

POPULARITY POLL 1958

The Nineteenth Official Symposium

Following are the results of the Popularity Poll conducted by the members of the American Iris Society to determine the one hundred favorite iris varieties of the year, from 414 varieties listed on the ballot. A total of 1490 ballots were voted.

For the first time in the seven years that the Symposium has been open to the vote of the entire membership, and for the second time in the whole history of the Symposium, the current Dykes Medal winner heads the Symposium list. Following is a tabulation of the Symposium positions held by Dykes Medal winners in the year of their award:

<i>Symposium</i>			<i>Symposium</i>		
<i>Year</i>	<i>Dykes Winner</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Dykes Winner</i>	<i>Position</i>
1940	Wabash	1	1950	Blue Rhythm	2
1941	The Red Douglas ..	6	1951	Cherie	4
1942	Great Lakes	3	1952	Argus Pheasant	37
1943	Prairie Sunset	3	1953	Truly Yours	65
1944	Spun Gold	3	1954	Mary Randall	20
1945	Elmohr	2	1955	Sable Night	16
1946	None	—	1956	First Violet	24
1947	Chivalry	2	1957	Violet Harmony	11
1948	Ola Kala	6	1958	Blue Sapphire	1
1949	Helen McGregor ...	4			

Only 7 of these Dykes winners have been in the No. 1 position at any time: Wabash 1940-41-42, Great Lakes 1943-44-45-46, Ola Kala 1947-48-49-52-53-54, Chivalry 1950, Blue Rhythm 1951, Truly Yours 1955-56-57, Blue Sapphire 1958. Fifteen of them still appear in the 1958 first hundred.

Fourteen newcomers have found their way into the list for the first time. They are: Taholah (60), Deep Black (63), Frost and Flame (63), Eleanor's Pride (71), Galilee (73), Butterscotch Kiss (76), Patrician (77), Apricot Glory (80), Beechleaf (89), Carmela (92), Dreamy (95), Lavenesque (97), Golden Garland (97), and Pink Enchantment (99).

Those they replace are Blue Valley, Blumohr, Bryce Canyon, Dark Boatman, Ebony Echo, Firecracker, Fox Fire, Helen Collingwood, Lady Boscawen, Maytime, Paradise Pink, Pretty Quadroon, Ranger, and Ruffled Organdy.

The favorite one hundred this year, their position last year, and the votes cast for each are:

<i>Position</i>	<i>Variety</i>	<i>Votes</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Variety</i>	<i>Votes</i>
1958	1957	1958	1958	1957	1958
1	5 Blue Sapphire	674	5	4 Palomino	630
2	11 Violet Harmony	658	6	2 Happy Birthday	601
3	1 Truly Yours	654	7	6 First Violet	527
4	3 Mary Randall	637	8	9 Sable Night	479

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1958	1957		1958	1958	1957		1958
9	14	Limelight	436	—	35	Thotmes III	181
10	7	Argus Pheasant	432	54	47	Cherie	168
11	10	Pierre Menard	431	55	29	Zantha	165
12	8	Ola Kala	391	56	45	Great Lakes	163
13	15	Chivalry	386	—	53	Port Wine	163
14	17	Inca Chief	367	58	38	Chantilly	162
15	12	Pinnacle	361	59	65	Extravaganza	160
16	34	June Meridith	340	60	New	Taholah	158
17	13	Elmohr	335	61	49	Cascade Splendor	157
18	25	Rehobeth	303	62	73	Golden Russet	149
19	20	Frances Craig	302	63	78	Crispette	148
20	31	Cliffs of Dover	297	—	New	Deep Black	148
21	19	Blue Rhythm	296	—	New	Frost and Flame	148
22	18	New Snow	293	66	91	Wedding Bouquet	147
23	27	Snow Flurry	282	67	60	Caroline Jane	145
24	22	Black Hills	280	—	58	Gold Sovereign	145
25	59	Black Taffeta	272	69	24	Desert Song	144
—	23	Swan Ballet	272	—	64	May Hall	144
27	28	Starshine	239	71	New	Eleanor's Pride	143
28	21	Char-Maize	235	72	57	Solid Mahogany	142
29	38	Cathedral Bells	234	73	New	Galilee	141
30	55	Techny Chimes	228	—	63	Mulberry Rose	141
31	30	Top Flight	227	75	78	Majorette	139
32	26	Blue Shimmer	224	76	New	Butterscotch Kiss	138
33	16	Lady Mohr	223	77	New	Patrician	137
34	56	Cascadian	220	—	60	Pink Formal	137
35	66	Sierra Skies	215	79	97	Harbor Blue	135
36	52	Ballerina	209	80	New	Apricot Glory	133
37	37	Spanish Peaks	208	—	70	Mystic Melody	133
38	35	Jane Phillips	207	82	68	Temple Bells	131
39	41	Wabash	206	83	87	Sunset Blaze	130
40	42	Lady Ilse	205	—	77	Queen's Lace	130
41	45	Melody Lane	203	85	78	Raspberry Ribbon	128
42	48	Tranquility	202	86	75	Amigo	126
43	44	Sable	201	87	71	Frances Kent	125
44	50	Solid Gold	200	88	94	Big Game	124
45	43	Cahokia	195	89	New	Beechleaf	123
46	51	Cloudcap	186	—	84	Black Forest	123
—	62	Party Dress	186	91	67	Dreamcastle	119
—	40	White Peacock	186	92	New	Carmela	118
49	33	Amandine	184	—	95	Native Dancer	118
50	69	Regina Maria	183	—	83	Pink Cameo	118
51	32	Minnie Colquitt	182	95	New	Dreamy	117
52	53	Helen McGregor	181	96	72	Casa Morena	116
				97	New	Lavanesque	113

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1958	1957	1958	1958	1957	1958	
—	New Golden Garland	113	100	92	Cloth of Gold	109
99	New Pink Enchantment	110	—	86	Rocket	109

Please note that the number of this symposium has been changed from "eighteenth" as published on the ballots and the flyer to the membership, to "nineteenth," which it actually is by count from the first one published for 1940 in Bulletin No. 77. Symposiums have since been published in Bulletins 81, 85, 89, 93, 97, 104, 108, 112, 116, 121, 124, 128, 131, 135, 140, 143, 147, and this one in 151. The one in Bulletin 128 was correctly called the thirteenth. The ones in Bulletins 131 and 135, which would have been fourteenth and fifteenth were not numbered. The one in Bulletin 140 was called the fifteenth when it should have been the sixteenth, and this lag of numbers carried on in Bulletins 143 and 147. The number is probably of no great importance, since each symposium has been identified with the year in which it was taken. For those who like fine little details, it is suggested that you go back to Bulletins 140, 143, and 147, and advance the numbers of the symposiums by one.

ERRATA: In the preliminary awards flyer to the membership, a few errors were discovered or called to my attention. These changes have been made for bulletin publication; under Honorable Mention—credit for Royal Ensign changed from T. Hall to H. F. Hall. Under High Commendation: Brother Charles 55-33 changed to 51-33, Deru J-52-20 changed to T-52-20. Deru A-29-57 deleted. Hinkle Curl'd Cloud deleted—had H.C. in 1957. Schaffer Heather Dell deleted—had H.C. in 1956. Also discovered were instances where a seedling got H.C. under name in 1958 when it had previously had H.C. under its number. No changes are being made for these.

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NEW PUBLICATION

A new publication entitled *Problems in Purchasing and Opportunities in Selling Iris* has just been released by the New Hampshire Agricultural Experiment Station as Agri. Econ. Research Mimeo. No. 17. This was written by L. A. Dougherty and is part of North Eastern Regional Project NEM-15, "Improved Marketing of Ornamental Nursery Products." Copies will be sent, as long as available, without charge on request by those who are engaged in or interested in selling iris. Write L. A. Dougherty, Morrill Hall, University of New Hampshire, Durham, N. H.