

“Spring into Irises”

An Accredited Iris Show

Presented by

The Francis Scott Key Iris Society

An affiliate of The American Iris Society

Saturday, May 17, 2025

12 Noon to 3:45 p.m.

at

Baltimore County Agricultural Center

1114 Shawan Rd, Cockeysville, MD 21030

Open to the Public – No Admission Charge

Show Committee

Show Chairman – Carol Warner 410-374-4788

Judges – Anita Moran

Clerks – Vicki Stewart

AIS Awards Secretary – Barbara Hartge

Venue Chairman – Todd Heckel

Staging and Dismantling – All Members

JOIN the American Iris Society and its affiliate chapter, The Francis Scott Key Iris Society, for only \$30.00 for a Single Annual Membership.

Print Membership Single Annual: \$30

Print Membership Dual Annual: \$35

Print Membership Single Triennial: \$70

Print Membership Dual Triennial: \$85

Mail check or money order to: Jean Richter, Membership Secretary The American Iris Society 1226 High St. Alameda, CA 94501 See the AIS website www.irises.org for more information or to join by credit card or PayPal.

Local F.S.K. Iris Society Officers:

President – Carol Gitter

Vice President - Anita Moran

Recording Secretary – Carol Warner

Corresponding Secretary – Vicki Stewart

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GENERAL RULES

1. This accredited show is being held and judged under the rules and regulations of The American Iris Society as set forth in the *Handbook for Judges and Show Officials*, 8th Edition, 2021, and subsequent rules and regulations approved by The American Iris Society Board of Directors. These rules and regulations may not be violated.
2. Accredited judges of The American Iris Society will judge all entries in the Horticulture Division(s). Judges' decisions will be final. Any award may be withheld at their discretion.
3. Set up will be on Friday, May 16, 2025 from 1:00 to 3:00.
4. Entries will be received on May 17th, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Exhibitors must leave the floor by 10:15 a.m.
5. Judging will begin at 10:30 a.m.
6. Only specifically authorized personnel will be allowed in the show area during judging.
7. The Classification Committee may divide, sub-divide, combine or create groups as necessary.
8. Youth exhibitors (persons under 19 years of age) may enter exhibits in the Adult Horticulture Division **as there will be no Youth Division in the show.**
9. Show judges are not permitted to exhibit in the show.
10. The Show Committee will exercise all possible care but is not responsible for loss or damage to exhibits.
11. Exhibits will remain in place until 3:45 pm on May 17th, 2025. All exhibits must be removed by 4:00 pm.
12. Show Registration # 2025-059.

SPECIAL RULES – HORTICULTURE DIVISIONS

1. This is a VARIETY/CULTIVAR show, staged according to type and in alphabetical order within the various sections and groups. Each variety constitutes a separate group and must be correctly named. No unnamed variety may be exhibited except seedlings which may be entered under number.
2. Division, Section, and Group numbers and name of variety (number or name in Seedling Division) must appear on the entry card. The entry card is to be prepared by the exhibitor.
3. The horticulture and seedling divisions are open to any grower.
4. Entries **must have been grown and entered in person by the exhibitor whose name appears on the entry tag.** Members of a family may exhibit from the same garden.
5. An exhibitor may enter a seedling originated by another person but the hybridizer's name and the seedling name or number must appear on the entry card.
6. Exhibitors may enter **only one stalk of a variety** in single specimen and seedling sections, but may enter any number of varieties.
7. Unnamed stalks (except seedlings), potted exhibits or labeled irises grown by another person **are not eligible** for AIS ribbons and awards.
8. Containers will be furnished for all single specimens.
9. Foam insulation pieces will be furnished by the Show Committee for bracing stalks at the necks of containers.
10. Single specimens should be placed by the Placement Committee.

AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY AWARDS

1. **Ribbons:** 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.
2. **Best Specimen of Show** – (Seedlings, Bulbous, and Single Blossom Sections excepted): Large purple rosette and certificate.
3. **Runners-up** (1st, 2nd, and 3rd) to **Best Specimen of Show:** Small purple rosette.) Each runner-up must have earned a first place ribbon and be deemed worth of this status by the judges panel.)
4. **Horticultural Sweepstakes** (most blue ribbons, Division I): Silver Medal and Certificate and large purple rosette in the event of a tie for any medal or certificate award, second place award ribbons (red) will be counted. If A tie still exists, third place ribbons (white) are to be counted, and if a tie persists, honorable mention award ribbons (pink) are to be counted. If such procedure does not determine a winner, duplicate silver medals (and NO bronze medal) will be awarded. If the tie involves the bronze medal, duplicate bronze medals will be awarded.
5. **Horticultural Sweepstakes Runner-up** (second most blue ribbons, Division I): Bronze Medal and Certificate. [Same minimum requirements and counting conditions as under (4) above.]
6. **Best Seedling** – Purple rosette and Exhibition Certificate. An exhibition Certificate will also be awarded to any seedling receiving five or more votes from fully accredited AIS judges attending the show. (Ballots and envelopes are available at the Seedling Division. Judges will please seal ballots and give to the Show Chairman.)
7. Best **Specimen of Section** rosette may be awarded to the best specimen in each qualifying section.*
8. Section **Medal Certificate** may be awarded to the exhibitor winning the most blue ribbons in each qualifying section. *

*Note: To award the Best Specimen of Section rosette and Section Medal Certificate requires at least three exhibitors and at least five cultivars in the section. Sections can be combined to meet this requirement

DIVISION I – HORTICULTURE

SECTION A. Tall Bearded Iris

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 Agers

SECTION H. Novelty Bearded

SECTION I. Any other Bearded

SECTION J. Siberian (SIB)

SECTION K. Louisiana (LA)

SECTION L. Spuria (SPU)

SECTION M. Japanese (JI)

SECTION N. Californicae (CA)

SECTION O. Any other Beardless

SECTION P. Historic Iris (Introduced 30 years or more prior to the date of the show).

SECTION Q. Aril (AR) and Arilbred (AB)

Group 1. Aril

Group 2. Arilbred

Group 3. Arilmed

Other groups as needed

SECTION R. Species (SPEC) and Species-cross (SPEC-X)

SECTION S. Bulbous Irises (not eligible for Best Specimen of Show)

SECTION T. Single Blossom (not eligible for Best Specimen of Show and ribbons not included in Medal tally)

DIVISION II – SEEDLINGS

Section A: 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.