

**5th Annual
2024 MDIS NOVEL (V)IRIS SHOW 2024**

*A Tip of the Hat to
George Bernard Shaw***

Sponsored by

MT. DIABLO IRIS SOCIETY
*An Affiliate of
The American Iris Society*



**BEST OF SHOW
TIES**

Stephanie Markham 2014
MTB



Dana Borglum 2000
Species-X

VIRTUAL IRIS SHOW

Entries will be accepted

March 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024, midnight PDT
Open to Everyone Registration Free

After the deadline, AIS judges will judge the iris and you will be notified by email the results of the judging.

Virtual Ribbons and Virtual Rosettes will be emailed to you.

**A Show Video will be produced and available on the
Mt Diablo Iris YouTube Channel**

**A People's Choice will be chosen by YouTube followers and
announced in December.**



ARIL
LOIS RICH 1992
EXHIBITED BY
MARY SINDICIC

2023 PEOPLE'S CHOICE

SPECIES-X
DANA BORGLUM 2000
EXHIBITED BY
KATHY OLDHAM



ALLY OOPS

** So the anxious donor offered flowers. "Surely, you must be fond of flowers, Mr. Shaw?"
"So I am of children," he replied, "but I don't cut off their heads, and stick them in
pots about the room." George Bernard Shaw

RULES

- This virtual show is approved by the American Iris Society. It is being held and judged under the rules and regulations of AIS as set forth in the latest edition of *the Handbook for Judges and Show Officials* and any subsequent rules and regulations approved by the AIS Board of Directors. These rules and regulations may not be violated.
- Accredited judges of The American Iris Society will judge all entries in the Horticultural Divisions. The judges' decisions will be final. Any award may be withheld at their discretion.
- Exhibitors may obtain an exhibitor number, unique registration form, and instructions by contacting MtDiabloIris@gmail.com
- The registration must be prepared by the exhibitor.
- This is a VARIETY/CULTIVAR show, organized into sections according to type of iris (e.g. Tall Bearded, Spuria, etc) and in alphabetical order by name of the cultivar within each section and group. Each cultivar constitutes a separate class. Only correctly named cultivars and seedlings will be judged.
- An exhibitor may enter any number of cultivars or seedlings in the single stalk classes, but only one cultivar or seedling in each class.
- The virtual show chair may divide, sub-divide, combine, or create sections and groups of entries as necessary.
- Correct and complete information must appear on the registration form for all entries:: the exhibitor number, the section, section abbreviation, class, correct name of cultivar or seedling, and the photo numbers.
- Youth exhibitors (under 19) may enter exhibits in the Youth Horticulture Division or the Open Horticulture Division but not both in the same show.
- Entries from the same family can be made of iris grown in the same garden. Family members may enter as a unit or individually, but not both, in the same show.
- Show judges are not permitted to exhibit in the show. Except in the case of an emergency when the show chair(s) may allow an exhibitor who is a qualified judge to serve as a virtual show judge.
- All photos must have been taken during this calendar year by the exhibitor whose name appears on the registration form. All iris must have been grown by the exhibitor. Cropped photos are acceptable.
- Entries must be submitted by email by midnight, June 30, 2024, to MtDiabloIris@gmail.com. Use the subject line Virtual Iris Show. The email should include the registration form and the entry pictures. Use GOOGLE DRIVE to attach multiple picture files.
- Entries will be organized and uploaded to folders and submitted to the judges by July 8, 2024. Judges will judge using the time they require and using whatever methods work best for them – ZOOM or individually.
- As this is an accredited virtual show, exhibitors will receive virtual ribbons, virtual rosettes, and virtual certificates by email following judging.

Note: If you choose to print this booklet, PRINT ON BOTH SIDES AND FLIP ON THE SHORT EDGE. It will require two pieces of paper. Fold.

Steps for entering the MDIS Virtual Show

Step 1 – Email MtDiabloIris@gmail.com that you would like an ENTRY NUMBER so that you can submit photo entries.

Let us know if you are entering in the YOUTH DIVISION

Apply for an ENTRY NUMBER even if you are not sure that you will be entering photos. Do this NOW so that we may send you a unique registration form, a show bulletin, and other explanatory pages. These will be WORD documents. (PDF available upon request)

Step 2 – Take photos of YOUR iris, GROWN by you, PHOTOGRAPHED by you, and ENTERED by you. Please take and submit four unique photos, correctly named, for each iris entered. (JPEG, JPG only, greater than 500 KB and less than 5 MB [5000 KB])

- 1 Photo of a single iris from above (TOP)
- 2 Photo of the same iris flower from the front (FRONT)
- 3 Photo of the same iris from the side (SIDE)
- 4 Photo of the entire iris plant, from the ground up to the top of The terminal flower (STALK)

Sample pictures Divisions I, II, and III



1-Top View



2-Front View



3. Side View 4-Full-stalk

- Be mindful of backgrounds. Move any items that might detract from the flower.
- Crop the picture to include JUST the flower/stalk. We will send you a link to a HOW-TO video for taking good entry pictures. **You MAY use a backdrop to make it easier for the judges to see your plant but this is NOT required.**

ARTISTIC DESIGN –designed and photographed by the exhibitor

- A. Photo from the front (FRONT)
- B. Total design from the side (SIDE)
- C. Photo of the 3X5 card with the design explanation

Artistic Design photos should have a backdrop

Step 3 - Naming photos for the MDIS VIRTUAL SHOW

Entries with people in the picture will be disqualified..

Photos (JPEG) should be named using:

- Entry Number, 01-99, assigned when you registered It is the number in your email address and on your registration form.
- Section letter (A-Z)
- Class Abbreviation (TB, MDB, 1, 3,1976, etc.)
- Abbreviation of Cultivar (TAF) [for That's All Forks]
- Photo Number 1,2,3,4

SAMPLE: 01ATBTAF1, 01ATBTAF2, 01ATBTAF3, 01ATBTAF4

Entrant #01 Section -A Class -TB Cultivar-That's All Folks Photo Numbers-1,2,3,4

- All photos become the property of MDIS.
- If used for publication, you will receive photo credits.
- The virtual show committee will exercise all possible care but is not responsible for loss or damage to entries. We will respond within 48 hours to any inquiries and will acknowledge receipt of any entries within 48 hours. **If you do NOT hear from us, resend your email or contact us.**

Step 4 - Complete the REGISTRATION FORM listing each of your photo entries. Column sizes are fixed width. Please do not adjust them in any way. There is an explanation sheet sent to you on how to add iris to the registration form.

Step 5 - Email ALL photos and registration sheet to

MtDiabloIris@gmail.com by midnight PDT, June 30, 2024

IN A NUTSHELL:

1. Email MtDiabloIris@gmail.com and ask for an entry number
2. Take four required pictures of each iris you enter
3. Rename your pictures
4. Complete the registration form
5. Email the photos and your completed registration form to; MtDiabloIris@gmail.com by midnight, June 30, 2024 (GOOGLE Drive works well for this)
6. You will receive an email confirmation within 48 hours

ENTRIES

Specifying the Class on the REGISTRATION is required. The Class abbreviations are indicated below within parens in the applicable Sections.

DIVISION I – HORTICULTURAL

Section A Tall Bearded (TB)

Section B Miniature Dwarf Bearded (MDB)

Section C Standard Dwarf Bearded (SDB)

Section D Intermediate Bearded (IB)

Section E Border Bearded (BB)

Section F Miniature Tall Bearded (MTB)

Section G Space Age – Required: **Specify Class**

Section H Novelty Bearded– Includes broken color, flat tops, multi-petaled, etc. **Specify Class-TB, IB, etc.**

Section I Reblooming – Required: **Specify Class TB, IB, etc.**

Section J Siberian (SIB)

Section K Louisiana (LA)

Section L Spuria (SPU)

Section M Japanese (JI)

Section N Californicae (CA)

Section O Other beardless

Section P Historic Iris - Varieties of any type iris introduced at least 30 years earlier. 1994 and before

REQUIRED - year of introduction on registration form in **Class**.

Section Q Aril (AR) (Class 1) Arilbred (AB) (Class 2)

Section R Species (Class 1) & Species-cross (Class 2)

Section S Miscellaneous – Bulbous iris and any iris not included in other sections.*

DIVISION II – SEEDLING* (registered under name of originator)

Section V Bearded **Specify Class***

Section W Beardless - **Specify Class***

DIVISION III - YOUTH

Section Y Any type of iris grown and exhibited by those 18 years of age and younger. Specify Class

JUDGING

Cultural Perfection 50% How well is it grown for this particular variety or species? Is there damage; brown spots or leaf tips, infestations of insects, poor symmetry of growth, or other factors showing poor vigor for the specimen?

Presentation 25% If in a pot, is the pot clean? Are there weeds surrounding the plant? Could spent blossoms have been removed? Generally, is the plant/flower being presented with its best face?

Photo Quality 25% : Is the image in strong sunlight with disruptive shadows? Is there a disruptive background detracting from the flowers? Are all four correct views photographed?

DIVISION IV – ARTISTIC DESIGN*

The theme is **Plays by George Bernard Shaw**

Section Z Each arrangement must contain Iris as the dominant flower.

Arrangements must relate to one of Shaw's plays. Limit one arrangement per person per class. Containers to be furnished by the exhibitor. Backdrops are encouraged.

Class 1 – 12 inches tall or less

Class 2 – Over 12 inches tall

Class 3- Youth Under 19

- No artificial flowers, flags, nor treated fresh materials may be used.. Accessories and dried materials are allowed. No flags of any country are allowed.
- 3X5 Cards will be used to explain their entries. (Photo)
- Exhibitors will complete a registration form.
- Arrangements will be judged by AIS judges
- Submit two pictures of your arrangement (front and side) and one picture of your 3X5 card explanation. Sample:
- 01ZC11, 01ZC12, 01ZC13X5 (class 1)
- 01ZC21, 01ZC22, 01ZC23X5 (class 2)

Entry number, Section, Class, Photo number

The complete scale of points used by AIS for judging designs -Total 100

Conformance to Theme and class	10 points
Design Subtotal.....	35 points
A) Balance	5
B) Proportion	5
C) Scale	5
D) Rhythm	5
E) Dominance	5
F) Contrast	5
G) Unity	5
Color Use	20 points
Creative Expression (originality)	20 points
Distinction	15 points

AWARDS

- AIS Virtual Ribbons may be awarded for First Place, Second Place, Third Place, and Honorable Mention. Only one First-Place ribbon (blue), one Second-Place ribbon (red), and one Third-Place ribbon (white) may be awarded to any given cultivar in any given section. As many Virtual Honorable Mention ribbons (pink) as quality merit may be awarded. (If there are three entries for 'That's All Folks', then only one blue, red, and white ribbon can be awarded.)
- AIS Virtual Best of Section Rosettes will be awarded in each section where there are at least three exhibitors and five or more entries.
- AIS Special Award Horticulture Virtual Rosettes, when requirements are met, will be awarded to 1st and 2nd Runners-up when there are more than 10 entries in a section and at the Judges' discretion to not more than 10% of the entries.
- An AIS Silver Medal and Virtual Certificate (and YOUTH) will be awarded for the largest number of blue ribbons and an AIS Bronze Medal and Virtual Certificate (and YOUTH) for the second largest number of blue ribbons. Adult medals require at least five exhibitors and 20 entries. Youth medals require two youth and ten entries. In the case of a tie, red ribbons will be counted, and if still tied, white ribbons will be counted. If it remains a tie, two Silver Medals and no Bronze will be awarded. If the tie is for Bronze Medal then two Bronze Medals will be awarded.
 - The Best Entry of Show receives a Virtual Certificate and Virtual Best of Show Rosette.
 - Runners-up (two) to Best of Show receive a Virtual certificate.
 - Best Seedling receives an Exhibition Certificate (EC). The EC will be awarded to any seedling receiving five or more votes from fully accredited AIS judges attending any show in the calendar year. Electronic ballots will be provided to the judges by the show chair. Completed ballots will be forwarded to the AIS Exhibition Reports chair.

*Bulbous irises are eligible to receive award Virtual ribbons, section Virtual Rosettes, and the awarded Virtual ribbons are included in the tally for Silver and Bronze Medals and Certificates. However, these entries are not eligible for the Best Specimen of Show Virtual award.

Artistic Design ribbons are **not** included in the medal count but the best Artistic Design will receive a Virtual Rosette and Virtual Certificate.

Judging will begin July 8, 2024. Exhibitors will be notified by email.

THE MT. DIABLO IRIS SOCIETY

The Mt. Diablo Iris Society was founded in Antioch on January 14, 1960. It is a non-profit Society and exists for the purpose of stimulating and fostering interest in the propagation, culture, and hybridizing of the genus Iris, in the scientific and horticultural education of all those interested in learning about any phase of the genus Iris, and in the protection of these plants in their native habitat.

The Society primarily meets at 1:00 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month in Pleasant Hill or San Ramon. For exact location and exceptions contact the Mt. Diablo Iris Society President. Visitors are always welcome.

MEMBERSHIP

Memberships in the Mt. Diablo Iris Society are available at \$12.50 per year, or \$30.00 for three years, per family unit residing at the same mailing address. Mail check to Sergey Melnikov, 27901 Farm Hill Dr, Hayward, CA 94542.

2024 President: Jeff Bennett

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Watch the 2023 Virtual Iris Show video on YouTube
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5jTEOTIq__Y&t=12s



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We urge you to join The American Iris Society.

Various types of memberships are available. Full membership - \$45/year, Print membership \$30/year, E-membership \$15/year, Youth membership \$8-\$12/year. Inquiries/checks should be sent to the AIS Membership Secretary, Jean Richter, 1226 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501 or memsec@irises.org .