

American Iris Society: AIS Convention Awards

Every year at the AIS National Convention, registered attendees (regardless of whether they are members of AIS) vote for irises to determine these two popularity awards:

The Franklin Cook Memorial Cup

The Franklin Cook Memorial Cup is awarded annually during the American Iris Society's national convention.

All introduced irises seen growing and in bloom in the official tour gardens of the convention are eligible for consideration for the Franklin Cook Memorial Cup, except irises originated within the host region for that year's national convention by a hybridizer whose garden is included on the official garden tour, regardless of its location. The irises considered need not be official convention guest irises. Each registrant may vote for only one variety and the Franklin Cook Memorial Cup is awarded to the iris receiving the greatest number of votes.

This award was established by Dr. Franklin Cook during his time as AIS president in 1947 and was originally known as the President's Cup. Then in 1952, it was renamed the Franklin Cook Memorial Cup. From 1947 through 1965, there were no restrictions concerning the geographical origination of irises eligible for the Franklin Cook Memorial Cup until 1966 when the current President's Cup was established and first awarded.

The President's Cup

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Eligibility is restricted to introduced irises originated within the host region for that year's national convention or originated by a hybridizer whose garden is included on the convention's official garden tour, regardless of its location. Irises must have been seen growing and in bloom in the convention's official tour gardens, but need not be official guest irises. Each registrant may vote for one variety and the President's Cup is awarded to the iris with the largest number of votes.

Franklin Cook Memorial Cup:				
Year	Convention Location	Iris	Type	Hybridizer
2016	Newark, New Jersey	tie Honky Tonk Rumble	TB	Hooker Nichols
2016	Newark, New Jersey	tie Three Part Harmony	TB	Paul Black
2015	Portland, Oregon	Swans in Flight	SIB	Bob Hollingworth
2014	Dallas, Texas	Bahama Blues	IB	Michael Sutton
2013	Dallas, Texas	Double Platinum	TB	Joe Ghio
2012	Ontario, California	Greatest Show On Earth	TB	Frederick Kerr
2011	Victoria, British Columbia	GINGER TWIST	SIB	Marty Schafer/Jan Sacks
2010	Madison, Wisconsin	TREE OF SONGS	SIB	Marty Schafer/Jan Sacks
2009	Kansas City, Missouri			
2008	Austin, Texas	GYPSY LORD	TB	Keith Keppel
2007	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	FLORENTINE SILK	TB	Keith Keppel
2006	Portland, Oregon	SAILOR'S DREAM	MTB	Ken Fisher
2005	St. Louis, Missouri	QUEEN'S CIRCLE	TB	Fred Kerr

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2004	Fresno, California	PAUL BLACK	TB	Tom Johnson
2003	Falls Church, Virginia	SPLASHACATA	TB	Rick Tasco
2002	Memphis, Tennessee	STARRING	TB	Joe Ghio
2001	York, Pennsylvania	QUEEN'S CIRCLE	TB	Fred Kerr
2000	Dallas, Texas	PENNY LANE	TB	Larry Lauer
1999	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	UNCLE CHARLIE	TB	Don Spoon
1998	Denver, Colorado	POND LILY	TB	Evelyn Jones
1997	Dearborn, Michigan	VAVOOM	SDB	Alan Ensminger
1996	Sacramento, California	YAQUINA BLUE	TB	Schreiners
1995	Pennsylvania	BANGLES	MTB	Lynda Miller
1994	Portland, Oregon	STAWBERRY FAIR	SIB	Bob Hollingworth
1993	Fort Worth, Texas	QUITO	TB	Joe Ghio
1992	Atlanta, Georgia	SNOWBURST	TB	Hamner
1991	Washington, D.C.	DUSKY CHALLENGER	TB	Schreiners
1990	Omaha, Nebraska	RUSTLER	TB	Keith Keppel
1989	Memphis, Tennessee	PEACH BISQUE	TB	Bill Maryott
1988	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	BUMBLEBEE DEELIGHT	MTB	Norrick
1987	Phoenix, Arizona	AUTOGRAPH	TB	Walt Luihn
1986	San Jose, California	DUSKY CHALLENGER	TB	Schreiners
1985	Indianapolis, Indiana	SILVER YEARS	TB	Ben Hager
1984	Seattle, Washington	SERENE	TB	Glen Corlew
1983	Boston, Massachusetts	WEDDING CANDLES	TB	Schreiners
1982	Denver, Colorado	RUFFLED BALLET	TB	Elvan Roderick
1981	St. Louis, Missouri	LEDA'S LOVER	TB	Ben Hager
1980	Tulsa, Oklahoma	SUNRISE SUNSET	TB	Bryce Williamson
1979	Huntsville, Alabama	SUGAR TREE	TB	William T. Bledsoe
1978	San Jose, California	FEMININE CHARM	TB	Evelyn Kegerise
1977	Memphis, Tennessee	PENNY A PINCH	TB	W.W. Steinhauer
1976	Lansing, Michigan	BLUSHING LEMON	TB	Jack Boushay
1975	San Diego, California	WHITE LIGHTNING	TB	Joe Gatty
1974	Roanoke, Virginia	QUEEN OF HEARTS	TB	Opal Brown
1973	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	SHIPSHAPE	TB	Sanford Babson
1972	Portland, Oregon	HI TOP	TB	Frederick J. Knocke
1971	Wichita, Kansas	NEWLY RICH	TB	Dr. Steve Varner
1970	New York City, New York	PINK TAFFETA	TB	Nathan Rudolph
1969	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	NIGHT HERON	TB	James S. Tucker
1968	Berkeley, California	FLIGHT OF ANGELS	TB	Collie Terrell
1968	Berkeley, California	CUP RACE	TB	Stedman Buttrick
1967	Denver, Colorado	FUJI'S MANTLE	TB	Schreiners
1966	Newark, New Jersey	STEPPING OUT	TB	Schreiners
1965	Memphis, Tennessee	LEO HAVEN	TB	Serlena Reynolds
1964	Chicago, Illinois	BRIGHT SAILS	TB	Richard Goodman
1963	Denver, Colorado	ASPENGLow	TB	Phillip A. Loomis
1962	Kansas City, Missouri	MILLIONAIRE	TB	Roy Brizendine
1961	Newark, New Jersey	FRIENDSHIP	TB	Joseph Gatty
1960	Portland, Oregon	VIOLET HILLS	TB	Fred Deforest

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1959	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	LADY ROGERS	TB	Guy Rogers
1958	Syracuse, New York	PATRICIAN	TB	H. F. Hall
1957	Memphis, Tennessee	FOXFIRE	TB	Edwin R. Fox
1956	Los Angeles, California	WHITE PEACOCK	TB	Mrs. Douglas Patterson
1955	Hamilton, Ontario, Canada	ALGIERS	TB	Mrs. Harry Bickle
1954	Salt Lake City, Utah	PINK FULFILLMENT	TB	Tel Muhlestein
1953	Boston, Massachusetts	VIOLET HARMONY	TB	Mrs. F. P. Lowry
1952	St. Louis, Missouri	BELLERIVE		Clifford Benson
1951	Shreveport, Louisiana	ROYAL GEM		Mrs. Alex F. Smith
1950	Sioux City, Iowa	BLUE RHYTHM		Mrs. Charles Whiting
1949	Portland, Oregon	SUNSET BLAZE		R.E. Kleinsorge
1948	Nashville, Tennessee	AMANDINE		Geddes Douglas
1947	Chicago, Illinois	ZANTHA		Orville Fay

President's Cup:				
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2016	Newark, New Jersey	Put Another Nickel In	TB	Howard Bushnell
2015	Portland, Oregon	Football Hero	TB	Lynda Miller
2014	Dallas, Texas	Bottled Sunshine	IB	Hooker Nichols
2013	Dallas, Texas	NOTTA LEMON	TB	Tom Burseen
2012	Ontario, California	EASY BEING GREEN	TB	Richard Richards
2011	Victoria, British Columbia	DAZZLING	IB	Paul Black
2010	Madison, Wisconsin	BORN TO PLEASE	TB	Ruth Rogers
2009	Kansas City, Missouri	WHOOPSIDAISSY	TB	Jim Hedgecock
2008	Austin, Texas	JEAN QUEEN	TB	Tom Burseen
2007	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	BARBARA JEAN	TB	Ron Mullin
2006	Portland, Oregon	HIGH CHAPARRAL	TB	Schreiners
2005	St. Louis, Missouri	HEARTSTRING STRUMMER	TB	Ben Johnson
2004	Fresno, California	GOLDEN PANTHER	TB	Rick Tasco
2003	Falls Church, Virginia	MY GINNY	TB	Don Spoon
2002	Memphis, Tennessee	TENNESSEE BICENTENIAL	TB	Pierce
2001	York, Pennsylvania	ANVIL OF DARKNESS	TB	Sterling Innerst
2000	Dallas, Texas	VEGAS WEEKEND	TB	Hooker Nichols
1999	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	RHONDA FLEMMING	TB	Ron Mullin
1998	Denver, Colorado	SAN JUAN SILVER	TB	David Miller
1997	Dearborn, Michigan	BANGLES	MTB	Lynda Miller
1996	Sacramento, California	JURASSIC PARK	TB	Larry Lauer
1995	Pennsylvania	BEFORE THE STORM	TB	Sterling Innerst
1994	Portland, Oregon	FEATURE ATTRACTION	TB	Schreiners
1993	Fort Worth, Texas	LENORA PEARL	BB	Hooker Nichols
1992	Atlanta, Georgia	AGNES HALE	TB	H. Turner
1991	Washington, D.C.	SHAKER'S PRAYER	SIB	Carol Warner
1990	Omaha, Nebraska	MORNING SHOW	IB	Alan Ensminger
1989	Memphis, Tennessee	COUNTRY BRIDE	TB	Herbert Mohr
1988	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	LATIN HIDEAWAY	TB	Hooker Nichols
1987	Phoenix, Arizona	SON OF SUN	SPU	Wickenkamp

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1986	San Jose, California	EDITH WOLFORD	TB	Ben Hager
1985	Indianapolis, Indiana	COLOR CODED	TB	David Rawlins
1984	Seattle, Washington	BEDTIME STORY	IB	Jayne Ritchie
1983	Boston, Massachusetts	POPS CONCERT	TB	Kenneth Waite
1982	Denver, Colorado	COLORADO SUNSHINE	TB	Tom Magee
1981	St. Louis, Missouri	COPPER CLASSIC	TB	Elvan Roderick
1980	Tulsa, Oklahoma	TWIST OF FATE	TB	Cleo Palmer
1979	Huntsville, Alabama	FROSTY JEWELS	TB	Jimmy Burch
1978	San Jose, California	TEMPLE GOLD	TB	Walt Luihn
1977	Memphis, Tennessee	BRIDE'S HALO	TB	Herbert Mohr
1976	Lansing, Michigan	QUEEN OF FLORENCE	TB	Bob Mallory
1975	San Diego, California	SKYLAB	TB	Neva Sexton
1974	Roanoke, Virginia	LOUDOUN LASSIE	TB	George Crossman
1973	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	COUNTRY MANOR	TB	Eleanor Kegerise
1972	Portland, Oregon	ELIZABETH STUART	TB	Bennett Jones
1971	Wichita, Kansas	RASPBERRY RIPPLES	TB	Dave Niswonger
1970	New York City, New York	DEWFUL	SIB	Prof. W. M. Mcgarvey
1969	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	GALA ROSE	TB	A. G. Blodgett
1968	Berkeley, California	LAURIE	TB	Larry Gaulter
1967	Denver, Colorado	AZURE APOGEE	TB	Dr. Jack Durrance
1966	Newark, New Jersey	SKYDIVA	TB	Fred J. Knocke