspberry Rose’](#) (Melba Hamblen)
Runners Up:
44 ‘Saranap’ (Carl Boswell)
40 ‘Country Deejay’ (Carol Lankow)
38 ‘In The Buff’ (Robert Sobek)
38 ‘Lookin’ Good’ (Ben Hager)

Border Bearded Award Of Merit

- 129 'Hopscotch' (Keith Keppel)
97 'Prediction' (Keith Keppel)
69 'Ladybug' (Melba Hamblen)
Runners Up:
60 'Feathered Friend' (Allan Ensminger)
55 'Inty Greyshun' (Allan Ensminger)
50 'Iris Bohnsack' (Allan Ensminger)
44 'Cinder Britches' (Duane Meek)

Standard Dwarf Bearded Award Of Merit

- 73 '[Little Episode](#)' (David Rawlins)
54 '[Jade Mist](#)' (Perry Dyer)
51 '[Azure Gem](#)' (Melba Hamblen)
48 '[Baby Blessed](#)' (Lloyd Zurbrigg)
Runners Up:
45 'Starlight Waltz' (Calvin Helsley)
42 'Kayo' (O. David Niswonger)
40 'Thrice Blessed' (John Weiler)
36 'Fire One' (Gordon Plough)

Miniature Dwarf Bearded Award Of Merit

- 48 '[Ditto](#)' (Ben Hager)
39 '[Twist Of Lemon](#)' (Roger and Lynda Miller)
37 '[Alpine Lake](#)' (Anthony and Dorothy Willott)
Runners Up:
35 'Shrimp' (David Sindt)
33 'Betty Emmons' (C. Palmer)
32 'Pussy Toes' (Anthony and Dorothy Willott)
29 'Gold Canary' (Anthony and Dorothy Willott)

Siberian Award Of Merit

- 54 '[Frosty Rim](#)' (George Bush)
53 '[Shirley Pope](#)' (Currier McEwen)
52 '[Jaybird](#)' (Ben Hager)
Runners Up:
48 'Dear Dianne' (Currier McEwen)
36 'Omar's Cup' (Ben Hager)
34 'New Wine' (Steve Varner)
33 'Maggie Smith' (William McGarvey)

Louisiana Award Of Merit

- 49 '[Black Gamecock](#)' (Frank Chowning)
40 '[Acadian Miss](#)' (Charles W. Army)
40 '[Mary's Charlie](#)' (Mary Dunn)
Runners Up:

- 33 'Colorific' (Joseph Mertzweiller)
 33 'Valera' (Charles W. Arny)
 32 'Shrimp Louis' (Ben Hager)
 31 'President Hedley' (Joseph Mertzweiller)

Tall Bearded Honorable Mention

- 130 '[Gigolo](#)' (Keith Keppel)
 107 '[Everything Plus](#)' (O. David Niswonger)
 99 '[Pledge Allegiance](#)' (Schreiner)
 96 '[Karen](#)' (Melba Hamblen)
 93 '[Tomorrow's Child](#)' (Barry Blyth)
 91 '[Syncopation](#)' (Joseph Gatty)
 89 '[Olympiad](#)' (Joseph Ghio)
 74 '[Crystal Cathedral](#)' (Ben Hager By William Maryott)
 64 '[Navajo Jewel](#)' (John Weiler)
 56 '[Just Married](#)' (Joseph Ghio)
 55 '[Marauder](#)' (Joseph Ghio)
 55 '[Raspberry Frills](#)' (Schreiner)
 53 '[Danger](#)' (Joseph Gatty)
 52 '[Classico](#)' (Lilly Gartman)
 49 '[Lady Madonna](#)' (Schreiner)
 49 '[Sophistication](#)' (Melba Hamblen)
 48 '[Black Flag](#)' (Harold Stahly)
 48 '[Orange Celebrity](#)' (O. David Niswonger)
 47 '[Bubbly Mood](#)' (Joseph Ghio)
 44 '[Bama Berry](#)' (James Burch)
 44 '[Latin Rock](#)' (Schreiner)
 43 '[Twice Thrilling](#)' (Manley Osborne)
 42 '[Moment In Time](#)' (Evelyn Kegerise)
 42 '[Needlepoint](#)' (Schreiner)
 40 '[Candelero](#)' (Glenn Corlew)
 40 '[Haida Dancer](#)' (J. Terry Aitken)
 39 '[Peking Summer](#)' (Schreiner)
 38 '[Laredo](#)' (Keith Keppel)
 37 '[Immortality](#)' (Lloyd Zurbrigg)
 37 '[Ming Rose](#)' (Opal Brown)
 36 '[Oh Babe](#)' (D. C. Anderson)
 36 '[War Sails](#)' (Schreiner)
 35 '[Silver Flow](#)' (Ben Hager)
 34 '[Perfect Interlude](#)' (Schreiner)
 34 '[Poet](#)' (Bryce Williamson)
 34 '[Swirling Seas](#)' (Joseph Gatty)
 33 '[Six Pack](#)' (George Slade)
 32 '[Matinee Idol](#)' (Melba Hamblen)
 32 '[Perfecta](#)' (Mary Dunn)
 32 '[Spacelab](#)' (Donald Saxton)
 30 '[Apricot Fantasy](#)' (William Simon)

- 30 [‘Charmed Life’](#) (Keith Keppel)
- 30 [‘Curious Yellow’](#) (John Durrance)
- 30 [‘Furnace Creek’](#) (William Maryott)
- 29 [‘Bronze Sculpture’](#) (Gene Gaddie)
- 29 [‘Social Register’](#) (Joseph Ghio)
- 29 [‘Toastmaster’](#) (Joseph Ghio)
- 28 [‘Gay Mystique’](#) (Robert Dunn)
- 28 [‘Red Reward’](#) (Stephen Stevens)
- 27 [‘Melissa Sue’](#) (Bernard Hamner)
- 27 [‘Ragtime’](#) (Melba Hamblen)
- 26 [‘Ambrosia Delight’](#) (O. David Niswonger)
- 26 [‘Apache Rose’](#) (Duane Meek)
- 26 [‘Glistening Icicle’](#) (William Maryott)
- 26 [‘Shepherd’s Hey’](#) (Calvin Helsley)
- 26 [‘Sugartime’](#) (Duane Meek)
- 25 [‘Towering Inferno’](#) (Paul Black)

Intermediate Bearded Honorable Mention

- 100 [‘Little Snow Lemon’](#) (Gene Gaddie)
- 32 [‘Hat Trick’](#) (Paul Black)
- 29 [‘Pennyworth’](#) (Allan Ensminger)
- 22 [‘Cat’s Meow’](#) (Cleo Palmer)
- 21 [‘Blushes’](#) (George Shoop)
- 21 [‘Moon Sparkle’](#) (Anthony and Dorothy Willott)
- 20 [‘Glee Club’](#) (Jayne Ritchie)
- 19 [‘Painted Hills’](#) (Cleo Palmer)
- 18 [‘Caracal’](#) (Anthony and Dorothy Willott)
- 16 [‘Hills Of Lafayette’](#) (Carl Boswell)
- 16 [‘Poetic Art’](#) (Cleo Palmer)
- 16 [‘Red Chips’](#) (Cleo Palmer)

Intermediate Bearded Honorable Mention

- 47 [‘Little Annie’](#) (O. David Niswonger)
- 34 [‘Rita Kinsella’](#) (Harley Briscoe)
- 27 [‘Cherry Pop’](#) (Ben Hager)
- 24 [‘Pecan Spot’](#) (Paul Black)
- 22 [‘Coalbucket’](#) (Sterling Innerst)
- 19 [‘Royal Sparks’](#) (Gene Gaddie)
- 16 [‘Happy Easter’](#) (Gene Gaddie)
- 15 [‘Brusk’](#) (Sterling Innerst)
- 15 [‘Cops’](#) (Robert Sobek)
- 15 [‘Hi Sailor’](#) (Joseph Gatty)
- 15 [‘Third Charm’](#) (John Weiler)

Miniature Dwarf Bearded Honorable Mention

- 34 [‘Flea Circus’](#) (Ben Hager)
- 17 [‘Black Kitten’](#) (Harry Hite)

- 17 [‘Flakes’](#) (David Sindt)
- 17 [‘Toyland’](#) (Anthony and Dorothy Willott)
- 16 [‘Dunlin’](#) (John D. Taylor)
- 16 [‘Mini Coquette’](#) (Ben Hager)
- 15 [‘Buzz Bee’](#) (Roger and Lynda Miller)
- 15 [‘Far And Wee’](#) (David Sindt)
- 15 [‘Sparky’](#) (J. Terry Aitken)

Miniature Tall Bearded Honorable Mention

- 139 [‘Aachen Elf’](#) (Lois Kennedy)
- 43 [‘Sparkling Chablis’](#) (Dorothy Guild)
- 39 [‘Grandpa's Girl’](#) (Kenneth Fisher)
- 33 [‘Echo Pond’](#) (David Sindt)
- 29 [‘Here's Lucy’](#) (Dorothy Guild)
- 25 [‘Velvet Bouquet’](#) (Terry Varner)
- 23 [‘Satin Blue’](#) (Terry Varner)
- 19 [‘Maya Melody’](#) (Audrey Machulak)
- 18 [‘Sand Princess’](#) (Kenneth Fisher)
- 16 [‘Oshel Blue’](#) (Mary Louise Dunderman)
- 16 [‘Striking Gold’](#) (Dorothy Guild)
- 13 [‘Chatter Line’](#) (Henry Rowlan)

Border Bearded Honorable Mention

- 78 [‘Borderline’](#) (Joseph Ghio)
- 38 [‘Music Box Dancer’](#) (Elvan Roderick)
- 37 [‘Cuddles’](#) (Duane Meek)
- 36 [‘Classic Treasure’](#) (Eugene Burger)
- 33 [‘Fiddler’](#) (Harold Stahly)
- 33 [‘Show Me’](#) (James Gibson)
- 31 [‘Celestial Dream’](#) (James Stadler)
- 29 [‘Honky Tonk’](#) (Duane Meek)
- 27 [‘Kirsch’](#) (James Burch)
- 26 [‘Bubbling Ballet’](#) (Stephen Stevens)
- 25 [‘Piccolo Pete’](#) (Fred Spahn)
- 21 [‘Pinch Of Spice’](#) (Walter Moores)
- 18 [‘Eclectic’](#) (William Maryott)
- 16 [‘Hey Charlie’](#) (Peggy Williams)
- 16 [‘Peach Reprise’](#) (Walter Moores)
- 15 [‘Friday Surprise’](#) (George Shoop)

Arilbred Honorable Mention

- 29 [‘Green Eyed Sheba’](#) (Carl Boswell)
- 16 [‘Ruffled Shamrock’](#) (John Wight)
- 16 [‘Sundora’](#) (Fred Gadd)
- 12 [‘Shaboo’](#) (Fred Gadd)
- 11 [‘Opals For Ethel’](#) (Sharon McAllister)

Aril & Arilbred Honorable Mention

- 15 'Turkish Fez' (Ben Hager)
- 13 'Pro News' (Henry Danielson)
- 12 'Sandy Dandy' (Henry Danielson)

Spuria Honorable Mention

- 60 'Janice Chesnik' (Eleanor McCown)
- 54 'Imperial Sun' (Eleanor McCown)
- 37 'Border Town' (Joseph Ghio)
- 35 'Destination' (Ben Hager)
- 22 'Arts Alive' (Ben Hager)
- 22 'Dusty Trails' (Floyd Wickenkamp)
- 20 'Russian White' (O. David Niswonger)
- 20 'Spiced Tea' (O. David Niswonger)
- 18 'Evening Dress' (Joseph Ghio)
- 13 'Eurasia' (Joseph Ghio)
- 10 'Blue Bunting' (O. David Niswonger)

Siberian Honorable Mention

- 34 'Dutch' (Steve Varner)
- 32 'Laughing Brook' (Kenneth Waite)
- 27 'Appaloosa Blue' (Louise Bellagamba)
- 24 'Sailor's Hornpipe' (Calvin Helsley)
- 22 'Sail-Plane' (James Ennenga)
- 19 'President Truman' (Louise Bellagamba)
- 19 'Sea Chanty' (Calvin Helsley)
- 15 'Marshmallow Frosting' (Currier McEwen)

Louisiana Honorable Mention

- 26 'Delta Fox' (Mary Dunn)
- 24 'Elusive Butterfly' (Joseph Ghio)
- 21 'C'est Chic' (Mary Dunn)
- 21 'Sunny Episode' (Henry Rowlan)
- 15 'Gentleman' (Mary Dunn)

Pacific Coast Native Honorable Mention

- 21 'Go Wild' (Joseph Ghio)
- 10 'Wish Fulfillment' (Joseph Ghio)
- 19 'Big Money' (Joseph Ghio)
- 18 'Montara' (Joseph Ghio)
- 17 'Las Olas' (Joseph Ghio)
- 14 'Loma Prieta' (Joseph Ghio)
- 13 'Grand Design' (Joseph Ghio)
- 10 'Rustic Canyon' (Thornton Abell)

Japanese Honorable Mention

- 21 **[‘Oriental Eyes’](#)** (Adolph Vogt)
- 14 **[‘Purple Marlin’](#)** (Jill Copeland)
- 10 **[‘Lavender Sashay’](#)** (Walter Marx by A. Rogers)

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