## 2006 Show Summary

Jim Giles, AIS Exhibition Chair

I would first like to thank everyone for their support and understanding as Janet and I were learning the tasks of this job. I am still in awe of Roy Epperson who did the job of Exhibition Chair, Awards and Ballots, Judges Training Handbook committee and the position of 1st Vice President -- all at the same time!

The affiliates of the AIS produced 165 approved shows in 2006. Among those, eight shows were cancelled due to the weather not cooperating with the growing of iris. There was one Exhibition Only show by a newer affiliate in Prescott, AZ.

'Conjuration' was awarded the Best Specimen of the show at four shows, winning the Nelson Award for 2006. The following iris were awarded Best Specimen at two shows: 'Acadian Miss,' 'Dusky Challenger,' 'Goldkist,' 'Lady Laree,' 'Lenten Prayer,' 'Silverado' and 'That's All Folks.'

Tall Bearded iris were judged Best Specimen in 96 shows, Intermediate and Japanese each received 12 Bests, and Medians showed up third with six.

We would like to thank the Show Chairs of all the shows for taking on the job of Show Chair, it is not an easy job to do; but the shows are one of the best ways to get out and reach the public and introduce them to the Wonderful World of Iris. So thank you all for your hard work.