

## 2025 Tucson Area Iris Society Show

# Inventive Iris



Iris: Kiosk

**Saturday, April 19, 2025  
at Trinity Presbyterian Church  
400 E. University Blvd.**

Entries from 6:00 - 9:30 a.m.  
Judging from 10 a.m. - noon  
Free & Open To The Public 1-4 p.m.  
Potted Iris Plants For Sale

## Tucson Area Iris Society An Affiliate of the American Iris Society

Welcome to the Tucson Area Iris Society's Spring Iris Show! Our theme this year is 'Inventive Iris,' and our show will comprise elements of horticulture as well as iris arrangements to bring you a great experience of the iris that can be grown in Tucson. The competition is open to the public. We appreciate the use of Trinity Presbyterian Church for the display of our show.

To learn more about the Tucson Area Iris Society, you are welcome to visit one of our monthly meetings.

Our meetings are typically held on Saturday afternoons and are free to the public.

Visit our website at [www.tucsoniris.org](http://www.tucsoniris.org)

Public meetings are held at various locations. So check with the TAIS website for more information.

— Terry Swartz, 2025 Show Chairman

Tucson Area Iris Society  
Presents Our Spring Show

# Inventive Iris

**Show Registration #2025-003**

**Trinity Presbyterian Church  
400 E. University Boulevard  
Tucson, Arizona**

**April 19, 2025**

**Free and open to the public from 1-4 p.m.**

This is an American Iris Society sanctioned show, conducted according to AIS rules and regulations and judged according to AIS rules.

The show committee will endeavor to protect all exhibits but cannot be responsible for the loss or damage to the exhibitor's property.

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## SHOW COMMITTEE

**Show Chairman:** Terry Swartz

**Co-Chairman:** Bonnie Else

**TAIS Awards:** Kevin Kartchner

**Entry and Placement:** Taffy Holvenstot & Sally Vega

**Classification:** Show Committee

**Judges:** Terry Swartz

**Clerks:** Pat Olsen

**Hospitality:** Available members

**Publicity:** Diane Pavlovich & Sally Vega

**Set-Up And Tear Down:** All members

## JUDGES

Phyllis Dale Liggett - Mesa, Arizona  
Sharon Peterson - Gilbert, Arizona  
Cheryl Dreska - Scottsdale, Arizona  
Gerry Snyder - Sedona, California

## TAIS OFFICERS-2025

**President:** Kevin Kartchner

**Vice President:** Cindy Long

**Secretary:** Sue Clark

**Treasurer, Asst. Secretary:** Jim Wilcoxon

**Publicity:** Diane Pavlovich

**Programs & Places:** Pat Olsen & Sally Vega

**Hospitality:** Cindy Long, Linda Briggs, Kathleen  
Marron, and Evelyn Jacobs

**Door Prizes:** Bonnie Else and Susan Schaefer

**Membership:** Taffy Holvenstot

**Photographer:** Dave Smith

**Newsletter:** Sue Clark

## 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.
3. Entries will be received from 6 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on April 19, 2025.
4. Judging will begin at 10 a.m., April 19, 2025.
5. Only specifically authorized personnel will be allowed in the show area during judging.
6. The Classification Committee may divide, sub-divide, combine or create groups as necessary.
7. Youth exhibitors (persons under 19 years of age) may enter exhibits in the Youth Horticulture Division or the Open Horticulture Division, but not both, in the same show. Since our show has no youth division, youth should enter in Division I.
8. Show judges are not permitted to exhibit in this show.
9. The Show Committee will exercise all possible care but is not responsible for loss or damage to exhibits.
10. Exhibits must remain in place until 4 p.m., April 19, 2025.

## 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 entry card. The entry card should 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 as a single exhibitor or as a separate exhibitor (but not both, in the same show) provided they both work in the garden.

5. An exhibitor may enter a seedling originated or grown by another person, but the hybridizer's name and the seedling name or number must appear on the entry tag.

6. An exhibitor 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 entries (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 by the show committee for all single specimens. Containers appropriate for English Box are furnished by the show committee.

9. Unobtrusive material may be used for bracing stalks at the necks of the containers. Show Committee will provide Styrofoam wedges for exhibitors to use to brace specimens.

10. Single specimens should 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, same or different varieties.

12. Sections or groups for bulbous iris, collections, container grown iris, and English Boxes, are eligible to receive award ribbons, special section awards, and section rosettes. Award ribbons are included in the tally for Silver and Bronze Medals/Certificates although these entries are not eligible for the Best of Show Award.

## **DIVISION I – OPEN HORTICULTURE**

### **SECTION A: TALL BEARDED**

### **SECTION B: ARIL AND ARILBRED**

Group 1 – Aril

Group 2 – Arilbred

Group 3 – Arilbred-medium

### **SECTION C: MEDIAN AND DWARF**

Group 1 Border Bearded

Group 2 Miniature Tall Bearded

Group 3 Intermediate Bearded

Group 4 Standard Dwarf Bearded

Group 5 Miniature Dwarf Bearded

### **SECTION D: BEARDLESS**

Group 1 Spuria

Group 2-Louisiana

Group 3 Siberian

Group 4 Japanese

### **SECTION E: HISTORIC IRISES**

(Introduced 1995 or earlier)

### **SECTION F: MISCELLANEOUS**

(Any Iris not listed above)

### **SECTION G: COLLECTIONS:**

**Three stalks. Exhibitors may enter more than one collection in each group, but each collection must be a different type, for example: Tall Bearded, Spuria, Louisiana**

Group 1 - Same type, same variety

Group 2 - Same type, 3 different varieties

### **SECTION H: ENGLISH BOX**

(not eligible for Best Specimen of Show)

### **SECTION I: CONTAINER-GROWN IRIS**

(not eligible for Best Specimen of Show)

## **DIVISION II - SEEDLINGS**

Any type of iris not introduced into commerce. Must be entered under seedling number or registered name and must be made in the name of the originator (hybridizer). To indicate type of seedling on the entry tag, use Section/Group as outlined in Division I

## DIVISION III – ARTISTIC DESIGN

### SPECIAL RULES

1. Arrangements must be the work of the exhibitor, but the plant material need not have been grown by the exhibitor.
2. Exhibitors are limited to one entry in each class.
3. Iris must be used in all arrangements and must be the pre-dominating feature. Iris of any type may be used, unless specified. Though not required, iris used may be identified on a separate card.
4. Dried or treated natural plant material is acceptable, but fresh material must predominate. No painted fresh material or artificial plant material is permitted.
5. Interpretive accessories may be used, but must be subordinate. Use is required only if specified.
6. Containers should be marked on the underside with owner's name and address.
7. Exhibitors are responsible for maintaining arrangements in fresh, groomed condition after judging is completed and for removing exhibits promptly at the close of the show.
8. The use of any part(s) of plants on the state conservation list, plants that are illegal in the State of Arizona, and plants that are poisonous are strictly prohibited. When in doubt, leave it out.
9. **Please make a reservation for arrangements** you plan on entering with Terry Swartz 520-661-8967 by Wednesday April 16, 2025.

Use card to help define arrangement. See Judge's Handbook.

The show committee will endeavor to protect all exhibits but cannot be responsible for the loss or damages to the exhibitor's property.

## DIVISION III - ARTISTIC DESIGN (Continued)

This year's theme is "INVENTIVE IRIS."

Express yourself this year with your interpretation of our **IRIS INVENTIVENESS** theme as noted in the classes below. We look forward to seeing all the entries/entrants with anticipation. Have fun and create away

### SECTION A - Open to All

**Class 1 "Inspired Irises"** An East Asian design in a low container. Water must show in arrangement.

**Class 2 "Original Blossom"** An East Asian design in a tall container.

**Class 3 "Innovative Irises"** A traditional mass arrangement using all fresh plant material. Designed to be naturalistic. Mass designs are symmetrical, and each bloom is distinct and not crowded.

**Class 4 "Ingenious Iris"** A line-mass design that incorporates a distinctive line throughout the arrangement. Iris in the arrangement must show a gradation of size and progression of stage of bloom.

**Class 5 "Imaginative Iris"** A modern style design that has emphasis on space and depth, with dynamic and asymmetrical balance. Strong, bold colors and form may be used.

## AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY EXHIBITION AWARDS

**AIS RIBBONS** for first, second, third place, and honorable mention will be awarded in each cultivar/class as merited.

**AIS ROSETTES and Certificates** available will be awarded for:

### Horticulture Division:

- Best Specimen in each Section (Rosette)
- Section Sweepstakes (Certificate)
- Best Specimen of Show (Rosette & Certificate)
- Sweepstakes (Rosette, Certificate & Medal)
- Sweepstakes Runner-up (Certificate & Medal)

### Seedling Division:

- Best Seedling of Show (Rosette & Exhibition Certificate)

### Artistic Division:

- Best Design of Show (Rosette & Certificate)
- Artistic Sweepstakes (Rosette & Certificate)

The **AIS SILVER METAL and certificate** will be awarded to the winner of the most first place ribbons in Horticulture.

The **AIS BRONZE MEDAL and certificate** will be awarded to the winner of the second most first place ribbons in Horticulture.

## TAIS IRIS SOCIETY AWARDS

TAIS will present **AWARDS** to exhibitors for:

### Horticulture Division

- Best Tall Bearded
- Best Aril/Arilbred
- Best Median Dwarf
- Best Spuria
- Best Louisiana Iris
- Best Siberian
- Best Japanese
- Best Miscellaneous
- Best Container-Grown Iris
- Best Collection
- Best English Box
- Best Specimen of Show
- Sweepstakes
- Sweepstakes Runner-up

## **TUCSON AREA IRIS SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP**

We are a non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote the knowledge, culture and appreciation of plants in the genus Iris.

We hold a Flower Show in the Spring, a Rhizome Sale in September and a Iris Photography Contest in the Fall of every year.

Our meetings are held on Saturday afternoons and are free to the public.

Dues are \$15 per year per household.

Make your check payable to TAIS and send to:

**Taffy Holvenstot  
8769 E. Corte del Sol Bonito  
Tucson, AZ 85715**

## **AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP**

The American Iris Society (AIS) created and maintains the registrar of iris, qualified judges, and competition standards for show such as this one.

AIS memberships are separate from TAIS membership.

Benefits of membership include a quarterly color bulletin with topics of interest to iris enthusiasts.

Special section memberships are also available in AIS for those wishing information on other types of irises than Tall Bearded Irises.

For AIS membership information, contact:

**AIS Membership Secretary  
Jean Richter  
1126 High Street  
Alameda, CA 94501  
Phone: (510) 864-7962**



## **DIRECTIONS**

**Trinity Presbyterian Church  
400 E. University Blvd.  
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### **From I-10**

- Take the Speedway exit east. Proceed past Main and Stone to 4th Avenue.
- Turn right/south on 4th Avenue to University Boulevard.
- Turn left onto University Boulevard to the church parking lot.

### **From Tucson International Airport**

- Proceed north on Tucson Boulevard to Benson Highway.
- Veer left onto Benson Highway and proceed to Park Avenue.
- Turn right/north onto Park Avenue (which runs under I-10).
- Proceed north on Park Avenue (which becomes Euclid) to University Boulevard.
- Turn left/west onto University Boulevard and continue to the church parking lot (on the left) which is about 4 blocks.