

## **The American Iris Society: Region 3**

### **Garden State Iris Society**

#### **Official Show Schedule**

**Saturday, May 20th, 2017**

**Burlington County Library  
5 Pioneer Blvd.  
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609-267-9660**

**Show Chair - Vince Lewonski, 484-682-5900, or [dragonboatv@hotmail.com](mailto:dragonboatv@hotmail.com)**

The Garden State Iris Society (GSIS) includes all of New Jersey, and is an affiliate of Region 3 of the American Iris Society (AIS). This group holds regular meetings with programs related to all phases of iris culture. Educational goals are fulfilled through functions including: garden tours, annual spring show(s), annual iris rhizome sale(s), and a Fall awards luncheon and informational presentations. Although participation in the club's activities do not require membership, membership in the AIS is encouraged and will place you on the mailing list for our colorful and informative bulletins. GSIS only memberships will have our club e-mails sent to you.

We cordially invite you to join the Garden State Iris Society. AIS membership applications are available at our membership desk or online at:

<http://www.jerseyiris.org/>

#### **Show Timetable**

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM : Entries preparation and placement. Entries for all divisions **MUST** be made by 11:00. **THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED!**

11:00 PM – 11:30 PM : Show clerk or placement committee places entries.

11:30 PM – 12:30 PM : Judging. Time is an estimate, and may vary depending on the number of entries and judges.

Show is open to the public until 4:30. Cleanup must be complete by 5:00.

#### **Entry Rules of the Show**

All official rules and procedures as stated in the current American Iris Society Handbook for Judges and Show Officials apply and cannot be violated. Decisions of the judges will be final. The Show Committee will exercise all appropriate care but cannot be held responsible for loss and/or damage to entries or other personal items associated with the show.

The show is open to the public and there is no charge for exhibitors or spectators.

Containers of various sizes will be provided by GSIS for the flower stalks for all entries except English Box, Educational & Commercial Displays.

All entries must be accompanied by a properly completed (top & bottom) entry card.

Incorrectly named iris (including spelling) may lead to disqualification. Assistance and official AIS registration lists will be available.

Entries may only be placed by the Placement Committee or the Show Clerk. Unnamed or incorrectly named specimens will be placed in the Division IV: "UFO: unidentified flowering object" and may not be considered for club or AIS awards.

Specimens entered in Division I, III and VI must have been grown, groomed and entered by the exhibitor. There is no limit to the number of entries one may make; however, other than Collections (Section K or L), only one specimen stalk of a variety may be entered within each appropriate Section or Group.

Exhibitors under age 19 may elect to enter the show as either "Youth" or "Adult" but not both.

Judges may not enter sections they are judging unless there is an emergency as determined by the Show Chairperson(s).

The Show Chair may combine small sections where entries warrant.

Entries not claimed by the exhibitor will be disposed of at the discretion of the Show Committee.

## **Awards**

Ribbons, rosettes and other awards will be presented. Each specimen can be awarded ONLY one ribbon. One First (blue), one Second (red), and one Third (white) place ribbon may be given to each cultivar in any given section EXCEPT in the Seedling Division. As many Honorable Mention (pink) ribbons may be awarded as the panel of judges deems worthy.

As many Blue Ribbons as merited may be awarded in the Seedling Division, for all those seedlings that the judges did not select for the Best Seedling, but feel are worthy of recognition. These blue ribbons are not counted when determining eligibility for the Bronze or Silver medals. No other color ribbons are awarded for seedlings.

All of the AIS rules and guidelines for judging and awards are applicable. There are some additional requirements for some of the special GSIS awards.

## **American Iris Society Awards**

Blue, Red, White and Pink Ribbons - Awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention.

Silver Medal and Certificate - Most first places in Horticultural Divisions (minimum 20 cultivars; 5 exhibitors).

Bronze Medal and Certificate - Second most first places in Horticultural Division (min. 20 cultivars; 5 exhibitors).

**\*\*\*We are using green bottles again this year instead of the tubes that the stalks had been exhibited in. You may bring your own unlabeled green bottles, or ones will be provided for you if you do not have any.**

Bronze Medal Certificate - Outstanding educational or commercial iris display.

Youth Division - Best Specimen of Show Rosette - Best of all first place Youth entries in Horticulture divisions excluding bulbous, collections, and English box. (minimum 2 exhibitors)

Youth Division- Silver Medal and Certificate - Most first places in Horticultural Divisions (10 cultivars; 2 exhibitors).

Youth Division- Bronze Medal and Certificate - Second most first places in Horticultural Division (10 cultivars; 2 exhibitors).

Section Rosette(s): Best in Section [requires minimum five (5) cultivars by three (3) exhibitors.] Should the number of entries warrant it, Best of Section rosettes may be awarded to any or all of the Groups under Section B.

Section Medal Certificates may be awarded to the exhibitor with the most blue ribbons in a section, provided that the minimum requirements are met. [requires minimum five (5) cultivars by three (3) exhibitors. Ties will be broken as per the procedure on p. 44 of the AIS Judge's Handbook.]

Best Seedling of Show Rosette - Selected best offering of advancement or improvement over introduced cultivars.

Best Specimen of Show Rosette - Best of all first place entries in Horticulture divisions excluding bulbous, collections, and English box.

Horticultural divisions are Division I, III, and VI.

In horticultural divisions, not only are the flower and the stalk evaluated but also evidence of the entrant's cultural practices, care and grooming (25%) are seriously considered.

Bulbous iris, collections, and English boxes may count towards Silver and Bronze awards for most first places and are eligible for section awards but are not considered for "Best Specimen of Show".

Seedlings are eligible for the Exhibition Certificate but are not awarded rosettes except for Best Seedling. All AIS judges are encouraged to submit their vote to the Chairperson for any seedling worthy of an Exhibition Certificate. Seedling awards are not counted toward the Silver or Bronze Medal Certificate. Ballots will be provided at each show.

Judges will not make awards to any exhibit they consider unworthy. Single entries in a group should not be barred from consideration for awards simply because they are the lone entry in that group.

## **GSIS Awards**

The "Queen's Court" awards will include from 2 to 10 of the blue ribbon entries in the show from Divisions I, III or VI. The number in the Queen's Court will equal ten percent (10%) of the entries (minimum of two to maximum of ten (95 or more entries = 10 runner ups). Each "Queen's Court" cultivar will receive a "Special Horticultural Award" rosette.

Best in Show Award - Same requirements as for the AIS Best Specimen. (sponsored by GSIS)

Best Novice Specimen Award - Best first place entry in the Novice Division, with a minimum of 3 entries and 2 exhibitors.

Joseph J. Griner Best Beardless Seedling Award - Awarded to the best beardless seedling, with at least 3 entries and 2 exhibitors in the division. (sponsored by Nancy Szmuriga)

## **GSIS SHOW SCHEDULE**

Division I

Section A - Tall Bearded (alphabetical order by named variety)

Section B - Other Bearded Iris

Group 1 - Miniature Dwarf Iris

Group 2 - Standard Dwarf Iris

Group 3 - Intermediate Iris

Group 4 - Border Bearded Iris

Group 5 - Miniature Tall Bearded Iris (table iris)

Group 6 – Any others

Section C - Siberian Iris

Section D - Bulbous Iris (not eligible for Best in Show)

Section E - Species - named or unnamed selections of a single species originally collected in the wild, or crosses made from a single species.

Section F- Species-X interspecies crosses; at least one parent iris species mixed with another parent not of same species; also, hybrids from Spec-X

Section G - Louisiana Iris

Section H - Japanese Iris

Section I – Historic Iris, which is defined as a named iris with a date of introduction 30 or more years ago. An iris may be entered in the Historic Section, or whatever other Section is applicable to that cultivar, but not in both. **The date of introduction of a Historic iris must appear on the entry tag, as well as its class.**

Section J - Other: Spuria, Aril, Aril-Bred and any iris not listed above.

\* additional groups will be formed if number of entries so merit.

Section K - Collections: 3 specimen stalks, in separate containers. Stalks should all be the same height.

Group 1: same cultivar

Group 2: three different cultivars from same Section (or "Group" in Section B)

\* additional groups (ex. bearded, beardless if number of entries so merit)

Section L - English Box

Exhibitors will furnish their own box. Exhibits will contain 5 or 6 individual blooms, all properly labeled in a water box; one classification per box. They may be all of one cultivar, or of many cultivars. They will be judged on overall beauty, color combination, cultural perfection, condition and grooming and conformance to schedule. Contact the show chairperson for additional

information.

## **Division II - Seedlings**

All seedlings (not introduced to commerce) must be labeled with seedling number or registered name. Every seedling must be entered in the name of its originator, whether or not he/she is the exhibitor. Entry stock should be cut at base and not be groomed except for removal of dirt and pests. Only one entry per seedling is allowed, though as many siblings as desired may be entered.

As many blue ribbons (and only blue ribbons) as merited may be awarded in the Seedling Division. These do not count for the ribbon total when considering awarding of medals, but are simply a way for the judges to let the hybridizers know which cultivars they thought were superior.

## **Division III - Youth Division**

Section A - Under age 19 - Any AIS registered and introduced Iris specimen

American Iris Society regulations specify that Youth Division medals will be awarded only when there is a minimum of:

Two youth exhibitors  
10 total entries (cultivars)

A youth may enter either the youth division or the regular division, but never both in the same show. GSIS will provide additional youth awards including a first time youth membership in AIS for interested entrants with parental approval.

## **Division IV - Unidentified Flowering Objects (UFO's)**

The Show Committee cannot identify your iris for you, but it may be entered in the UFO category. Not eligible for the Queen's Table or AIS awards.

## **Division V- Educational & Commercial Displays**

Interested exhibitors will be assigned a space for making a display of educational or commercial materials. Please contact the Show Chairperson in advance to reserve a space. All exhibits must be relevant to the use and/or contribution of iris to horticulture, the arts, or any other related area. Such displays should be effective channels of communication with the general public. Such a display is eligible for the Bronze Medal Certificate from the AIS.

## **Division VI - Novice Division**

If you are entering iris for the first time or have never won a blue ribbon at an iris show, you may enter this division for a club award. You must enter a groomed, AIS named iris and designate the appropriate Section and group (See horticultural division I). Inform the show chair in advance of placement so that your entry may be appropriately indicated.

## **Division VII – Arrangements**

Tables will be provided for anyone wishing to enter an arrangement. Multiple

arrangements may be entered, limit three per exhibitor. All arrangements must contain irises. The irises need not be named, and need not be grown by the exhibitor. No containers or plant material will be provided by the club or show officials. Due to limited table space, all arrangements are limited to a 12" x 12" or smaller table area. Setup of all arrangements must be done by 1:30 PM. All arrangements will be judged using AIS rules, by AIS judges. A special non-AIS award will be given to the arrangement deemed the best, in addition to any AIS ribbons it may receive. Arrangements are not eligible to be placed on the head table. Blue ribbons received for arrangements do not count towards the medal count.

For additional inquiries, please contact any show officials or officers of the Garden State Iris Society.

More information and membership forms can also be found on the web pages.

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