**JUDGING IRIS**

Iris are judged against perfection. There may be more than one blue ribbon (or red or white) ribbon in each section. The very best in each section are given Rosettes for Best of Section, IF there are more than four cultivars and at least three exhibitors in that section. The Best of Section iris or best blue ribbon iris compete for the BEST OF SHOW. The very best iris are placed on the Trophy Table.

While viewers may look at the flower bloom, judges look at the stalks and leaves and the presentation of the iris. These are topics considered in judging iris.

Is its best face forward? Is the stalk straight? Is there a pleasing candelabra? The flowers should not be touching each other or the stalk. Are there fingerprints on the stalk? Are there bugs or any signs of leaf or flower damage? Natural tears to the flower are permissible but are there holes or damaged petals on the bloom? Is the bloom past its prime? Is the bloom fully open? Does the wedging material show above the vase? Has the height of the stalk been manipulated? Are there too many blooms crowding the top of the stalk? Is the proportion of flowers to stalk to vase pleasing? Is the variety correctly identified? Is it entered in the correct section? Is the class correctly specified if required?

Grooming Iris for Show https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vwnBOCEftDA

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American Iris Society YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/theamericanirissociety>

American Iris Society irises.org

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**“I just bought a potted iris. Now what do I do?”**

You may leave your iris in the container for a year.

Make sure to water it and give it six hours of sunshine a day. When you are ready to plant your iris in the ground, find a sunny, well-drained location and dig a shallow hole. Loosen the dirt and augment the soil with iris fertilizer or bone meal. Remove the iris from the pot and spread the roots. Place the rhizome in the shallow depression and pack the soil around the roots leaving the top of the rhizome exposed to the air and sunlight. This will make it very happy. Water the soil to encourage root growth which is what holds your iris upright but remember to keep the top of the rhizome exposed! Your rhizome will bloom the following spring or perhaps in two years. It will bloom when the conditions are perfect. It does not require a lot of water. Once a week is sufficient, allowing it to dry out in between waterings. Fertilize it in January and again in June.

Ask any MDIS member for help planting your rhizomes or watch our YouTube video.

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***THE MT. DIABLO IRIS SOCIETY***

The Mt. Diablo Iris Society was founded in Antioch on January 14, 1960. It is a non-profit Society and exists for the purpose of stimulating and fostering interest in the propagation, culture, and hybridizing of the genus Iris, in the scientific and horticultural education of all those interested in learning about any phase of the genus Iris, and in the protection of these plants in their native habitat. The Society meets at 1 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month in Walnut Creek or San Ramon. For exact location and exceptions contact the president or MtDiabloIris@gmail.com. Visitors are always welcome

**MEMBERSHIP**

Memberships in the Mt. Diablo Iris Society are available at $12.50 per year, or $30.00 for three years, per family unit residing at the same mailing address. Mail check to: Mt. Diablo Iris Society, c/o Kent Lincoln, Treasurer, 752 Laurel Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94596. We also urge you to join The American Iris Society. Various types of memberships are available. Inquiries should be made to the AIS Membership Secretary, Pam Messer, PO Box 6, Huxley, IA 50124 or www.irises.org.

**2023 President**: Kathy Oldham

KathyDOldham@gmail.com

**2023 Show Chairs**

Mary Sindicic 925-606-0355

Jan Blaedel [MtDiabloIris@gmail.com](mailto:MtDiabloIris@gmail.com)

In conjunction with the Iris Show and Sale we are having a Photo Contest, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, to get to see some of your best shots taken at the show! There are separate divisions for adults and youth, 18 and under.

Categories:

1. Picture of multiple iris blooms/buds

2. Close up of a single Iris bloom

You may enter **two** pictures per category.

Look for the handouts with specifics about entering the PHOTO CONTEST. Past winning photos are for sale along the back wall.

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THE 61st ANNUAL

**2023 MDIS IRIS SHOW**

**LUCK O’ THE IRIS**

Presented by

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Best of Show 2022

A close up of a flower

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SEA ADMIRAL

1995 Vernon Wood

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Exhibited by Garry Knipe

**SHOWROOM HOURS**

Saturday, April 22, 2023 1 pm to 5 pm

Sunday, April 23, 2023 9 am to 4 pm

**NURSERYROOM HOURS**

Saturday, April 22, 2023 10 am to 5 pm

Sunday, April 23, 2023 9 am to 4 pm

**ALDEN LANE NURSERY**

981 Alden Lane

Livermore, California

Open to the Public Admission Free

**ENTRIES**

Specifying the Group/Class on the Entry Tag is optional, however, the Class is encouraged for Sections: G Space Age, H Novelty, I Reblooming, O Miscellaneous, P Historic, W & X: Seedlings, and Y Youth. The Class abbreviations are indicated below within parentheses in the applicable Sections.

**DIVISION I – HORTICULTURAL**

Section A Tall Bearded (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 Space Age – *SPECIFY CLASS*

Section H Novelty Bearded– Includes broken color, flat-tops, multi-petaled,etc.

*SPECIFY CLASS*

Section I Reblooming – *SPECIFY CLASS*

Section J Siberian (SIB)

Section K Louisiana (LA)

Section L Spuria (SPU)

Section M Japanese (JI)

Section N Californicae (CA)

Section O Miscellaneous – Bulbous iris and any other iris not included in other sections

Section P Historic Iris - Varieties of any type of iris introduced at least 30 years earlier. **REQUIRED: Write year of introduction on entry tag on Group/Class line.**

Section Q Aril (AR) and Arilbred (AB)

Section R Species (SPEC) & Species-cross

(SPEC-X)

Section S\* Collections - Three stalks stressing uniformity. May be all alike or all different but must all be the same type of iris. *SPECIFY CLASS*

Section T\* English Boxes – 5 Blooms may be the same variety or all different with a theme, but each box must be all the same class of iris. Sign up by April 1 at MtDiabloIris@gmail.com

**DIVISION II - SEEDLING**

Section W Bearded - *SPECIFY CLASS*

Section X Beardless – *SPECIFY CLASS*

**DIVISION III - YOUTH**

Section Y Any type of iris grown and exhibited by those under 19 years of age. *SPECIFY CLASS*

**DIVISION IV – EDUCATIONAL**

Section EDU\* Exhibits related to Irises. Iris culture or

hybridizers. Notify MDIS by April 1

**Division V – COMMERCIAL**

**Section COM\*** Notify MDIS by April 1

No sales allowed

Same rules as Educational

**DIVISION VI – ARTISTIC** – Luck O’ the Iris

Section Z \* Each arrangement must contain Iris as the dominant flower. Limit one arrangement per person per class. Containers to be furnished by the exhibitor.

Arrangement to feature the color GREEN and all things relating to the Irish and Ireland.

Class 1 – 12 inches or less ( Green-Irish)

Class 2 – Over 12 inches tall (Green-Irish)

Class 3- Youth Under 19 (Green-Irish)

•Entries must be registered by April 1st at MtDiabloIris@gmail.com

•Not allowed: artificial flowers, flags of any country, or fresh treated materials.

Allowed: dried materials, any accessories, bunting

• Exhibitors must have the arrangements in place before 10 AM on Saturday and must retrieve them before 5 PM Sunday.

•Poster backdrops in white or brown will be provided which exhibitors may drape.

• 3X5 Cards will be provided for exhibitors to explain their entries.

•Exhibitors will complete all items on entry tags.

•Arrangements will be judged by AIS judges

•A People’s Choice Award will be voted on during the show and announced at the June Awards Night

**AWARDS**

**Best Specimen of the Show**

The Founders Cup Perpetual Trophy, AIS Purple

Rosette, and Certificate

**Best Tall Bearded Specimen**

The Virginia Messick Perpetual Trophy

**Best Miniature or Standard Dwarf Specimen**

The Boswell Perpetual Trophy

**Best Median Specimen other than Miniature & Standard Dwarf** - The Sun Valley Perpetual Trophy

**Best Space Age Specimen**

The Lloyd Austin Perpetual Trophy

**Best Reblooming Specimen**

The Riley Probst Perpetual Trophy

**Best Beardless Specimen**

The Meek Perpetual Trophy

**Best Californicae Specimen**

The Vernon Wood Perpetual Trophy

**Best Historic Specimen**

The Jonnye Rich Perpetual Trophy

**Best Aril or Arilbred Specimen**

The Diablo Cup Perpetual Trophy

**Best Collection**

The President's Cup Perpetual Trophy

**Best Seedling in the Show**

The Glen Corlew Perpetual Trophy

AIS Purple Rosette

An AIS Exhibition Certificate will be awarded to the

Best Seedling and to any other seedlings receiving

votes by five or more judges.

**Best Specimen in the Youth Division**

The Dr. Charles E. Davis Perpetual Trophy

AIS Purple Rosette

**Best Specimen in each Section**

AIS Section Rosettes

**Best Artistic Design**

Joe and Josie Balch Perpetual Trophy

AIS Purple Rosette and certificate

**Best English Box**

Alan Robbins Perpetual Trophy AIS Rosette

AIS Special Award Rosettes, when requirements are met, will be awarded to 1st and 2nd Runners Up when more than 10 entries in a Section and also at the Judges’ discretion to not more than 10% of the entries.

An AIS Silver Medal and Certificate will be awarded for the largest number of blue ribbons and an AIS Bronze Medal and Certificate for the second largest number of blue ribbons.

Bronze medals and certificates may be awarded to Educational and Commercial at the judges’ discretion.

AIS Ribbons may be awarded for First Place, Second Place, Third Place, and Honorable Mention. Only one first-place ribbon (blue), one second-place ribbon (red), and one third-place ribbon (white) may be awarded to any given cultivar in any given section. As many honorable mention ribbons (pink) as quality merits may be awarded.

\*Bulbous irises, Collections, and English Boxes are eligible to receive award ribbons, special section, section rosettes, and the award ribbons are included in the tally for Silver and Bronze Medals Certificates. However, these entries are not eligible for the Best Specimen of Show award.

***RULES***

Entries are open to all persons and will be received from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Saturday. Judging will start at 10:00 a.m.

This show will be staged and judged in accordance with the HANDBOOK FOR JUDGES AND SHOW OFFICIALS as published by The American Iris Society, 8th Edition, 2021, and subsequent rules and regulations approved by The American Iris Society Board of Directors. Official rules and regulations of the American Iris Society cannot be violated.

This is a cultivar show. Each variety entered will be a separate class and will be judged against perfection for that particular variety.

Horticultural exhibits must have been grown and entered in person by the exhibitor whose name appears on the entry tag and be correctly identified and labeled.

There are no restrictions on the number of entries by an exhibitor provided each entry is of a different variety.

Those 18 years of age and under may enter either the Youth Division or the Regular Division but may not both.

Standard AIS Entry Tags will be furnished by the Show Committee.

Cultivars entered in **Section P Historic** must have the year of introduction specified on the Entry Tag on the Group/Class line.

Standard containers for specimens in the Horticultural, Youth, and Seeding Divisions are furnished by the Show Committee. Due care will be taken, but the Mt. Diablo Iris Society is not responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.

Judges officiating at this show may place entries in the show. Judges should discreetly refrain from judging their own entries.

Officiating judges who are spouses should be on different teams when possible.

No one other than Judges, Clerks, and Show Officials may remain on the floor during the judging.

A video on how to groom iris for a bench show is available online at the Mt. Diablo Iris YouTube Channel and at the show the morning of grooming, Saturday, April 22, 2023 7 -10 AM

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6y64XdkO\_zI

All entries not claimed by the exhibitor at the close of the show will be disposed of by the Show Committee.