

Winners of the AIS International Iris Competition

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Hello Irisarians around the world—

Five American Iris Society judges visited Presby Memorial Iris Gardens last week to judge the plants sent to Presby for the 2020 International Iris Competition. In July, 2018, 123 iris varieties were planted. By May 2021, 84 varieties had survived and 67 were point scored. Attached is the list of the top ten winners out of the 67.

Thank you to all of the hybridizers who sent plants. The plants bloomed a little later than normal, but the week of May 31–June 2, 2021, they were putting on a show. We were able to complete the judging for three days in between big rain storms.

Thank you to the judges who made it official:

Jody Nolin, President of the AIS

Gary White, Immediate Past President of AIS

Andi Rivarola, 1st Vice President

Bonnie Nichols, 2nd Vice President

Kathy Chilton, President of Tall Bearded Iris Society

Tremendous thanks to Nancy Skjei, President of Presby Memorial Iris Gardens for her help and the help of her staff for supporting this project and keeping the iris very happy.

Very Gratefully,

Jill Bonino

Kathy Chilton

*Co-Chairs of the 2020 AIS International
Iris Competition*

AIS INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Judged at Presby Garden May 31–June 2, 2021

1. 'Lamoyne Elizabeth' (Jim Hedgecock 2018, TB)
2. 'Jedi Master' (Ginny Spoon 2020, TB)
3. 'All Too Exciting' (Paul Black 2018, TB)
4. 'Red Triumph' (Terry Aitken 2017, TB)
5. 'Flower Fever' (Elizabeth Rieniets 2012, TB)
6. 'Cover Of Rolling Stone' (Walter Moores 2018, TB)
7. 'Gracious Me' (Terry Aitken 2015, TB)
8. 'Twilit Snow' (Stephanie Markham 2019, TB)
9. Seedling RD-13108-B (Roland Dejoux)
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