

2nd Annual Virtual Iris Show

May 1 to July 11, 2021

We are back with the second annual virtual iris show! Entering is easy! Simply take three pictures of the irises in your garden as they bloom. Crop them, attach them to an email and press send. You can submit them as they are ready, or you can submit them all at once...it is up to you. The show is open to anyone who wishes to enter, i.e. membership is not a requirement.

The show schedule is the same as last year with a few minor adjustments. Please read carefully to ensure your entries comply with the new requirements. This year's judge will be the ONIS President, Terry Laurin.

PRIZES! The top choice in each section will receive a \$5 Tim's card. Winners will be notified by email with a complete list appearing in the Autumn 2021 edition of 'The Iris Standard'.

Preparing Your Entries

Number of entries is limited to 25 entries per section provided each entry is of a different cultivar.

Those under 19 years of age may enter either the Youth Division or the Adult Divisions but not both.

Only named irises registered with the AIS can be entered. All entries will be vetted so if you are not sure of the name of your iris go to the AIS Iris Encyclopedia at [WebHome < Main < Iris Wiki \(irises.org\)](http://WebHome < Main < Iris Wiki (irises.org)) and do a search.

Each entry must consist of three (3) JPEG images taken in the garden,

Image (a) a side view of the flower,

Image (b) a top view looking down on the flower,

Image (c) a view of the flower stalk.

Images should be nearly square. They may be of any reasonable size. Please reduce large images (greater than 4 MB file size). The optimum size would be 300 to 600 dots per inch. Images may be photo-shopped to correct for brightness or contrast on underexposed images but should not look artificial or distorted. The goal is to have images showing the flower as it is grown in the garden.

The three pictures below were submitted last year by one of our members. They are a good example of how an entry should look. 'Dance The Night Away' is a tall bearded iris that was entered into Division I – Section F.

a) Dance The Night Away Side View



b) Dance The Night Away Top View



c) Dance The Night Away Stalk View



(photos courtesy of K. Lockyear)

Naming Your Entries

Enter only one set of three pictures per cultivar. Photos should be labelled with the registered cultivar name and view.

Using 'Dance The Night Away' as an example, your three pictures would be labelled 'Dance The Night Away side view', 'Dance The Night Away top view', and 'Dance The Night Away stalk view'.

The subject line of your email should contain the name of the cultivar plus the Division and Section, if applicable, in which you are entering. Again, using 'Dance The Night Away' as an example, the subject line of your email would read, Division I, Section F – Dance The Night Away.

Submit entries by email to this year's Show Chair, Kate Brewitt, at just1moreiris@gmail.com.

DEADLINE: Entries will be accepted by the Show Chair until 11:59 p.m. Friday, July 11, 2021.

All photos will become the property of ONIS. If used for publication, you will receive photo credit.

After Your Entry is Submitted

Once your entries are received by the Show Chair an entrant number will be assigned to you. Only the entry number and the name of the cultivar/species will be visible to the judge until the judging is over. If you want to receive a list of your entry numbers, please indicated this in your email.

How Entries Will Be Judged

As in all AIS varietal shows each entry is judged in comparison with a standard of perfection for that cultivar. It is not judged in comparison with other cultivars being exhibited as they will have different traits. In short, it is the exhibitor's skill in growing, selecting, and grooming the cultivar that is being judged. Points will be awarded as follows,

Horticulture: (up to 75 points)

How well is the iris grown for its particular cultivar or species? The weather patterns that may have affected growth will be taken into consideration. For example, last year's cold snap in mid-May severely stunted the growth of many irises.

The Judge will look for damage; brown spots or brown leaf tips, infestations of insects, poor

symmetry of growth and other factors showing poor vigour for the specimen.

Presentation: (up to 25 points)

Is the image in strong sunlight with distracting shadows?

Is there a disruptive background detracting from the flower?

If in a pot, is the pot clean?

Are there weeds surrounding the plant?

Have spent blossoms been carefully removed?

Has the flower been staked?

Generally is the plant/flower being presented with its best face?

Show Schedule

DIVISION I - HORTICULTURE

SECTION A. Miniature Dwarf Bearded (MDB)

SECTION B. Standard Dwarf Bearded (SDB)

SECTION C. Intermediate Bearded (IB)

SECTION D. Miniature Tall Bearded (MTB)

SECTION E. Border Bearded (BB)

SECTION F. Tall Bearded (TB)

SECTION G. Siberian (SIB)

SECTION H. Spuria (SPU)

SECTION I. Louisiana (LA)

SECTION J. Any other Beardless iris e.g. Species, Species Cross, Japanese, etc.

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. Do not remove spent blooms for these entries. These are used to determine bud count on new seedlings.

DIVISION III – YOUTH (under 19 years of age - full names and ages will not be disclosed.)

SECTION A. Bearded Iris

SECTION B. Beardless Iris

Email any questions to the Show Chair, just1moreiris@gmail.com