

2023 AIS Honorary Awards Hybridizer Medal Recipient

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Lowell Baumunk



'Hammurabi'
(Lowell Baumunk 2004, AB OGB/ABM)



'Elizabethan Age'
(Lowell Baumunk 2005, TB)
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Congratulations to Lowell Baumunk of *Iris Colorado*, Littleton, Colorado for winning the 2023 Hybridizer Medal, awarded by the AIS Board of Directors in November.

Lowell is a retired teacher who has served Region 20 (Colorado) as RVP and newsletter editor. He has also served as president and *Yearbook* editor of the Aril Society International.

A man of many talents, Lowell is also an award-winning photographer. His art can be viewed at lowellbaumunk.smugmug.com.

Lowell has been an iris hybridizer for more than twenty-five years, working in all the bearded classes plus species and species hybrids. He has introduced more than seventy-five irises, winning forty-five HMs, fifteen AMs and nine Special Medals.

Some of his award-winning iris are:

John C. Wister Memorial Medal, for TB irises
2013 'Elizabethan Age'

Hans and Jacob Sass Medal, for IB irises
2006 'Midsummer Night's Dream'

Clarence G. White Medal, for Aril and Arilbred irises with 1/2 or more aril content

- 2008 'Byzantine Art'
- 2010 'Rivers of Babylon'
- 2011 'Hammurabi'
- 2016 'Xerxes'
- 2018 'Byzantine Ruby'

William Mohr Medal, for Arilbred irises with less than 1/2 aril content

- 2011 'Persian Sapphire'

The Founders of SIGNA Medal, for species irises
2009 'Petit Lion' (SPEC)

Award of Merit

- 2010 'Belle de Provence' (TB)
- 2010 'Zingerado' (BB)
- 2011 'Queen Eleanor of Aquitaine' (TB)
- 2013 'Bonjour' (BB)
- 2014 'Just a Kiss Away' (TB)
- 2015 'Babylon Prince' (AB)

