



## **“America The Beautiful”**

**AN ACCREDITED IRIS SHOW**

presented by the  
**EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA  
IRIS SOCIETY**

an affiliate of  
**THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY,  
REGION 4**

**Double Tree Hotel Raleigh-Durham Airport  
at Research Triangle Park  
4810 Page Creek Lane  
Durham, NC 27703**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC –  
NO ADMISSION CHARGE  
FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2025  
Noon – 2:00 p.m.**

## GENERAL RULES

1. This approved show is being held and judged under the rules and regulations of The American Iris Society as set forth in the latest edition of the *Handbook for Judges and Show Officials* and any 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. Entries will be received from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Friday, April, 25, 2025 at the Double Tree Hotel 4810 Page Creek Lane, Durham NC 27703.
4. Judging will begin at 9:45 a.m. Show will open to the public at noon.
5. Only specifically authorized personnel will be allowed in the show area during judging.
6. The Classification Committee or Show Chairman may divide, sub-divide, combine or create groups as necessary.
7. Youth exhibitors (persons under 19 years of age) who enter specimens or seedlings will compete with adults.
8. Show judges are not permitted to exhibit in this show unless given permission by the Show Chairman.
9. The Show Committee will exercise all possible care but is not responsible for loss or damage to exhibits.
10. Exhibits will remain in place until 2:00 p.m. on April 25. Exhibits must be removed by 2:30 p.m. on April 25.

## 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 class 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 (except for seedlings) **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 or as separate exhibitors (but not both in the same show) provided they both work in the 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 (except for entries in the container section) or labeled iris grown by another person **are not eligible** for AIS ribbons and awards but may be displayed on the table marked "FOR DISPLAY ONLY."
8. Containers will be furnished for all single specimens, unless the stalk is too large to fit into the provided bottle; then the exhibitor may provide a clear or pale green container. Containers appropriate for the exhibit must be furnished by the exhibitors of collections. The only stipulation is that the containers must be made of transparent materials.
9. Paper toweling will be furnished by the Show Committee for bracing stalks at the necks of containers. Other material is allowed with permission of the Show Chairman.
10. Single specimens will be placed by the Placement Committee. Collections may be placed by the exhibitor.
11. An English Box will consist of six individual flowers of the same classification of iris. Flowers may be all different

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cultivars or all of the same variety. Each blossom must be correctly named and labeled. A 3” X 5” card with the names of the iris in the correct position must be prepared and mounted outside the box. Reservations are required, Contact Heather Haley (707-315-0866; Heather.Haley@gmail.com).

12. Sections or groups for bulbous iris, collections, English Boxes, container-grown iris, and single blossom entries **are eligible** to receive award ribbons, special section awards, and section rosettes. Award ribbons for bulbous iris, collections, English boxes and container-grown iris are included in the tally for Silver and Bronze Medals/Certificates. All of these sections (bulbous iris, collections, English boxes, container-grown iris, and single blossom entries) **are NOT eligible** for Best Specimen of Show Award.

### DIVISION 1: OPEN HORTICULTURE

- 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 H. Any other Bearded
- SECTION I. Siberian (SIB)
- SECTION J. Louisiana (LA)
- SECTION K. Any other Beardless
- SECTION L. Historic Iris (introduced in 1995 or before). Include year of introduction on entry tag. For an iris that has not been introduced, the date of registration can be used.

### DIVISION 1: OPEN HORTICULTURE (cont.)

- SECTION M. Aril (AR) and Arilbred (AB)
  - Group 1. Aril
  - Group 2. Arilbred
  - Group 3. Arilbred median
  - Other groups as needed
- SECTION N. Species (SPEC) and Species-hybrid (SPEC-X)
- SECTION O. Bulbous Iris (not eligible for Best Specimen of Show)
- SECTION P. Collections (not eligible for Best Specimen of Show)
  - Group 1. 3 stalks/one variety
  - Group 2. 3 stalks/all different
  - Group 3. 5 or more stalks/one variety
  - Group 4. 5 or more stalks/all different
- SECTION Q. English Box (not eligible for Best Specimen of Show)
- SECTION R. Container-grown iris (not eligible for Best Specimen of Show)
- SECTION S. Single Blossom (not eligible for Best Specimen of Show, Sweepstakes awards, or Silver or Bronze Medals)

## 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. An iris that has been registered, but not introduced, may be entered in the Open Horticultural Division or in the Seedling Division, but not both, in the same show. Only entries in the Seedling Division may be considered for an Exhibition Certificate.

## DIVISION III – EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS

Any educational exhibit must fit on a tabletop 6' X 3'. Contact the Show Chairman to reserve space and confirm objectives and awards at least a week before the Show is held.

### AWARDS - All are American Iris Society Awards

1. All exhibitors are eligible for ribbons and awards.
2. **Ribbons:** Each specimen can be awarded **only** one ribbon. One first-place, one second-place, and one third-place ribbon may be given to each cultivar in any section **except** in the Seedling Division. As many honorable mention ribbons may be awarded as the judges deem worthy.
3. **Best Specimen of Show** (seedlings, bulbous iris, English box, container-grown iris, collections sections, and single blossom entries excepted) – Large purple rosette and certificate.
4. **Two runners-up to Best Specimen of Show:** Small purple rosette. (Each runner-up must have earned a first place ribbon).
5. **Horticultural Sweepstakes** (most blue ribbons): Silver Medal and Certificate and large purple rosette. [There must be at least five (5) exhibitors and at least twenty (20) cultivars.]
6. **Horticultural Sweepstakes Runner-Up** (second most blue ribbons): Bronze Medal and Certificate [There must be at least five (5) exhibitors and at least twenty (20) cultivars.]  
In the event of a tie for any medal or certificate award, second-place ribbons will be counted. If a tie still exists, third-place ribbons are to be counted; and if a tie still persists, honorable mention award ribbons 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.
7. **Best Seedling:** Purple rosette and Exhibition Certificate. An Exhibition Certificate will also be awarded to any seedling receiving five (5) or more votes from fully accredited AIS judges attending the show. Ballots are available at the Seedling Division. Judges will please seal ballots and give to the Show Chair.
8. A **Section Medal Certificate** for most first-place ribbons in a section may be awarded in each section where there are at least three exhibitors and at least five cultivars in the section.
9. A **Best Specimen of Section Rosette** may be awarded in each section where there are at least three exhibitors and at least five cultivars in the section.
10. **Educational Exhibit** may receive the Bronze Medal and Certificate for outstanding educational exhibit.
11. **Artistic (Design)**  
**Best Design of Show:** Large purple rosette and Certificate.  
**Artistic Sweepstakes:** Large purple rosette and Certificate.

# “America The Beautiful” DIVISION IV - ARTISTIC

## DESIGN RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. An exhibitor may enter only one exhibit per class but may enter as many classes as desired.
2. Exhibitors under age 19 may enter adult classes.
3. One or more iris bloom(s) must be used in each design and must be the dominant flower(s) in the design. The use of iris foliage in a design is the choice of the designer.
4. The design must be made by one exhibitor, but plant material used in a design does NOT have to have been grown by the designer.
5. Accessories are permitted in all classes unless prohibited by the show schedule.
6. Fresh plant material should predominate and may not be treated in any manner. A minimum of dried and/or weathered plant material is permitted. Treatment of dried material is allowed.
7. No artificial flowers, foliage, fruit or vegetables are permitted. Fresh cut fruits and vegetables, and any other non-perishable food products are allowed, but must be sealed if the possibility exists for attracting insects or producing undesirable odors.
8. The use of any part(s) of plants on the appropriate state’s conservation list is strictly prohibited.
9. **The use of the American Flag or any international flag is prohibited.** The use of the colors or bunting is permitted and encouraged if it helps interpret the theme.
10. Each design must be accompanied by a 3” X 5” card listing all plant material used. Include iris cultivar name if possible.
11. Experienced, qualified judges will judge this Division.
12. Each exhibitor must contact the Show Chairman to register the entry or entries that will be exhibited.

**Note:**

Judges are requested to write comments for each design on a 3” X 5” card provided by the Show Committee. This will encourage and educate the exhibitor. Comments should include a positive comment and any errors should be based on the principles of design in a constructive manner.

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Class 1. “O beautiful for spacious skies” – A modern design with two or more irises emphasizing space. The exhibitor may supply an accessory or background to enhance the arrangement. Limited additional dried or fresh material may be used but iris should be dominant in the arrangement. Size of the arrangement is limited to 3’ wide.

Class 2. “- for amber waves of grain” – A traditional line design with three or more irises. The exhibitor may supply an accessory or background to enhance the arrangement. Limited additional dried or fresh material may be used but iris should be dominant in the arrangement. Size is limited to 3’ wide.

Class 3. “-from sea to shining sea” – Feature one or more irises in a design with water showing. The exhibitor may supply an accessory or background to enhance the arrangement. Limited additional dried or fresh material may be used, but iris should be dominant in the arrangement. Size limited to 3’ wide.

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