

Rank	Variety	Votes	Rank	Variety	Votes
1.	Taholah	111	16.	Melodrama	50
2.	Eleanor's Pride	96	17.	Annette	48
3.	Gold Cup	85		Rose Sails	48
4.	Star Fire	83	18.	Purple Haven	47
5.	Violet Haven	75	19.	Full Reward	45
6.	Fleeta	70	20.	Fortune's Gift	44
	Galilee	70		Lantana	44
7.	Violet Hills	69		Midnight Blue	44
8.	Front Page	65		Total Eclipse	44
9.	Lynn Hall	64		Witch Doctor	44
10.	Pastella	62	21.	May Magic	42
11.	Dreamy	61		Sassafras	42
	Trim	61		Surprise Party	42
12.	Patience	60	22.	Hermit Thrush	41
13.	Bazaar	57	23.	Lady Elsie	39
	Constant Comment	57		Luscious	39
	Nomohr	57	24.	Golden Crown	38
	Snow Goddess	57	25.	Concord River	37
14.	Dotted Swiss	55		Frost & Flame	37
15.	Orchid Ruffles	52		Nashborough	37

## POPULARITY POLL, 1957

### The Seventeenth Official Symposium

This is the annual balloting in which every member is urged to take part. The Ballot this year contained 408 varieties, and each member was asked to select his favorite 25. The important feature of the SYMPOSIUM is that it is a selection of *favorites*, varieties which have proved their worth in garden use. Relatively few novelties find their way onto this Favorite 100 list. The newest varieties on the list have been tested several years, and the oldest have been in wide use for as long as thirty years. These are varieties which should do well in all soils, in all climates where tall bearded irises will grow.

While the balloting for the Official Honors is primarily for the benefit of the AIS membership, this selection of the Favorite 100 can be said to be a service for all gardeners, everywhere. A new gardener, making a raw start, could do no better than to select his first irises from this list. Indeed, many do. No long-time favorites have been barred from this list by not being on the printed ballot. Each member is invited to list five varieties not on the ballot, in addition to his choice of the favorite 25 listed on the ballot.

This year's balloting marks a turning point in the general level of

acceptability for the list. Heretofore not more than perhaps six new varieties have "made" the list in any one year. But this year there are fourteen new varieties on the list, and fourteen old favorites had to make room for them. The displaced old-timers are still excellent performers, but improvements in color and form have finally overtaken them.

The newcomers, on the list for the first time, are: Techny Chimes (55), Cascadian (56), Black Taffeta (59), Regina Maria (69), Queen's Lace (77), Crispette (78), Majorette (78), Foxfire (84), Wedding Bouquet (91), Big Game (94), Ebony Echo (95), Native Dancer (95), Harbor Blue (97), and Dark Boatman (100).

Those they replace are: China Maid, Cloud Castle, Danube Wave, Grand Canyon, Indiana Night, Lynn Langford, Master Charles, Prairie Sunset, Pretender, Rainbow Room, Russet Wings, Staten Island, Three Oaks, Vatican Purple.

The Favorite 100 this year, their standings last year, and the votes cast in 1957 for each, are:

Position		Variety	Votes	Position		Variety	Votes
1957	1956		1957	1957	1956		1957
1	1	Truly Yours	728	26	14	Blue Shimmer	271
2	3	Happy Birthday	643	27	18	Snow Flurry	259
3	4	Mary Randall	607	28	41	Starshine	255
4	5	Palomino	587	29	37	Zantha	254
5	19	Blue Sapphire	548	30	44	Top Flight	245
6	24	First Violet	476	31	85	Cliffs of Dover	242
7	6	Argus Pheasant	468	32	17	Minnie Colquitt	241
8	2	Ola Kala	466	33	21	Amandine	237
9	16	Sable Night	428	34	100	June Meredith	222
10	12	Pierre Menard	427	35	39	Jane Phillips	217
11	31	Violet Harmony	425	—	38	Thotmes III	217
12	13	Pinnacle	418	37	34	Spanish Peaks	214
13	8	Elmohr	402	38	94	Cathedral Bells	213
14	20	Limelight	380	—	36	Chantilly	213
15	7	Chivalry	366	40	64	White Peacock	209
16	11	Lady Mohr	362	41	27	Wabash	207
17	23	Inca Chief	355	42	68	Lady Ilse	205
18	10	New Snow	350	43	30	Cahokia	204
19	9	Blue Rhythm	302	44	26	Sable	203
20	33	Frances Craig	300	45	28	Great Lakes	199
21	22	Char Maize	293	—	47	Melody Lane	199
22	34	Black Hills	288	47	32	Cherie	198
23	60	Swan Ballet	285	48	54	Tranquility	192
24	15	Desert Song	283	49	42	Cascade Splendor	191
25	63	Rehobeth	278	50	40	Solid Gold	189

Position	Variety	Votes	Position	Variety	Votes
1957	1956	1957	1957	1956	1957
51	46 Cloudcap	188	—	66 Blumohr	129
52	56 Ballerina	187	77	New Queen's Lace	128
53	25 Helen McGregor	176	78	New Crispette	127
—	47 Port Wine	176	—	New Majorette	127
55	New Techny Chimes	170	—	70 Raspberry Ribbon	127
56	New Cascadian	169	81	72 Lady Boscawen	125
57	29 Solid Mahogany	168	82	90 Helen Collingwood	124
58	67 Gold Sovereign	166	83	55 Pink Cameo	123
59	New Black Taffeta	165	84	New Foxfire	122
60	79 Caroline Jane	158	—	69 Black Forest	122
—	43 Pink Formal	158	86	59 Rocket	120
62	76 Party Dress	157	87	61 Sunset Blaze	118
63	50 Mulberry Rose	156	88	87 Paradise Pink	117
64	88 May Hall	155	89	58 Bryce Canyon	115
65	47 Extravaganza	154	—	52 Ranger	115
66	85 Sierra Skies	153	91	New Wedding Bouquet	114
67	45 Dreamcastle	152	92	73 Cloth of Gold	113
68	56 Temple Bells	151	—	74 Pretty Quadroon	113
69	New Regina Maria	142	94	New Big Game	111
70	78 Mystic Melody	137	95	New Ebony Echo	109
71	77 Frances Kent	134	—	New Native Dancer	109
72	62 Casa Morena	133	97	New Harbor Blue	107
73	50 Blue Valley	132	98	83 Firecracker	100
—	53 Golden Russet	132	—	93 Ruffled Organdy	100
75	65 Amigo	129	100	New Dark Boatman	98
			—	86 Maytime	98

Total ballots voted: 1320

## *Charjoy Gardens*

**\$4.00 Bargain** for those who want to try growing Louisiana Iris.

Enroll in Louisiana Iris Robin, receive 1-year membership in Society for La. Irises, copy of Society's Yearbook, 6 assorted unlabelled Louisiana Iris.

List upon request

**C. W. ARNY, JR.**

P. O. BOX 511, S.L.I.

LAFAYETTE, LA.