

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

The President's Cup is awarded annually during the American Iris Society's national convention. 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

2019 San Ramon, California **Rise Like a Phoenix** TB Paul Black

2018 New Orleans, Louisiana **Watermelon Wizard** LA Hooker Nichols

2017 Des Moines, Iowa **Heart of Hearts** AB/OGM—Paul Black

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 WHOOPSIDAISY TB Jim Hedgecock
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
2004 Fresno, California 'Paul Black' TB Tom Johnson
2003 Falls Church, Virginia Falls '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
 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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2019 San Ramon, California Autumn Explosion TB Rick Tasco
 2018 New Orleans, Louisiana Acadian Sky LA Joe Musacchia
 2017 Des Moines, Iowa Landscaping Made Easy IB Allan Ensminger
 2016 Newark, New Jersey 'Put Another Nickel In' TB Howard Bushnell
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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
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