

# CWIS 5th Annual Show

(By B. J. Jackson, Show Chair)

It was a special day for CWIS. Our 5th annual iris show Sunday, June 10th at Bourkevale Community Centre. Five years since we gathered our courage and resources and decided to do it. And five years later we discovered what we have known since Day One, that **CWIS Rocks!!!** It was an amazing day. Despite the slightly lower number of entries. Despite the unusual season thrust upon us. We had 101 stems from 14 exhibitors which comprised all bearded classes except MDB and BB as well as several beardless, species and Siberians. Not including the unknowns, there were 64 different varieties presented in the regular classes. The table and a half of Tall Bearded iris was a visual delight as was the full table comprising the Historic Class. A significant number of MTBs and on and on and on.

And the people! Oh, yes, the people. The show visitors came in droves from the minute the doors were opened to the public until it closed for the day. They came armed with questions, with notebooks for taking notes and they came with enthusiasm! Although we have no way to know exactly how many visitors came out, there sure were a lot of them! Once they had browsed the show winners on the Court of Honor table and made their way through the exhibition area, they found the sale table ably presided over by Wilma and Gerry Maurice. To say they were busy would certainly be an understatement.

And then there were the awards. The People's Choice Award was hotly contested this year with just one vote between the top two contenders. After checking the numbers several times to make sure no error was made, the winner was announced to be TB Stepping Out exhibited by first time exhibitor, Hildegard Karchevsky. Her iris also took home the CWIS Section Certificate in the Tall Bearded class. B. J. Jackson had the Best in Show winner with MTB Ace. This is the second year in a row that this iris has won the award as Queen of Show. Last year it was exhibited by David Hutchison.

And finally, here is a listing of all the awards from the day.

CWIS Awards: Section Certificates

Section A Miniature Dwarf and Section B Standard Dwarf Bearded - Not Awarded

Section C Intermediate Bearded - Brenda Newton for Raspberry Blush

Section D Miniature Tall Bearded - B. J. Jackson for Ace

Section E Border Bearded -Not awarded

Section F Tall Bearded - Hildegard Karchevsky for Stepping Out

Section G Other (bearded and non-bearded species, Siberian and Spuria) - Ted Sobkovich for I. Rudskyi

Section H Collections and Section I Seedlings - Not Awarded

Section J Historic Iris - B. J. Jackson for TB Ranger

Section K Unknown - Wilma Maurice

Best Historic Iris in Show - (OnRussell Gardens Cup) - B. J. Jackson for Ranger (Kleinsorge, 1943)

Best Canadian Hybridized Stem in Show (sponsored by Chuck Chapman Iris) - Sandy Eggertson for Garden Bride (Chapman, 1998))  
People's Choice (voted by show visitors) - Hildegard Karchevsky for Stepping Out

American Iris Society Awards

AIS Silver Medal and Certificate for most first place ribbons - B. J. Jackson

AIS Bronze Medal and Certificate for second most first place ribbons - Sandy Eggertson

AIS Best Stem in Show (Queen of Show) - B. J. Jackson for MTB Ace.