

# *Ola Kala*

## WINS 1948 DYKES MEDAL

### Other Honors Announced

Ola Kala, the rich deep yellow 1943 introduction of the late Jacob Sass, is the 1948 Dykes Medal iris, according to an announcement just released by Robert E. Allen, Acting Chairman of the Committee on Awards.

Two hundred and thirty-five accredited judges in sixteen regions participated in the voting, and 71, or slightly over 30% of them, chose Ola Kala. Dr. Kleinsorge's Bryce Canyon (introduced by Cooley's Gardens, '44) polled 33 votes for the runner-up position, and Blue Rhythm (Whiting '45) finished third. Other details of the voting are shown in the accompanying table.

### DYKES MEDAL VOTING

VARIETY	ORIGINATOR	NUMBER OF VOTES	PER CENT OF VOTES
1. Ola Kala ('43)	Jacob Sass	71	30.22
2. Bryce Canyon ('44)	Kleinsorge	33	14.04
3. Blue Rhythm ('45)	Whiting	29	12.33
4. Lady Mohr ('44)	Salbach	21	8.94
5. Tiffanja ('42)	DeForest	14	5.96
6. Cascade Splendor ('45)	Kleinsorge	10	4.26
All Others		57	24.25
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Of special interest are the facts that Ola Kala tied with Day-break for the top position in 1946, when no Dykes Medal was given, was runner-up to Chivalry for the honor in 1947 and ranked first in the 1947 Symposium.

Other awards announced by the Committee are as follows:

## AWARD OF MERIT

### Tall Bearded

VARIETY	ORIGINATOR	INTRODUCER	VOTES
Helen McGregor ('46)	Graves	Nesmith	146
Amandine ('46)	G. Douglas	Nesmith	108
New Snow ('46)	Fay	Fay	62
Lady Boscawen ('46)	Graves	Nesmith	60
Dreamcastle ('43)	P. Cook	Williamson	56
Black Forest ('45)	Schreiner	Schreiner	51
Chamois ('44)	Kleinsorge	Cooley	46
Pink Cameo ('46)	Fay	Schreiner	45

### Other Than Tall Bearded

Ruby Glow ('41) (Intermediate)	Schreiner	Schreiner	22
Orchid Sprite ('46) (California)	Nies	Lyon	15

## HONORABLE MENTION

### Tall Bearded Varieties

VARIETY	ORIGINATOR	INTRODUCER	VOTES
Spanish Peaks ('47)	Loomis	Lincoln	41
Pretty Quadroon ('48)	Kleinsorge	Cooley	37
Argus Pheasant ('48)	DeForest	DeForest	36
Pierre Menard ('48)	Faught	Schroeder	33
Augusta ('48)	McKee	McKee	25
Radiation ('48)	Hall	Hall	20
Red Majesty ('46)	G. Douglas	Nesmith	20
Admiral Nimitz ('48)	Graves	Nesmith	19
Tournament ('48)	Wills	Nesmith	18
Orange Gem ('48)	McKee	McKee	17
Greig Lapham ('48)	Gage	Nesmith	16
Carousel ('48)	G. Douglas	Nesmith	14
Deep Night ('47)	Corey	Nesmith	14
Lovelace ('48)	Mitchell	Craig	14
Peg Debagh ('48)	Craig	Craig	14
Rose Splendor ('47)	Kleinsorge	Cooley	14
Staten Island ('47)	Smith	Smith	14
Arcadia Buttercup ('47)	Milliken	Milliken	13

## HONORABLE MENTION, Tall Bearded Varieties, Continued

VARIETY	ORIGINATOR	INTRODUCER	VOTES
Mirror Lake ('47)	Muhlestein	Muhlestein	13
Orelia ('47)	DeForest	DeForest	13
Pagan Princess ('48)	Douglas	Nesmith	13
San Antone ('47)	Kleinsorge	Cooley	13
Bronze Brocade ('48)	Nesmith	Nesmith	12
Danube Waves ('47)	Schreiner	Schreiner	12
Fairy Foam ('48)	Mitchell	Craig	12
Oriental Bazaar ('48)	Buneaux	Schroeder	12
Pathfinder ('48)	Whiting	Whiting	12
Gold Ruffles ('47)	Muhlestein	Muhlestein	11
S: Regis ('47)	W. Caldwell	Nesmith	11
Sylvan Belle ('44)	Peck	Gage	11
Blue Glow ('45)	Nicholls	Schreiner	10
Lilac Lane ('47)	Whiting	Whiting	10

### Other Than Tall Bearded

Baltis ('48) (Oncobred)	White	Milliken	8
Yarcand ('48) (Oncobred)	White	Milliken	8
Fairy Light ('48) (Spuria)	Thorup	Muhlestein	6
Little Elsa ('48) (Dwarf Bearded)	Muhlestein	Muhlestein	6

### HIGHLY COMMENDED

VARIETY	VOTES	VARIETY	VOTES
Amiquita (Nies)	11	Douglas 725-A	9
Buttrick 121 (Seafarer)	21	Douglas 730-C	6
Bluemohr (Marx)	7	Douglas 827-B	6
Blue Refrain (Douglas)	5	Douglas 827-A	11
Color Guard (Nies)	8	Douglas 801-A	5
Craig 8172	9	Florea (Lothrop)	11
Char Maize (Lyon)	8	Fay 47-32	6
Corporal Mary (Graves)	7	Green Glow (Muhlestein)	7
Craig 7354	5	Kezar Lake (Knowlton)	9
Craig 8221	9	Lowry 15-42	13
Crosby 48-15	6	Lowry 3-19	7
Crosby 48-16	7	Lucky Strike (Walker)	7
Crosby 48-4	6	Lapham E-9	5
Douglas 833-A	5	Lothrop	10
Douglas 848-A	6	McKee 4850	11

## HIGHLY COMMENDED, continued

VARIETY	VOTES	VARIETY	VOTES
McKee 4851	8	Parachute (Loomis)	5
Muhlestein 46-5	6	Quechee (Knowlton)	14
Muhlestein 46-122	8	Red Waves (Lapham)	6
Muhlestein 46-28	6	Syllabub (Douglas)	9
Nesmith 45-36A	5	Sarah Goodloe (Douglas)	17
Ohl OS-I	5	Star Shine (Wills)	11
On Guard (Carpenter)	5	The Showman (Muhlestein)	7
Personality (Palmer)	6	Wishing Moon (Corey)	5
Pagan Gold (Douglas)	11	White I-D-48-4	8
Polonaise (Grant)	5	Wills 186-48	6

### Call it "OH-la Ka-LAH"

Having heard Ola Kala pronounced a half-dozen different ways, we wrote concerning the matter to Henry Sass, son of the late Jacob Sass who created the new Dykes medalist. Says Henry:

"The correct pronunciation is 'OH-la Ka-LAH' (accent on the 'OH' and 'LAH' syllables). Mrs. M. A. Tinley, Council Bluffs, Iowa, suggested this name. She heard it frequently from some Greek shoeshine boys in Council Bluffs. As I understand it, Ola Kala means the same to the Greeks as OKay to us."

#### GENEROUS GARDENER

Gardeners as a class are generous people, usually happy to help less experienced neighbors with their planting and even to furnish a start of desirable flowers. It is unusual, however, for one to go as far as Mr. W. J. Stephens, of Nashville.

Having a large garden of good landscape irises that needed thinning and replanting, Mr. Stephens got out a mimeographed letter to approximately 200 new home owners—mostly veterans—in which he offered lots of 25 or more rhizomes without charge and

with no strings attached. "If the use of some of my iris," wrote Mr. Stephens, "will brighten your lawn and bring you pleasure, I shall be more than repaid."

About half of those receiving the letter requested and received rhizomes.

This is one of the best types of "missionary work." While the varieties given were not new and expensive they will bring pleasure to those who grow them, and certainly some of these people will be sufficiently interested to advance farther in the iris hobby.—S. Y. C.