

AIS SYMPOSIUM REPORT

A preview of the results for the 2013 AIS Tall Bearded Symposium was handed out at the 2013 Fall Board Meeting in New Orleans, LA. AIS President Morris requested that the results first appear in the AIS Bulletin IRISES. The 2013 AIS Tall Bearded Iris Symposium Report was first published in IRISES The Bulletin of the American Iris Society in Volume 95, No. 1 the January/February 2014 issue. In that same issue was an article written by me telling about the Symposium.

The same symposium results were also transferred to the Electronic Services and Website committee chairman John Jones on February 8th. He made certain that the results were placed on the American Iris Society website irises.org . They appeared there in February, 2014.

Also, at that time, the same symposium results were also transferred to the Public Relations and Marketing committee chairman Bob Pries. Bob had discussed with me previously about publishing the symposium results in the electronic newsletter News & Notes. As of this date in late March, to the best of my knowledge, this has not yet happened.

I am sure that many of you are interested when the 2014 AIS Tall Bearded Symposium Ballot will be available. My goal will be to have it available no more than six weeks after I receive the 2014 AIS Official Ballot for Judges which I have not yet received. If you will recall, part of the criteria for which irises are placed on the Symposium Ballot are based on the irises on the Judges' Ballot. All tall bearded irises eligible for the 2014 Dykes Medal are placed on the Symposium ballot. All irises eligible for the 2014 Wister Medal are also placed on the Symposium Ballot as are all tall bearded irises eligible for the 2014 Award of Merit are placed on the Symposium Ballot.

So, bottom line, I expect the 2014 AIS Tall Bearded Symposium Ballot to probably be available sometime in May or early June. I beg of you all to vote the 2014 Tall Bearded Symposium Ballot and for you to urge others to vote, also.

AIS Symposium Chairman

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