

# 2023

## Winter Webinar Series

By

**The American Iris Society**



Judging Bearded Irises as Garden Plants

**Start Time:** 5:30 p.m. Pacific, 8:30 p.m. Eastern

**Duration:** about 1 hour per session

**Via:** ZOOM

**Info:** [AISwebinars@gmail.com](mailto:AISwebinars@gmail.com)

**JT Credit:** qualifies for 1 Hour credit

### DETAILS

1. An email invitation to register online will be sent to all AIS members a week before each event. Once you register you will be sent the webinar's link.
2. All webinars will be FREE of charge to all members of AIS, AIS sections, and local iris clubs.
3. Not an AIS member but want to attend? Email us.

Wednesday, February 15

Presented by **Stephanie Markham**

### “Judging Bearded Irises as Garden Plants”

While most of us fell in love with irises for their beautiful flowers, the fact is that a pretty face alone is not enough; iris flowers need to be presented on well-proportioned garden plants that can grow and thrive without pampering or cosseting. Because it is the judges who determine which iris receive awards and are, therefore, recommended to the public, it is our responsibility to look at the whole plant as it grows in the garden when making our evaluations. This Judges Training session takes a holistic approach to evaluating bearded irises for awards, emphasizing plant characteristics, from foliage and bloomstalks to durability, vigor and growth/bloom habits.

### About the Presenter

Stephanie Markham has been growing and hybridizing irises on 3+ acres in eastern Massachusetts since moving there in the early 1980s, where she has focused on breeding irises that can thrive in the difficult New England climate. She is an active member of Region 1 of AIS, the Median Iris Society, TBIS, and local AIS affiliates, particularly the Iris Society of Massachusetts. She currently serves as an AIS Master Judge and is the JT chairperson for Region 1.