

SHOW AWARDS

American Iris Society Awards

1. **Ribbons** - Each specimen can be awarded only one ribbon. One first-, one second-, and one third-place ribbon may be given to each cultivar in any given section except in the Seedling Division. As many honorable mention ribbons may be awarded as the panel of judges deems worthy.
2. **Best Specimen of Show** (seedlings, bulbous iris, English box, container-grown iris, collection sections, and single blossom entries excepted) - Large purple rosette and certificate.
3. **Best Specimen of Show, Youth** (seedlings, bulbous iris, English box, container, collection sections, and single blossom entries excepted) - Small purple rosette and certificate.
4. **Runners-up** [specify how many] to Best Specimen of Show: Small purple rosette. (Each runner-up must have earned a first-place ribbon.)
5. **Horticultural Sweepstakes** (most first-place ribbons) - Silver Medal and Certificate and large purple rosette. (To award the Adult Silver Medal and certificate there must be at least five exhibitors and at least twenty cultivars at a spring show and at least three exhibitors and at least ten cultivars at a fall show.)
6. **Horticultural Sweepstakes, Youth** (most first-place ribbons): Youth Silver Medal and certificate and small purple rosette. (To award Youth Silver Medal and certificate requires at least two youth exhibitors and at least ten cultivars for a spring show and at least two youth exhibitors and at least five cultivars for a fall show.)
7. **Horticultural Sweepstakes Runner-up** (second most first-place ribbons): Bronze Medal and certificate. (Same minimum requirements and counting conditions as under 5 above.)
8. **Horticultural Sweepstakes Runner-up--Youth** (second most first-place ribbons): Youth Bronze Medal and certificate. (Same minimum requirements and counting conditions as under 6 above.)

In the event of a tie for any medal or certificate award, second-place award ribbons will be counted. If a tie still exists, third-place ribbons are to be counted, and if a tie still persists, honorable mention award ribbons are to be counted. If such procedure does not determine a winner, duplicate Silver Medals (and NO Bronze Medal) will be awarded. If the tie involves the Bronze Medal, duplicate Bronze Medals will be

awarded.

9. **Best Seedling** – Large purple rosette and Exhibition Certificate. An Exhibition Certificate will also be awarded to any seedling receiving five or more votes from fully accredited AIS judges attending the show. (Ballots and envelopes are available at the Seedling Division. Judges will please seal ballots and give to the show chair.)

10. A **Section Medal Certificate** for most first-place ribbons in a section may be awarded in each section where there are at least three exhibitors and at least five cultivars in the section.

11. A **Best Specimen of Section Rosette** may be awarded in each section where there are at least three exhibitors and at least five cultivars in the section.

12. **Educational Exhibit** may receive the Bronze Medal and Certificate for outstanding educational exhibit.

13. **Commercial Exhibit** may receive the Bronze Medal and Certificate for outstanding commercial exhibit.

14. **Artistic (Design):**

Best Design of Show (adult): Large purple rosette and certificate.

Artistic Sweepstakes (adult): Large purple rosette and certificate.

Best Design of Show (youth): Small purple rosette and certificate.

Artistic Sweepstakes (youth): Small purple rosette and certificate.