

## 1948 IRIS SHOWS

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*Chairman, Exhibitions Committee*

### BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

The iris show of the Magic City Garden Club of Alabama in cooperation with the American Iris Society was held April 23 at the Fountain Heights Methodist Church. The committee feels that the show which attracted some 600 visitors, was a great success and made Birmingham flower growers "Iris Conscious."

Mr. C. A. Brown exhibited some very fine varieties in the specimen classes and was awarded the Silver Medal of the AIS for receiving the greatest number of points. For his entries Mr. Brown was also given the Berman award. Another trophy won by Mr. Brown was the Rike award for the best bulbous specimen. His entry was a splendid stalk of Wedgewood.

The best iris in the show was a magnificent spike of Elmohr exhibited by Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Thompson, who received the Bronze Medal and also the Carr award. In the arrangement section, Mrs. N. L. Self won first place with her arrangement of "Iris Moderne," and received the Thompson award. Mr. Thompson was awarded the one year membership in the AIS for receiving the second highest number of points.

The "Certificate of Commendation" was awarded to Mr. M. H. Almon for his seedling which is a blue self, well branched, with good size falls held almost horizontally—height 38 inches and eight blooms to the stalk.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cahoon, Birmingham, and Mrs. Robert Campbell, Cave Springs, were the judges and Mr. Walter Thompson was the show chairman.

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### ENID, OKLA.

The first iris show of the North Central Iris Society of Oklahoma, in cooperation with the American Iris Society, was held May 8th and 9th. This Society was organized in October, 1947.

The exhibition was well attended and although a little past the peak of the season there were 700 specimen blooms shown by 62 exhibitors. Some of the outstanding varieties were Bryce Canyon, Tobacco Road, Ranger, Minnie Colquitt, Blue Shimmer, Solid Mahogany, Lady Mohr, Spindrift, Ola Kala, and Moonlight Madonna. The best specimen in the show was a splendid stalk of Calcutta, exhibited by Mrs. J. C. Humphrey, who received the Silver Medal of the AIS.

The Bronze Medal was awarded to Mr. H. F. Murphy, Stillwater, Okla., who received the highest number of points. Mrs. Leo A. Snyder was awarded a year's membership in the AIS for receiving the most points as a non-AIS member.

Some very interesting seedlings were exhibited by Mr. Murphy and Mr. Lee Rodgers of Bison. One which especially received very favorable comment was a waxy snow-white with flaring perky falls and arched, closed standards,

exhibited by Mr. Rodgers. Another exhibit which received much comment was the display of the Mohr hybrids.

Mr. Dwight M. Davis, Edmond, Okla., judged the show and Mr. A. J. Burton was superintendent and Mrs. Evelyn Wilson, secretary.

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#### MACON, GA.

Macon held its first iris show in cooperation with the American Iris Society on April 17 at the Ingleside Community House. The show was sponsored by five local garden clubs, Napier Heights, Cherokee Heights, Vista Ridge, Ingleside Rivoli, Ingoli and the Department of Parks.

It was declared a grand success by the more than 800 visitors. Many fine specimens were shown. Outstanding specimen and collection awards went to Mrs. Joe Thomas, who exhibited the best bloom in the show, a very fine stalk of Great Lakes.

Mrs. William T. Wood won the sweepstakes award and will receive the Silver Medal of the American Iris Society for having the most points in the show. Mrs. Wood also took honors for the most outstanding arrangement—a Victorian arrangement of white flowers in a white container, against a black background. Approximately 50 arrangements were exhibited and many pictures were taken to be entered in the AIS Arrangement Contest.

The Bronze Medal went to Mrs. Charles T. Wolf for receiving the second highest number of points, and a one year membership in the AIS was won by Mrs. E. A. Englehart for the third place.

Judges for the specimen and collection classes were our Regional Vice-President, Mr. Harvey Hobson, Belton, S. C.; Messrs. Milton Blanton and Boyce M. Edens, Atlanta, Ga., and Mr. Lewis Beck, Griffin, Ga. Judges for arrangements included Miss Willie Rice, Marshville, Ga., chairman of judging schools for the National Council of Georgia; Mrs. Jesse Forts, Griffin, Ga., chairman of arrangements for garden clubs of Georgia, and Mrs. Charles C. Walker, Marshville, National Council judge.

A membership booth was maintained during the show and 10 new members were secured for the Society. Mrs. Frank Child was general chairman and Mrs. C. E. Biggerstaff was chairman of the arrangement classes.

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#### OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

The Oklahoma Iris Society in cooperation with the American Iris Society staged its third annual iris show May 1 and 2 at the Webster Junior High School. More than 700 visitors were registered and exhibits were entered from Blackwell, Shawnee, Stillwater, and Yukon, Oklahoma. In the specimen stalk division there were 380 entries, an increase over the 1947 show.

Mr. H. A. Raboin was awarded the Silver Medal for receiving the most points in the show. Mrs. Harold Plato received the Bronze Medal for the second highest number of points. Mrs. L. J. Webster received the one year's membership in the AIS for having the greatest number of points won by a non-member of the AIS.

The arrangement classes were most interesting and Mrs. H. S. Studyvin won the sweepstakes in this section.

Judges for the specimen and collection classes were Mrs. James A. Sapp, Joplin, Mo., Mrs. Guy Y. Williams and Dr. Charles E. Decker, Norman, Okla. Mrs. J. Tunnell Foster, Mrs. G. T. Brockett and Lona Eaton Miller judged the arrangements. Mr. Harold Plato was show chairman.

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#### SIOUX CITY, IOWA

The twenty-first annual iris show of the Sioux City Garden Club in cooperation with the AIS was held May 27 and 28 at the Y.W.C.A. The show was well attended and despite the unusual winter damage, a very creditable showing of iris bloom was made.

Mrs. E. A. Emery was awarded the Silver Medal of the AIS for winning the most prize points. The best stalk in the show was a very fine stalk of Rae Jean with four open flowers and two buds, exhibited by Dr. J. E. Dvorak. He won the Bronze Medal with this entry. Other outstanding varieties exhibited besides Rae Jean were Solid Mahogany, Sable, Spun Gold, Mattie Gates, Damascus, Cloth of Gold, Angelus, Three Oaks, Coronado, Copper Pink, Display, Minnie Colquitt, Ebony Queen, Acadia, Great Lakes, Gilt Edge, Gudrun, Sonrisa, Misty Gold, Spindrift, Ave Maria, Golden Majesty, La Golondrina, Mary Vernon, City of Lincoln and Tiffanja. Mrs. Ernest Diegel of Remsen, Iowa, was awarded the year's membership in the AIS for receiving the most points won by a non-member of the AIS. The arrangement classes were most interesting.

The non-competitive displays provided by Mr. Chester Thompkins, of the Fleur-de-Lis Gardens, Mr. W. S. Snyder, of the Quality Gardens and Mr. A. R. Toothaker of the Morningside Nurseries, presented a large number of splendidly grown iris. Mr. Thompkins received honorable mention for his outstanding display.

Mrs. Fern Irving, of Omaha, Nebr., an AIS accredited judge and an accredited judge of the judging school for the National Council of Garden Clubs, judged the show. Miss Ethel Chesterman was the show chairman and Mrs. Carl Hacker and Mrs. I. A. Nore were the secretaries.

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