2019 AIS Convention Award Cup Winners

President’s Cup – Best In-Region Iris
Winner: ‘Autumn Explosion’ (Rick Tasco 2013, TB) 16
1st Runner Up: (Tie) ‘Fan Letter’ (Joe Ghio 2018, TB) 12
‘Zebra Butter’ (Doug Kanarowski 2017, TB) 12

Franklin Cook Cup – Best Out-Of-Region Iris
Winner: ‘Rise Like A Phoenix’ (Paul Black 2017, TB) 17
1st Runner Up: ‘Perry Dyer’ (Paul Black 2017 AB (OGB-) 14
2nd Runner Up: ‘Prissy Christy’ (Tom Burseen 2014, TB) 12

Lloyd Zurbrigg-Clarence Mahan Seedling Cup – Best Iris Seedling
Winner: ‘1978’ (Hooker Nichols, TB) 11
1st Runner Up: (Tie) ’16-34’ (David Toth, TB) 9
‘14-396’ (David Toth, TB) 9

Ben R. Hager Median Cup – Best Median
Winner: ‘Black Comedy’ (Paul Black 2017, IB) 32
1st Runner Up: ‘Stormbird’ (Marky Smith 2018, IB) 15
2nd Runner Up: ‘Hippy Chick’ (Lynda Miller 2016, MTB) 12

Gerald Richardson Award – Best Integrated Privately Maintained Planting
Winner: Jim Cummings Garde, Scotts Valley, CA 128

An integrated garden is defined as a garden bed composed of iris and companion plants that display the iris to their best effect as a landscape plant.

Centennial Seedling Competition Award – Special AIS Centennial Award
Bearded Winner: To be named ‘Centennial Celebration’ (Diana Ford 2020, TB) 88 votes
Beardless Winner: To be named ‘Centennial Anniversary’ (Hooker Nichols 2020, LA) 50 votes

NOTE: Of the 236 registered attendees there were 158 ballots submitted.