

# Exhibitions Committee Report, 1967

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The 1967 iris bloom season was consistently inconsistent throughout most of the nation—a condition reflected in the number and distribution of show reports. An unprecedentedly early bloom in the Southeast caused consternation and conflict in judges' dates as shows were "moved up", and resulted ultimately in cancellation of many exhibitions in that normally productive area. Late freezes were the culprits that ruined many shows in other parts. But on the West Coast varying weather made possible shows from November 1966 until early July 1967. In spite of the whims of the elements, it was a good year overall.

The all-time great of the show benches, VIOLET HARMONY, made a strong comeback from last year's lesser showing to gain a first-place tie with FLUTED HAVEN, INDIGLOW, and CELESTIAL SNOW for the NELSON AWARD (given to the iris selected the greatest number of times as Best of Show). Each was chosen for that honor in four shows.

One hundred four show reports have been received at the time this is being written (August 3), which compares quite favorably with 1966 when 106 reports were on hand at the same time. A total of 472 individual AIS certificates were issued. Names of exhibitors winning top awards are given in another part of this report.

The count of shows reported by regions is, as follows:

<i>Region</i>	<i>Shows</i>	<i>Region</i>	<i>Shows</i>
1	4	13	8
2	2	14	9
3	2	15	18
4	0	16	0
5	2	17	5
6	12	18	10
7	2	19	1
8	3	20	1
9	1	21	2
10	1	22	8
11	2	23	3
12	3	24	5
		TOTAL	104

Some regions are more show-conscious than are others and, therefore, have many shows. Region 15 has August Phillips, a capable and active regional exhibition chairman, who is strongly supported by the energetic RVP, Mrs. Barbara Serdynski. This "team" promotes iris shows effectively in their region, and then makes certain a report is mailed for each. The results speak for themselves.

Specialty shows continue to be popular. Exhibitions for remontants were