

Sun Country Iris Society

An Affiliate of the American Iris Society

Presents

April 12, 2025

Spring Iris Show

Memories and Melodies



**Berridge Nurseries
4647 E Camelback Rd
Phoenix, Arizona**

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Welcome

Welcome to Sun Country Iris Society's 51st Annual American Iris Society sanctioned Iris Show! We welcome and look forward to all those who participate in our Horticulture and Artistic Divisions. We love to celebrate the beauty of the many varieties and types of irises that are able to thrive here in our desert and show them off! Have fun and enjoy the show.

We welcome all those who grow and wish to exhibit their iris on the horticulture/specimen side as well as those who wish to try their creative talents on the artistic side. A big Thank You to Berridge Nursery who supports us through the use of their facility.

Valerie Wielgus & Sharon Petterson
2025 Co-Show Chairs

To learn more about Sun Country Iris Society,
you are welcome to visit one of our monthly meetings.
Our meetings are held the first Tuesday of
the month, 7:00 p.m. at:

The Valley Garden Center
1809 North 15th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ

For more information please visit
Our website: www.suncountryiris.org

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April 12, 2025
Free Exhibit to the Public

Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 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 Co-Chairpersons: Valerie Wielgus, Sharon Petterson

Show Schedule: Dwayne Booth, Ann Booth

Cover Art: Dwayne Booth

Secretary/AIS Awards: Valerie Wielgus and Barb Hayes

SCIS Awards: Barb Hayes

Staging/Set-up/Properties: Russ Carlson, Armon Cheatham

Classification: Barb Walls

Entry and Placement: Jackie Peel, Lorna Corlett

Judges' Chair: Ardi Kary

Judges: Cheryl Dreska, Christine Smith, Dale Liggett, Nancy
Evans, Kathy Chilton

Clerks: Barb Hayes, Bonnie Stidham

Hospitality/Lunch: Mary Platner

Publicity: Mary Platner, Luis Verger and VGC

Artistic Concepts: Dwayne Booth, Ann Booth

Potted Iris Sales: Russ Carlson, Mary Platner and Armon
Cheatham

Photographer: Luis Verger, Members

Website: Darol Jurn,

Clean-up: All SCIS Members

The Sun Country Iris Society Show Awards
presentation will be June 3, 2025 @ 7 p.m.
at the Valley Garden Center
1809 North 15th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ

SUN COUNTRY OFFICERS -2025

President: Sharon Petterson

Vice president: Mary Platner

Secretary: Valerie Wielgus

Treasurer: Bill DeHaven

Director: Dale Liggett

Director: Ann Booth

Director: Russ Carlson

GENERAL SHOW RULES

General Rules apply to all divisions. For specific information pertaining to your entry, see Special Rules for that Division.

1. Exhibition privileges are open to all persons without charge.
2. Entries accepted 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., April 12. **LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED FOR DISPLAY ONLY.**
3. Entries must be clearly, correctly, and completely identified and entered in the proper division, section and group/class; to be judged.
4. Because of the difficulty in obtaining judges, a judge or designated apprentice judge may judge in a section where the judge or a member of the judge's family has an entry while recusing themselves in judging said entry.
5. Judging will begin at 9:30 a.m., April 12. Only judges, designated apprentices, show chairpersons, and clerks are permitted in the exhibition area during judging.
6. Judging will be done in accordance with AIS rules. Any award, either AIS or SCIS, may be withheld at the judges' discretion if no worthy specimen is available. Decisions of the judges are final.
7. Official AIS rules and regulations cannot be violated.
8. Exhibits and ribbons must remain on display until 2:30 p.m., April 12. All entries must be removed by 3:00 p.m. on that date.

AIS Entry Tags, Exhibitor Numbers and Forms will be available at the April 1st Sun Country Iris Society general meeting and at the show location from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on April 12.

Please print in blue or black ink only. Complete **both portions** of each tag, following the Show Schedule outline.

Group refers to horticultural entries; Class refers artistic entries. Variety refers to the name of the iris or the title of an artistic entry.

Entry Number is the Exhibitors Number assigned by Show Secretary.

DIVISION I – HORTICULTURE

While the Scale of Points varies for each section, all sections are scored 75 points for cultural perfection (flower and stalk) and 25 points for condition and grooming.

SPECIAL RULES

1. Entries must have been grown and entered in person by the exhibitor.
2. Entries placed on the show bench will be judged as groomed by the exhibitor.
3. Exhibitors may enter only one stalk of any particular variety but may enter as many varieties as desired. (Collections are excepted; see Section G.)
4. Display containers will be furnished by the Show Committee.
5. Single specimen entries will be placed in alphabetical order of variety name within sections/groups. Each variety (cultivar) is a separate class for judging.
6. Faded stalks may be groomed or removed by the Show Committee or the exhibitor any time after the judging is completed.

Section A – TALL BEARDED

Section B – ARIL AND ARILBRED

Group 1 - Aril

Group 2 - Arilbred

Group 3 - Arilbred-Median

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 – Other Beardless

Section E – HISTORIC IRISES (Introduced prior to 1996)

Section F – MISCELLANEOUS: Any iris not listed above.

Section G – COLLECTIONS: Three (3) 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 – SINGLE BLOOM (Single blossom classes may not have award ribbons counted for Silver and Bronze Medal/Certificates and are not eligible for the “Best Specimen of Show” Award).

Section I – GARDEN ANGEL IRISES – Variety name is unknown and club ribbons will be awarded by the Judges, as they deem the entries worthy. Since these are club (not AIS) ribbons they will not count toward the silver and bronze medals/certificates and are not eligible for best specimen of show award. .

*Sections or groups for bulbous irises and collections are eligible to receive award ribbons, special section awards and section rosettes. Awarded ribbons are included in the tally for Silver and Bronze Medal/Certificates although these entries are not eligible for the “Best Specimen of Show” Awards.

Section certificates are available for award to the winner of the most blue ribbons in each section of a show that has competition in more than one type of irises provided there are at least three exhibitors and at least five varieties (cultivars). Groups of various

types of irises may be combined in order to qualify. For example, all beardless in an Apagon section, all medians in one section, etc. No awards for a tie of one ribbon.

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 predominating 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 is strictly prohibited. When in doubt, leave it out.

Use 3x5 card to help define arrangement – see judges handbook

DIVISION III ARTISTIC DESIGN (continued)

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

This year's theme is "Memories and Melodies"

Express yourself this year with your interpretation of our 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 "I Love You, Arizona" Take the Rex Allen, Jr song and illustrate your favorite feature of the 48th State .
- Class 2 "Remembering Denise Stine" Our late member Denise excelled in the Artistic Design class. Provide an elegant design .
- Class 3 "Heart of My Heart" recalls a romantic number by the Four Aces, a vocal quartet. An opportunity to include some of your Valentine's Day decorations .
- Class 4 "Pink Panther Theme" While it didn't win an Academy Award (4 other Mancini songs did), this might be the most enduring tune. Show us your pink! .
- Class 5 "Only In America" As the USA nears its 250th anniversary as a nation, celebrate while whistling the Brooks and Dunn tune.

DIVISION IV – YOUTH ENTRIES

ALL GENERAL AND SPECIAL RULES APPLY. Youth is defined as 18 years of age or younger.

Section A – HORTICULTURE

Class 1 – TALL BEARDED

Class 2 – ANY OTHER IRIS

Section B – ARTISTIC DESIGN

Class 1 “Cruel Summer” With over 3 Billion streams on Spotify, this is Taylor Swift’s most popular song. Provide us with your take on a summer romance .

DIVISION V – EDUCATION

All exhibits must be related to irises, iris culture or hybridizing. Horticultural materials, if used, need not have been grown by the exhibitor.

The AIS Bronze Medal Certificate may be awarded to the exhibitor of an educational exhibit found to be of outstanding merit by the judges of the show.

DIVISION VI – COMMERCIAL DISPLAYS

Commercial displays are welcome. Due to limitations, only one table per commercial exhibitor can be provided, Sun country Iris Society Show Committee will determine if an exhibitor is to be given commercial status, Displays are not judged, however, commercial displays will be recognized by an AIS Bronze Medal Certificate.

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)

Youth Division:

- Best Specimen of Show (Rosette & Certificate)
- Horticultural Sweepstakes (Rosette, Certificate & Medal)
- Horticultural Sweepstakes Runner-Up (Certificate & Medal)
- 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 the Horticulture and Youth Divisions.

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

AIS SECTION CERTIFICATES will be awarded to the winner of the most first place ribbons in each Horticulture Section, and Rosettes will be awarded to the best specimen in each culture section, provided there are three exhibitors and five varieties (cultivars).

AIS EXHIBITION CERTIFICATE is automatically awarded by the panel of judges for the Best Seedling of Show. An EC will also be awarded to any seedling receiving five or more votes from accredited AIS judges attending the show.

In the event of a tie for Sweepstakes for either Medal or Section Certificates; second place, then third place, then honorable mention ribbons will be counted. Rosettes are not considered in the case of a tie.

SUN COUNTRY IRIS SOCIETY AWARDS

Sun Country Iris Society will present AWARDS to Exhibitors in the Horticulture and Artistic Divisions. This may include all the following listed classes (depending on entries received)

- Best Tall Bearded
- Best Aril/Arilbred
- Best Median/Dwarf
- Best Spuria
- Best Louisiana Iris
- Best Specimen of Show
- Sweepstakes
- Sweepstakes Runner-up

Seedling Division:
Best Seedling of Show

Artistic Division:
Best Design of Show
Artistic Sweepstakes

GIFT CERTIFICATE: A gift certificate for a 5-plant collection of iris will be awarded by SCIS. There will a drawing of the names of show entrants and one name will be picked for this certificate .

SUN COUNTRY IRIS SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Membership in Sun Country Iris Society is open to everyone interested in growing irises, from the home gardener to those with specialized interests. Our meetings are friendly and informative. Our members enjoy learning and sharing their knowledge. Sun Country iris Society was formed in 1969 to promote the culture of irises in our area. We are affiliated with the American Iris Society, founded in 1920. Benefits of membership include monthly garden-related programs and an iris education segment; monthly newsletter with growing tips; door prizes and refreshments; projects and rhizome sale. Sun Country Iris Society dues for the 2023 year are \$25 individual, \$30 family, and \$10 youth. Send your check made payable to Sun Country Iris Society to SCIS c/o Scott Seely 6242 N 181st Ave, Waddell, AZ 85355-9631 . Please check out our web page for more information: www.suncountryiris.org

AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

The American Iris Society (AIS) creates and maintains the register of iris, qualified judges, and competition standards for show such as this one. AIS membership is separate from Sun Country Iris Society 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:

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