

these tend to persist obtrusively in the stalk, the effect is likely to be untidy and the iris should be faulted.

EXHIBITION JUDGING

INTRODUCED CULTIVARS

Introduced cultivars in a show are judged against the criteria of an ideally grown example of the variety which fully expresses the cultivar's genetic potential. As a garden variety, an iris may have faults, but on a show bench only horticultural perfection and grooming are considered. It is the grower/exhibitor who is being judged, not the hybridizer. In this respect, judging a Siberian entry is no different in principle from any other type of iris and the more detailed description of exhibition judging under Tall Bearded irises may act as a general guide. The point system is helpful in determining a winner between two very good specimens and is important in training new judges to evaluate every aspect of the entry before placing a ribbon.

SCALE OF POINTS

A. CULTURAL PERFECTION	75
1. STALK	35
a. Proportion of flower to stalk	10
b. Branching	10
c. Spathes, bracts, stem	10
d. Size & color of stem & foliage	5
2. FLOWER	40
a. Floral display	10
b. Form, Proportion, Substance	10
c. Patterns, Texture	10
d. Color	10
B. CONDITION AND GROOMING	<u>25</u>
	100

SEEDLINGS

Judging seedlings in a show more resembles garden judging than exhibition judging of introduced varieties. The focus is once again on the success of the hybridizer. However, the growth habits of the seedling in a show cannot be observed and the scale of points under Garden Judging is restricted to those features that apply specifically to the flower and stalk. Because the growth characteristics cannot be observed, the award of an Exhibition Certificate at a show should not be taken as a recommendation to introduce the iris. Extra attention is merited for those seedlings that show novel, attractive features of form, color, texture or pattern, which, taken overall, provide a distinct and desirable personality for the flower. Advances in branching or bud count should also be recognized. A perfect flower and stem which offers nothing significantly different from existing cultivars, should not be awarded. Although no points are given for grooming in the seedling class, the wise exhibitor will not neglect the chance to present the iris at its best.