

# 2004 Show Summary

*by Jason Leader, Pennsylvania*

The 2004 show season results were very encouraging. There was an increase in the number of shows approved, and I received very few notices of cancellation because of weather or other circumstances. THORNBIRD was selected Best Specimen in the Show on four different occasions and has won the Nelson Award for 2004. QUEEN OF ANGELS finished second with three awards of Best Specimen.

Tall Bearded iris varieties were judged Best Specimen in 112 Shows, while Louisiana iris varieties were judged Best Specimen in 16 shows and Siberian varieties were judged Best Specimen in 14 shows.

There has been a slight increase in the number of clubs and local societies that stage more than one show a year. I encourage all of you to take a look at doing this because it certainly educates the public on the varieties, forms, and seasons of our favorite flower.

I offer my personal congratulations to all who participated in staging and showing irises and encourage all who have not done so this year to enter a show and share in the excitement.

## *Attention Show Chairs!*

Please note that results of all 2005 shows should be sent to Acting Exhibitions Chairman E. Roy Epperson, 1115 Delk Drive, High Point, NC 27262-3419