

3rd Annual Virtual Flower Show

April 1 to July 15, 2022

We are back with the third annual virtual iris show! This year we have made some changes hoping to make it a bit more interesting. We took a 'page' from the British Iris Society's virtual show so please read the show schedule carefully to ensure your entries comply with the new requirements.

Summary of changes,

1. Only 8 classes.
2. Only 2 pictures required in 5 of the classes.
3. Addition of other Iridaceae such as crocus.
4. 'Display Only' class - share pictures of your irises...just for fun.
5. Members' Choice voting - Pictures will be posted on the ONIS website, [Ontario Iris Society \(google.com\)](http://OntarioIrisSociety.com).

The Show Schedule

Classes are as follows.

Class 1. Any bearded iris except Tall Bearded.

Class 2. Any Tall Bearded iris.

Class 3. Any type of Beardless iris.

Class 4. Any seedling iris that you have bred yourself (Bearded or Beardless).

Class 5. Any Historic iris (Bearded or Beardless) introduced 1992 or earlier.

Class 6. Any Species or Species Cross iris (e.g. Junos, Reticulatas) or other Iridaceae (e.g. Gladiolus, Crocus etc.).

Class 7. Any iris or irises in a landscape setting.

Class 8. Display Only – Got a picture you'd like to share? We welcome other iris related photos. These will not be judged and are ineligible for prizes.

How To Enter

Number of entries is limited to 3 entries per class provided each entry is of a different cultivar.

For classes 1 - 5 please send 2 photos per entry, one of the whole bloom stalk and another of a close up of a bloom on the stalk. This way the judges can

do a similar job to that done at one of our in-person iris shows.

Only named irises registered with the AIS can be entered for classes 1, 2, 3, and 5. 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://WebHomeMainIrisWiki.irises.org) and do a search. Seedlings (class 4) should be given seedling designation e.g. 19abxn2.

Images should be nearly square and of a reasonable size. Please reduce large images (no more than 2 MB). The optimum size would be 300 to 600 dots per inch. Images may be "enhanced" to correct for brightness or contrast on underexposed images but should not look artificial. The goal is to have images showing the flower as it is grown in the garden.

Photos must have been taken during the 2022 flowering season and not have been entered in our previous virtual shows.

Some Helpful Hints for Taking Photos

Since each entry is judged in comparison with a standard of perfection for that cultivar there are things to look for in your specimen before you press the button on your phone or camera to capture an image.

1. How well is the iris grown? It should be standing straight, not flopped over. The plant and flower should be well-balanced.
2. There should be no damage. Look for brown spots, brown leaf tips or torn petals.
3. Insects, though artistically delightful, are not included in 'standards of perfection'. Same with stakes, helpful in supporting a flower but not true-to-nature.
4. Is the image in strong sunlight with distracting shadows?
5. Is there a disruptive background detracting from the flower e.g. a photobombing garden gnome?
6. Flower/leaf colours should be true-to-nature.
7. If in a pot, the pot should be clean.
8. Remove any weeds surrounding the plant.
9. Carefully remove any spent blossom except in class 4 - Seedlings.

The two pictures below were entered into the British Iris Society (BIS) summer virtual show by B.J Jackson of the CanWest Iris Society (CWIS). She won 1st place in Class 1 – Any bearded iris except Tall Bearded. They are a good example of how an entry should look.

**Class 1 – Any Iris Except Tall Bearded
'Scrambled' MTB – side view**



'Scrambled' MTB Stalk View



(photos © B.J. Jackson)

Deadline for Submitting Entries

Entries will be accepted by the Show Chair until 11:59 p.m. Saturday, July 16, 2022. Send your entries to Kate at just1moreiris@gmail.com.

After Your Entry is Submitted

Once your entries are received, they will be numbered so that they are anonymous when they are judged. Only the class number and the name of the cultivar/species will be visible to the judge.

Members Choice Judging

All members will be notified when entries have been uploaded to the ONIS website. Everyone is encouraged to view the entries posted and vote for their favourites. Email name and number of the exhibit to Kate at just1moreiris@gmail.com.

All photos will become the property of ONIS. If used for publication (Newsletter or Facebook), you will receive photo credit.

PRIZES! The top choice in each class will receive a \$10 gift card from either Tim Horton's or Shoppers Drug Mart. Winners will be notified by email. A complete list will appear in the Autumn 2022 edition of *The Iris Standard* and on the ONIS website.
