



AIS Awards for 1987

Votes *Dykes Memorial Medal*

No Award This Year As No Iris Received
15 Percent Of Votes Cast To Qualify.

The Knowlton Medal

Border Bearded Irises

- 87 **‘Drum Solo’** (Harold Stahly)
Runners-Up:
82 ‘Doll Baby’ (Glenn Corlew)
81 ‘Soft Spoken’ (Perry Dyer)

The Hans And Jacob Sass Medal

Intermediate Bearded irises

- 297 **‘Az Ap’** (Allan Ensminger)
Runners-Up:
103 ‘Oklahoma Bandit’ (Hooker Nichols)
50 ‘Lover Boy’ (Joseph Ghio)

The Hans And Jacob Sass Medal

Intermediate Bearded irises

- 143 **‘Oklahoma Bandit’** (Hooker Nichols)
Runners-Up:
100 ‘Bold Print’ (Joseph Gatty)
78 ‘Raspberry Rose’ (Melba Hamblen)

The Cook-Douglas Medal

Standard Dwarf Bearded irises

- 92 **‘Little Black Belt’** (O. David Niswonger)
Runners-Up:
57 ‘Flirty Mary’ (D. Olen Rawdon)
57 ‘Raspberry Jam’ (O. David Niswonger)

The Caparne-Welch Medal

Miniature Dwarf Bearded

- 56 **‘Gizmo’** (Ben Hager)
Runners-Up:
43 ‘Brass Button’ (Harley Briscoe)
32 ‘Pixie Pink’ (Jack Boushay)
32 ‘Snow Sparkle’ (David Sindt)

The Morgan-Wood Medal

Siberian irises

- 105 **'Steve Varner' (Harley Briscoe)**
Runners-Up:
93 'Ruffled Velvet' (Currier McEwen)
75 'Pink Haze' (William McGarvey)

The Mary Swords Debaillon Medal

Louisiana irises

- 92 **'Clara Goula' (Charles W. Army)**
Runners-Up:
48 'This I Love' (Frank Chowning)
42 'C'est Magnifique' (Mary. Dunn)

The Williamson-White Award

Miniature Tall Bearded irises

- 29 **'Abridged Version' (Ben Hager)**
Runners-Up:
28 'Puppy Love' (Ben Hager)
22 'Concord Sprite' (Carl Boswell)

The Clarence G. White Award

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

- 19 **'Cool Oasis' (Ben Hager)**
Runners-Up:
16 'Kasbah Queen' (John Holden)
12 'Thunderstorm' (Lin Flanagan)

The William Mohr Award

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

- 31 **'Sultan's Jewelry' (Ben Hager)**
Runners-Up:
22 'Humohr' (Ben Hager)
17 'Desert Embroidery' (Mark Rogers)
17 'Love Flight' (Henry Danielson)

The Eric Nies Award

Spuria irises

- 93 **'Son Of Sun' (Floyd Wickenkamp)**
Runners-Up:
22 'Vintage Year' (O. David Niswonger)
18 'Eleanor Hill' (Ben Hager)

The Sydney B. Mitchell Award

Pacific Coast Native irises

- 20 **'Simply Wild' (Joseph Ghio)**
Runners-Up:
11 'California Mystique' (Joseph Ghio)
8 'Encircle' (Joseph Ghio)

The Payne Award

Japanese irises

- 26 [‘Freckled Geisha’](#) (Lorena Reid)
Runners Up:
22 ‘Blueberry Rimmed’ (Currier McEwen)
12 ‘Japanese Sandman’ (George Bush)

The Fred And Barbara Walther Cup

(Most HM votes in any category)

- 164 [‘Chico Maid’](#) - (TB) - (Walter Luhn)
Runners-Up:
135 ‘Shenanigan’ - (BB) - (Keith Keppel)
119 ‘Malaguena’ - (TB) - (Joseph Ghio)
102 ‘Little Paul’ - (MTB) - (Kenneth Fisher)

Tall Bearded Award Of Merit

- 142 [‘Jesse's Song’](#) (Bryce Williamson)
99 [‘Tide's In’](#) (Schreiner)
84 [‘Speculator’](#) (Joseph Ghio)

Note: 65 Votes Are Required To Receive This Award, Thus The Short Listing.

- Runners-Up:
64 ‘Precious Moments’ (Joseph Gatty)
63 ‘Lord Jeff’ (Kenneth Waite)
63 ‘Rosabelle V’ (Melba Hamblen)
62 ‘Visual Arts’ (Schreiner)
61 ‘Hindenburg’ (William Maryott)
61 ‘Skiers' Delight’ (Schreiner)
59 ‘Desert Echo’ (Duane Meek)
58’ ‘Lighted Within’ (Romona Blodgett)
57 ‘Extravagant’ (Melba Hamblen)
57 ‘Twist Of Fate’ (Cleo Palmer)

Border Bearded Award Of Merit

- 150 [‘Peccadillo’](#) (Keith Keppel)
71 [‘Miss Nellie’](#) (James Burch)
53 [‘Iris Bohnsack’](#) (Allan Ensminger)

- Runners-Up:
49 ‘Feathered Friend’ (Allan Ensminger)
45 ‘Lacy Lasso’ (Ben Hager)
37 ‘Sunder’ (Carol Lankow)
36 ‘Chickasaw Sue’ (J. Gibson)

Intermediate Bearded Award Of Merit

- 154 [‘Honey Glazed’](#) (O. David Niswonger)
130 [‘Hellcat’](#) (J. Terry Aitken)
120 [‘Butter Pecan’](#) (Ben Hager)

- Runners-Up:
72 ‘Harlow Gold’ (Paul Black)
50 ‘Hot Fudge’ (Ben Hager)
36 ‘Ida Mary Pattison’ (Harley Briscoe)

35 'Nice 'N' Nifty' (Allan Ensminger)

Standard Dwarf Bearded Award Of Merit

59 '[Thrice Blessed](#)' (John Weiler)

57 '[Kayo](#)' (O. David Niswonger)

52 '[Starlight Waltz](#)' (Calvin Helsley)

40 '[Aztec Star](#)' (O. David Niswonger)

40 '[Bright Vision](#)' (George Shoop)

40 '[Tiger Print](#)' (Paul Black)

Runners-Up:

39 'Tantara' (Allan Ensminger)

38 'Lemon Rings' (J. Terry Aitken)

38 'Do-Si-Do' (Allan Ensminger)

36 'Fingerprints' (William Maryott)

Miniature Dwarf Bearded Award Of Merit

48 '[Pussytoes](#)' (Anthony and Dorothy Willott)

41 '[Shrimp](#)' (David Sindt)

36 '[Gold Canary](#)' (Anthony and Dorothy Willott)

Runners-Up:

28 'Cranberry Chalice' (Earl Roberts by David Sindt)

24 'Bink' (David L. Johnson)

24 'Black Stallion' (Harry Hite)

24 'Copper Chief' (Harry Hite)

24 'Wee Doll' (Wilma Greenlee by Steve Varner)

Siberian Award Of Merit

65 '[Dance Ballerina Dance](#)' (Steve Varner)

47 '[Omar's Cup](#)' (Ben Hager)

45 '[Harbor Mist](#)' (Kenneth Waite)

Runners-Up:

39 'King Of Kings' (Steve Varner)

35 'Dancing Nanou' (Anna Mae Miller)

32 'Kismet' (Steve Varner)

31 'Creme Chantilly' (Currier McEwen)

31 'Lavender Bounty' (Currier McEwen)

Louisiana Award Of Merit

66 '[Delta Dawn](#)' (Mary Dunn)

64 '[Rhett](#)' (Mary Dunn)

47 '[President Hedley](#)' (Joseph Mertzweiller)

Runners-Up:

40 'Bajazzo' (Mary Dunn)

38 'Valera' (Charles W. Arny)

32 'Graceland' (Mary Dunn)

29 'Little Miss Sims' (Frank Chowning)

Tall Bearded Honorable Mention

164 '[Chico Maid](#)' (Walter Luihn)

119 '[Malaguena](#)' (Joseph Ghio)

- 95 [‘Codicil’](#) (Sterling Innerst)
93 [‘Anna Belle Babson’](#) (Ben Hager)
84 [‘Cafe Society’](#) (Joseph Ghio)
69 [‘Designer Gown’](#) (Joseph Ghio)
54 [‘Darkside’](#) (Schreiner)
54 [‘Iris Irene’](#) (Joseph Gatty)
54 [‘Karen Christine’](#) (Allan Ensminger)
51 [‘Warrior King’](#) (Schreiner)
48 [‘Evelyn's Echo’](#) (Evelyn Kegerise)
44 [‘Sun Dappled’](#) (O. David Niswonger)
42 [‘Ginger Swirl’](#) (Schreiner)
42 [‘Winterscape’](#) (James McWhirter)
41 [‘Robusto’](#) (Paul Black)
41 [‘Aztec Treasure’](#) (Roger and Lynda Miller)
Note: ‘Aztec Treasure’ added per Awards Errata in the April 1988 Bulletin, page 54.
40 [‘Black Madonna’](#) (Harold Stahly)
39 [‘Sooner Serenade’](#) (Kenneth Shaver by Hooker Nichols)
37 [‘Crystal Glitters’](#) (Schreiner)
37 [‘Exhilaration’](#) (Joseph Ghio)
37 [‘Holy Night’](#) (Ken Mohr)
36 [‘Chief Redskin’](#) (Bernard Hamner)
36 [‘Gypsy Woman’](#) (Schreiner)
36 [‘Houdini’](#) (William Maryott)
35 [‘Gladys Austin’](#) (Manley Osborne)
35 [‘Inga Ivey’](#) (Melba Hamblen)
35 [‘Silkwood’](#) (Melba Hamblen)
34 [‘Adventuress’](#) (Melba Hamblen)
34 [‘Heatheridge’](#) (Joseph Gatty)
33 [‘Orbiter’](#) (J. Terry Aitken)
32 [‘Midnight Fire’](#) (O. David Niswonger)
31 [‘Christa’](#) (Roger Nelson)
31 [‘Queen Dorothy’](#) (Earl Hall)
31 [‘Sterling Stitch’](#) (Sterling Innerst)
30 [‘Ice Castle’](#) (James McWhirter)
30 [‘Grecian Skies’](#) (Opal Brown)
30 [‘Sea Of Joy’](#) (Schreiner)
29 [‘Bubbling Seas’](#) (Roger and Lynda Miller)
29 [‘Sea Wolf’](#) (J. Terry Aitken)
29 [‘Sterling Prince’](#) (Sterling Innerst)
28 [‘Easter Song’](#) (Vernon Wood)
28 [‘Michele Taylor’](#) (Schreiner)
28 [‘Wagonrail Night’](#) (C. T. Claussen)
27 [‘Evening Velvet’](#) (Sterling Innerst)
27 [‘Graduation’](#) (Melba Hamblen)
27 [‘Wild Oats’](#) (John Durrance)
27 [‘Moon's Delight’](#) (Ben Hager)
26 [‘Black Pearl’](#) (Duane Meek)
26 [‘Foolish Fancy’](#) (Ben Hager)
26 [‘Image Maker’](#) (Bryce Williamson)
26 [‘Muchas Gracias’](#) (Ben Hager)
26 [‘Navy Waves’](#) (Paul Black)

- 26 ‘[Roval Satin](#)’ (Schreiner)
- 26 ‘[Shawnee Whisper](#)’ (George Poole)
- 26 ‘[Sunshine Song](#)’ (O. David Niswonger)
- 25 ‘[Pistol](#)’ (C. T. Claussen)

Miniature Tal Bearded Honorable Mention

- 102 ‘[Little Paul](#)’ (Kenneth Fisher)
- 54 ‘[Evening Pond](#)’ (David Sindt)
- 42 ‘[Valiant Warrior](#)’ (W. Terry Varner)
- 36 ‘[Maggie Me Darlin](#)’ (Dorothy Guild)
- 33 ‘[Kachina Keepsake](#)’ (Dorothy Guild)
- 16 ‘[Elaine Hall](#)’ (Mary Louise. Dunderman)

Border Bearded Honorable Mention

- 135 ‘[Shenanigan](#)’ (Keith Keppel)
- 57 ‘[Nursery School](#)’ (Joseph Ghio)
- 55 ‘[Tiny Bubbles](#)’ (Fred Spahn)
- 53 ‘[Pink Lamb](#)’ (Chester Blaylock)
- 37 ‘[Pixie Prince](#)’ (William Simon)
- 34 ‘[Buskskin Finale](#)’ (Gene Gaddie)
- 29 ‘[Bimini](#)’ (Bob Brown)
- 22 ‘[Blue Glory](#)’ (Ken Mohr)
- 21 ‘[Cabana Fire](#)’ (Jack Boushay)
- 20 ‘[Poets Fancy](#)’ (William Simon)
- 15 ‘[Author Unknown](#)’ (Allen Harper)
- 15 ‘[Short And Sweet](#)’ (Herbert Schafer)

Intermediate Bearded Honorable Mention

- 64 ‘[Red Zinger](#)’ (Paul Black)
- 27 ‘[Alpine Gold](#)’ (Robert Jeffries)
- 25 ‘[Jolly Jester](#)’ (Anthony and Dorothy Willott)
- 23 ‘[Dark Blizzard](#)’ (Bee Warburton)
- 23 ‘[From The Heart](#)’ (Gene Gaddie)
- 23 ‘[Merry Oaks](#)’ (Anthony and Dorothy Willott)
- 21 ‘[Little Luke](#)’ (Henry Rowlan)
- 21 ‘[Sunny Honey](#)’ (George Shoop)
- 19 ‘[Blue Icing](#)’ (Bee Warburton)
- 18 ‘[Revved Up](#)’ (Sterling Innerst)
- 17 ‘[Shell Cameo](#)’ (Anthony and Dorothy Willott)
- 16 ‘[Gypsy Gem](#)’ (Floyd Dyer)
- 16 ‘[Little Willie](#)’ (Don Shepard)
- 15 ‘[Satin Sequin](#)’ (Gordon Plough)
- 15 ‘[Heavenly Brotherhood](#)’ (Hooker Nichols)
- 15 ‘[Kolksee](#)’ (Lothar Denkwitz)
- 15 ‘[Spring Dancer](#)’ (George Shoop)
- 15 ‘[Work Of Art](#)’ (Cleo Palmer)

Standard Dwarf Bearded Honorable Mention

- 49 ‘[Chubby Cheeks](#)’ (Paul Black)
- 41 ‘[Jewel Baby](#)’ (Earl Hall)

- 28 'Tarheel Elf' (O. David Niswonger)
- 26 'Hushpuppy' (Keith Keppel)
- 21 'Cherrywood' (J. Wadekamper)
- 20 'Jillaroo' (Allan Ensminger)
- 19 'Westar' (Bennett Jones)
- 17 'Bugler Boy' (Tom Magee)
- 16 'Pippi Longstockings' (Sterling Innerst)
- 16 'Royal Eyelash' (Carl Boswell)
- 15 'Royal Silk' (Anthony and Dorothy Willott)
- 15 'Third World' (John Weiler)

Miniature Dwarf Bearded Honorable Mention

- 31 'Burgundy Blues' (Gene Gaddie)
- 23 'Blue Wind' (David Spence)
- 22 'Congo Doll' (Floyd Dyer)
- 20 'Tiny Apricot' (Ben Hager)
- 16 'Bantam' (Steve Varner)
- 16 'Kiddieland' (Anthony and Dorothy Willott)
- 15 'Snowy River' (Anthony and Dorothy Willott)
- 15 'Tanny' (Carl Boswell)

Arilbred Honorable Mention

- 33 'Evening In Bagdad' (Hooker Nichols)
- 24 'Bedouin Buttercup' (Hooker Nichols)
- 19 'Ode To Jericho' (Hooker Nichols)
- 18 'Fall In Line' (Carl Boswell)
- 14 'Amber Green' (Fred Gadd)
- 13 'Buche' (Fred Gadd)
- 13 'Childsong' (Elm Jensen)

Aril & Arilbred Honorable Mention

- 16 'Dee Mouse' (Henry Danielson)
- 13 'Apricot Brandy' (Henry Danielson)
- 13 'Woodsong' (Lin Flanagan)
- 10 'Onlooker' (Ben Hager)
- 10 'Turkish Tangent' (Ben Hager)

Spuria Honorable Mention

- 70 'Dress Circle' (Ben Hager)
- 41 'Sunset Etching' (Gene Gaddie)
- 31 'Ambition' (Ben Hager)
- 31 'Kaibab Trail' (Floyd Wickenkamp)
- 21 'Golden Springs' (John Wight)
- 21 'Perfect Spring' (Ben Hager)
- 20 'First Fruits' (Ben Hager)
- 12 'Concubine' (Joseph Ghio)

Siberian Honorable Mention

- 60 'Jamaican Velvet' (William McGarvey)
- 50 'Mabel Coday' (Calvin Helsley)

- 37 'Wizardry' (Robert Hollingworth)
- 29 'Illini Flirt' (Steve Varner)
- 25 'Janet K. Merrill' (Harley Briscoe)
- 24 'Windwood Spring' (Robert Hollingworth)
- 22 'Pink Sparkle' (Ben Hager)
- 19 'Polly Chism' (Harley Briscoe)
- 19 'Star Glitter' (Ben Hager)
- 18 'Demure Illini' (Steve Varner)
- 16 'Bedford Lass' (Ken Waite)

Louisiana Honorable Mention

- 34 'Ruth Sloan' (Richard Sloan)
- 28 'Delta Dove' (Mary Dunn)
- 28 'Mississippi Gambler' (Mary Dunn)
- 21 'Southern Lady' (Mary Dunn)
- 19 'Plantation Beau' (Mary Dunn)
- 17 'Bold Copy' (Henry Rowlan)
- 16 'Red Echo' (Henry Rowlan)
- 16 'Sea Wisp' (Henry Rowlan)
- 15 'Bold Pretender' (Richard Morgan)

Pacific Coast Native Honorable Mention

- 14 'Deepening Shadows' (Joseph Ghio)
- 13 'Campaigner' (Joseph Ghio)
- 11 'Miramar' (Joseph Ghio)
- 10 'Roaring Camp' (Joseph Ghio)
- 10 'Running Wild' (Joseph Ghio)

Japanese Honorable Mention

- 33 'Grape Fizz' (William Ackerman)
- 21 'Wine Ruffles' (William Ackerman)
- 18 'Arthur Hazzard' (James Copeland, Jr.)
- 18 'Caprician Butterfly' (Walter Marx by D. Rogers)
- 17 'Royal Fireworks' (William Ackerman)
- 16 'Garnet Royalty' (Lorena Reid)
- 15 'Dark Intrigue' (Currier McEwen)
- 13 'Enduring Pink Frost' (William Ackerman)
- 12 'Ruffled Dimity' (Lorena Reid)
- 11 'Sapphire Star' (Walter Marx by A. Rogers)

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