



AIS Awards for 1981

Votes *Dykes Memorial Medal*

179 '[Brown Lasso](#)' (BB) (Eugene Buckles by O. David Niswonger) (24.6% of the votes)

Runners Up:

48 'Vanity' (TB) (Ben Hager)

42 'Queen Of Hearts' (TB) (Opal Brown)

The Knowlton Medal

Border Bearded Irises

131 '[Whoop 'Em Up](#)' (Dovie Brady)

Runners Up:

81 'Stepping Small' (Tell Muhlestein)

63 'Copy Cat' (Joseph Ghio)

63 'Maron Bells' (Tom Magee)

The Hans And Jacob Sass Medal

Intermediate Bearded irises

161 '[Raspberry Blush](#)' (Melba Hamblen)

Runners Up:

116 'Peachy Face' (Bennett Jones)

75 'Cheers' (Ben Hager)

The Cook-Douglas Medal

Standard Dwarf Bearded irises

76 '[Hocus Pocus](#)' (Ben Hager)

Runners Up:

74 'Starry Eyed' (Joseph Gatty)

67 'Melon Honey' (Earl Roberts)

The Caparne Award

Miniature Dwarf Bearded irises

58 '[Penny Candy](#)' (Melba Hamblen)

Runners Up:

40 'Garnet Elf' (Melba Hamblen)

22 'Gizmo' (Ben Hager)

The Williamson-White Award

Miniature Tall Bearded irises

66 '[Spanish Coins](#)' (Jean Witt)

Runners Up:

- 29 'Little Bluebeard' (Kevin Vaughn)
- 26 'Bellboy' (Mary Louise Dunderman)

The Sydney B. Mitchell Award

Pacific Coast Native irises

- 18 '[Restless Native](#)' (Joseph Ghio)

Runners Up:

- 17 'Councilman' (Joseph Ghio)
- 17 'Santa Rita' (Joseph Ghio)

The William Mohr Award

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

- 50 '[Byzantine Beauty](#)' (Hooker Nichols)

Runners Up:

- 49 'Aril Lady' (Henry Danielson)
- 25 'Totem' (Fred Crandall)

The Clarence G. White Award

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

- 63 '[Martha Mia](#)' (Eugene Hunt)

Runners Up:

- 45 'Bionic Burst' (Henry Danielson)
- 20 'Canasta' (Lois Rich)
- 20 'Dresden Gold' (Doris Foster)

The Eric Nies Award

Spuria irises

- 43 '[Imperial Ruby](#)' (Eleanor McCown)

Runners Up:

- 35 'Butter Paddle' (O. David Niswonger)
- 30 'Fergy's Poetry' (Walker Ferguson)

The Payne Award

Japanese irises

- 29 '[Fuji](#)' (Thornton Abell)

Runners Up:

- 16 'Returning Tide' (Currier McEwen)
- 15 'Prairie Chief' (Authur Hazzard)

The Mary Swords Debaillon Award

Louisiana irises

- 51 '[Bryce Leigh](#)' (Frank Chowning)

Runners Up:

- 35 'Shrimp Creole' (Joseph Ghio)
- 32 'Harland K. Riley' (W. B. MacMillan)

The Morgan-Wood Award

Siberian irises

- 99 **'Butter And Sugar'** (Currier McEwen)
Runners Up:
49 'Steve' (Steve Varner)
23 'Roanoke's Choice' (William McGarvey)

The Fred And Barbara Walther Cup

(Most HM votes in any category)

- 383 **'Beverly Sills'** (TB (Ben Hager))
Runners Up:
241 'Copper Classic' (TB) (E. Roderick)
193 'Song Of Norway' (TB) (Walter Luihn)

Tall Bearded Award Of Merit

- 112 **'Superstition'** (Schreiner)
103 **'Mandolin'** (Joseph Ghio)
101 **'Intuition'** (Joseph Ghio)
92 **'Lawrence Welk'** (Henry Danielson)
91 **'Silent Majesty'** (Melba Hamblen)
89 **'Kentucky Derby'** (David Mohr)
88 **'Exotic Star'** (Gordon Plough)
84 **'Showcase'** (Schreiner)
83 **'Persian Berry'** (Larry Gaulter)
79 **'Deep Pacific'** (Eugene Burger)
77 **'Added Praise'** (Jack Boushay)
77 **'Spinning Wheel'** (D. C. Nearpass)
Runners Up:
76 'Memphis Delight' (Evelyn Kegerise)
75 'Victor Herbert' (Cliff Benson)
73 'Irene Nelson' (Bennett Jones)
73 'Malaysia' (Joseph Ghio)
71 'Firewater' (Keith Keppel)
68 'Heather Blush' (Bernard. Hamner)
68 'Sun City' (Bernard. Hamner)
67 'Charisma' (Clarence Blocher)
65 'Lacy Snowflake' (Schreiner)

Standard Dwarf Bearded Award Of Merit

- 69 **'Pepper Mill'** (Ben Hager)
68 **'Sapphire Gem'** (Hazel Schmelzer)
63 **'Queen's Pawn'** (Bennett Jones)
43 **'Clay's Caper'** (Ben Hager)
Runners Up:
40 'Combo' (Ben Hager)
40 'Copenhagen' (Hooker Nichols)
40 'Hammered Copper' (Earl Roberts)

39 'Little Miss Muffet' (Melba Hamblen)

Border Bearded Award Of Merit

84 '[Inner Circle](#)' (Joseph Ghio)

75 '[Pink Lollipop](#)' (James Marsh)

72 '[Little Admiral](#)' (Eugene Burger)

Runners Up:

64 'Pocket Size' (Gordon Plough)

57 'Scuppernong Rose' (Alva Hickerson)

54 'Frills' (Bernice Roe)

52 'Bethany' (Glenn Corlew)

Intermediate Bearded Award of Merit

102 '[Boy Wonder](#)' (Joseph Ghio)

86 '[Raspberry Bonnet](#)' (Melba Hamblen)

69 '[Hagar's Helmet](#)' (Hooker Nichols)

Runners Up:

60 'Snow Festival' (Cleo Palmer)

59 'Virtue' (Joseph Gatty)

51 'Battle Shout' Jack Boushay)

46 'Maiden Lane' (Richard Pettijohn)

Tall Bearded Honorable Mention

383 '[Beverly Sills](#)' (Ben Hager)

241 '[Copper Classic](#)' (Elvan Roderick)

193 '[Song Of Norway](#)' (Walter Luihn)

184 '[St. Louis Blues](#)' (Schreiner)

154 '[Sheer Poetry](#)' (Dorothy Palmer)

110 '[Well Endowed](#)' (Joseph Ghio)

108 '[Lemon Punch](#)' (Joseph Gatty)

100 '[Tut's Gold](#)' (Schreiner)

97 '[Vivien](#)' (Keith Keppel)

95 '[Wild West](#)' (Joseph Ghio)

91 '[Good Morning America](#)' (Neva Sexton)

89 '[Frosty Jewels](#)' (James Burch)

85 '[Marmalade](#)' (Keith Keppel)

84 '[Deep Fire](#)' (Schreiner)

66 '[An-Jan](#)' (Louise Bellagamba)

66 '[Ringo](#)' (George Shoop)

62 '[Mirrored Sky](#)' (Dorothy Palmer)

60 '[Bettermint](#)' (Joseph Ghio)

60 '[Generosity](#)' (Keith Keppel)

60 '[Square Dance](#)' (Kenneth Mohr)

56 '[Erleen Richeson](#)' (Elvan Roderick)

50 '[Heavenly Angels](#)' (Joseph Gatty)

50 '[Maraschino](#)' (Keith Keppel)

49 '[Azure Lights](#)' (Roger Nelson)

- 48 [‘Lilac Flame’](#) (Melba Hamblen)
47 [‘Mirror Image’](#) (Ben Hager)
46 [‘Angels’ Robes’](#) (Bryce Williamson)
44 [‘Portrait Of Larrie’](#) (Larry Gaulter)
43 [‘Celestial Ballet’](#) (Kenneth Mohr)
42 [‘Lemon Crest’](#) (Nate Rudolph)
42 [‘Pacific Mist’](#) (Schreiner)
42 [‘Regents’ Row’](#) (Donald Denney)
41 [‘China Dragon’](#) (George Shoop)
39 [‘Emmanuel’](#) (Jack Boushay)
38 [‘Mirror Mirror’](#) (James Gibson)
38 [‘Tarde’](#) (Robert Dunn)
35 [‘Muted Melody’](#) (Bob Brown)
34 [‘Beyond’](#) (James Gibson)
34 [‘Storm Center’](#) (Schreiner)
33 [‘Snowy Wonderland’](#) (Opal Brown)
33 [‘Woodcraft’](#) (Keith Keppel)
32 [‘Midnight Love Affair’](#) (James McWhirter)
31 [‘Liftoff’](#) (Donald Saxton)
30 [‘Bridal Wreath’](#) (John Weiler)
30 [‘Lovely Lois’](#) (Tell Muhlestein)
30 [‘Stitch In Time’](#) (Schreiner)
29 [‘Barely Blue’](#) (Evelyn Kegerise)
29 [‘Bartee Blue’](#) (Margaret Connally)
29 [‘Far Galaxies’](#) (Sanford Babson)
29 [‘Freedom Road’](#) (Gordon Plough)
29 [‘Love Child’](#) (Frederick Knocke)
28 [‘Agnes Moorehead’](#) (Cliff Benson)
28 [‘Bonneville Surf’](#) (Melba Hamblen)
28 [‘Chiffon Bonnet’](#) (Nate Rudolph)
28 [‘Coral Clouds’](#) (Melba Hamblen)
28 [‘Horny Lorri’](#) (Ben Hager)
27 [‘Blue Moustache’](#) (Clarence Protzmann)
26 [‘Angelic Light’](#) (Evelyn Kegerise)
26 [‘Bold Accent’](#) (Opal Brown)
26 [‘Chippendale’](#) (Donald Denney)
26 [‘Ida Red’](#) (Bruce Clark)
26 [‘Pacific Peach’](#) (Walter Luihn)
26 [‘Stage Door’](#) (Glenn Corlew)
25 [‘Enchanted World’](#) (Schreiner)
25 [‘Jamaican Sunset’](#) (David Mohr)
25 [‘Lilac Thrill’](#) (O. David Niswonger)
25 [‘Orange Glaze’](#) (James Gibson)
25 [‘Pacific Shores’](#) (Sanford Babson)
25 [‘Peachtree’](#) (David Mohr)
25 [‘Royal Ballet’](#) (Kenneth Mohr)

Border Bearded Honorable Mention

- 107 'Desperado' (Keith Keppel)
- 69 'Butter Girl' (Melba Hamblen)
- 50 'Inty Greyshun' (Allan Ensminger)
- 25 'Quiet Prayer' (Myrtle Wolff)
- 23 'Merry Melody' (Dorothy Palmer)
- 21 'Arranger's Delight' (Bion Tolman)
- 21 'Gold Pot' (Doris DeHaan)
- 18 'Lacycot' (Tell Muhlestein)

Miniature Tall Bearded Honorable Mention

- 52 'Lemon Flirt' (Mary Louise Dunderman)
- 32 'Fairy Lace' (Mary Louise Dunderman)
- 29 'Canary Queen' (D. Olen Rawdon)
- 26 'Ginger Cookie' (Mrs. Joseph E. Terrill)
- 22 'Black Lady' (D. Olen Rawdon)
- 17 'Almond Spice' (Bonnie Dunbar by David Sindt)
- 16 'Sweet Melissa' (Frank A. Williams)
- 14 'Surprise Blue' (Mary Louise Dunderman)
- 13 'Violet Rose' (D. Olen Rawdon)
- 11 'Sallie Lightfoot' (Jean Witt)
- 11 'Slim Jim' (Frank A. Williams)

Intermediate Bearded Honorable Mention

- 79 'Silent Strings' (Perry Dyer)
- 73 'Scout's Honor' (Joseph Gatty)
- 57 'Of Course' (Ben Hager)
- 44 'Verse' (Joseph Gatty)
- 43 'Visa' (Joseph Gatty)
- 40 'Lookin' Good' (Ben Hager)
- 38 'In The Buff' (Robert Sobek)
- 30 'Country DeeJay' (Carol Lankow)
- 21 'Cool Whip' (Bion Tolman)
- 17 'Dusty Moon' (Floyd Dyer)
- 17 'May Princess' (Hooker Nichols)
- 16 'Spring Thrill' (Lloyd Zurbrigg)
- 15 'Hello There' (D. C. Anderson)

Standard Dwarf Bearded Honorable Mention

- 115 'Michael Paul' (William E. Jones)
- 79 'Rain Dance' (Bennett Jones)
- 55 'Apricot Elf' (Melba Hamblen)
- 41 'Cuban Cutie' (Perry Dyer)
- 39 'Betty Wood' (Steve Varner)
- 31 'Jade Mist' (Perry Dyer)
- 23 'Blue Bumble' (Anthony and Dorothy Willott)
- 23 'Mister Roberts' (Anthony and Dorothy Willott)

- 23 [‘Tov Parade’](#) (Joseph Gatty)
- 23 [‘Yo-Yo’](#) (Schreiner)
- 22 [‘Tide Pool’](#) (Keith Keppel)
- 19 [‘Cat’s Whiskers’](#) (Anthony and Dorothy Willott)
- 19 [‘Chestnut Lullaby’](#) (Hooker Nichols)
- 19 [‘Citron Ice’](#) (Anthony and Dorothy Willott)
- 18 [‘Chartreuse Babe’](#) (Kenneth Shaver)
- 18 [‘Happening’](#) (Ben Hager)
- 16 [‘Crystal Bubbles’](#) (Ben Hager)
- 16 [‘Emma Pederson’](#) (Lillian Bierman)
- 16 [‘Gentle Sky’](#) (Bee Warburton)
- 16 [‘Miss Region Twenty-One’](#) (Allan Ensminger)
- 16 [‘Truly’](#) (Bee Warburton)
- 15 [‘Baby Blessed’](#) (Lloyd Zurbrigg)
- 15 [‘Butterchip’](#) (Harry Hite)
- 15 [‘Donkey Serenade’](#) (Robert Sobek)
- 15 [‘Fire One’](#) (Gordon Plough)

Miniature Dwarf Bearded Honorable Mention

- 83 [‘Zipper’](#) (David Sindt)
- 51 [‘Pixie Pink’](#) (Jack Boushay)
- 47 [‘Betty Emmons’](#) (Cleo Palmer)
- 27 [‘Grey Pearls’](#) (Ben Hager)
- 20 [‘Little Charger’](#) (Harry Hite)
- 16 [‘Yellow Peaches’](#) (Harry Hite)
- 13 [‘Blended Blue’](#) (Floyd Dyer)
- 13 [‘Wee Sooner’](#) (Floyd Dyer)
- 12 [‘Dark Memories’](#) (Harry Hite)
- 12 [‘Little Teaser’](#) (Harry Hite)
- 11 [‘Tanned Sunshine’](#) (Harry Hite)
- 11 [‘Wee Moonlight’](#) (Floyd Dyer)

Arilbred Honorable Mention

- 52 [‘Prophetic Message’](#) (Hooker Nichols)
- 40 [‘Little Elmohr’](#) (Leda Christlieb)
- 28 [‘Sentimental’](#) (Doris Foster)
- 22 [‘Marilyn A.’](#) (M. Heisz)
- 17 [‘Merriglow’s Daughter’](#) (Les Peterson)

Aril & Arilbred Honorable Mention

- 29 [‘Zemira’](#) (Lois Rich)
- 20 [‘Desert Princess’](#) (Lin Flanagan)
- 15 [‘Falcon Flight’](#) (Lin Flanagan)
- 15 [‘Smooth As Silk’](#) (Mark Rogers)
- 13 [‘Favored Child’](#) (Les Peterson)
- 12 [‘Judas’](#) (Howard Shockey)
- 12 [‘Mohr Pretender’](#) (Lois Rich)

- 10 [‘Iberian Queen’](#) (John Holden)
- 10 [‘Mayfest’](#) (Lin Flanagan)
- 10 [‘Saladin's Land’](#) (Mark Rogers)
- 10 [‘Shifting Sands’](#) (Lin Flanagan)
- 10 [‘Son Of Merriglow’](#) (Les Peterson)

Siberian Honorable Mention

- 82 [‘New Wine’](#) (Steve Varner)
- 50 [‘Dear Dianne’](#) (Currier McEwen)
- 33 [‘Maggie Smith’](#) (William McGarvey)
- 30 [‘Frosty Rim’](#) (George Bush)
- 30 [‘Night Breeze’](#) (Carl Wyatt)
- 27 [‘Shirley Pope’](#) (Currier McEwen)
- 27 [‘Soft Blue’](#) (Currier McEwen)
- 26 [‘Rare Jewel’](#) (Steve Varner)
- 23 [‘Borbeleta’](#) (Julius Wadekamper)
- 23 [‘Rosace’](#) (Bee Warburton)
- 23 [‘Yankee Doodle Boy’](#) (William McGarvey)
- 19 [‘Christmas Wish’](#) (Louise Bellagamba)
- 17 [‘Avon’](#) (Steve Varner)
- 15 [‘Lydia Winter’](#) (William McGarvey)
- 11 [‘Belfast’](#) (Steve Varner)

Louisiana Honorable Mention

- 58 [‘Easter Tide’](#) (Charles W. Army)
- 41 [‘Shrimp Louis’](#) (Ben Hager)
- 32 [‘Buttermint Lace’](#) (Richard Goula)
- 30 [‘Charlie's Angel’](#) (Charles W. Army)
- 25 [‘Colorific’](#) (Joseph Mertzweiller)
- 22 [‘Vow’](#) (Joseph Ghio)
- 19 [‘Lavender Ruffles’](#) (Richard Goula)
- 14 [‘Hazel Monette’](#) (W. B. MacMillan)
- 14 [‘Lucile Holley’](#) (Charles W. Army)
- 13 [‘Yellow Fever’](#) (W. B. MacMillan)

Pacific Coast Native Honorable Mention

- 40 [‘Del Rey’](#) (Joseph Ghio)
- 34 [‘Californian’](#) (Joseph Ghio)
- 24 [‘Las Flores’](#) (Joseph Ghio)
- 14 [‘California Sunshine’](#) (Jack McCaskill)
- 14 [‘Half Time’](#) (Joseph Ghio)
- 11 [‘Mission Music’](#) (Jack McCaskill)
- 10 [‘Hidden Shadows’](#) (V. O. McCaskill)

Spuria Honorable Mention

- 72 [‘Adobe Sunset’](#) (Eleanor McCown)
- 72 [‘Social Circle’](#) (Glenn Corlew)

- 66 [‘Redwood Supreme’](#) (O. David Niswonger)
- 37 [‘Lookingglass Eyes’](#) (O. David Niswonger)
- 17 [‘Bracero’](#) (Mark Rogers)
- 15 [‘Arc Light’](#) (Bion Tolman)

Japanese Honorable Mention

- 30 [‘Raspberry Rimmed’](#) (Currier McEwen)
- 12 [‘Royal Ramparts’](#) (Walter Marx)
- 11 [‘Dawn Horizons’](#) (Ben Hager)
- 10 [‘Happy Faun’](#) (S. Hirao)

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