

The Irisarian



**Region 7
The American
Iris Society**

Spring 2024

Region 7, The American Iris Society

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RVP Corner by Lorene Crone

Greetings Irisarians! I hope those of you that got to attend the winter potluck had a great time. I know I did. We got to have Earnie Royal and the bingo game back this year. We also got some great irises thanks to our generous donors. Things are getting back to normal. First, I want to thank Caroline Winters for her leadership through the Covid pandemic. Deciding to cancel meetings for everyone's health is not an easy decision but was a necessary one. Most of us dealt with this in some form and I am hoping the worst is behind us. Who would have thought that the simple things we were taught in elementary school would make such a difference, cover your cough and wash your hands. We were also taught that what may not be a germ to you could be a germ to someone else so let's look out for each other. You never know that the person sitting next to you is immunocompromised.

I want to thank you all for your support over the next three years. This is not a one man/woman job being RVP. It takes a village. Thank you to the board members that chose to remain to support the region. Thank you to my local club for their support while I am in office. Did you all know there have been at least four RVPs from Jackson Area Iris Society? Who would have thought from our little club!

Thanks to the clubs that have stepped up to host future regional meetings. For those that have not made the decision yet just remember that you are not expected to do what another club has done. If you want to try something different, go for it. If you want to run your ideas by the board, do so. Make it fun, not unbearable work. I am looking forward to seeing all of you in a garden, meeting place, or show this year! Happy gardening!

Lorene



**TREASURER'S REPORT
A.I.S. REGION 7
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Previous Balance as of September 18, 2023	\$12,309.94
<u>Income:</u>	
10/2/23 BGIS Sale Donation	\$300.00
10/2/23 Louisville Iris Society Sale Donation	\$ 71.00
10/2/23 JAIS Sale Donation	\$240.00
10/2/23 WTIS Sale Donation	\$155.00
10/2/23 Live Auction Fall Meeting	\$1,935.00
10/2/23 Silent Auction Fall Meeting	\$866.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,567.00
<u>Expenses:</u>	
9/30/23 Denise Flowers (Awards)	\$106.02
9/30/23 Jim Hedgecock Judges Training Travel Expenses	\$400.00
10/1/23 ETIS Jim Hedgecock Hotel	\$128.35
10/13/23 Lake Benson UPC Deposit for Winter Meeting	\$250.00
10/24/23 Lorene Crone Video Equipment	\$734.18
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,618.55
Ending Balance as of December 31, 2023	\$14,258.39

Respectfully Submitted by

James D Vernon



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If you have new members join your society, or you need to update membership information, please contact:

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YOUTH

Hi Regional Members,

This year's theme for the Ackerman Essay Contest is: "A new friend, exactly your age and interested in all the same things you love, just moved in next door to you! Her mom gave her a flower bed of her own in their new back yard. Your new bestie saw your blooming iris beds and now wants to plant iris, too, but she doesn't know anything about them. So, she asked you to teach her all about iris! What are they? How do you plant them? When do iris bloom, and what do you do with them when they finish their bloom cycle? How (and when) do you fertilize them, or dig and separate them when they have grown large? In other words, she wants to know all about irises, and you are the perfect person to ask."

There are 3 age groups: 9 and under; 10 to 12; and 13 and over. Each age group has a first, second and third place winner (\$100 for first, \$50 for second and \$25 for third). Winners will also receive a 2024 introduction. Essays should be written in 500 words or less, and the deadline for submission is June 10, 2024. Email your essay to debbie@loveirises.com or mail to Debbie Strauss, 2213 Hereford Blvd., Midland, TX 79707

Denise



Courtesy of Donna Little



Courtesy of Belinda Carroll

THE IRISARIAN

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Deadlines

Articles and ads:

Fall issue - August 1

Spring issue - March 1

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‘Sand Dancer’, AB, 2010, Richard Tasco



‘Leave The Light On’, IB, 2013, R. Probst



‘Lake Effect’, JI, 2004, Bob Bauer/John Coble

From the Editor by Susan Driver



Greetings from Middle Tennessee!

What an interesting winter we've had; lots of really warm days and one week that reminded me of winters back in the 70's! We like to complain about the ups and downs in temperature, but how dull would it be if the weather stayed the same all the time? I'm just glad that we didn't have a severe freeze like the one in December 2022. As always, the Bradford pears are a sure sign of Spring to come. I will confess, however, that I've been reluctant to start my gardening clean-up. It always seems so overwhelming after months of leisure.

Welcome our new RVP, Lorene Crone! She is already cracking the whip, and we appreciate her devotion to the region. We are looking forward to the Region 7 Spring meeting and show in Nashville, with our own Bob Strohman as guest speaker. We kicked off the year with our Winter Potluck at Lake Benson, and it's always good to see those who are able to attend. If you've never been to a regional meeting, consider making this the year to start; you won't be disappointed. So dust off those wintertime blues and join your iris friends for a great 2024. We will see you soon!

Susan



"Gypsy Lord", TB, K. Keppel 2006



"Immortality", TB, L. Zurbrigg, 1982



"Splashacata", TB, R. Tasco, 1998

Region 7 Meeting Schedule

Meeting	Dates	Location	Hosted By	Judges' Training Speaker
Winter Potluck	Feb 24-25	Lake Benson Retreat Center		Robert Treadway (LA's)
Spring 2024	Apr 27-28	Nashville, TN	MTIS	Bob Strohman (in garden)
Fall 2024	Sept 27-28	Natchez Trace State Park, TN	JAIS	TBD

AIS Region 7 Fall Meeting

September 30 - October 1, 2023

AIS Region 7 Fall Board Meeting - September 30, 2023 hosted by the East Tennessee Iris Society held at the Fairfield Inn and Suites, Clinton, Tennessee.

RVP Caroline Winters called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm, thanking all those in attendance which were Jim Vernon, Denise Flowers, Lorene Crone, Susan Driver, Ginny Russell, MaryAnn Duncan, and others.

Minutes were read from the last Region 7 meeting from May 13, 2023 Spring Meeting in Lexington, KY. Minutes were approved as read.

Treasurers report: Jim Vernon passed out the treasurers report to board members, stating expenses total 1,034.74 with an ending balance of 12,309.94. Treasurers report accepted as read.

Lorene Crone gave the judges report of 32 judges, which 12 did not judge any shows, three judges did not return their judges report, you can only do this one time if again you will need to start your judges training over again. There are two Emeritus judges Bob Strohmman, and Phil Williams. If you are a retired judge and you keep up your AIS membership you can still judge a show as long as you judge with an accredited judge.

Awards Committee: Denise Flowers said she had 3 awards to give out tonight and the banquet. Denise said she had ordered plaques to be given for these awards. She advised us that we had two youth members who had received National Awards, Wyatt Willis 2nd place in his age class, and Lilly Young 2nd place in her age class. Denise said we need to encourage our youth to enter the AIS essay contest.

Old business: Caroline discussed the Winter Pot Luck scheduled for February 24, 25, 2024 at Lake Benson, Bon Aqua, TN. which is about the same distance as Henry Horton. Information for Lake Benson can be found on the Region 7 website. Lorene said we have a contract for the Fall Meeting at Natchez Trace State Park for September 27-29 2024. She will have more information and room rates later.

Stephanie Plummer MTIS president discussed the Nashville club hosting the Region 7 Spring meeting 2024 with the biggest issue being getting the beds ready for garden judges training. The dates she gave for the Spring Meeting is April 27 - 28, 2024 in conjunction with MTIS iris show on April 27, and garden judges training on Sunday 28th. The question was ask if two clubs could both host a meeting together. Caroline said to do this would throw off the rotation and all clubs need to take their turn at hosting.

Lorene Crone discussed that we need a membership chair in that Ginny Russell is stepping down. Lorene said she receives a report from AIS of their members from that she could make a report to be placed in the Irisarian. Discussion followed and Jim Vernon made the motion to elect Caroline Winters as membership chair for the next 3 years and Lorene 2nd the motion. A vote was called, the board voted unanimously for Caroline to fill this position.

New Business: Lorene suggested the club purchase a projector, screen, and HDMI cable to be used at meetings and judges training. After discussing the need for a projector MaryAnn made the motion for the club to purchase it and Jim 2nd the motion. Caroline ask for a vote which the board passed unanimously to make this purchase. Lorene volunteered to do the research and let the board know.

Caroline informed us at the banquet tonight will be the election of new officers. Belinda Carroll chair of the officer nominating committee will be taking nominations from the floor. Ruth Foran is rolling off as Trustee this position and RVP office is needed and Assistant RVP.

Caroline said that was all she had on her agenda and ask if there was any other business. With no other discussion Caroline adjourned the meeting at 1:29 pm.

Banquet: RVP Caroline Winters discussed with members attending the banquet of the Region 7 board meeting held earlier in the day. All business was discussed, Jim Vernon gave Financial Report, Lorene Crown gave Judges Report. Clubs presented their donations from their iris sales to the Region. Jackson club \$240.00, Bluegrass \$300.00, West TN \$155.00, Louisville \$71.00, MTIS \$600.00.

Awards: Denise Flowers no youth award due to no nominations given.

Hybridizer Award: awarded to Emeritus Judge Bob Strohman for his years of service both local and National, for his work in hybridizing many named irises, for his judges training and programs through the years promoting iris.

Unsung Hero: awarded to Marilyn Lang for being an amazing tech person getting club information to the public, working tirelessly and hosting a region meeting.

Regional Hard Worker: awarded to Susan Driver, local club President, digging iris and working on the sale and for all her work and computer skills on the Irisarian.

Election of Region 7 Officers: Nominating committee Belinda Carroll (chair), Mary Ann Duncan, and Jim Vernon

RVP - Lorene Crone

Assistant RVP - Susan Driver

Immediate Past RVP - Caroline Winters

Treasurer - Jim Vernon

Secretary - Brenda Batson

Trustee - Mary Ann Duncan

Trustee. - Nancy Thompson

Trustee. - Evelyn Koehler

Belinda presented to Caroline Winters outgoing RVP a pin for her dedication and service, working tirelessly for AIS Region 7. Caroline shared with us her farewell sentiments.

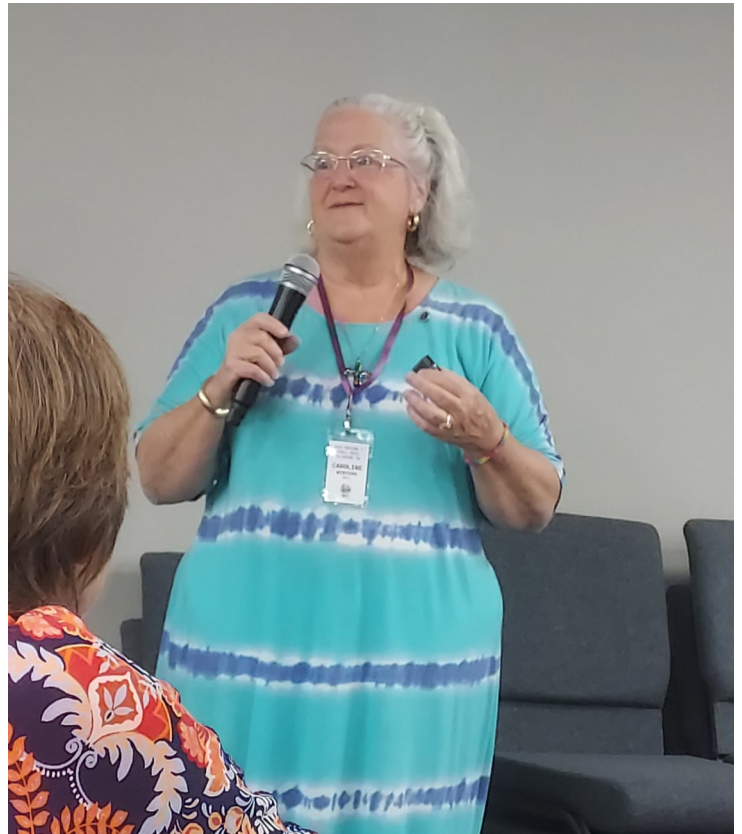
Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Batson

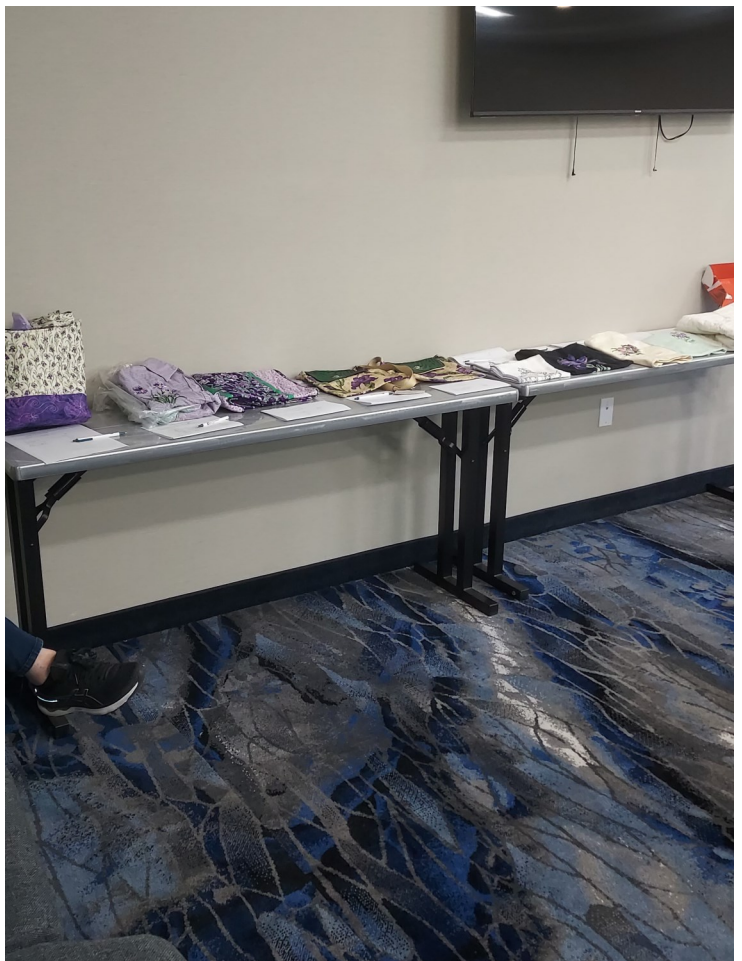
REGION 7 FALL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 1, 2023



New RVP, Lorene Crone with speaker, Jim Hedgecock



Outgoing RVP, Caroline Winters









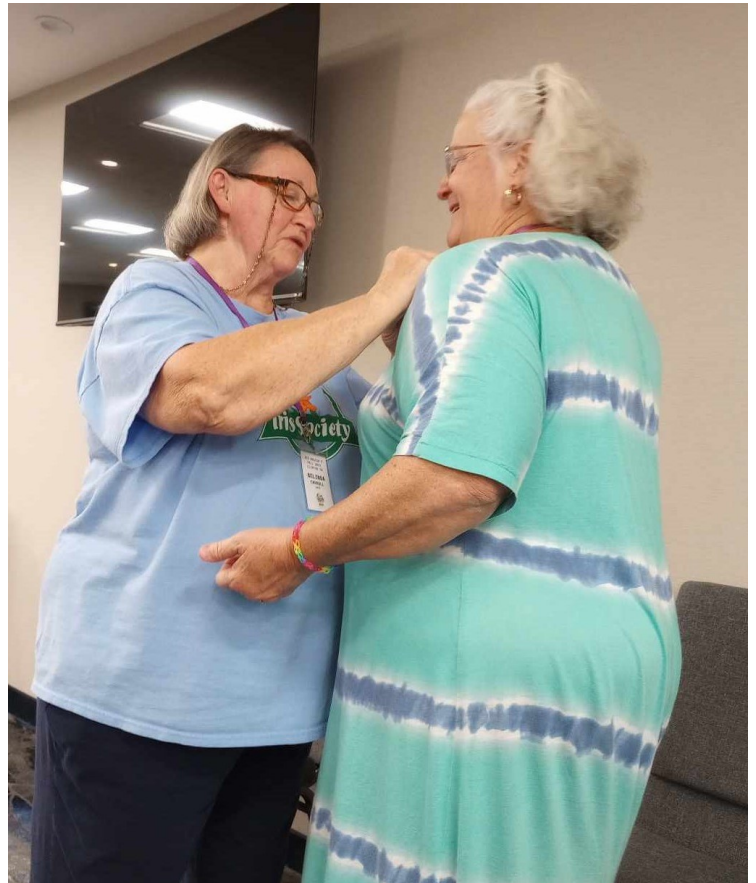
Regional Hard Worker Award to Susan Driver



Unsung Hero Award to Mary Lynne Lange, Jane Hellmann accepts



Hybridizer of the Year to Bob Strohmman



Belinda Carroll pins outgoing RVP Caroline Winters



AIS REGION 7 SPRING MEETING 2024

Hosted by: Middle Tennessee Iris Society

APRIL 26 -28, 2024

HILTON BRENTWOOD/NASHVILLE SUITES

9000 OVERLOOK DRIVE, BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

Schedule of Events

Friday, April 26:

Registration and Informal evening “get together” for early arrivals!

Saturday, April 27:

Registration, Iris Show, “General Store”, Board Meeting (4:30pm) and Banquet (6:30 pm) at the host hotel. Garden. Tours possible....

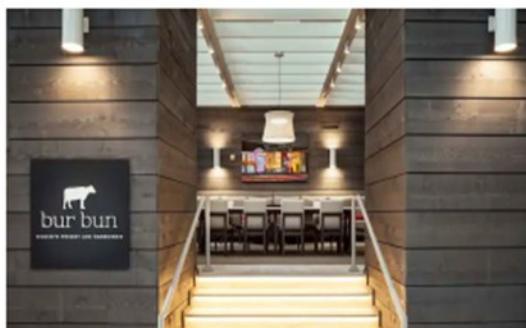
Sunday, April 28:

Bob Strohman of Lexington, KY will conduct Garden Judges Training at the Ellington Agricultural Center
Iris Garden (1/2 day event)



BRENTWOOD/NASHVILLE SUITES

GUEST ROOMS: Our two-room suites feature a bedroom with either **KING** or two **DOUBLE** beds, all with separate living room. All Suites have queen size sofa sleeper in living room and residential size bathroom.



FOOD AND DRINK: Hours of Operation

Rose and Emmett's:

Mon – Fri: 6a – 10a

Sat – Sun: 7a – 11a

Bur Bun:

Mon – Sun: 5p – 10p

Room Service:

Available during restaurant hours

Gift Shop / Market:

Available 24 hours

THINGS TO KNOW:

- o **ADDRESS:** 9000 Overlook BLVD Brentwood TN 37027
- o **CHECK IN TIME:** 4pm / **CHECK OUT TIME:** 12pm
- o Hotel is located approx. 11 miles south of Downtown Nashville

Block of rooms has been reserved – click the booking link below:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/midtnirissociety2024/>




ROOM BLOCK CUT OFF DATE IS 03/27/2024. Please make your reservations early to guarantee the discounted group rate.

Rate for King Suite (sleeps 4) \$179/night + tax

Rate for 2 Double room Suite (sleeps 5) \$189+tax

Note: The link will default to a 2-night stay. If you do not plan to come on Friday, please use the “edit stay” function on the reservation page as shown below:



Your Stay  Hilton Brentwood/Nashville Suites  Fri, Apr 26 – Sun, Apr 28, 2024 (2 nights)  1 room for 1 adult [Edit Stay](#)

If you have any questions or difficulties accessing this link, or need any assistance with making reservations, please contact midtniris@gmail.com or call Stephanie @615-584-9463 for assistance.

WELCOME TO KALEIDOSCOPE!



MTIS would like to encourage you to bring some of your beautiful iris to our annual show!

Entries will be accepted 8:00 am – 10:15 am, Saturday, April 27

Judging will begin at 10:30 am

Show will open to the public from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

GENERAL STORE

Bring your crafts, artwork, gently used iris or gardening knick-knacks, potted iris or baked goods to donate to the “general store”. General Store will be open between 11:00 am -4:00 pm on Saturday.

If you have any questions, please contact midtniris@gmail.com or call Stephanie @615-584-9463 for assistance

AIS REGION 7 SPRING MEETING 2024

Hosted by: Middle Tennessee Iris Society

APRIL 26 -28, 2024

HILTON BRENTWOOD/NASHVILLE SUITES

9000 OVERLOOK DRIVE, BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

REGISTRATION FORM

Each person attending MUST submit this registration form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

Please tell us when you will be in attendance:

FRIDAY _____ **SATURDAY** _____ **SUNDAY** _____

Registration Fee is \$30 per person

Please send this form and registration fee to:

Middle TN Iris Society
C/O Stephanie Plummer
5133 Glencarron Drive
Nashville, TN 37220

Remembering Wild Iris Rows

by Brenda Elmore Batson

For all those gardeners and iris lovers living in and around Region 7, a must see garden has always been Wild Iris Rows in Springfield, Tennessee. Darnell Hester, wife Judy, and son Greg said their iris garden was a labor of love, weeding, hybridizing, and selling from their beautiful garden. Darnell and Judy joined the Middle Tennessee Iris Society in Nashville around 1986 when he saw an ad for their annual iris sale fund raiser. They quickly became active members taking on officer positions. They opened their garden to the public in 1992 for gardeners to walk through and make their selections from the gardens diversity of colors. When they started advertising in the AIS bulletin in 1996, they began shipping irises all over the country. But they always took the time to talk about growing irises with every iris novice who came by to walk down their sprawling garden path. Darnell attended the National Iris Convention in 1998 and met Dave Schreiner. He came back home to Springfield with a new found love of hybridizing. You may grow some of his creations in your own garden, Dinosaurian Springfield Sunburst, Intrepid Hunter, and Lenora Suzzette to name a few.

Years ago when I was just a young girl, my Dad said “ I have some place for us to go today”. You probably guessed it we were going to Wild Iris Rows. My Dad said as we were getting out of the car “you can pick out five irises for your birthday”. The garden was in peak bloom and with so many colors to pick from selection was difficult. So I said “what I will do is pick the prettiest blue, pink, white, yellow, and purple”. I found Darnell and gave him my selections. He said “good job you picked some award winning irises they are Dykes Medal Winners”. I remember just nodding and smiling not having any idea what he just said. The prettiest blue was Babbling Brook when I put that one on my list my Dad said “doesn’t that flower just make you smile”? I said “Yes Dad it does it really does”. So year after year we would go back to Wild Iris Rows and pick out five more. Wild Iris Rows is closed now due to health reasons and not being able to keep up a large garden. I can’t thank Darnell, Judy, and Greg enough for their irises and for the memories of walking down the iris path with my Dad.



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2024 Total **32** (*includes retired judges who are still eligible to judge on a panel with other accredited judges)



2024 AWARD NOMINATIONS OPEN

Award season is here - and not just for music, television and movies! Late winter marks the opening of nominations for the AIS Regional Awards, and we really want to hear from you! This year, we'd like to receive several nominations for each award, so please help us get out the word to your fellow members. Here's the scoop: Send in your nominations for the awards listed below by July 1, 2024 to kpflower89@gmail.com, or to 171 Carrie Dr., Dyersburg, TN 38024. Nominations will be taken for the following awards;

Regional Hard Worker Award

This award goes to a "standard bearer" for the entire region. Do you know someone who works tirelessly on behalf of the region to promote iris and to support regional events? Send in the nomination now, and tell us who carries our standard forward. Let us know why you think he/she deserves this award.

Unsung Local Hero Award

This year, "shine a light" on a fellow club member who most deserves the unsung local hero award! Do you have someone in your club who can be relied upon to help out at every event and meeting? This award goes to a person in a local club who works hard, will do whatever asked, but who may not stand in the limelight. Tell us about your hardest worker, and why he/she deserves this award.

Hybridizer of the Year Award

Is one of your favorite irises from a local hybridizer? Tell us about why he/she should get this prestigious award. This award goes to a person who has done considerable or notable work in the area of hybridizing, and could be awarded for excellence in a series of irises or even one extraordinary iris.

Youth Award

If you have an active youth member in your club, give some recognition by nominating him/her for an award this year! Tell us how active this individual is in the club. Does he/she grow iris, participate in meetings, or assist in club events? We want to hear about these youths interested in iris, so please send in your nomination now!

Send your nominations to:

Denise Flowers

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kpflower89@gmail.com



"Paul Black", TB, T. Johnson, 2003

SHOWS AND SALES

Jackson Area Iris Society

Show: May 4, 2024 Entries: 8-10:30 a.m. Open: 1-4 p.m. Old Hickory Mall
Sale: TBD 8 a.m. Jackson Farmer's Market; TBD, 8 a.m. Dyersburg
Farmer's Market; TBD, 8 a.m. Dresden Farmer's Market

Greeneville Iris Society

Show: April 27, 2024 Entries: 8-10:30 a.m. Open: 2-4 p.m. Trinity UMC
Sale: May 18-19, 2024 Sat: 9-5 p.m. Sun: 1-5 p.m. 115 Academy St.

Twin States Iris Society

Show: May 4, 2024 Entries: 7-10 a.m. Open: 1-5 p.m. 131 Pride Ln, Lebanon

Middle TN Iris Society

Show: April 27, 2024 Entries: 8-10:15 a.m. Open: 1-4 p.m., Hilton Brentwood, 9000 Overlook Drive. Includes Region 7 Spring Meeting
Sale: July 13, 2024, 8-3 p.m. Crieviewood UMC, Nashville

Mid-State Iris Association

Show: TBD Entries: 8-10:30 a.m. Open: 1-4 p.m. 708 W. Clark
Sale: TBD 9 a.m. The Square, Murfreesboro, TN

Louisville Area Iris Society

Show: May 11, 2024 Entries: 8-10 a.m. Open: 12-4 p.m. St Marks, Episcopal
Sale: Aug 3, 2024 9-2 p.m. Wallitsch Garden Center, 2608 Hikes Ln, Louisville, KY

Bluegrass Iris Society

Show: May 11, 2024 Entries: 8:30-10:30 a.m. Open: 1-4 p.m. Lexington Green Mall
Sale: TBD, 10-2 p.m. Lexington Green Mall (behind Joseph Beth)

The American Iris Society 2024 Photo Contest

May 1st to August 1st MIDNIGHT—California Time

The American Iris Society invites you to participate in their Annual Photo Contest. This contest is free and open to everyone, with the exception of contest judges and the contest coordinator, who are not eligible to enter. The winning photo of each category will be published in the AIS Winter magazine and placed on the AIS web site. The 2024 winner of each category will receive a 2024 introduction (within USA only). The winners will also receive a single e-membership or annual membership extension to AIS. (Winners who are AIS Life Members will receive an e-membership or annual membership in an AIS section of their choice). Runners-up of each category will receive a 2022-2023 introduction (within the USA only). International winners will receive digital AIS memberships.

How to Enter: NO PRINTS ACCEPTED.

Completely fill out the entry form designating in which category you are entering your “digital” photos (i.e. Cat3 Margaret Hart with “Snow Flurry”) and use the same for your photo file name. Then email (or snail mail a CD) of your digital high-resolution photos, along with the entry form, to the AIS Photo Contest Coordinator, at the address indicated.

You may submit up to 6 photos total for this contest. They may be all entered in one category or separate categories.

Irises must be the primary subject of the photo, and the photos should be of the Genus Iris. The deadline for entries is Midnight, August 1st, California Time.

Entries will be judged in the following 6 categories:

1. Irises in a landscape or garden (Show the iris in the garden).
2. Irises in the wild. (Species iris in the wild, field or planting).
3. A person or people at iris events or tours.
4. Close up of an iris or irises. (Whole flower is showing).
5. Iris photos-macro. (Close-up of bloom segments).
6. Photos of pets, wildlife or garden art with the irises.

*****youth photographers (under 19) can choose to enter any of the categories as an adult or a youth, but not both.**

“High Resolution” digital photos or RAW digital photos are required (i.e., 300 dpi or more), with maximum file size of 2.1 MB.

Entries can be emailed (maximum two photos per email) to:

susandriver801@gmail.com

For snail mail, place “High Resolution” files on a CD (double-check the photos are there) and mail said CD along with your entry form. Include name of the variety or person in each photo (if known) and the photo file name on the entry form.

NOTE: Check your email the next 24-48-hours after sending your entries, in case of problems and your response is needed.

A panel of 3-5 judges will judge the photos received and their decisions will be final.

Where to send:

**The American Iris Society Photo Contest,
c/o Susan Driver, 177 Spring Valley Road,
McMinnville, TN 37110**

E-mail photos & entry form to:

SUBJECT – AIS Photo Contest

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Entry Form:

Please designate Category #, photo name (s) and name of persons in photos, if any, to match name on digital file.

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*****If this is a youth entry, please tell us your age _____**

I am the person who took the photograph(s) enclosed, and I have not assigned any of my rights associated with these photographs to any third party. By entering the photo contest I am hereby authorizing The American Iris Society a royalty free, non-exclusive right to use winning photograph(s) and photographs worthy of honorable mention in publications, in brochures and calendars, on the Internet, and for other promotional uses. (Forms submitted by email do not require actual signature. By filling in the information below, either fully or partially, and submitting the form by email, you grant The American Iris Society the rights specified in the paragraph above).



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AIS 2023 Symposium Results (top 16)

Rank 2023	Rank 2022	Cultivar	Hybridizer	Year	Votes
1	7	Daughter of Stars	D. Spoon	2001	56
2	1	Bottle Rocket	M. Sutton	2010	53
2	5	Thornbird	M. Byers	1989	53
4	16	Sharp Dressed Man	T. Johnson	2010	51
5	4	Dusky Challenger	Schreiner	1986	50
6	2	Queen's Circle	F. Kerr	2000	48
7	10	Florentine Silk	K. Keppel	2005	47
7	11	Stairway To Heaven	L. Lauer	1993	47
9	11	Montmartre	K. Keppel	2008	44
10	31	Football Hero	L. Miller	2015	43
10	5	Jesse's Song	B. Williamson	1983	43
12	3	That's All Folks	B. Maryott	2005	41
13	7	Gypsy Lord	K. Keppel	2006	40
14	20	Immortality	L. Zurbrigg	1982	39
14	25	Paul Black	T. Johnson	2003	39
14	34	Splashacata	R. Tasco	1998	39



AIS 2023 Medal Results

Medal	Type	Cultivar	Hybridizer	Year	Votes
Dykes	TB	Don't Doubt Dalton	Tom Burseen	2015	33
Wister	TB	Black Lipstick	Keith Keppel	2016	35
	TB	Royston Rubies	Adam Cordes	2017	28
	TB	Chihuahuan Desert	Howard Dash	2016	26
Knowlton	BB	What's New Pussycat	Paul Black	2011	41
Sass	IB	Black Comedy	Paul Black	2017	65
Williamson-White	MTB	Black Cherry Sorbet	Chad Harris	2016	81
Cook-Douglas	SDB	Oh Canada	Thomas Johnson	2015	22
Caparne-Welch	MDB	Black Olive	Paul Black	2013	32
Clarence G. White	AR/AB	Bold Awakening	Rick Tasco	2016	52
Signa	SPEC	More Raspberries Please	Rita Butler	2016	30
Debaillon	LA	Melody Wilhoit	Hooker Nichols	2013	49
Morgan-Wood	SIB	Black Joker	M Schafer & J Sacks	2013	37
Payne	JI	Koto Harp Strings	Chad Harris	2016	26

TB Award of Merit

50 Dark Universe (Keith Keppel)	23 I Like Pretty Things (Paul Black)
42 When Doves Cry (Thomas Johnson)	23 Panjandrum (Keith Keppel)
39 Ay Chihuahua (Howard Dash)	23 Spring Elegance (Richard Tasco)
34 Wind Beneath My Wings (Paul Black)	23 Truth Or Dare (Thomas Johnson)
30 Copper Angel (Howard Dash)	22 Cha Cha Cha (Bonnie Nichols)
30 Senior Jinx (Schreiner)	22 Easter Charm (Keith Keppel)
29 Big Hat No Cows (Douglas Kanarowski)	22 First Prize (Richard Tasco)
29 Luminare (Michael Sutton)	22 Reckless Child (Keith Keppel)
27 Pom Pom Party (Anton Mego)	21 Breve (George Sutton by Michael Sutton)
26 Jedi Princess (Howard Dash)	21 I Broke It (Paul Black)
25 Noble Lord (Richard Tasco)	21 Phasers On Stun (Douglas Kanarowski)
24 Decked Out (Tom Burseen)	21 Sweetwater Pie Burns (Tom Burseen)
23 Catch The Fever (Keith Keppel)	21 Tango In The Night (Howard Dash)
23 Florence My Pet Flamingo (D. Kanarowski)	21 Tropical Fruit Salad (Douglas Kanarowski)



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Bob and ladies, Fall Meeting



Lake Benson, winter Potluck