

West and Midlands Iris Group Show Schedule
Sunday 24th May 2026
Highnam Community Centre, Highnam, Gloucestershire GL2 8DG

Sale of plants, books and seeds.

Exhibits to be staged between	10.30am - 12.30pm
Judging	12:30 - 1:30pm
Show will open to the public at	1:30 - 4:30pm
Prizes awarded	4.15pm

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Rules Unless otherwise stated, spikes to be staged one to a vase. Except in **Division V**, all irises must have been grown by the exhibitor.

Only one entry per exhibitor per class **unless otherwise stated**. Unnamed and unregistered seedlings may be shown in any class providing they bear only a number and the raisers name.

Seedlings raised and shown by the exhibitor can be entered in any class and can be judged for the award of BIS Seedling Commendation (SC) provided that the Show Secretary is notified of the seedling number and seedling classes in which they are shown. Entries in Division VI will be judged for the BIS SC as well as class placing. The SC award gives entry to BIS trials.

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the judges. Any complaints concerning judges' decisions must be made in writing and lodged with the Show Secretary by 1:30pm on the day of the Show.

Judging will be by members who have entries in the Show, but not in the class being judged.

Other information

The exhibitor whose vase (in any class except Classes 8, 9, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20 & 21) is judged Best in Show will receive the **Shropshire Cup** presented by Ken and Beryl MacLeod. The first three in each class will receive a certificate.

The Somerset Trophy, presented by Cy & Mary Bartlett, will be given to the exhibitor gaining the highest total of points in the Show. **The Rainbow Trophy** awarded to the best vase in classes 8 & 9, and the **Malvern Bowl** to the best vase in Classes 10, 11, 12, 13

Except for Class 1, all classes are open to all W&MIG & BIS members.

Please label all spikes and florets with the cultivar or species name or seedling number.

Vases and jars will be provided, except in Classes 18 & 19.

Points system			Class
1st	2nd	3rd	
9	6	3	2
6	4	2	1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 15, 16, 17
5	3	1	11, 18, 19
3	2	1	4, 5, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, 20, 21

DIVISION 1 OPEN ONLY to those W&MIG members who have not previously won a first prize (excluding Division V) at a W&MIG Show.

Class 1 THE GLOUCESTER TROPHY 2 spikes bearded irises and or beardless irises, one or more varieties. Novices can be assisted in staging. *Up to two entries per exhibitor*

DIVISION II BEARDED IRISES

Class 2 THE WORCESTER TROPHY 6 spikes tall bearded irises in SIX varieties.

Class 3 Two spikes of tall bearded irises in different varieties. *Up to two entries per exhibitor.*

- Class 4** One spike of tall bearded iris. *Up to two entries per exhibitor*
- Class 5** One spike of bearded iris other than tall bearded. *Up to two entries per exhibitor.*
- Class 6** Three spikes of bearded iris other than tall bearded. *Up to two entries per exhibitor.*
- Class 7** One spike of an Historic bearded iris pre & including 1959. Date of registration required. *Up to two entries per exhibitor*

THE RAINBOW TROPHY is awarded to the best entry in classes 8 & 9

- Class 8** Six blooms of different bearded iris cultivars in a range of colours, staged in separate containers. *One entry per exhibitor*
- Class 9** Three blooms of three different bearded iris, in the same colour range staged in separate containers. Entries can be one type or a mixture. *Up to two entries per exhibitor.*

DIVISION III BEARDLESS IRISES

- Class 10** A vase containing three spikes of one siberian cultivar. *Up to two entries per exhibitor.*
- Class 11** A vase containing up to five spikes of two or more siberian cultivars. *Up to two entries per exhibitor.*
- Class 12** A vase containing up to five spikes of beardless cultivars/hybrids not eligible for class 10 or 11. *Up to two entries per exhibitor.*
- Class 13** A vase containing up to five spikes of an Historic beardless iris pre and including 1959. Date of registration required. *Up to two entries per exhibitor*
- Class 14** Three blooms of three different beardless iris, staged in separate containers. Entries can be one type or a mixture. *Up to two entries per exhibitor*

DIVISION IV IRIDACEAE SPECIES INCLUDING THEIR CULTIVARS (no hybrids)

- Class 15** A vase containing one to three spikes of one or more Iridaceae species, bearded or beardless. *Up to two entries per exhibitor.*
- Class 16** **SUE BEDWELL Class** A vase containing one to three stems of an Iridaceae species (other than Iris). *Up to two entries per exhibitor*
- Class 17** **THE HEREFORD TROPHY** A potted plant, any Iris or Iridaceae species or cultivar, bearded or beardless. *Up to two entries per exhibitor.*

DIVISION V DECORATIVE EXHIBITS

- Class 18** **THE SHRUBLAND TROPHY**
A presentation of Iridaceae; with or without flowers and foliage, illustrating some feature of interest of the iris family, in a space not exceeding 75cm.
- Class 19** A flower arrangement in which Iridaceae must predominate, in a space 60cm wide.

DIVISION VI SEEDLINGS

- Class 20** One spike, raised by the exhibitor, bearded iris.
To be judged for BIS Seedling Commendation. Exhibitors may make more than one per entry.
- Class 21** One spike, raised by the exhibitor, beardless iris.
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