

Tall Bearded Iris Society *Twenty-fourth Annual* America's Choice Irises of the Year

1. All TBIS household memberships receive **one** ballot. If you have a Dual Membership, please either split the lines or use the back of the form for the second person's votes.
2. All ballots must be **postmarked** no later than June 30, 2023.
3. **Each ballot must be signed and dated, and all ballots - written or Emailed - must include mailing address and zip code.**
4. Each household membership may vote for a maximum of ten (10) Tall Bearded irises and **each must have been in commerce for at least five years.**
5. **To be placed on the ballot, a variety must have been grown in the TBIS member's garden for at least 2 years and must be growing in their garden at the time of voting.** Recommending a variety that is not growing in a member's garden will be basis for determining the ballot invalid.
6. Only Tall Bearded irises may be placed on the ballot and the following guidelines of selection are imperative.
 - a. It must be an easy, hardy, and healthy grower.
 - b. It must bloom consistently and floriferously each year.
 - c. It must be disease resistant.
 - d. **Performance evaluation must be based only on performance in the voting member's garden.**
 - e. Beauty of the flower alone is not sufficient reason to place a variety on this ballot.

Purpose: To determine varieties that dependably grow and bloom in a variety of climates. The list should not be lengthy and should consist of affordable varieties that will appeal to the perennial gardener (a non-iris specialist). The winning varieties should represent tried and tested varieties that will perform dependably across the country. This list will be published in *Tall Talk* and possibly distributed to writers of major garden magazines and commercial iris growers.

You can use the back of this ballot for 3-5 varietal comments about some irises you like; also note 2-3 irises you like that have been overlooked. These comments may be used in future *Tall Talk* issues.

Please note that those in the Hall of Fame are no longer eligible. For your convenience, these are listed below.

HALL OF FAME

ABSOLUTE TREASURE
CELEBRATION SONG
CONJURATION
DAUGHTER OF STARS
DRAMA QUEEN
DUSKY CHALLENGER
FLORENTINE SILK
GOLDEN PANTHER
GYPSY LORD
HAPPENSTANCE
HAUNTED HEART
IMMORTALITY
JESSE'S SONG
KATHY CHILTON
LADY FRIEND
LOUISA'S SONG
MARY FRANCES
MESMERIZER
MONTMARTRE
PAUL BLACK
QUEEN'S CIRCLE
REVERE
RHONDA FLEMING
SEA POWER
SILVERADO
SKATING PARTY
STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN
STEPPING OUT
THAT'S ALL FOLKS
THORNBIRD
TITAN'S GLORY
VANITY
WORLD PREMIER
YAQUINA BLUE

If you have a dual membership, please split the lines or put the second person's list on the back of this form. Questions and Email ballots may be directed to Jerry James at:

jpprmj36@gmail.com.

DEADLINE TO VOTE - JUNE 30, 2023!

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State & Zip: _____

USDA Zone: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Mail your ballot to:
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