

Greater Rochester Iris Society

2021 Virtual Iris show

Iris must be in bloom between April 8, 2021 and July 15, 2021. Do not cut the flower stalk; the idea is to take pictures of specimens as they naturally grow in the garden. Entries must be received no later than 5PM on Monday, July 19, 2021.

Each entry must consist of three images of the same iris specimen **taken in the garden**:

A – Side view of flower

B – Top view (looking down on the flower)

C – Full view of flower stalk

Only the required 3 images per entry will be allowed.

Only named cultivars are eligible for judging.

Sample entry 1:

Division I

Section L

“I. tectorum”

Name of entrant
(i.e. Judy Smith)
& Contact
Information



‘Side View’



‘Top View’



‘Stalk’

Sample entry 2:

Division I

Section A

“Dance The Night
Away”

Name of entrant
(i.e. Jones)
Contact:
(555-555-5643 /
Jones@xmail.net)



‘Side View’



‘Top View’



‘Stalk’

(photos: K. Lockyear)

Entries must be grown and submitted by entrants who reside in New York State.

Submitting Entries

The images and identifying information should be sent to the GRIS Virtual Show Entry Collector, **Neil Houghton, via email to images@irises.org**. Division and Section (per "Show Schedule" below), cultivar name, entrant name and contact information should be included in the email. Each entry with the three image attachments should be in a single email. They will be assigned an entry number. Only the entry number and the name of the cultivar/species will be visible to the judges until the judging is over. Again, entries must be received **no later than 5PM on Monday, July 19, 2021.**

About images submitted:

This is not a photo contest. A virtual iris show judges the gardening skills of the entrants. Certain photographic parameters must be followed and are necessary to make entries consistent.

Images should be of the highest possible resolution to allow the judge(s) to enlarge the picture for careful inspection. (In technical terms this image would be at least 300 dpi and produce an image file that is close 1000KB or 1.0 MB. It may be larger. Questions may be directed to Neil Houghton via email or phone 585-301-8256)

Images should be cropped to show only the area pertinent for judging. Extraneous material will only detract from the subject.

Images may be digitally edited (by Photoshop or similar software) to correct for brightness or contrast on underexposed or overexposed images but should not look artificial or be distorted. **There must be no color correction.** The goal is to have images showing the flower as it is grown in the garden. Neil should be able to help with any formatting information, but the entrants must do the work themselves.

Entries not following these parameters will be disqualified.

Each entrant may submit a maximum of 5 entries in each section. A maximum of 25 entries per entrant will be accepted.

If more images per entry than allowed are received, Neil will contact the entrant. The same is true if the entries per section or total entries exceed the stated limits. If the situation is not corrected by the entrant, all submissions from that entrant will be disqualified.

Judging the Virtual Iris Show

Wendy Roller has graciously agreed to do the judging, other judges may be added depending on the number of entries.

Only the coded entry number, cultivar name, Division and Section will be shared with the judge(s) until the judging is complete.

As in all AIS varietal shows it is not the Iris being judged but the exhibitor. 75% of the points are for Horticulture; 25% of the points are for presentation.

Horticulture: (75 points)

Points will be awarded depending on how well the iris is grown for its variety.

Judge(s) will note damage such as: brown spots or leaf tips, infestations of insects, poor symmetry of growth, and other factors showing poor vigor for the specimen. Points will be deducted as the judge(s) deem(s) appropriate.

Presentation: (25 points)

More points will be awarded if:

The image is evenly lit and free of disruptive shadows.

There is no disruptive background

The surrounding soil is free of weeds.

Spent blossoms have been removed discreetly.

The flower is not staked.

The best view of the bloom is shown.

The stalk and flower are free of dust, debris, insects, and damage.

Show Schedule

HORTICULTURE DIVISION I

SECTION A. Tall Bearded Iris (TB)

SECTION B. Miniature Dwarf Bearded (MDB)

SECTION C. Standard Dwarf Bearded (SDB)

SECTION D. Intermediate Bearded (IB)

SECTION E. Border Bearded (BB)

SECTION F. Miniature Tall Bearded (MTB)

SECTION G: Aril (A) and Arilbred (AB)

SECTION H. Siberian (SIB)

SECTION I. Spuria (SPU)

SECTION J. Louisiana (LA)

SECTION K. Japanese (JI)

SECTION L. Species (SPEC)

SECTION M. Species Crosses (SPEC-X)

SECTION N. Bulbous Iris

DIVISION II – SEEDLINGS

Any un-introduced iris of any type. Seedlings must be entered under seedling number or registered name and must be made in the name of the owner or originator of the clone. Entrants should indicate the class and height of entries.

ONLINE SOURCE FOR HELP

If you are unsure about the section in which to enter your iris, the online Iris Encyclopedia is an excellent source for information regarding classes of irises. (<https://wiki.irises.org>)

PRIZES

Prizes have yet to be determined. Winners will be announced on or before August 7, 2021.