

# **The American Iris Society**

## **Exhibition Show Reports - August 2021**

### **2021 Shows**

There were 49 approved shows and 1 virtual show planned this year. Of the 49, 41 have been reported, 5 were cancelled, 1 was held and I'm awaiting the report, and 2 are unknown.

The virtual show, Mt Diablo Iris Society, was even more popular than last year and will be reported shortly online and in the Bulletin. AIS should continue to encourage virtual shows in addition to in-person shows.

### **Postal Changes**

The current method of mailing the medals has been using a CD mailer that qualified as a large envelope. Some post offices have not recognized this and consider it a small package, which increases the current rates from \$2.00 for a set of medals (our most common mailing) to \$4.95. The latter does automatically include tracking. I expect next year all medal mailings are likely to be as small packages. With this and the general changes in USPS services, we may want to consider having a "stash" of medals in some of the regions with many shows.

The base rates for letters and cards have a planned increase August 29, 2021.

### **EC Changes**

The new Judges Handbook changes what is required to receive an Exhibition Certificate by voting. Previously a seedling received an EC for either being named Seedling Judged Most Worthy or receiving 5 judge's votes at a single iris show. Next year the 5 votes can come from more than one show.

This change will require education and publicity so show chairs and judges submit ballots even when there are not at least 5 ballots.

The reporting of ECs will also be slightly changed. As shown in this example, currently Seedling Judged Most Worthy is in bold and 5 EC votes is not:

Show #	Sponsor	Region	Show Date	Location	State	Seedling	Type	Hybridizer
18	Central Arkansas IS	22	1-May-2021	Little Rock	AR	15-34-18A	LA	<b>Robert Treadway</b>
18	Central Arkansas IS	22	1-May-2021	Little Rock	AR	16-34-19C	LA	Robert Treadway

Presumably something like this will be needed instead:

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18	Central Arkansas IS	22	1-May-2021	Little Rock	AR	16-34-19C	LA	Robert Treadway
			3 Shows			12-99-20B	LA	Robert Treadway

There may be some gray areas in determining how many ECs a seedling qualifies for. For example, if a seedling receives 4 votes, 1 vote, 4 votes, and 1 vote at four shows, would this qualify for 2 ECs? How about if a seedling receives 4 votes, 3 votes, and 3 votes at three shows? What about a seedling that receives 7 votes and 3 votes at two shows?

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