

# **Leo T. Clark Iris Society**

Affiliate of the American Iris Society

2026 Annual Spring Show

## **Celebrate With Iris**

Saturday, April 18, 2026, 1 pm to 5 pm

Sunday, April 19, 2026, 11 am to 5 pm

Chico Marketplace

1950 East 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Chico, CA.

Admission to AIS approved shows is open to the public at no charge.

Show Chairpersons:

Carol Cullen, Nathalie Kuhn

Judges:

Kathy Braaten, Cindy Eastman, Anna Cadd

Classification Chairman:

Carol Cullen

Clerks:

Deb Rojas, Susan Shaul

Awards and Ballots:

Mary McCune, Lynne Baker

## General Rules

1. This Accredited show is being held and judged under the rules and regulations of The American Iris Society as set forth in the Handbook for Judges and Show Officials, Edition 9.0, March 26, 2025 and subsequent rules and regulations approved by the American Iris Society Board of Directors. These Rules and Regulations may not be violated.
2. Accredited Judges of the American Iris Society will judge all entries in the Horticulture Division(s) and Artistic Design Exhibits. Judges' decisions will be final. Any award may be withheld at their discretion.
3. Entries will be received from 7 AM to 9:45 AM on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
4. Judging will begin at 10 AM on April 19<sup>th</sup>.
5. Only specifically authorized people will be allowed in the show area during judging.
6. The Classification Committee may divide, subdivide, combine or create groups as necessary.
7. Youth exhibitors (persons under 19 years of age) may enter exhibits in the Youth Horticulture Division OR the Adult Horticulture Division BUT NOT BOTH in the same show.
8. Show Judges are not permitted to exhibit in the show.
9. The Show Committee will exercise all possible care but is not responsible for loss or damage to exhibits.
10. Exhibits will remain in place until 5 PM on April 19, 2026 . All exhibits must be removed at 5 PM.

### **Special Rules- Horticulture Division**

1. This is a Variety/Cultivar show, staged according to type and in alphabetical order within the various sessions and groups. Each variety constitutes a separate group and must be correctly named. NO unnamed variety may be exhibited except seedlings which may be entered under number.
2. Division, Section, Group numbers and name of variety (number or name in Seedling Division) must appear on the entry card. The entry card is to be prepared by exhibitor.
3. The Horticulture and Seedling Divisions are open to any grower.
4. Entries must have been grown and entered in person by the exhibitor whose name appears on the entry tag. Members of a family may exhibit from the same garden.

5. An exhibitor may enter a seedling originated by another person but the hybridizer's name and the seedling name or number must appear on the entry card.
6. Exhibitors may enter only one stalk of a variety in single specimen and seedling sections but may enter any number of varieties.
7. Unnamed stalks (except seedlings) and potted iris grown by another person are not eligible for AIS awards but may be displayed on a table marked "For Display Only."
8. Containers will be furnished for all single specimens including single blossoms. Containers appropriate for any collections must be furnished by the exhibitors.
9. Iris leaves and stalks will be furnished by the Show Committee for bracing stalks at the necks of containers.
10. Single specimens should be placed by the Placement Committee. Exhibitors will be allowed to place collections.
11. An English Box will consist of five (5) individual flowers of the same classification of irises. Flowers may be different cultivars. Each blossom must be correctly named or labeled. A 3x5 card with the names of the irises in the correct position must be prepared and mounted outside the Box. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Call 805 441-4433.

## **Division 1**

Section A. Tall Bearded Iris (TB)

Section B. Miniature Dwarf Bearded (MDB)

Section C. Standard Dwarf Bearded (SDB)

Section D. Intermediate Bearded (IB)

Section E. Border Bearded (BB)

Section F. Miniature Tall Bearded (MTB)

Section G. Novelty Bearded- Includes Space Agers, Broken Color & Flattie

Section H. Siberian (SIB)

Section I. Louisiana (LA)

Section J. Spuria (SPU)

Section K. Japanese (JI)

Section L. Californicae (CA) (also known as PCI and PCN)

Section M. Historic Iris (introduced 30 years or more prior to the date of the Show) (1996 or earlier). **Year of introduction must be listed on the Entry tag.**

Section N. Aril (AR) and Arilbred (AB) and Arilmed (AM).

Group 1. Aril

Group 2. Arilbred

Group 3. Arilmed

Section O. Species (SPEC) and Species Cross (SPEC X)

Section P. Bulbous Irises (not eligible for Best of Show)

Section Q. Collections (not eligible for Best of Show)

Group 1. 3 stalks /one variety

Group 2. 3 stalks/ all different

Section R. English Box (not eligible for Best Specimen of Show). Check with Show Committee for the type and size of box and whether provided by the Show Committee or by the exhibitor.

Section S. Single Bloom (not eligible for Best Specimen of Show or Silver or Bronze medals or Certificates). Containers to be provided by Show Committee.

Group 1. Bearded Varieties

Group 2. Beardless Varieties

### **Division 2- Seedlings**

Any un-introduced iris of any type. Seedlings must be entered under seedling number or registered name and must be made in the name of the owner or originator of the clone.

### **Division 3- Youth Horticulture**

Same Sections and Groups as in Division 1 above.

### **Division 4- Educational Exhibits**

1. Table space or area dimensions assigned to this exhibit. (Suggested size is 18 square feet, which includes tabletop, and any upright display or niche.)
2. **Reservations for an Educational Exhibit are required. Call 805 441-4433.**

### **Division 5- Commercial Exhibits**

The same requirements as stated above for Educational Exhibits. The Show Committee will determine if an exhibitor is to be given Commercial status.

### **Division 6- Artistic**

**Not included for ribbon count in Sweepstakes.**

#### **Design Rules and Regulations:**

1. An exhibitor may enter only one exhibit per class but may enter as many classes as desired.
2. Exhibitors under the age of 19 may enter Adult Classes in addition to the Youth Classes.
3. One or more Iris bloom(s) must be used in each design and should be the dominant flower(s) in the design. The use of iris foliage in a design is the choice of the designer.
4. The design must be made by one exhibitor, but plant material used in a design does NOT have grown by the designer.
5. Accessories are permitted in all classes unless prohibited by the Schedule.
6. Fresh plant material should predominate. Fresh plant material may not be treated.
7. Dried plant material is permitted. Treatment of dried plant material is permitted.
8. No artificial flowers, foliage or fruit or vegetables are permitted. Fresh cut fruits and vegetables and any other non-perishable food products are allowed but must be sealed if the possibility exists for attracting insects or producing undesirable odors. Feathers are permitted.
9. The use of any part(s) of plants on the appropriate state conservation list is strictly prohibited.

The use of the American Flag or any international flag is prohibited. The use of the colors or bunting is permitted and encouraged if it helps interpret the theme.

Each design must be accompanied by a 3x5 card listing all plant material used. Include iris cultivar name if possible.

**Notes:**

1. Exhibitor to check with Design Chairman for exhibit specifics such as: table space, niches, pedestals, backgrounds, platforms, hanging facilities, columns, etc. and the exact dimensions/colors.
2. Experienced, qualified judges will judge this Division. Judges of the National Garden Clubs and/or the American Iris Society will judge the artistic/design exhibits.
3. Judges are requested to write comments for each design on a 3x5 card provided by the Show Committee. This will encourage and educate the exhibitor. Comments should include a positive comment and any errors should be based on the principles of design in a constructive manner.

**2026 Design Theme: Celebrate With Iris**

**Section A. Youth (under the age of 19)**

**Class 1. Birthday Celebration**

Line or Mass Arrangement of choice.

**Section B. Novice (Exhibitor has not won more than 2 Blue ribbons)**

**Class 1. Wedding Plans**

An arrangement of choice (Line or Mass). Iris is dominant flower to be used.

**Section C. Open to All Arrangers**

**Class 1. Fourth Of July Celebration**

Choice of Mass or Line design using red, white and blue colors. Iris must be dominant flower used in arrangement.

## **Class 2. Repurposed Container**

Using a repurposed container, follow the theme of Celebrate With Iris. Iris to be dominant flower in arrangement.

### **American Iris Society Awards**

- 1. Ribbons:** Each specimen can be awarded only one ribbon. One First (blue), one Second (red) and one Third (white) place ribbon may be given to each cultivar in any given Section **except** in the Seedling Division. As many Honorable Mentions may be awarded as the panel of Judges deems worthy.
- 2. Best Specimen of Show:** Open Division and Youth Division (Seedlings, Bulbous, English Box, Single Bloom and Collection Sections excepted); Large Purple Rosette and Certificate.
- 3. Runner-Up to Best Specimen of Show-** Small Purple Rosette. The runner-up must have earned a first place ribbon.
- 4. Horticultural Sweepstakes-** (most blue ribbons): Adult Silver Medal and Certificate and Large Purple Rosette. To award the Adult Silver Medal and Certificate there must be at least five exhibitors and at least twenty cultivars for a Spring Show. In the event of a tie for any medal or certificate award, second place award ribbons (red) will be counted. If a tie persists, third place ribbons (white) are also to be counted and if a tie persists honorable mention ribbons (pink) are to be counted. If such procedure does not determine a winner, duplicate silver medals (and NO bronze medal) will be awarded. If the tie involves the Bronze Medal, duplicate Bronze Medals will be awarded.
- 5. Horticultural Sweepstakes Runner-Up-** (second most blue ribbons): Bronze Medal and Certificate. (Same minimum requirements and counting conditions as under (4) above.
- 6. Best Seedling-** Purple Rosette and Exhibition Certificate. An Exhibition Certificate will also be awarded to any seedling receiving five or more votes from fully accredited AIS Judges attending the show, (Ballots and envelopes are available at the Seedling Division. Judges will please seal the ballots and give to show chairman.)
- 7. Section Medal Certificate** may be awarded to the winner of the most blue ribbons in each section, and a Section Rosette may be awarded to the best specimen of each section provided that there are at least three exhibitors and at least five cultivars in the Section.
- 8. Educational Exhibit** may receive the Bronze Medal Certificate for outstanding Educational Exhibit.
- 9. Commercial Exhibit** may receive the Bronze Medal Certificate for outstanding Commercial Exhibit.
- 10. Artistic (Design): Best Design of Show (Adult):** Large purple rosette and certificate. **Artistic Sweepstakes** (adult): Large purple rosette and certificate. **Best Design of Show**

(youth): Small purple rosette and certificate, **Artistic Sweepstakes** (youth): Small purple rosette and certificate.

## **Local Society Awards**

### **Shirley Clark Memorial Award: Best Plicata of Show**

**People's Choice of Favorite Iris-** may receive a small rosette for receiving the most votes by the viewing public.

**People's Choice of Most Fragrant Iris-** may receive a small rosette for receiving the most votes from the viewing public.

Join the Leo T. Clark Iris Society, an affiliate of the American Iris Society. Dues are \$20 Annual Individual and \$25 Annual Family. All Youth Members are sponsored by the Leo T. Clark Iris Society. Meetings held the first Saturday of the month at 1 pm excepting the months of July and August. Please check the website of [LeoTClarkIrisSociety.org](http://LeoTClarkIrisSociety.org) for current meeting place.

Join the American Iris Society. An annual membership is \$45 per year single person and \$50 per year dual membership. Triennial single membership \$115 and triennial dual \$130. Youth membership (age 18 or under), \$8 without Bulletin or \$12 with Bulletin. Please remit AIS membership to: AIS Membership Secretary, 1226 High Street, Alameda, California 94501.