

THE SIXTH ANNUAL JUDGES' CHOICE—1958

Following are the results of the Sixth Annual Judges' Choice balloting. The voting this year was upon the Tall Bearded winners of the Honorable Mention award in 1957 and 1958. The ballot listed 133 names, 76 of which received honorable mention in 1958 and 57 which received honorable mention in 1957. These are the newest varieties in commerce which have had the recommendation of the accredited judges, ranging from 12 votes, the minimum requirement for honorable mention, to 50 votes for Violet Haven in 1957, and 72 votes for Whole Cloth in 1958. These newer varieties are the ones to watch for future popularity.

The Judges' Choice is still drawing a certain amount of criticism as to its merits, but 291 judges responded with ballots, 283 of which were counted and tabulated. This represents a 55% interest on the part of the judges. Each judge was asked to vote for not less than ten nor more than fifteen names on the ballot. The top 25 and the votes each received are:

<i>Rank</i>	<i>Variety</i>	<i>Votes</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Variety</i>	<i>Votes</i>
1	Frost and Flame (D. Hall)	124	14	Memphis Lass (Schortman)	45
2	Butterscotch Kiss (Plough)	100	15	Rose Sails (Pierce) ...	44
3	Lynn Hall (D. Hall) ..	96	16	Golden Anniversary (Walker)	43
4	Whole Cloth (Paul Cook)	88	17	Garden Gold (D. Hall)	42
5	Golden Garland (D. Hall)	85	18	Beth Corey (Watkins) ..	41
6	Violet Haven (Reynolds)	57	19	Amethyst Flame (Schreiner)	40
7	Frisly Fringes (Bro. Charles)	51	—	Lipstick (Fay)	40
—	Valimar (Hamblen) ...	51	21	Fire Brigade (Schreiner)	39
9	Caribou Trail (Plough)	50	—	Grand Teton (DeForest)	39
—	Exotic Blue (Randolph)	50	23	Allegiance (Paul Cook)	38
11	Glittering Amber (Hamblen)	49	—	Inverness (Watkins) ...	38
12	Bronze Bell (Schreiner)	48	—	Nashborough (Wills) ..	38
13	Celestial Snow (Bro. Charles)	46	—	Purple Haven (Reynolds)	38
			—	Waxing Moon (Fay) ...	38

Runners-up receiving 30 or more votes: Biscay Bay and Tallchief, 36; Demetria, 35; Channel Islands, Golden Crown, Olympic Torch, and Top Favorite, 32; Charmed Land, Lady Elsie, Riviera, Snow Ballet, and White Bouquet, 31; Lois Craig and Princess Anne, 30.