

## *Favorite Guest Irises*

Again this year, the members attending the national meeting engaged in the exercise of an informal appraisal of guest irises in the tour gardens. These irises had been registered, had not won the HM, and were enrolled by the hybridizer with the Secretary (See p. 9, January 1965 *Bulletin*). The ballot included the names of 219 irises that had been properly recorded with Mr. Benson. Members were asked to vote for not to exceed fifteen varieties that they considered as outstanding. Ballots were cast by 226 members from thirty-two states and Canada.

In the tabulation below seventy varieties receiving ten votes or more are ranked according to the number of votes each received. Clifford Benson's SKYWATCH received first place with a total of 153 votes.

This appraisal of non-HM guest irises in tour gardens is apart from the AIS awards system. Any of the varieties eligible to receive an HM award may receive it only if the required number of judges vote for them on the regular judges ballot forms.

<i>Variety</i>	<i>Votes</i>	<i>Originator</i>
SKYWATCH	153	Clifford W. Benson
STEPPING OUT	144	Schreiners
SWAHILI	129	Gordon W. Plough
SOUTHERN COMFORT	125	Georgia Hinkle
ARCTIC FURY	100	Clifford W. Benson
LILAC CHAMPAGNE	100	Melba Hamblen
TUXEDO	100	Schreiners
LEARA KATE	92	Eugene Buckles
CHAMPAGNE MUSIC	88	Orville W. Fay
MILESTONE	84	Gordon W. Plough
ROSEANNE	76	Gordon W. Plough
PICTURE PRETTY	71	Luella Noyd
CRYSTAL BLUE	69	Schreiners
GOLDEN SNOW	60	Dorothy Palmer
HIGH LIFE	60	Schreiners
HONOR GUARD	55	M. G. Olson
ROSA BLEDSOE	46	W. T. Bledsoe
NIGHT SONG	45	Walt Luihn
CRYSTAL RIVER	44	Gordon W. Plough
MODERN TREND	44	Jeanette Nelson
POMPANO BEACH	41	Schreiners
NITTANY	37	Maxwell Hunter
IRISH LULLABY	35	Steve Moldovan
TROPIC BLUE	33	Gordon W. Plough
TYROLEAN BLUE	30	Schreiners
VILLAGE GREEN	30	Georgia Hinkle

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GRINGO	29	Keith Keppel
ROYAL TAPESTRY	29	Schreiners
JAVA DOVE	28	Gordon W. Plough
RAINBOW VALLEY	28	Gordon W. Plough
SMART SET	28	Jeanette Nelson
LEMON BOWL	27	Gordon W. Plough
LHASA	27	Gordon W. Plough
IVORY LACE	26	Rex P. Brown
SASHAY	25	Gordon W. Plough
SWEET ONE	25	Gordon W. Plough
FRONTIER MARSHALL	24	Schreiners
DEAR BOB	22	Georgia Hinkle
DAISY POWELL	21	Georgia Hinkle
BLUE MOUNTAINS	20	Schreiners
SIBONEY	20	Frances R. Evans
SKOOKUM	20	Luella Noyd
PRINCE INDIGO	19	Schreiners
APRICOT JOY	17	Rex P. Brown
BEAU BLACK	17	Gordon W. Plough
DENVER MINT	17	Maynard Knopf
IMPERIAL LILAC	17	Schreiners
MARSHMALLOW	17	M. G. Olson
TALENT SHOW	17	Gordon W. Plough
BELOVED BELINDA	15	Georgia Hinkle
CORAL BUTTE	15	Gordon W. Plough
FAST TRACK	15	Gordon W. Plough
NATIVE DAUGHTER	15	Luella Noyd
RINGMASTER	15	Mrs. Robert Reinhardt
BLUE ACCENT	13	M. G. Olson
CORAL ELEGANCE	13	W. T. Bledsoe
DANCING RILL	12	Schreiners
WENATCHEE VALLEY	12	Luella Noyd
WILD PLUM	11	Gordon Plough
BLUSHING BEAUTY	10	Luella Noyd
CENTURY TWENTY ONE	10	Luella Noyd
CHARM SCHOOL	10	Dorothy Palmer
CHRISTIE ANNE	10	Larry Gaulter
FRENCH LACE	10	Gordon W. Plough
GOLD CITATION	10	M. G. Olson
GOLDEN SHOULDERS	10	W. T. Bledsoe
MONTE SANO	10	W. T. Bledsoe
ORANGE BOWL	10	Arnold Schliefert
ORCHID BROCADE	10	Nathan Rudolph
PRAIRIE BLAZE	10	Jim Marsh