

# 9th Annual CWIS Show Report 2016

*(By: BJ Jackson, Show Chair)*

What a day! Show day arrived with a torrential downpour in Winnipeg once again but that didn't deter the exhibitors, volunteers and designers from descending upon Bourkevale Community Centre on Sunday, June 12th in full force. Because of the early year, the stem count was down from what we consider normal but almost the same as last year. The designers, however, stepped up big time with double the number of designs featuring irises as last year. Some of them were amazing. (see show photos pages 7 and 8) All photos courtesy of Brenda Newton.

The rhizome sale table was a hub of activity. Indeed there were people waiting in line at opening time and there were still people wanting to purchase just one more rhizome right up to the last minute. We had the most donations ever thanks to all our members and friends who took the time to dig, divide and donate to the sale table. There was an amazing array of everything you could possibly want in any size, shape or colour. And the public came out in droves in the afternoon. I don't think I saw one visitor leaving without a little bag of goodies on their arm and a smile on their face. Many new friends were made and some old friends were missed, friendships were renewed and new members signed up. Overall a great iris day!

A big thank you to all the volunteers who took the time out of their day to help out! Everyone just stepped up and got the job done. The show would not run as smoothly as it does without you all. You and we know who you are and the Show Committee does appreciate all the assistance provided by our members and friends!

Total number of entries: 57 (44 stems and 13 designs)

Total number of exhibitors: 10

CWIS Section awards:

(Any sections not indicated were not awarded)

Section D (Miniature Tall Bearded) - Striped Pants - El Hutchison

Section F (Tall Bearded) - Brussels - Sandy Proulx

Section G (Species, Species-X, Siberian) - Pennywhistle - Sandy Eggertson

Best Canadian Stem in Show - not awarded/ Best Historic Stem in Show - Not Awarded

AIS Sweepstakes

Silver Medal & Certificate (most first place ribbons) - Sandy Proulx

Bronze Medal & Certificate (second most first place ribbons) - El Hutchison

AIS Best in Show - TB Brussels - Sandy Proulx

People's Choice Award (Horticulture) - (3 way tie) - Sandy Proulx - TB Brussels/El Hutchison - TB Vita Fire/Brenda Newton - SIB Handsome Harry

People's Choice Award (Design) - Jennifer Bishop - The Glider