

# The American Iris Society

## Exhibitions Show Reports - Fall 2017

Processing of the show reports continues. Processing has been slowed this year because of the 2017 Convention, being a host garden, and being a new Exhibition Show Reports Chair. As of mid-October there were 16 Spring shows with no report or notice of cancellation received. These show chairs will be contacted.

A number of show medals were donated to the Exhibition Show Reports Chair for reuse. A News & Notes request also resulted in donations. In addition, some reports have said they have the needed medals from other members. However, even with these medals, we will still be short this year. We have placed an order for 150 silver and 150 bronze to cover these and 2018. Ordering 150 allowed us to obtain a better price. We are awaiting these medals.

### **Wild Cards:**

1. Transparency - both the status of show reports and the results as they are entered could be hosted on the Iris Encyclopedia or the new AIS website. We already do a listing of the approved shows this way. Next year we expect to include more information.
2. Feedback - as medals are mailed, we have asked for feedback on the process. This has resulted in some suggestions being implemented this year in how we are mailing. There have also been suggestions for the forms and we will be looking at those for 2018.
3. Publicity - when mailing the medals we have offered to help publicize their shows and results, possibly through News & Notes. Some groups have responded with photos.
4. Specific requests - in one case the best specimen did not have a photo in its Iris Encyclopedia entry. We were able to obtain a photo taken at the show.
5. Special local awards - many of the shows feature additional awards in addition to the ones from AIS. First Blue Ribbon winners, best iris by a specific hybridizer, best space ager, and best plicata are just some of the examples listed in the show schedules. Publicizing these and recognizing the winners may increase participation in shows.

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