

The ABCs of Region 2 Hybridizers' AIS Awards for 2012

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Each year American Iris Society (AIS) Accredited Judges vote for a variety of awards for irises. Currently, garden awards for the AIS have been established for 15 classifications of irises, covering both bearded and beardless iris categories. Kudos to Region 2 hybridizers whose accomplishments were noted in the following classifications.

A is for 'Ally Oops' (Dana Borglum 2002)

This previous Randolph Perry Medal winner achieved a respectable runner-up position for this year's American Dykes Medal. Described as having standards and style arms of light blue and yellow falls with blue veining, this iris grows to 18".



(photo by T. Baker, BC Iris Society)

B is for 'Blueberry Tart' (Chuck Chapman 2002)

This reblooming SDB iris was first runner-up for The Cook-Douglas Medal. Its standards are blue turning to dark violet red near base; style arms are blue; falls are reddish tan with brownish red central spot fading to blue edge. There is a short blue spear at end of dark blue beards. The offspring of two reblooming iris favourites, 'Forever Blue' X 'What Again'.



(photo by G. Keller taken from the AIS WIKI)

C is for 'Currier McEwen' (Tony Huber 2006)

This biversata tied with Brad Kasperek's 'Plum Duck' to win an Award of Merit in

the Interspecies classification. Described on the AIS WIKI as having rounded violet standards with darker veins; style arms of butterfly blue bordered white with french blue midrib and a violet crest. The falls are ruffled blue with a large bright yellow signal and purple veins surrounded by blue and white. It has a slight fragrance and grows to 39".



(photo from Iris City Iris Garden, www.iriscitygardens.com)

Other irises to achieve Honorable Mention runner-up positions in their classifications were,

'Black Lightning' and 'Conundrum' (both C. Chapman) – Standard Dwarf Bearded (SDB).

'Freckle's Sister' (C. Chapman) – Miniature Tall Bearded (MTB).

'Mini Cascade' (T. Huber) - Species (SPEC).

'Roy's Surprise' (D. Borglum) - Interspecies (SPEC-X).

'Seneca Plum Delight' (D. Borglum) - Louisiana (LA).

'Sylvia's Love' (S. Borglum) - Siberian (SIB).

If you are interested in these irises, descriptions and pictures can be found on the AIS WIKI, <http://wiki.irises.org/bin/view>.

Congratulations to Region 2 hybridizers for their achievements in this year's AIS Awards.