The Irisarian



Region 7

The American

Iris Society

Spring 2026

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RVP Corner by Lorene Crone



Greetings Irisarians! How about that winter weather. Ice storms, snow, tornadoes, oh my! Hope all is back to normal as we prepare to once again go out into our gardens.

I hope you were able to attend the winter potluck again in Bon Aqua, TN. A few of you could not attend due to last-minute illness but we pray you are better now. Thanks again for iris donations from Kim Bowman and Dennis Berry and Greg and Macey McCullough. Also, thanks to members who brought an amazing array of prizes for iris bingo.

Sunday morning judges training was presented by AIS past president Jody Nolin on beardless iris. Although most of us have had this training before, we always relearn something or learn something new.

JAIS is preparing for the spring region meeting in Jackson, TN April 25-26. There will be a show on Saturday morning which is open to all who wish to enter. If you would like to participate in the design section, you need to pre-register for space with Nancy Thompson. Please see the aisregion7.org website for details and contact information. In-garden judges' training will be presented by mystery judges on Sunday morning. Wonder who they may be.

The fall meeting will be held in Knoxville, TN hosted by Smoky Mountain Iris Society. Our guest trainer will be Bonnie Nichols, AIS President. Looking forward to being there again. See the region website for hotel details.

A big welcome to our new members from Mississippi and Alabama. The AIS Board voted to merge Region 24 into Region 7 November 5th , 2025. Susan Driver, Belinda Carroll, and I visited the Old South Iris Society located near Tupelo on February 18th . It was well attended and it was great to meet some of the members of the former Region 24. We hope to be able to plan a region meeting in their area sometime soon.

As my term as RVP nears an end, I am so very proud to be part of this great group of irisarians. You guys are the hardest workers I know. I listen to people from other regions having difficulty getting people to volunteer for even the smallest of tasks and think how fortunate I have been for all of you in Region 7. At our April meeting we will need a nominating committee to select candidates for the next slate of officers to be elected at the fall meeting. We already have a few volunteers! Like I said, you guys are the best!

Until we meet again, happy gardening!

Lorene

TREASURER'S REPORT
A.I.S. REGION 7
DECEMBER 31, 2025

Previous Balance as of October 1, 2025		**$30,840.10**
Income:		
10/24/25	Fall 2025 Auction	$3,894.00
11/03/25	Deposit by Lorene Crone	$ 250.00
12/07/25	Twin States Donation	$ 50.00
TOTAL INCOME		**$4,194.00**
Expenses:		
10/21/25	Check #1121 by Lorene Crone Fall 2025 Expenses	$235.92
11/05/25	Check #1122 by Lorene Crone Fall 2025 Expenses	$105.36
10/22/25	Check #1123 by Lorene Crone Fall 2025 Expenses	$606.36
TOTAL EXPENSES		**$947.64**
Ending Balance as of December 31, 2025		**$34,086.46**

Respectfully Submitted by

James D Vernon
Treasurer



YOUTH

Hi Regional Members,

This year's theme for the Ackerman Essay Contest is: "The 250th Anniversary of the United States is a landmark in human history—a time to honor the past, celebrate the present, and inspire the future as the nation gathers in collective reflection and joy. The Semiquincentennial stands as an invitation for all to participate in the American story, forging new chapters and dreams.

You have been invited by your state governor to plant an iris bed at your local library for your state's celebration of our National 250th Anniversary. These gardens will be highlighted in a 250th National Anniversary book. You must decide how to make yours reflect some part of our nation. Use your imagination to pick a shape and size for your iris bed and the type or types of iris you want to plant to represent something historical in our country. Choose a color or colors of iris and explain what they mean to your interpretation of the joy of our country. Perhaps pick low-growing irises for the edges of the beds and taller ones further in. You might want to highlight irises bred by a hybridizer who lives in your area".

There are 3 age groups: 9 and under; 10 to 12; and 13 and over. Each age group has a first, second and third place winner ($100 for first, $50 for second and $25 for third). Winners will also receive a 2025 introduction. Essays should be written in 500 words or less, and the deadline for submission is **April 30, 2026.** Email your essay to debbie@loveirises.com or mail to Debbie Strauss, 2213 Hereford Blvd., Midland, TX 79707

Denise

Jaxson won the AIS Clark Cosgrove Memorial Outstanding Youth Award and the AIS Region 7 2025 Youth Award.

L: Jaxson's first sale from his personal iris beds

R: Young Jaxson with his grandmother, Bonnie Herrell and Tom Parkhill





THE IRISARIAN

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Articles and ads:

Fall issue - August 1

Spring issue - March 1

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'Immortality ', TB, 1982, L. Zurbrigg



'Zaa Zaa Zing', SDB, 2023, Paul Black



'Pamela Cameron', LA, 1996, Heather Pryor

From the Editor by Susan Driver



Greetings from Middle Tennessee!

Once again Mother Nature has been temperamental. Garden chores that I should have completed have had to be put off, and now I'm feeling a little overwhelmed with all I need to get done. I certainly can't complain about the weather the last couple of days, though. Wouldn't it be nice if we could just put Winter behind us already? Well, I suppose life would get pretty dull if we never had these challenges.

I know you all are getting excited about the Spring Regional in Jackson. JAIS always does a good job, and I'm sure there will plenty of fine bloom at the show. I have included information on all the shows and sales in our region, so be sure to check it out and support our clubs.

The AIS Convention will also be here before we know it. Our region has been well represented the last few years, and we hope this continues. If you have never been to a national convention, you are missing out! Just as we look forward to seeing all our regional friends, attending the national convention enables you to make friends from all over the country. Happy Spring!

Susan



'Poetry In Bloom', TB, A. Cadd 2021



'Cubs Win It', TB, Schreiner 2017



'Caustic Tongue', TB, H. Nichols 2020

Region 7 Meeting Schedule

Meeting	Dates	Location	Hosted By	Judges' Training Speaker
Winter Potluck	Feb 21-22	Lake Benson Retreat Center	Region 7	Jody Nolin-Species Iris
Spring 2026	Apr 24-26	Old Hickory Mall	JAIS	In-garden training
Fall 2026	Sep 11-13	Home2Suites, Knoxville	SMIS	Bonnie Nichols

AIS Region 7 Fall Meeting

October 17-19, 2025

AIS Region 7 Fall Board Meeting - October 18, 2025 hosted by Louisville Area Iris Society at Barren River State Resort Park, Lucas, Kentucky.

RVP Lorene Crone called the meeting to order at 12:31 pm thanking all those in attendance and welcoming those who were attending for the first time. Those in attendance were Denise Flowers, Susan Driver, Barb Pappenfus, Sue Ann Barnes, Belinda Carroll and others.

Minutes: Minutes were read by Brenda Batson from the AIS Region 7 Spring Meeting April 26- 27 2025. Susan Driver had one correction to the minutes which was the Spring Meeting host should read Mid State Iris Association.

Treasurers Report: Lorene stated that our treasurer Jim Vernon being unable to attend sent to her the report. Lorene passed out the report to board members stating the balance as of Oct. 1, 2025 was 30,840.10. We had received a donation from Region 24 but that we now need to return the money due to their bi-laws reading these funds should go to AIS should their society ever fold. Lorene said Region 7 bi-laws should be checked to see how they read in case Region 7 should ever fold.

Awards Report: Denise Flowers said we have 3 awards to be given at the banquet it should have been 4 but the hybridizer of the year got missed by mistake and she would get that corrected at a later date. Denise suggested contacting her via e-mail or call her with your award nominees with a deadline of July 1st.

Youth Chair: Denise Flowers stated from Region 7 her grandson Wyatt Willis attended the National Convention, and entered the AIS photo contest for 2025. He won 1st in 4 categories and 2nd in another. Jaxon Ellus of East Tennessee placed 3rd for the Clarke Cosgrove Award also sponsored by the American Iris Society.

Judges Report: Lorene advised us that Evan Underwood is retiring, also Jim and Janet Wilson are retiring. We have 3 people up for approval for apprentices which are Nancy King, Stephanie Plummer, and Debra Mell. Lisa Kudak is advancing to G /E judge. Lorene said to all clubs if you need judges check on the website for their names.

Webmaster: Scott Hall advised us that he is moving and leaving Region 7 and that Ron Thery is taking over as webmaster handling the updates and maintaining the Region 7 website. Lorene thanked Scott for his service to our web page.

Newsletter Editor: Susan Driver stated that if we have any changes to our clubs to let her know such as new officers, meeting changes, and any articles. She would like to have any photos and articles, and any youth awards. Sue Ann Barnes suggested the history of your club for an article. Susan said that the spring bulletin may be so big that it may need to be split into 2 issues and that she would like the bulletin to represent all the clubs.

New Business: Lorene advised us that the $10 AIS membership drive had been extended until the end of the year 2025. Lorene said it had been brought to her attention that Region 7 needs to purchase our own wireless microphone and stand. She passed out some comparison shopping pages to the board members to look over. Jim Vernon and Stephanie Plummer was the research committee for the purchase of the microphone. Barb Pappenfus made the motion to purchase the microphone, stand, and extension cord for approximate cost of $500.00. Belinda Carroll seconded the motion, Lorene called for a vote all were in favor with none opposed.

Lorene stated we need a nominating committee for spring to set a slate of new officers to be voted on at the fall meeting 2026 with Susan Driver moving to RVP.

Lorene discussed our next Region 7 meeting in Bon Aqua, TN., Lake Benson Christian Resort Feb 21,22 2026. Jody Nolin from Ohio would be doing judges training. Lorene discussed the Spring Meeting in Jackson TN., on April 24-26, 2026 with an iris show on Saturday and buffet at The Old Country Store. Nancy Thompson design chair discussed the design theme using song titles as Iris In Harmony. Also if you are entering design you will need to sign up online. Lorene discussed the National Convention in New Jersey, and New York on May 18-23, 2026. You will need to fly into Newark, NJ. and the shuttles are free to the hotel.

Lorene called for any other business, with no further discussion, meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Batson

Awards Banquet and General Meeting

Oct.18,2025

RVP Lorene Crone called the meeting to order at 7:23 pm, welcoming all in attendance and thanking Louisville Area Iris Society for hosting the fall meeting.

Lorene stated the auction held earlier in the day raised $1,600.93 also the silent auction has raised $260.00 so far and there is still a little time left to bid. Lorene went over all the reports from the board meeting that met in the afternoon. She discussed during the

meeting the board had voted to purchase a wireless microphone, stand, and extension cord to be used at Region 7 meetings which is needed for programs and judges training. We would then no longer need to rent a microphone from the venue.

Lorene turned the meeting over to Awards Chair Denise Flowers to present the awards. Evelyn Koehler said this fall meeting was in honor of Robert Strohman. Sue Ann Barnes, Caroline Winters, Scott, Belinda, and Bland spoke in memory of Bob. Lorene called for any other business, with no further discussion, meeting adjourned at 8:28.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Batson

AIS Region 7 Board Meeting

Oct. 19, 2025

Lorene Crone RVP called the meeting to order at 9:00. Lorene said she needed to make an addendum to the General Meeting to elect a new trustee. Lorene ask for nominations from the floor, Belinda Carroll was nominated and elected with a unanimous vote.

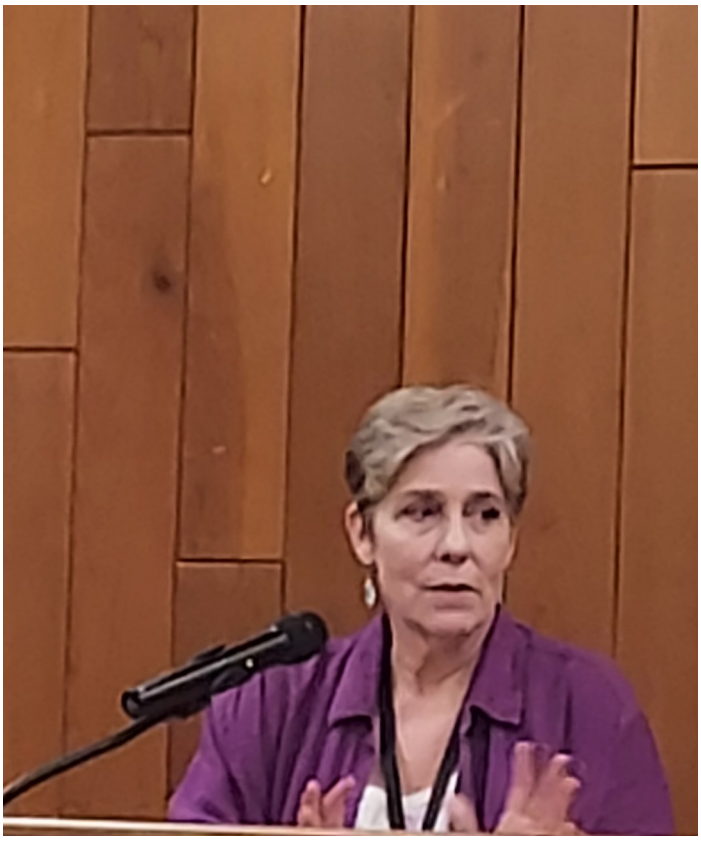
With no other business, Lorene adjourned the meeting at 9:17.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Batson



REGION 7 FALL MEETING - OCTOBER 17-19, 2025 BARREN RIVER STATE PARK





Stephanie Markham, speaking on MTB's

















Belinda Carroll



Ruth Foran (bottoms)



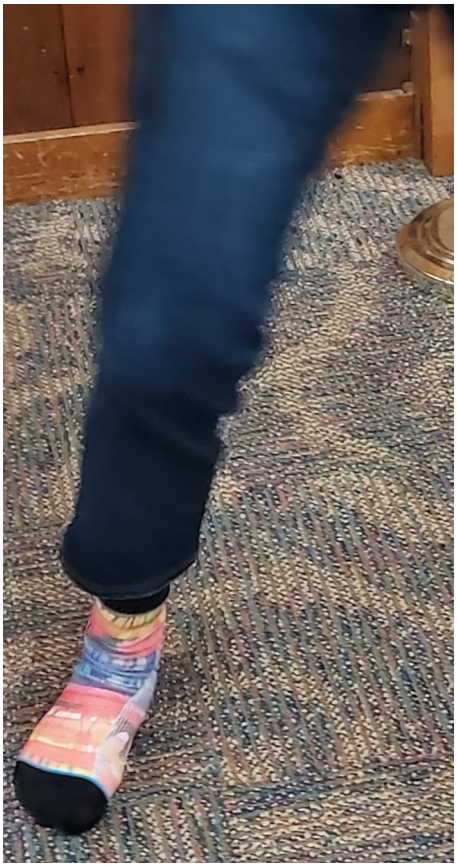
Nancy Thompson



Lorene Crone



Ruth Foran (tops)



Scott Hall



Regional Hard Worker Award to Lorene Crone



Unsung Hero Award to Nancy Thompson



Hybridizer of the Year to Mel Cross (by Barb Pappenfus)



Awards Chair, Denise Flowers

2026 Spring Region Meeting - AIS Region 7

Jackson TN

Hosted by Jackson Area Iris Society

April 25-26, 2026

Registration fee is $40.00

(Payable to JAIS)

Mail to:

Denise Flowers

171 Carrie Drive

Dyersburg, TN 38024

Comfort Suites Hotel

61 Casey Jones Lane

Jackson, TN 38305

731-868-1700

Rate $117 + tax (includes breakfast)

Ask for “Iris Society” rate

Please make reservations by April 15th

Arrive as early as April 24th 2 pm

Check out as late as 11 am April 26th

Schedule of Events:

April 24 Friday	4:00 - 7:00	Registration at Hotel Lobby
April 25 Saturday	8:00 - 10:00	JAIS Show entries accepted at Old Hickory Mall
	10:30	Judging
	1:00 - 3:00	Open to the PUBLIC
	3:30 - 4:30	Board Meeting at Hotel
	6:00	Dinner and General Meeting at Old Country Store
April 26 Sunday	8:30	Check out and leave hotel for WTREC
	9:00 - 11:00	Judges Training at WTREC



Spring Region Meeting 2026 Registration Form

Name(s)_____

Address_____

City, St, Zip_____

Email_____

Phone_____

Registration Fee $40 per person (includes Saturday night buffet) MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO JAIS or Jackson Area Iris Society

Mail to: Denise Flowers
171 Carrie Drive
Dyersburg, TN 38024

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2026 Total 30 (*includes retired judges who are still eligible to judge on a panel with other accredited judges)

2026 AWARD NOMINATIONS OPEN

Award season is here - and not just for music, television and movies! Late winter marks the opening of nominations for the AIS Regional Awards, and we really want to hear from you! This year, we'd like to receive several nominations for each award, so please help us get out the word to your fellow members. Here's the scoop: Send in your nominations for the awards listed below by July 1, 2026 to kpflower89@gmail.com, or to 171 Carrie Dr., Dyersburg, TN 38024. Nominations will be taken for the following awards;

Regional Hard Worker Award

This award goes to a "standard bearer" for the entire region. Do you know someone who works tirelessly on behalf of the region to promote iris and to support regional events? Send in the nomination now, and tell us who carries our standard forward. Let us know why you think he/she deserves this award.

Unsung Local Hero Award

This year, "shine a light" on a fellow club member who most deserves the unsung local hero award! Do you have someone in your club who can be relied upon to help out at every event and meeting? This award goes to a person in a local club who works hard, will do whatever asked, but who may not stand in the limelight. Tell us about your hardest worker, and why he/she deserves this award.

Hybridizer of the Year Award

Is one of your favorite irises from a local hybridizer? Tell us about why he/she should get this prestigious award. This award goes to a person who has done considerable or notable work in the area of hybridizing, and could be awarded for excellence in a series of irises or even one extraordinary iris.

Youth Award

If you have an active youth member in your club, give some recognition by nominating him/her for an award this year! Tell us how active this individual is in the club. Does he/she grow iris, participate in meetings, or assist in club events? We want to hear about these youths interested in iris, so please send in your nomination now!

Send your nominations to:

Denise Flowers

171 Carrie Drive

Dyersburg, TN 38024

kpflower89@gmail.com



'Razzleberry Dressing, MTB, Stephanie Markham, 2005

SHOWS AND SALES

Jackson Area Iris Society

Show: April 25, 2026 Entries: 8-10:15 a.m. Open: 1-3 p.m. Old Hickory Mall, Jackson, TN

Sale: Aug 1, 2026 8 a.m. Jackson Farmer's Market; Aug 8, 2026 a.m. Dyersburg, TN Farmer's Market; Aug 15, 2026 8 a.m. Martin Farmer's Market, Martin, TN

Greeneville Iris Society

Show: May 2, 2026 Entries: 7-10:00 a.m. Open: 2-4 p.m. Trinity UMC, Greeneville, TN

Sale: May 16-17, 2026 Iris Festival Sat: 9-5 p.m. Sun: 1-5 p.m. 115 Academy St., Greeneville, TN

Twin States Iris Society

Show: May2, 2026 Entries: 7-10 a.m. Open: 1-4 p.m. 131 Pride Ln, Lebanon, TN

Middle TN Iris Society

Show: May 2, 2026 Entries: 8-10:30 a.m. Open: 1– 4 p.m., St. Joseph's

Church Life Center, 1217 Gallatin Pike S, Madison, TN

Sale: July 12, 2026, 8-3 p.m. or sold out Crievewood UMC, 451 Hogan Rd, Nashville, TN

Mid-State Iris Association

Show: May 2, 2026 Entries: 7-9:30 a.m. Open: 1:30-4 p.m. Northminister Presbyterian Church, 708 W. Clark Blvd., Murfreesboro, TN

Sale: June 20, 2026 9-12 p.m. or sold out, Court Square, Murfreesboro, TN

Louisville Area Iris Society

Show: May 9, 2026 Entries: 8-10 a.m. Open: 12-4 p.m. St Marks, Episcopal, Louisville

Sale: Aug 2, 2026 8-11 a.m. Wallitsch Garden Center, 2608 Hikes Ln, Louisville, KY

Bluegrass Iris Society

Show: May 9, 2026 Entries: 8:30-10:30 a.m. Open: 1-4 p.m. Lexington Green Mall, 161 Lexington Green Circle, Lexington, KY

Sale: Jul 25, 2026 10-2 p.m. Lexington Green Mall (behind Joseph Beth), Lexington, KY

West TN Iris Society

Show: April 18, 2026 Entries: 7:30-10:30 a.m., Open: 1-4 p.m. Emmanuel UMC, 2404 Kirby Rd, Memphis, TN

Sale: Jul 25, 2026, 8-1 p.m. or sold out, Emmanuel UMC, 2404 Kirby Rd, Memphis, TN

Smokey Mountain Iris Society

Show: May 2, 2026,Entries: 8-10 a.m. Open: 1-4 p.m., Jefferson City County Library, 108 City Center Dr, Jefferson City, TN 37760

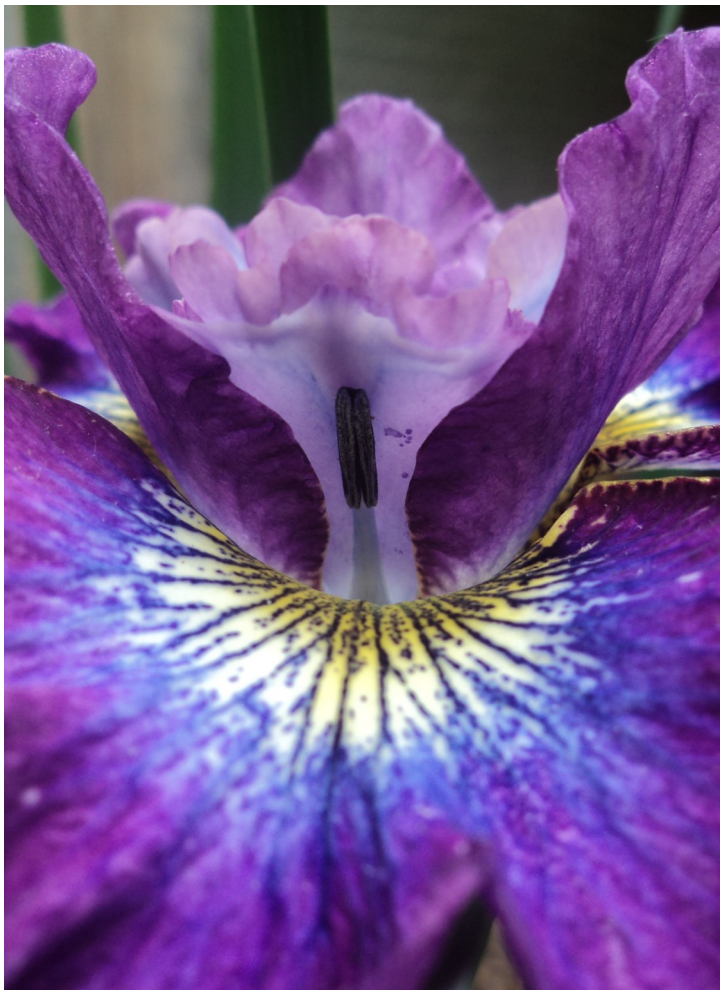
Sale: June 27, 2026, 9 a.m. until sell out, Jefferson Co. Health Dept. Bldg., 931 Industrial Park Rd., Dandridge, TN 37725

East Tennessee Iris Society

Sale: TBD, 9:00 until sold out, Stanley's Greenhouse, 3029 Davenport Rd, Knoxville, TN

Congratulations to Wyatt Willis for winning in 4 categories in the Youth Division of the AIS 2025 Photo Contest









The American Iris Society 2026 Photo Contest

May 1st to August 1st MIDNIGHT—California Time

The American Iris Society invites you to participate in their Annual Photo Contest. This contest is free and open to everyone, with the exception of contest judges and the contest coordinator, who are not eligible to enter. The winning photo of each category will be published in the AIS Winter magazine and placed on the AIS web site. The 2026 winner of each category will receive a 2026 introduction (within USA only). The winners will also receive a single e-membership or annual membership extension to AIS. (Winners who are AIS Life Members will receive an e-membership or annual membership in an AIS section of their choice). Runners-up of each category will receive a 2024-2025 introduction (within the USA only). International winners will receive digital AIS memberships.

How to Enter: ***NO PRINTS ACCEPTED.***

Completely fill out the entry form designating in which category you are entering your "digital" photos (i.e. Cat3 Margaret Hart with "Snow Flurry") and use the same for your photo file name. Then email (or snail mail a CD) of your digital high-resolution photos, along with the entry form, to the AIS Photo Contest Coordinator, at the address indicated.

You may submit up to 6 photos total for this contest. They may be all entered in one category or separate categories.

Irises must be the primary subject of the photo, and the photos should be of the Genus Iris. The deadline for entries is Midnight, August 1st, California Time.

Entries will be judged in the following 6 categories:

1. Irises in a landscape or garden (Show the iris in the garden).
2. Irises in the wild. (Species iris in the wild, field or planting).
3. A person or people at iris events or tours.
4. Close up of an iris or irises. (Whole flower is showing).
5. Iris photos-macro. (Close-up of bloom segments).
6. Photos of pets, wildlife or garden art with the irises.

***youth photographers (under 19) can choose to enter any of the categories as an adult or a youth, but not both.

"High Resolution" digital photos or RAW digital photos are required (i.e., 300 dpi or more), with maximum file size of 2.1 MB.

Entries can be emailed (maximum two photos per email) to:

susandriver801@gmail.com

For snail mail, place "High Resolution" files on a CD (double-check the photos are there) and mail said CD along with your entry form. Include name of the variety or person in each photo (if known) and the photo file name on the entry form.

NOTE: Check your email the next 24-48-hours after sending your entries, in case of problems and your response is needed.

A panel of 3-5 judges will judge the photos received and their decisions will be final.

Where to send:

The American Iris Society Photo Contest,
c/o Susan Driver, 177 Spring Valley Road,
McMinnville, TN 37110

E-mail photos & entry form to:

SUBJECT – AIS Photo Contest

susandriver801@gmail.com

Entry Form:

Please designate Category #, photo name (s) and name of persons in photos, if any, to match name on digital file.

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____

***If this is a **youth** entry, please tell us your age _____

I am the person who took the photograph(s) enclosed, and I have not assigned any of my rights associated with these photographs to any third party. By entering the photo contest I am hereby authorizing The American Iris Society a royalty free, non-exclusive right to use winning photograph(s) and photographs worthy of honorable mention in publications, in brochures and calendars, on the Internet, and for other promotional uses. (Forms submitted by email do not require actual signature. By filling in the information below, either fully or partially, and submitting the form by email, you grant The American Iris Society the rights specified in the paragraph above).

☐ **Check that you agree with the above statement.**

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

Phone (_____)_____

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AIS 2025 Popularity Poll

Region 7

Participants: 33 Entries: 680

Cultivar	Hybridizer	Year	Votes
Thornbird	M. Byers	1989	6
Daughter Of Stars	D. Spoon	2001	5
Gypsy Lord	K. Keppel	2006	5
Sharp Dressed Man	T. Johnson	2010	5
Silverado	Schreiner	1987	5
Stairway To Heaven	L. Lauer	1993	5

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Participants: 390 Entries: 8,269

Top 10 Overall

That's All Folks	B. Maryott	2005	43
Immortality	L. Zurbrigg	1982	42
Thornbird	M. Byers	1989	40
Dusky Challenger	Schreiner	1986	39
Gypsy Lord	K. Keppel	2006	38
Daughter Of Stars	D. Spoon	2001	32
Don't Doubt Dalton	T. Burseen	2005	32
Jesse's Song	B. Williamson	1983	30
Stairway To Heaven	L. Lauer	1993	30
Dividing Line	C. Bunnell	2005	29



AIS 2025 Medal Results

Medal	Type	Cultivar	Hybridizer	Year	Votes
Dykes	TB	Royston Rubies	Adam Cordes	2017	27
Wister	TB	Dark Universe	Keith Keppel	2019	29
	TB	Marry The Night	Thomas Johnson	2017	23
	TB	Ghirardelli Square	Keith Keppel	2016	22
Knowlton	BB	Frosty Spirit	Richard Tasco	2017	37
Sass	IB	Fried Green Tomatoes	Hugh Stout	2019	48
Williamson-White	MTB	Pixi-Wan Kenobi	Charles Bunnell	2016	57
Cook-Douglas	SDB	Blue Eyed Girl	Thomas Johnson	2017	22
Caparne-Welch	MDB	Kay	Thomas Johnson	2017	35
Clarence G. White	AB(OGB)	Chihuahua Night	Howard Dash	2019	49
Signa	SPEC	Violet Constellation	Chad Harris	2018	18
Debaillon	LA	Katrina Rising	Patrick O'Connor	2016	29
Morgan-Wood	SIB	Fiddles On Fire	Schafer/Sacks	2017	37
Payne	JI	Pink Playmate	Chad Harris	2018	21

TB Award of Merit

39 Centennial Celebration (Diana Ford)
38 Ignite The Light (Thomas Johnson)
33 Folklorico (Steve Kelly)
32 Martian Sunset (Steve Kelly)
29 All In Vein (Thomas Johnson)
29 Cowboy Boots (Michael Sutton)
26 Cubs Win It (Shreiner)
26 I'm Not Stable (Paul Black)
24 Poetry In Bloom (Anna Cadd)
24 Seek The Unique (Paul Black)
24 Witchy Woman (Howard Dash)
21 Barney In A Blender (Randall Moore)
21 Caustic Tongue (Hooker Nichols)
21 Champion Bloodlines (Patricia McNeal)
21 Zip Zing Zowie (Paul Black)
20 Above All The Lights (Roger Duncan)
20 Delldicated (Tom Burseen)
20 Medal Of Honor (Thomas Johnson)
20 Moonglint (Keith Keppel)
20 Strawberry Smoothie (Robert Skaggs)
20 Wichita Falls (Z. Benson by Mary M. Rhodes)
19 Fire Fighter (Hugh Stout)
19 Orange Dreamsicle (Michael Sutton)
19 Turkish Tapestry (Keith Keppel)
19 Wealth (Keith Keppel)
18 Brass Lamp (Keith Keppel)
18 Creature Of The Night (Paul Black)
18 Eyes Of An Angel (Thomas Johnson)



‘Thornbird’, TB, M. Byers 1989



‘Daughter Of Stars’, TB, D. Spoon 2001



‘Gypsy Lord’, TB, K. Keppel 2006



‘Sharp Dressed Man’, TB, T. Johnson 2010



‘Silverado’, TB, B. Williamson 1983



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‘That’s All Folks’, TB, B. Maryott 2005



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‘Dusky Challenger’ TB, Schreiner 1986



‘Don’t Doubt Dalton’, TB, T. Burseen 2015



‘Jesse’s Song’, TB, B. Williamson 1983



‘Dividing Line’, MTB, C. Bunnell 2005

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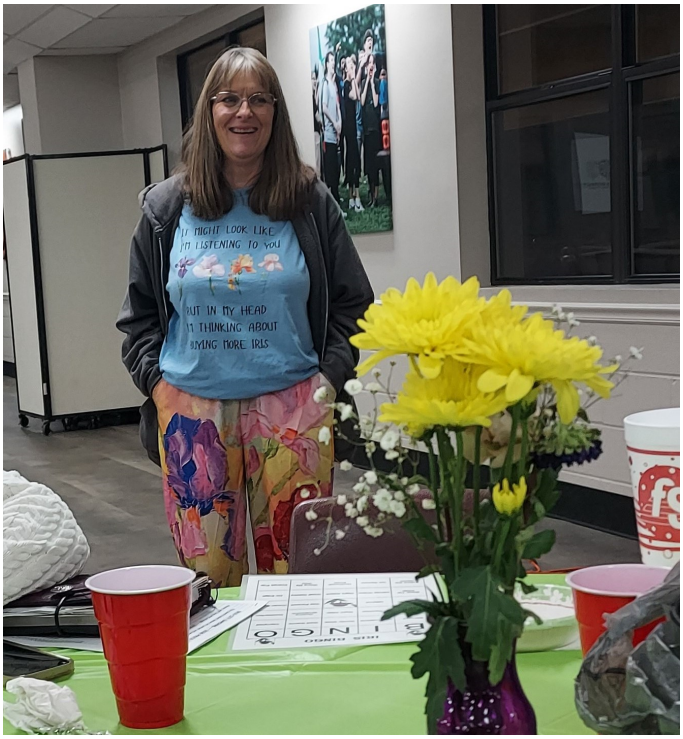
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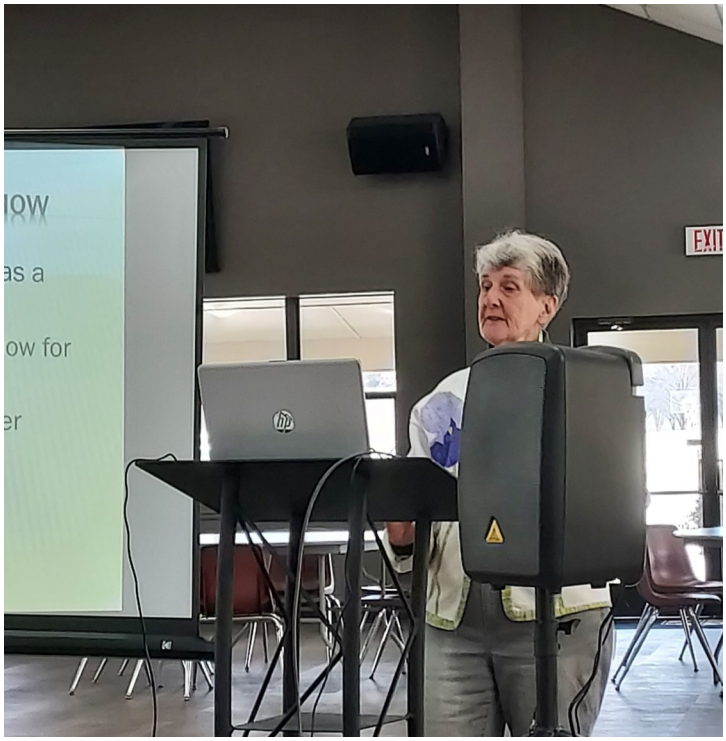
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Lake Benson, winter Potluck