

The Mountains and Plains Iris Society

an affiliate of Region 20 of the
American Iris Society

invites you to attend:

“Garden Queens”

A Standard Flower Show

Hudson Gardens and Event Center

6115 South Santa Fe Drive

Littleton, CO 80120

Saturday, June 6, 2026 8:30-12:00 entries and judging

12:00 PM- 4:00PM open for Public Viewing

Free and open to the public. Show will be judged by AIS judges under the rules and regulations of the American Iris Society.

Show Committee Chairman: Amanda Deerr-Miller 303-868-7475 amandadeerr@yahoo.com

Horticultural Registration: Joan McCann & Rob Clinton

Photography and Design Registration: Brian Molitoris and Amanda Deerr-Miller

Placement: Andrea Ariail and Sophia Miller Tally: Joan McCann & Amanda Deerr-Miller



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General Rules

1. All entries and exhibits will be received on Sat. June 6, from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM Those with more than 10 entries must start before 9:30 to avoid delay in judging. Each exhibitor is responsible to prepare their own entries.
2. Judging will begin promptly at 10:30 and be completed by 12:00. Only judges, clerks & authorized members of the show committee may be present during judging.
3. Competition is open to ALL gardeners.
4. The show will be judged by American Iris Society Judges. Decisions of the judges are final. Judges may elect to exhibit, but will not judge their own entries.
5. Official rules & regulations of the American Iris Society cannot be violated.
6. Awards will be given only if entry is merited according to the standards set by the American Iris Society.
7. Entries will remain on display until 4:00 pm, at which time they must be removed. All entries that are not picked up will be distributed as the Mountains and Plains Iris Society sees fit. Unclaimed ribbons will be mailed upon request.

Special Rules

1. This is a “variety show” with iris arranged alphabetically within the Sections and Groups. Each variety represents a special class and must be correctly named by the exhibitor. Exhibitors placing entries in the historical section (Sec. H) are requested to provide the year of registration on the top of the tag so it shows when closed so the placement committee can arrange this section chronologically.
 2. The exhibitor shall enter the Section, Group, & Variety (or species or seedling number) both on the entry tag & the stub, along with his/her name & address. The entry number is placed only on the stub. Each exhibitor shall furnish the registrar a list of the varieties in each Section and Group, on the form furnished by the registrar. Entry tags and forms may be obtained at the registration desk, or in advance from Amanda Deerr-Miller 303-868-7475.
 3. Floral Vials are furnished for single blossom, Miniature and Standard Dwarf Bearded irises, and 12in containers for other Groups. Exhibitors must furnish containers for collections. Late, unnamed, and/or incorrectly named entries may be put on display only.
 4. Entries in Horticultural divisions must be grown & entered in person by the exhibitor. Seedlings hybridized by another may be exhibited with the hybridizer’s name & seedling number, or registered name on entry tag.
 5. Each exhibitor is limited to 35 entries, of which no more than 15 may be of the same section. Collections count as one entry.
 6. Single-specimen entries will be placed by the placement committee. Single Blossom entries should not have the falls touching the vase and are not eligible for the "Best Specimen of Show" award. Photography, Artistic, Seedling, Collections and Single blossom classes may not have award ribbons counted for Silver and Bronze Medal/Certificates. Collections will be placed by the exhibitor.
 7. The panel of judges may select the best Seedling in the Show. Other worthy seedlings may be awarded blue ribbons at the discretion of the judges. These blue ribbons will not count toward medal or rosette awards. A seedling may be awarded an Exhibition Certificate at the recommendation of 5 or more judges.
 8. Commercial iris growers may enter competition in Div1 Horticulture and/or Div.3 Seedlings.
 9. Sections/groups for bulbous irises and collections are eligible to receive award ribbons & section rosettes but aren’t eligible for Best of Show. Award Ribbons are included in the tally for Silver and Bronze Medals.
- The Show Committee will exercise all possible care but is not responsible for loss or damage to exhibits.**

AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY AWARDS

A Rosette & Certificate will be awarded for Best Specimen of Show. Only one 1st place ribbon, one 2nd place ribbon, or one 3rd place ribbon may be awarded to each cultivar. AIS Silver Medal & Certificate will be given for the largest number of blue ribbons from the Horticulture Division. Bronze Medal & Certificate given for the 2nd most blue ribbons. Rosettes are awarded for Best Youth and Best Seedling. Best of Section rosettes are awarded in sections that garner at least 5 cultivars by at least 3 exhibitors. 1st, 2nd & 3rd place ribbons will be awarded in each category of Design and Photography. An AIS Rosette and certificate will be awarded for Artistic Design.



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DIVISION I - HORTICULTURE

SECTION A - Tall Bearded Irises

Group 1. All Tall Bearded Irises

SECTION B - Aril & Arilbred Irises

Group 1. Oncocyclus Irises & Hybrids (O, OH)

Group 2. Regelia Irises & Hybrids (R, RH)

Group 3. Mixed Aril Hybrids (OG, RC)

Group 4. Arilbred (OB, RB, OGB)

Group 5. Arilbred Median Irises

SECTION C - Other Bearded Irises

Group 1. Miniature Dwarf Bearded Irises

Group 2. Standard Dwarf Bearded Irises

Group 3. Intermediate Bearded Irises

Group 4. Border Bearded Irises

Group 5. Miniature Tall Bearded Irises

Group 6. Novelty Irises, Flats, Tulip, etc.

Group 7. Any other bearded iris

SECTION D - Beardless Irises

Group 1. Siberian Irises

Group 2. Spuria Irises

Group 3. Species and Species X

Group 4. Bulbous Irises - all kinds

Group 5. Japanese Iris

Group 6. Missouri and Louisiana Iris

Group 7. Any other beardless iris

SECTION E - Collections

Group 1. 3 to 5 Historic 1996 or prior

Group 2. 3 to 5 Dykes Medal winners

Group 3. 3 to 5 Space age Irises

Group 4. 3 to 5 stalks all Plicata's, all different

Group 5. 3 to 5 Beardless irises, all different

SECTION H - Historic Irises

Group 1. Heirlooms - Irises prior to 1924

Group 2. Antiques-from1925-1955

Group 3. Classics - from 1956 through 1996

Specimens will be arranged chronologically.

DIVISION II - YOUTH HORTICULTURE

Limited to age 18 or younger. Same schedule as above. May show in Div. 1 or 2 but not both.

DIVISION III – SEEDLINGS

Seedlings are judged with garden judging criteria, without the plant.

Section A

Group 1. Tall Bearded Irises

Group 2. Border Bearded Irises

Group 3. Intermediate Bearded Irises

Group 4. Standard Dwarf Bearded Irises

Group 5. Other Bearded Irises

DIVISION IV - ARTISTIC DESIGN

Irises must be predominant in the arrangements but need not be grown by the exhibitor. No artificial flowers or foliage are permitted. No flags and no treatment of live plant materials allowed.

Max. design size 30” W x 24 D x 36” H

Design 1 – “Blushing Beauties” Pink toned iris

Design 2- “Polka Dots and Pin Stripes” any color novelty iris(s)

Design 3- “Tribute to Orvid” -creative designs as a tribute to Orvid Olson.

DIVISION V - PHOTOGRAPHY

Group 1. Landscape

Group 2. Iris flower

Group 3. Close-up partial flower

Group 4. Iris with pet, wildlife or person
8x10 photo with white 11x14 matting.
(standardized matts provided) Limit 10
photography entries per person.

DIVISION VI - SINGLE BLOSSOMS

Group 1. All Bearded Iris Classes

Group 2. All Beardless Iris Classes