2018 Convention Award

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ith the AIS Convention held in concert with the Society for Louisiana Irises (SLI) in New Orleans, Louisiana in April 2018, the emphasis was obviously on Louisiana irises. Thus, there was no Ben R. Hager Median Cup awarded, but there was a SLI Marie Caillet Cup winner in addition to the usual AIS President's Cup, Franklin Cook Cup and Lloyd Zurbrigg-Clarence Mahan Seedling Cup.



'Acadian Sky' (Joe Musacchia 2017, LA)

PRESIDENT'S CUP - Best In-Region Iris

cadian Sky. (Joe Musacchia 2017, LA) 58 vot	es
Up: 'When Pigs Fly' (Pat O'Connor 2013, LA)22 vot	es
Up (TIE): 'Katrina Rising' (Pat O'Connor 2016, LA)3 vot	es
'Gentle Memories' (Joe Musacchia 2017, LA)3 vot	es
BER OF VOTES1	110
TIES RECEIVING VOTES	.24



'Watermelon Wizard' (Hooker Nichols 2011, LA)

FRANKLIN COOK CUP - Best Out-Of-Region Iris

Winner: 'Watermelon Wizard' (Hooker Nichols 2011, LA)	64 votes
1st Runner Up: 'Annette Brown' (Harry Wolford R. 2013, LA) 2 nd Runner Up: 'Melody Wilhoit' (Hooker Nichols 2013, LA)	
TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES	131
TOTAL VADIETIES DECEIVING VOTES	31

Cup Winners

LLOYD ZURBRIGG-CLARENCE MAHAN SEEDLING CUP - Best Iris Seedling

Winner: Seedling 4-22-14 (Cindy Dufrene, LA)	15 votes
1st Runner Up: Seedling 08-05-05 (Joe Musacchia, LA)	.11 votes
2 nd Runner Up (TIE): Seedling 05-79-11B (Robert Treadway, LA)	7 votes
Seedling 00-02-11G (Robert Treadway, LA)	7 votes
TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES	106
TOTAL VARIETIES RECEIVING VOTES	34



Seedling 4-22-14 (Cindy Dufrene, LA)

JOE MUSACCHIA

MARIE CAILLET CUP - Best Overall Louisiana Iris

'Acadian Sky' (Joe Musacchia 2017)	40 votes
'Professor Marta Marie' (Joseph Mertzweiller 1992)	23 votes
'When Pigs Fly' (Pat O'Connor 2013)	16 votes
'Watermelon Wizard' (Hooker Nichols 2011)	12 votes

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES AND VARIETIES NOT PROVIDED.



'When Pigs Fly' (Pat O'Connor 2013, LA)



'Annette Brown'
(Harry Wolford R. 2013, LA)

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'Katrina Rising' (Pat O'Connor 2016, LA)

• NEIL HOUGHTON



'Melody Wilhoit' (Hooker Nichols 2013, LA)



'Gentle Memories' (Joe Musacchia 2017, LA)



'Professor Marta Marie' (Joseph Mertzweiller 1992)