



AIS Awards for 2023

Votes *The Dykes Memorial Medal*

All Iris Classes, originated in US Or Canada

(Total votes cast = 319)

- 33 **'Don't Doubt Dalton'** - *TB iris* - (Tom Burseen)
Runners Up:
- 24 'Belle Fille' - *TB iris* - (Marky Smith)
21 'Autumn Explosion' - *TB iris* - (Richard Tasco)
20 'Desert Snow' - *AB iris* - (Paul Black)
16 'Insaniac' - *TB iris* - (Thomas Johnson)
16 'Moose Tracks' - *MTB iris* - (Lynda Miller)
13 'Good Morning Sunshine' - *TB iris* - (Thomas Johnson)
10 'Heart Of Hearts' - *AB iris* - (Paul Black)

The John C. Wister Memorial Medal

Tall Bearded (Total votes cast = 773)

- 35 **'Black Lipstick'** - (Keith Keppel)
28 **'Rovston Rubies'** - (Adam Cordes)
26 **'Chihuahuan Desert'** - (Howard Dash)
Runners Up:
- 25 'Global Crossing' - (Robert Van Liere)
24 'Blinded By The Light' - (Larry Lauer)
23 'Rise Like A Phoenix' - (Paul Black)
20 'Marry The Night' - (Thomas Johnson)
19 'Ninja Warrior' - (Lynda Miller)
18 'Boston Cream' - (Keith Keppel)
16 'Adriatic Noble' - (Keith Keppel)
16 'Baby Duck' - (Douglas Kanarowski)
15 'Barbara Rider' - (Thomas Johnson)
14 'Brouhaha' - (Joseph Ghio)
14 'Cow Patty' - (Tom Burseen)
14 'Ghirardelli Square' - (Keith Keppel)
14 'Why Cows Gossip' - (Douglas Kanarowski)
13 'High Desert' - (Keith Keppel)
13 'Prissy Christy' - (Tom Burseen)
13 'Winter's Smile' - (Paul Black)
12 'Gloriafied Glenn' - (Tom Burseen)
11 'Born This Way' - (Thomas Johnson)
11 'Cher And Cher Alike' - (Paul Black)

- 11 'Corey Remembered' - (Mitch Jameson)
- 11 'Dewuc Whatic' - (Tom Burseen)
- 11 'Flash Mob' - (Keith Keppel)
- 11 'Irresistible Charm' - (Richard Tasco)
- 11 'Luminager' - (Hugh Stout)
- 11 'Molokini' - (Michael Sutton)

The Knowlton Medal

Border Bearded (Total votes cast = 139)

- 41 '[What's New Pussycat](#)' - (Paul Black)
- Runners Up:
- 40 'Dark Wonder' - (Richard Tasco)
- 34 'Frosty Spirit' - (Richard Tasco)
- 24 'Dapple Dawn' - (Lynn Markham)

The Hans and Jacob Sass Medal

Intermediate Bearded (Total votes cast = 176)

- 65 '[Black Comedy](#)' - (Paul Black)
- Runners Up:
- 37 'Lakota' - (Marky Smith)
- 27 'Witty' - (Paul Black)
- 24 'Dog And Pony Show' - (Paul Black)
- 23 'Body Painting' - (Paul Black)

The Willamson-White Medal

Miniature Tall Bearded (Total votes cast = 179)

- 81 '[Black Cherry Sorbet](#)' - (Chad Harris)
- 35 'Plum Happiness' - (Lynda Miller)
- 33 'Candy Basket' - (Chad Harris)
- 30 'Chocolate Fountain' - (Kenneth Fisher)

The Cook-Douglas Medal

Standard Dwarf Bearded (Total votes cast = 191)

- 22 '[Oh Canada](#)' - (Thomas Johnson)
- Runners Up:
- 17 'Blue Eyed Girl' - (Thomas Johnson)
- 14 'Cheerful Chipmunk' - (Michael Sutton)
- 13 'Blissful' - (Paul Black)
- 13 'Kewlopolis' - (Hugh Stout)
- 13 'Oh Wow' - (Thomas Johnson)
- 12 'Atomic Glow' - (Richard Tasco)
- 12 'Divenere' - (Hugh Stout)
- 11 'Blue Oasis' - (Richard Tasco)
- 11 'Going In Circles' - (Paul Black)
- 10 'Fairy Fireworks' - (J. T. Aitken)

The Caparne-Welch Medal

Miniature Dwarf Bearded (Total votes cast = 105)

32 **'Black Olive'** - (Paul Black)

Runners Up:

28 'Alas' - (Thomas Johnson)

25 'Wee Dragons' - (Lynda Miller)

20 'Hot Coals' - (J. T. Aitken)

The Clarence G. White Medal

Aril irises and Arilbred irises with at least 50% aril content (Total votes cast = 81)

52 **'Bold Awakening'** - (Richard Tasco)

Runner Up:

29 'Enchanter's Spell' - (Richard Tasco)

The William Mohr Medal

Arilbred irises with at least 25% but less than 50% aril content (Total votes case = 178)

152 **'Perry Dyer'** - (Paul Black)

Runner Up:

26 'Signal Butte' - (Richard Tasco)

The Founders Of SIGNA Medal

Species (Total votes cast = 55)

30 **'More Raspberries Please'** - (Rita Butler)

Runners Up:

16 'Wild Whispers' - (Carol Coleman)

9 'Brown Recluse' - (Walter Moores)

The Randolph Perry Medal

Inter-species hybrid (SPEC-X) (Total votes cast = 98)

38 **'Happy Traveler'** - (Marty Schafer & Jan Sacks)

38 **'Lemony Snicket'** - (Jill Copeland)

Runner Up:

14 'Just Dotty' - (Bruce Filardi)

The Sydney B. Mitchell Medal

Pacific Coast Native (Total votes cast = 37)

15 **'Red Delicious'** - (Deborah A. Cole)

Runners Up:

5 'Costanoa' - (Joseph Ghio)

5 'Sunset Beach' - (Joseph Ghio)

4 'Open Eyes' - (Joseph Ghio)

3 'Avila Beach' - (Emma Elliott)

3 'Blood Veins' - (William Plotner)

2 'Saltspring Sunburst' - (Joyce Prothero)

The Mary Swords Debaillon Medal

Louisiana (Total votes cast = 109)

49 **'[Melody Wilhoit](#)' - (Hooker Nichols)**

Runners Up:

32 'Eyes Wide Open' - (Heather Pryor)

28 'Katrina Rising' - (Patrick O'Connor)

The Morgan-Wood Medal

Siberian (Total votes cast = 123)

37 **'[Black Joker](#)' - (Marty Schafer & Jan Sacks)**

Runners Up:

27 'Bluebird Kisses' - (Marty Schafer & Jan Sacks)

22 'Fisherman's Twilight' - (James Copeland, Sr.)

22 'Hail To The Chief' - (Robert Hollingworth)

15 'My Girl Emily' - (Dean Cole)

The Eric Nies Medal

Spuria (Total votes cast = 89)

29 **'[Hot Chili](#)' - (J. T. Aitken)**

Runners Up:

22 'Red Warlord' - (Lee Walker)

21 'Going Wild In Missouri' - (O. D. Niswonger)

17 'Adriatic Memories' - (Kevin Vaughn)

The Payne Medal

Japanese (Total votes cast = 74)

26 **'[Koto Harp Strings](#)' - (Chad Harris)**

Runners Up:

14 'Red Repeater' - (J. T. Aitken)

13 'Artesian Spring' - (Chad Harris)

12 'Columbia Crest' - (Chad Harris)

9 'Alexisaurus' - (Jill Copeland)

The Fred and Barbara Walther Cup

(Most HM votes in any category)

41 **'[Rosy Celebration](#)' - (AB(OGB)) - (Richard Tasco)**

Runners Up:

33 'Centennial Celebration' - (TB) - (Diana Ford)

33 'Folklorico' - (TB) - (Steve Kelly)

29 'Creative Art' - (AB(OGB-)) - (Richard Tasco)

29 'Delldicated' - (TB) - (Tom Burseen)

28 'All In Vein' - (TB) - (Thomas Johnson)

26 'Witchy Woman' - (TB) - (Howard Dash)

24 'Battlestar Galactica' - (TB) - (Bruce Filardi)

23 'Cascadian Snow' - (SPEC-X) - (Chad Harris)

23 'Cowboy Boots' - (TB) - (Michael Sutton)

22 'Martian Sunset' - (TB) - (Steve Kelly)

22 'Rocky Raccoon' - (BB) - (Larry Lauer)

- 21 'All Rise' – (TB) - (Lynda Miller)
 21 'Barney In A Blender' – (TB) - (Randall Moore)
 21 'Black Stetson' – (SPU) - (Jim Hedgecock)
 21 'Blushing Fairy' – (IB) - (Hooker Nichols)
 21 'Sailing At Dawn' – (AB(OGB-)) - (Richard Tasco)
 21 'Zig Zag' – (SDB) - (Thomas Johnson)
 20 'Cool Sister' – (IB) - (Lynda Miller)
 20 'Panic Attack' – (AB(OGB-)) - (Thomas Johnson)
 20 'Pin Striped Suit' – (BB) - (Riley Probst)
 19 'Blurred Vision' – (IB) - (William Tyson)
 19 'Tracks Of My Tears' – (TB) - (Paul Black)
 18 'All Gothed Up' – (SIB) - (Marty Schafer & Jan Sacks)
 18 'Dot Dash Dot' – (TB) - (Paul Black)
 18 'Simply Brilliant' – (SIB) - (Robert Hollingworth)
 17 'Black Label' – (BB) - (Paul Black)
 17 'Boundless Berry' – (BB) - (Paul Black)
 17 'Devil's Punchbowl' – (TB) - (Schreiner)
 17 'It's A Bigun' – (SPEC-X) - (Jill Copeland)
 17 'Jubilance' – (TB) - (Keith Keppel)
 17 'Miss Margaret' – (SIB) - (Carla Lankow, by Patrick Spence)
 17 'Mutineer' – (IB) - (Marky Smith)
 17 'On The Web' – (AB(OGB)) - (Richard Tasco)
 17 'Petalicious' – (SIB) - (Robert Hollingworth)
 17 'Poetry In Bloom' – (TB) - (Anna Cadd)
 17 'Spicy Hot' – (SDB) - (Thomas Johnson)

AIS AWARD OF MERIT 2023

Tall Bearded

(Total votes cast = 2824)

- 50 '[Dark Universe](#)' - (Keith Keppel)
 42 '[When Doves Cry](#)' - (Thomas Johnson)
 39 '[Ay Chihuahua](#)' - (Howard Dash)
 34 '[Wind Beneath My Wings](#)' - (Paul Black)
 30 '[Copper Angel](#)' - (Howard Dash)
 30 '[Señor Jinx](#)' - (Schreiner)
 29 '[Big Hat No Cows](#)' - (Douglas Kanarowski)
 29 '[Luminate](#)' - (Michael Sutton)
 27 '[Pom Pom Party](#)' - (Anton Mego)
 26 '[Jedi Princess](#)' - (Howard Dash)
 25 '[Noble Lord](#)' - (Richard Tasco)
 24 '[Decked Out](#)' - (Tom Burseen)
 23 '[Catch The Fever](#)' - (Keith Keppel)
 23 '[Florence My Pet Flamingo](#)' - (Douglas Kanarowski)
 23 '[I Like Pretty Things](#)' - (Paul Black)
 23 '[Panjandrum](#)' - (Keith Keppel)
 23 '[Spring Elegance](#)' - (Richard Tasco)

- 23 **'Truth Or Dare'** - (Thomas Johnson)
- 22 **'Cha Cha Cha'** - (Bonnie Nichols)
- 22 **'Easter Charm'** - (Keith Keppel)
- 22 **'First Prize'** - (Richard Tasco)
- 22 **'Reckless Child'** - (Keith Keppel)
- 21 **'Brevé'** - (George Sutton, deceased, by Michael Sutton)
- 21 **'I Broke It'** - (Paul Black)
- 21 **'Phasers On Stun'** - (Douglas Kanarowski)
- 21 **'Sweetwater Pie Burns'** - (Tom Burseen)
- 21 **'Tango In The Night'** - (Howard Dash)
- 21 **'Tropical Fruit Salad'** - (Douglas Kanarowski)

Runners Up:

- 20 'Cosmic Voyage' - (Keith Keppel)
- 20 'Kissed By An Angel' - (Thomas Johnson)
- 20 'Meteorite' - (Michael Sutton)
- 20 'Under My Spell' - (Richard Tasco)
- 19 'Illuminati' - (Keith Keppel)
- 19 'Reality Check' - (Richard Tasco)
- 19 'Redneck Romeo' - (Hugh Stout)
- 18 'Dressed To Impress' - (Joseph Ghio)
- 18 'Ruby Baby' - (Tom Burseen)
- 17 'Blame It On Rio' - (Michael Sutton)
- 17 'Raindrops Keep Falling' - (Paul Black)
- 17 'Smoky Dusk' - (Keith Keppel)
- 16 'All Too Exciting' - (Paul Black)
- 16 'Baltimore' - (Keith Keppel)
- 16 'Banana Daiquiri' - (George Sutton, deceased, by Michael Sutton)
- 16 'Black Hole' - (Paul Black)
- 16 'Brass Lamp' - (Keith Keppel)

Border Bearded

(Total votes cast = 187)

- 37 **'Kiss The Frog'** - (Paul Black)
- 37 **'Sorbet Swirl'** - (Keith Keppel)

Runners Up:

- 28 'Broken Border' - (William Tyson)
- 20 'Code Black' - (Jim Hedgecock)
- 20 'Coin Flip' - (Joseph Ghio)
- 20 'Tropical Smoothie' - (David Toth)
- 15 'Benedictine' - (Marky Smith)
- 10 'Costume Jewelry' - (Keith Keppel)

Intermediate Bearded

(Total votes cast = 225)

- 40 **'Fried Green Tomatoes'** - (Hugh Stout)
- 34 **'Stormbird'** - (Marky Smith)

Runners Up:

- 30 'Courtney Rucker' - (Mike Lockatell)
- 28 'Cold Hands Warm Heart' - (Mary Lou Swann-Young)
- 24 'Brazen Gold' - (Paul Black)
- 22 'Hot Sister' - (Lynda Miller)
- 20 'Aquarian' - (Marky Smith)
- 15 'Mescalero' - (Marky Smith)
- 12 'Dark Triad' - (Keith Keppel)

Miniature Tall Bearded

(Total votes cast = 219)

39 '[Hippy Chick](#)' - (Lynda Miller)

33 '[Flirtin' Skirts](#)' - (Paul Black)

Runners Up:

32 'Raspberry Shocker' - (Lynda Miller)

28 'Lite Sprite' - (Charles Bunnell)

25 'Coral Sunrise' - (Lynda Miller)

21 'Bingo Marker' - (Lynda Miller)

21 'Little Peaches' - (Lynda Miller)

20 'Emoji' - (Lynda Miller)

Standard Dwarf Bearded

(Total votes cast = 640)

38 '[Psychedelic Dreams](#)' - (Robert Skaggs)

37 '[Alaia](#)' - (Thomas Johnson)

33 '[Fruit At The Bottom](#)' - (Hugh Stout)

29 '[Forever Orange](#)' - (Richard Tasco)

26 '[Woody Woodpecker](#)' - (Thomas Johnson)

Runners Up:

22 'Bazinga' - (Paul Black)

18 'Fishnet Stockings' - (Paul Black)

16 'Bennett's Legacy' - (J. T. Aitken)

16 'Pepi' - (Michael Sutton)

15 'Sherryl My Love' - (Hugh Stout)

15 'So Noted' - (Thomas Johnson)

15 'Yodel' - (Thomas Johnson)

Miniature Dwarf Bearded

(Total votes cast = 108)

23 '[Kay](#)' - (Thomas Johnson)

19 '[Gecko](#)' - (J. T. Aitken)

19 '[Tiny Clown](#)' - (Thomas Johnson)

Runners Up:

13 'Minifigs' - (Lynda Miller)

13 'Small Token' - (Lynda Miller)

13 'Storm Compass' - (Stephanie Chancellor & Cindy Rust)

8 'Oh Grow Up' - (Lynda Miller)

Aril & Arilbred

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

(Total votes cast = 159)

78 **[‘Chihuahua Night’](#) - (Howard Dash)**

31 **[‘Smokin' Hot’](#) - (Thomas Johnson)**

Runners Up:

30 ‘Eye On America’ - (Paul Black)

20 ‘Nova’ - (Richard Tasco)

Arilbred

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

(Total votes cast = 167)

59 **[‘Eye Of The Storm’](#) - (Michael Sutton)**

53 **[‘Sun And Snow’](#) - (Richard Tasco)**

Runners Up:

30 ‘Pounce’ - (Thomas Johnson)

25 ‘Cindy Rivera’ - (Lowell Baumunk)

Species

(Total votes cast = 56)

25 **[‘Whispering Clouds’](#) - (Chad Harris)**

15 **[‘Violet Constellation’](#) - (Chad Harris)**

Runners Up:

11 ‘Mini Treasure’ - (Darrell Probst)

5 ‘Prairie Lights’ - (Kelly Norris)

Interspecies

(Total votes cast = 132)

64 **[‘Alabama Blue Fin’](#) - (Jill Copeland)**

38 **[‘French Buttercream’](#) - (Chad Harris)**

Runners Up:

16 ‘Simply Cute’ - (Jill Copeland)

14 ‘Aphylliated’ - (Stephanie Chancellor & Cindy Rust)

Pacific Coast Native (CA)

(Total votes cast = 55)

8 **[‘California Born’](#) - (Joseph Ghio)**

6 **[‘Code Word’](#) - (Joseph Ghio)**

6 **[‘Morticia’](#) - (Jean Witt, by Robert Seaman)**

6 **[‘Ocean Roar’](#) - (Joseph Ghio)**

Runners Up:

5 ‘Follow The Money’ - (Joseph Ghio)

5 ‘Fruit Market’ - (Emma Elliott)

5 ‘Masked Man’ - (Joseph Ghio)

4 ‘Red Light District’ - (Joseph Ghio)

- 4 'Salsa Picante' - (Emma Elliott)
- 3 'Earmark' - (Joseph Ghio)
- 2 'Baja California' - (Joseph Ghio)
- 1 'Berry Ice' - (Emma Elliott)

Louisiana

(Total votes cast = 198)

- 30 '[Acadian Sky](#)' - (Joseph Musacchia)
- 22 '[Annette Brown](#)' - (Harry Wolford)

Runners Up:

- 15 'Memories Of Melody' - (Jill Copeland)
- 15 'Michigan In Dallas' - (Jill Copeland)
- 14 'Changing Shadows' - (Pat M. Norvell)
- 14 'Who's Ya Mama' - (Joseph Musacchia)
- 10 'Brazos Moon' - (Hooker Nichols)
- 10 'Little Gangster' - (Hooker Nichols)

Siberian

(Total votes cast = 163)

- 37 '[Fiddles On Fire](#)' - (Marty Schafer & Jan Sacks)
- 23 '[Wynne Magnolia](#)' - (Marty Schafer & Jan Sacks)

Runners Up:

- 21 'Purring Tiger' - (Marty Schafer & Jan Sacks)
- 20 'Carnivalito' - (Marty Schafer & Jan Sacks)
- 20 'Rubies On Tap' - (Marty Schafer & Jan Sacks)
- 18 'Solar Energy' - (Marty Schafer & Jan Sacks)
- 9 'Honeycomb Rock' - (Marty Schafer & Jan Sacks)
- 8 'Too Cute' - (Marty Schafer & Jan Sacks)
- 7 'Fashion-Forward' - (Marty Schafer & Jan Sacks)

Spuria

(Total votes cast = 98)

- 22 '[Columbia River](#)' - (Nancy Price)
- 20 '[Mahogany Ember](#)' - (Lawrence Johnsen)

Runners Up:

- 18 'Hawthorne Bridge' - (Nancy Price)
- 15 'Cast Of Walnut' - (J. T. Aitken)
- 13 'Apache Butte' - (Jim Hedgecock)
- 10 'Mister David' - (Anna Cadd)

Japanese

(Total votes cast = 61)

- 23 '[Pink Playmate](#)' - (Chad Harris)
- 20 '[Pure Emotion](#)' - (J. T. Aitken)

Runner Up:

- 18 'Pagoda Temple' - (Chad Harris)

HONORABLE MENTION 2023

Tall Bearded

(Total votes cast = 4782)

- 33 'Centennial Celebration' - (Diana Ford)
- 33 'Folklorico' - (Steve Kelly)
- 29 'Delldicated' - (Tom Burseen)
- 28 'All In Vein' - (Thomas Johnson)
- 26 'Witchy Woman' - (Howard Dash)
- 24 'Battlestar Galactica' - (Bruce Filardi)
- 23 'Cowboy Boots' - (Michael Sutton)
- 22 'Martian Sunset' - (Steve Kelly)
- 21 'All Rise' - (Lynda Miller)
- 21 'Barney In A Blender' - (Randall Moore)
- 19 'Tracks Of My Tears' - (Paul Black)
- 18 'Dot Dash Dot' - (Paul Black)
- 17 'Devil's Punchbowl' - (Schreiner)
- 17 'Jubilance' - (Keith Keppel)
- 17 'Poetry In Bloom' - (Anna Cadd)
- 16 'Cherries And Cream' - (Barry Blyth)
- 16 'Della Jean' - (Jim Geditz)
- 16 'Handsome Devil' - (Keith Keppel)
- 16 'Hottie' - (Paul Black)
- 16 'Ignite The Light' - (Thomas Johnson)
- 16 'Quietly Awesome' - (Richard Tasco)
- 15 'Apron Strings' - (Douglas Kanarowski)
- 15 'Chromatography' - (Steve Kelly)
- 15 'Orange Dreamsicle' - (Michael Sutton)
- 15 'Plum Loco' - (Keith Keppel)
- 15 'Sea Of Darkness' - (Richard Tasco)
- 15 'Strawberry Smoothie' - (Robert Skaggs)
- 15 'Wild And Free' - (Richard Tasco)
- 14 'Agate Beach' - (Schreiner)
- 14 'Caustic Tongue' - (Hooker Nichols)
- 14 'Dragon's Breath' - (Steve Kelly)
- 14 'Lavender Fizz' - (Michael Sutton)
- 14 'Royal Academy' - (Keith Keppel)
- 14 'Scattergram' - (Lynda Miller)
- 14 'Split Ticket' - (Keith Keppel)
- 13 'Amarillo Bill' - (Tom Burseen)
- 13 'Anna Banana' - (David Miller)
- 13 'Art Critic' - (Paul Black)
- 13 'Beguiler' - (Keith Keppel)
- 13 'Break My Heart' - (Thomas Johnson)
- 13 'Caribbean Sunset' - (Michael Sutton)
- 13 'Cosmopoly' - (Hugh Stout)

- 13 [‘Don’t Talk Back’](#) - (Steve Kelly)
- 13 [‘Eyes Of An Angel’](#) - (Thomas Johnson)
- 13 [‘Feeling Romantic’](#) - (Thomas Johnson)
- 13 [‘Georgia Moon’](#) - (Keith Keppel)
- 13 [‘Grape Escape’](#) - (Hugh Stout)
- 13 [‘Hear Me Roar’](#) - (Thomas Johnson)
- 13 [‘Wildcat Red’](#) - (Schreiner)
- 13 [‘You’re A Mess’](#) - (Paul Black)
- 13 [‘Zip Zing Zowie’](#) - (Paul Black)
- 12 [‘A Certain Girl’](#) - (Barry Blyth)
- 12 [‘Absolute Truth’](#) - (Barry Blyth)
- 12 [‘Afternoon Tea’](#) - (Linda Mann)
- 12 [‘Butterscotch Bliss’](#) - (Paul Black)
- 12 [‘Cranberries’](#) - (Bryan Spoon)
- 12 [‘Diablo Rojo’](#) - (Schreiner)
- 12 [‘Gussied Up’](#) - (Thomas Johnson)
- 12 [‘Kiss The Night’](#) - (Thomas Johnson)
- 12 [‘Maui Wowie’](#) - (Robert Van Liere)
- 12 [‘Miss Slovakia’](#) - (Anton Mego)
- 12 [‘Perihelion Pass’](#) - (Thomas Johnson)
- 12 [‘Read My Mind’](#) - (Thomas Johnson)
- 12 [‘Shannon Hiatt’](#) - (Steve Kelly)
- 12 [‘Stephanie Nicole’](#) - (Michael Sutton)
- 12 [‘Tequila Sunset’](#) - (Robert Van Liere)
- 11 [‘Bam A Lam’](#) - (Larry Lauer)
- 11 [‘Bashful Look’](#) - (Thomas Johnson)
- 11 [‘Brainteaser’](#) - (Thomas Johnson)
- 11 [‘Break In’](#) - (Paul Black)
- 11 [‘Butterfly Skies’](#) - (Douglas Kanarowski)
- 11 [‘Chillaxin’](#) - (Schreiner)
- 11 [‘Coat Of Many Colors’](#) - (Thomas Johnson)
- 11 [‘Come And Dance’](#) - (Paul Black)
- 11 [‘Diamond Heart’](#) - (Thomas Johnson)
- 11 [‘Doctor Strange’](#) - (Michael Sutton)
- 11 [‘Frank’s Dream’](#) - (Howard Dash)
- 11 [‘How Now Brown Cow’](#) - (Hooker Nichols)
- 11 [‘Lamoyne Elizabeth’](#) - (Jim Hedgecock)
- 11 [‘Luck Be A Lady’](#) - (Paul Black)
- 11 [‘Nightnoise’](#) - (Hugh Stout)
- 11 [‘Sailors Take Warning’](#) - (Robert Van Liere)
- 11 [‘Strike A Chord’](#) - (Thomas Johnson)
- 11 [‘Sunny Glitter’](#) - (Schreiner)
- 11 [‘Think Diamonds’](#) - (Barry Blyth)
- 11 [‘Totally Awesome’](#) - (Thomas Johnson)
- 10 [‘A Little More Action’](#) - (Robin Shadlow)
- 10 [‘Above The Fray’](#) - (Hugh Stout)
- 10 [‘Apricot Brûlée’](#) - (Michael Sutton)

- 10 ['Burseenesque'](#) - (Hugh Stout)
- 10 ['Carnival Clown'](#) - (Thomas Johnson)
- 10 ['Catch A Falling Star'](#) - (Donald Sorensen)
- 10 ['Citrus Burst'](#) - (Michael Sutton)
- 10 ['Coconut Ruffles Returns'](#) - (Linda Mann)
- 10 ['Controlled Chaos'](#) - (Michael Sutton)
- 10 ['Debra's Melody'](#) - (Colin Campbell)
- 10 ['Desert Blush'](#) - (Howard Dash)
- 10 ['Electromagnetism'](#) - (David Toth)
- 10 ['Fairy Tale Romance'](#) - (Thomas Johnson)
- 10 ['Florentine Velvet'](#) - (Lorena Montanari)
- 10 ['Focused Energy'](#) - (Michael Sutton)
- 10 ['Friller'](#) - (Michael Sutton)
- 10 ['Greetings My Lady'](#) - (Thomas Johnson)
- 10 ['Hobnobbing'](#) - (Lynda Miller)
- 10 ['Inked In'](#) - (Barry Blyth)
- 10 ['Kiss Me Softly'](#) - (Lesley Painter)
- 10 ['Lavender Lemonade'](#) - (Robin Shadlow)
- 10 ['Major Issue'](#) - (Keith Keppel)
- 10 ['My Pretty'](#) - (Thomas Johnson)
- 10 ['Oregon Firestorm'](#) - (Schreiner)
- 10 ['Plic Symphony'](#) - (Paul Black)
- 10 ['Power Of Dreams'](#) - (Barry Blyth)
- 10 ['Puerto Vallarta'](#) - (Thomas Johnson)
- 10 ['Que Sera Sera'](#) - (Thomas Johnson)
- 10 ['Smoldering Passion'](#) - (Thomas Johnson)
- 10 ['Tapatio'](#) - (Schreiner)
- 10 ['WYSIWYG'](#) - (Tom Burseen)
- 10 ['Zip To The Moon'](#) - (Barry Blyth)

Runners Up:

- 9 ['Antebellum Lady'](#) - (Jim Hedgecock)
- 9 ['Back Again'](#) - (Donald Spoon)
- 9 ['Better Man'](#) - (Larry Lauer)
- 9 ['Big Flirt'](#) - (Thomas Johnson)
- 9 ['Billowing Robes'](#) - (Barry Blyth)
- 9 ['Bold Impact'](#) - (John Painter)
- 9 ['Burnt Biscuits'](#) - (Hugh Stout)
- 9 ['Cabana'](#) - (Joseph Ghio)
- 9 ['Cat Tales'](#) - (Paul Black)
- 9 ['Cloud Gate'](#) - (Paul Black)
- 9 ['Darkside Of The Moon'](#) - (Robert Van Liere)
- 9 ['Decanter'](#) - (Michael Sutton)
- 9 ['Dollface'](#) - (Schreiner)
- 9 ['Double Kick'](#) - (Michael Sutton)
- 9 ['Edge Of Happiness'](#) - (Barry Blyth)
- 9 ['Epic Romance'](#) - (Barry Blyth)
- 9 ['Executive Order'](#) - (Thomas Johnson)

- 9 'Fiasco' - (Barry Blyth)
- 9 'Fresh Morning Shower' - (Paul Black)
- 9 'Island Hop' - (Schreiner)
- 9 'Just A Crush' - (Thomas Johnson)
- 9 'Magical Night' - (Lynda Miller)
- 9 'Mimosa Punch' - (Michael Sutton)
- 9 'Ocean's Edge' - (Michael Sutton)

Border Bearded

(Total votes cast = 399)

- 22 '[Rocky Raccoon](#)' - (Larry Lauer)
 - 20 '[Pin Striped Suit](#)' - (Riley Probst)
 - 17 '[Black Label](#)' - (Paul Black)
 - 17 '[Boundless Berry](#)' - (Paul Black)
 - 16 '[Gay Romance](#)' - (Paul Black)
- Runners Up:
- 15 'Buttercream Pie' - (Elizabeth Rieniets)
 - 14 'Adolescence' - (Keith Keppel)
 - 14 'Airy Fairy Flower' - (Paul Black)
 - 14 'Dazzle Jazz' - (Kimberly Rieniets)
 - 14 'Pink Returns' - (Bryan Spoon)
 - 14 'Poise And Charm' - (Paul Black)
 - 13 'Autumn Peach' - (J. T. Aitken)
 - 13 'Freehand' - (Joseph Ghio)
 - 13 'Papaya' - (J. T. Aitken)
 - 11 'Frisled To Death' - (Thomas Johnson)
 - 11 'Here's Looking At You' - (Mel Cross)
 - 10 'Roseberry Ridge' - (Michael Sutton)
 - 10 'Solar Sunrise' - (Paul Black)

Intermediate Bearded

(Total votes cast = 491)

- 21 '[Blushing Fairy](#)' - (Hooker Nichols)
 - 20 '[Cool Sister](#)' - (Lynda Miller)
 - 19 '[Blurred Vision](#)' - (William Tyson)
 - 17 '[Mutineer](#)' - (Marky Smith)
 - 16 '[Nickel's Worth](#)' - (Paul Black)
 - 15 '[Aunt Pitty Pat](#)' - (Paul Black)
 - 15 '[Canya Hear Me Now](#)' - (Ava Toth)
 - 14 '[Late Frost](#)' - (Anthony Playtis)
 - 14 '[Novia](#)' - (Hugh Stout)
- Runners Up:
- 13 'Big Bad John' - (Anthony Playtis)
 - 13 'Carbon' - (Marky Smith)
 - 13 'Daybreak Over The Rockies' - (Elizabeth Rieniets)
 - 13 'Violet Moon' - (Philip W. Remare)
 - 13 'Yam Jam' - (Ava Toth)

- 12 'Half Sister' - (Lynda Miller)
- 11 'Partisan' - (Marky Smith)
- 10 'Playlist' - (Barry Blyth)
- 9 'Coppercut' - (Barry Blyth)
- 9 'Dijonnaise' - (Michael Sutton)
- 9 'Empress Ann' - (Anthony Playtis)
- 9 'If I Could Fly' - (Ava Toth)
- 9 'Purrfect' - (Barry Blyth)
- 8 'Ecliptic' - (Donald Spoon)
- 8 'Elmo' - (Hooker Nichols)

Miniature Tall Bearded

(Total votes cast = 336)

- 16 '[Baby Doll Pink](#)' - (Paul Black)
- 15 '[Cherry Chocolate Bonbons](#)' - (Elizabeth Rieniets)
- 15 '[Lavender Sprinkles](#)' - (Paul Black)
- 14 '[Quiet Seas](#)' - (Lynda Miller)
- 13 '[Delightful Delany](#)' - (J. T. Aitken)
- 13 '[Shirts And Skins](#)' - (Lynda Miller)
- 13 '[Talking Smack](#)' - (Lynda Miller)

Runners Up:

- 12 'Peanut Butter Cup' - (Kevin Vaughn)
- 12 'Purple Petite' - (Kevin Vaughn)
- 11 'Gotta Be Kiddin' - (Charles Bunnell)
- 11 'I Feel Enchanting' - (Paul Black)
- 11 'Marvelous Max' - (J. T. Aitken)
- 11 'Zipped Up' - (Lynda Miller)
- 10 'Deep In The Heart' - (Paul Black)

Standard Dwarf Bearded

(Total votes cast = 1145)

- 21 '[Zig Zag](#)' - (Thomas Johnson)
- 17 '[Spicy Hot](#)' - (Thomas Johnson)
- 16 '[Tula](#)' - (Thomas Johnson)
- 15 '[Zoltar](#)' - (Thomas Johnson)
- 14 '[Atom Smasher](#)' - (Thomas Johnson)
- 14 '[Not My Circus](#)' - (Paul Black)
- 13 '[Kerpow](#)' - (Thomas Johnson)
- 13 '[Oh My](#)' - (Thomas Johnson)
- 13 '[Queen Of Darkness](#)' - (Paul Black)
- 12 '[Baby Carrots](#)' - (Hugh Stout)
- 12 '[Flying Monkey](#)' - (Paul Black)
- 12 '[Hit The Jackpot](#)' - (Thomas Johnson)
- 12 '[Kookoo](#)' - (Hugh Stout)
- 12 '[Sweet Baby Girl](#)' - (Thomas Johnson)
- 11 '[Blessed](#)' - (Michael Sutton)
- 11 '[Jolly](#)' - (Paul Black)

- 11 [‘Lavender Cream’](#) - (Michael Sutton)
- 11 [‘Meticulous’](#) - (Paul Black)
- 11 [‘Pirate Baby’](#) - (Thomas Johnson)
- 11 [‘Tyrian Treasure’](#) - (Michael Sutton)
- 10 [‘Botta Bing’](#) - (Ginny Spoon)
- 10 [‘Chambord’](#) - (Marky Smith)
- 10 [‘Dancing Dachshund’](#) - (Paul Black)
- 10 [‘Evidence’](#) - (Ann Booth)
- 10 [‘Forever Aglow’](#) - (Paul Black)
- 10 [‘I Dreamed A Dream’](#) - (Paul Black)
- 10 [‘Jig’](#) - (Thomas Johnson)

Miniature Dwarf Bearded

(Total votes cast = 212)

- 10 [‘Frodo’](#) - (Schreiner)
- 10 [‘Teacup Sonata’](#) - (Lee Walker)
- 9 [‘Fuzzy Slippers’](#) - (Schreiner)
- 9 [‘Gigabyte’](#) - (Lynda Miller)
- 9 [‘Micron’](#) - (Marky Smith)
- 9 [‘Orange Squeeze’](#) - (J. T. Aitken)
- 9 [‘Wee Note’](#) - (Lee Walker)
- 9 [‘Zheng Elf’](#) - (Anita Moran)

Runners Up:

- 8 ‘Kootchy Koo’ - (Schreiner)
- 8 ‘Pixie Fuzz’ - (Lynda Miller)
- 8 ‘Yes I Can’ - (Paul Black)

Aril & Arilbred

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

(Total votes cast = 120)

- 41 [‘Rosy Celebration’](#) - (Richard Tasco)
- 17 [‘On The Web’](#) - (Richard Tasco)

Runners Up:

- 16 ‘Vivid Dream’ - (Richard Tasco)
- 9 ‘Artful Accent’ - (Paul Black)
- 9 ‘Glow Of Love’ - (Richard Tasco)
- 7 ‘Beautiful Brown Eyes’ - (Paul Black)
- 7 ‘Royal Flame’ - (Richard Tasco)
- 6 ‘Tarahumara’ - (Howard Dash)
- 5 ‘Picaro's Prank’ - (Elm Jensen)
- 3 ‘Diamonds And Rust’ - (Elm Jensen)

Arilbred

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

(Total votes cast = 188)

- 29 [‘Creative Art’](#) - (Richard Tasco)
- 21 [‘Sailing At Dawn’](#) - (Richard Tasco)

Runners Up:

- 20 'Panic Attack' - (Thomas Johnson)
- 14 'Eye On The Prize' - (Paul Black)
- 13 'Violet Storm' - (Richard Tasco)
- 12 'Desert Affair' - (Howard Dash)
- 11 'Black Cherry Truffle' - (Paul Black)
- 11 'Egyptian Sands' - (Paul Black)
- 11 'Shimmy Shake' - (Thomas Johnson)

Species

(Total votes cast = 26)

- 11 **Mary And Gus** - (Jack Worel)
- 9 **Sandy's Gift** - (Joseph Musacchia)
Runner Up:
- 6 'Ikeda Sunbeam' - (James Waddick)

Interspecies

(Total votes cast = 110)

- 23 **Cascadian Snow** - (Chad Harris)
- 17 **It's A Bigun** - (Jill Copeland)
Runners Up:
- 15 'Unexpected Surprise' - (Chad Harris)
- 15 'Weird Science' - (Paul Black)
- 11 'Get The Net' - (Jill Copeland)
- 11 'Peach Melba Burst' - (Jill Copeland)
- 8 'North To South' - (Jill Copeland)
- 5 'Angels In The Architecture' - (Thomas Silvers)
- 5 'Family Crest' - (Keith Keppel)

Pacific Coast Native (CA)

(Total votes cast = 110)

- 10 **Brevette** - (Deborah A. Cole)
- 6 **Clothed In Rainbows** - (Dwayne Booth)
- 5 **Alphabetic Order** - (Joseph Ghio)
Runners Up:
- 4 'Fire Code' - (Joseph Ghio)
- 4 'Open My Eyes' - (Joseph Ghio)
- 3 'Conga Line' - (Joseph Ghio)
- 3 'Eye For Detail' - (Joseph Ghio)
- 3 'Ocean Seas' - (Joseph Ghio)
- 3 'Scaliwaggle' - (Robert Seaman)
- 3 'Skara Brae' - (Philip W. Remare)
- 3 'Smack Dab On' - (Deborah A. Cole)
- 3 'Tipping Point' - (Joseph Ghio)
- 3 'Tour De California' - (Joseph Ghio)
- 3 'Wink Of An Eye' - (Joseph Ghio)
- 2 'Caboose' - (Joseph Ghio)

Louisiana

(Total votes cast = 366)

- 15 [‘Centennial Anniversary’](#) - (Hooker Nichols)
 - 14 [‘Majestic Velvet’](#) - (Rodney Barton)
 - 13 [‘Moon Over Reunion’](#) - (Hooker Nichols)
 - 10 [‘Bless Your Little Heart’](#) - (Ron Killingsworth)
 - 10 [‘Optical Illusion’](#) - (Robert Treadway)
 - 9 [‘Gulf Moon Glow’](#) - (Albert Faggard)
 - 9 [‘Hiatus’](#) - (Hooker Nichols)
 - 9 [‘Nadine Sarah’](#) - (D. R. Grieves)
 - 8 [‘Haunted Bayou’](#) - (Hooker Nichols)
 - 8 [‘Live In Concert’](#) - (Hooker Nichols)
- Runner Up:
- 7 [‘Choctaw Sky’](#) - (Cynthia Dufrene)

Siberian

(Total votes cast = 275)

- 18 [‘All Gothed Up’](#) - (Marty Schafer & Jan Sacks)
 - 18 [‘Simply Brilliant’](#) - (Robert Hollingworth)
 - 17 [‘Miss Margaret’](#) - (Carla Lankow, by Patrick Spence)
 - 17 [‘Petalicious’](#) - (Robert Hollingworth)
- Runners Up:
- 16 [‘Turtle On Vacation’](#) - (Marty Schafer & Jan Sacks)
 - 14 [‘Raspberry Shortcake’](#) - (Carla Lankow, by Patrick Spence)
 - 13 [‘Moonstone Marvel’](#) - (J. T. Aitken)
 - 12 [‘Am I Amethyst’](#) - (Robert Hollingworth)
 - 11 [‘Follow The Honey’](#) - (Marty Schafer & Jan Sacks)
 - 11 [‘Penelope Anne’](#) - (Marty Schafer & Jan Sacks)
 - 10 [‘Floral Notes’](#) - (Marty Schafer & Jan Sacks)
 - 10 [‘Maura’](#) - (Robert Hollingworth)

Spuria

(Total votes cast = 86)

- 21 [‘Black Stetson’](#) - (Jim Hedgecock)
 - 11 [‘Lines Form Here’](#) - (Jim Hedgecock)
- Runners Up:
- 10 [‘Other Side Of Pluto’](#) - (Anna Cadd)
 - 9 [‘Small Endeavor’](#) - (Jim Hedgecock)
 - 5 [‘Mohican Sun’](#) - (Jim Hedgecock)

Japanese

(Total votes cast = 82)

- 13 [‘Mulberry Halos’](#) - (Chad Harris)
 - 13 [‘Sprinkled Pink’](#) - (J. T. Aitken)
- Runners Up:
- 12 [‘Great Lakes Waves’](#) - (Jill Copeland)
 - 10 [‘Knip Won’](#) - (Jill Copeland)
 - 9 [‘Sanded Treasure’](#) - (Chad Harris)

- 8 'Dark Spell' - (J. T. Aitken)
- 7 'Simple Grace' - (Chad Harris)

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