

POPULARITY POLL, 1968

The Twenty-ninth Official Symposium

1968 is the year that was—so far as the Popularity Poll is concerned. There seemed to be a tremendous number of write-in votes, and heavy voting for some newly introduced regional favorites; but in the main the decline in totals reflects the lower number of ballots cast. Some Regions seemed to do as well or better than before, but the total of votes cast dropped sharply in many Regions. We are sure that the early placement in the January Bulletin is the main cause; by voting time the ballot was well out of mind. Since there is a great economic advantage in using the Bulletin as the vehicle for the ballot (other flower societies are doing the same thing), it appears it will be better to publish the ballot as a separate supplement of the April Bulletin, and clearly mark it POPULARITY POLL. While we are at it, we plan to construct the ballot for easier voting, and for easier tabulation by RVPs and the Awards chairman.

The list does reflect the choice of beautiful and gardenable irises, which gardeners can be proud to grow in their gardens. Twenty-one newcomers found their way into the list. These are: RADIANT APOGEE (17), LAURIE (19), BABBLING BROOK (23), DEBBY RAIDON (34), CAMELOT ROSE (44), JAVA DOVE (50), CRAFTSMAN (56), FUJI'S MANTLE (56), COMMENTARY (70), ARCTIC FURY (72), MAY MELODY (74), ROYAL GOLD (77), JILBY (81), HIGH LIFE (84), CHRISTIE ANNE (86), TRITON (86), WENATCHEE SKIES (86), SWAHILI (90), PATRICIA CRAIG (91), APROPOS (97) and GYPSY JEWELS (97).

These replace BLACK TAFFETA, BRAVADO, BRONZE BELL, CASHMERE, CLIFFS OF DOVER, ELMOHR, GALILEE, GLITTERING AMBER, GOLDEN MASTERPIECE, INCA CHIEF, JUNE MEREDITH, LIMELIGHT, LULA MARGUERITE, MILLIONAIRE, POLKA TIME, SNOW GODDESS, SOARING KITE, SWAN BALLET, TRULY YOURS and VALIMAR.

The favorite one hundred varieties this year, their position last year, and the number of votes cast for each is as follows:

<i>Position</i>				<i>Position</i>			
<i>1968</i>	<i>1967</i>	<i>Variety</i>	<i>Votes</i>	<i>1968</i>	<i>1967</i>	<i>Variety</i>	<i>Votes</i>
1	2	STEPPING OUT	561	15	41	GINGERSNAP	232
2	5	WINTER OLYMPICS	458	16	14	VIOLET HARMONY	216
3	1	RIPPLING WATERS	410	17		RADIANT APOGEE	208
4	3	AMETHYST FLAME	335	18	13	WHOLE CLOTH	205
5	8	ULTRAPOISE	308	19		LAURIE	190
6	4	ALLEGIANCE	290	20	20	EDENITE	189
7	12	ESTHER FAY	280	21	34	SKYWATCH	187
8	11	WILD GINGER	274	22	32	FLUTED HAVEN	185
9	6	PACIFIC PANORAMA	272	23		BABBLING BROOK	183
10	9	ORANGE PARADE	269	24	24	ONE DESIRE	181
11	15	CELESTIAL SNOW	250	25	59	CHRISTMAS TIME	180
12	7	ROCOCO	248	26	48	IRISH LULLABY	179
13	26	STERLING SILVER	242	27	49	DENVER MINT	178
14	10	BLUE SAPPHIRE	238	28	30	ELEANOR'S PRIDE	177

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29	18	HENRY SHAW	175	65	46	MARTEL	110
30	28	WINE AND ROSES	173	66	50	CORABAND	109
31	19	BLACK SWAN	170	67	67	FROST AND FLAME	107
32	17	OLYMPIC TORCH	167	68	45	GRACIE PFOST	106
33	23	RAINBOW GOLD	165	68	57	HAPPY BIRTHDAY	106
34		DEBBY RAIRDON	163	70		COMMENTARY	105
35	70	LILAC CHAMPAGNE	161	70	41	TECHNY CHIMES	105
36	22	DOT AND DASH	158	72		ARCTIC FURY	104
37	36	CAYENNE CAPERS	156	72	40	MARY RANDALL	104
38	27	INDIGLOW	154	74		MAY MELODY	103
39	31	RIBBON ROUND	152	75	63	WAYWARD WIND	102
40	33	CHINESE CORAL	150	76	72	BANG	101
41	55	PRINCE INDIGO	147	77	67	CROSS COUNTRY	100
42	78	KINGDOM	145	77	48	FIRST VIOLET	100
43	73	MUSIC MAKER	140	77		ROYAL GOLD	100
44		CAMELOT ROSE	139	80	52	UTAH VALLEY	98
45	51	DARK FURY	138	81		JILBY	96
46	44	HIGH ABOVE	137	82	90	TEA APRON	94
47	25	GYPSY LULLABY	136	83	65	MISS INDIANA	92
48	37	LICORICE STICK	135	84		HIGH LIFE	90
49	94	AMIGO'S GUITAR	134	85	64	EMMA COOK	88
50		JAVA DOVE	132	86		CHRISTIE ANNE	86
51	16	CELESTIAL GLORY	130	86		TRITON	86
51	67	CHAMPAGNE MUSIC	130	86		WENATCHEE SKIES	86
53	86	EVER AND EVER	129	89	96	CRINKLED BEAUTY	84
54	28	MELODRAMA	127	90		SWAHILI	83
55	98	MILESTONE	126	91	88	CLAUDIA RENE	81
56		CRAFTSMAN	124	91	65	CHINQUAPPIN	81
56		FUJI'S MANTLE	124	91		PATRICIA CRAIG	81
58	30	BLUE BARON	122	91	53	PIERRE MENARD	81
59	59	MOON RIVER	120	91	57	PRETTY CAROL	81
60	55	PIETY	119	96	60	CAPTAIN GALLANT	80
61	70	BLUE PETTICOATS	118	97		APROPOS	79
62	43	BRASS ACCENTS	117	97	87	CHRISTMAS ANGEL	79
63	85	SABLE NIGHT	114	97		GYPSY JEWELS	79
64	39	BUTTERSCOTCH KISS	112	97	83	PINNACLE	79
				97	83	LADY MOHR	79

NEW IRISES I SAW AND LIKED

PERRY PARRISH

Babson's TAMBOURINE, SHIPSHAPE, WESTERN HOST; Luihn's ROYAL HERITAGE; Opal Brown's LIGHT FANTASTIC; Gaulter's SAN LEANDRO and ORINDA; Peterson's GALA MADRID; Plough's PUNCHLINE, CHIEF MOSES and STUDY IN BLACK; Corlew's CHERUB CHOIR and FRANCISAN FRIAR; Schreiner's MATINATA; Knopf's WEST COAST, BAY AREA and POLOLITA; Rex Brown's LAKE WASHINGTON, JUNE SYMPHONY and CORAL COMMENTS; Bledsoe's GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY; Ghio's CELEBRATION and WILLOW WISP; Keppel's BABBLING BROOK; Babson's CAMBODIA; Terrell's FLIGHT OF ANGELS; Tallant's JUANITA T; and Sexton's NEW MOON.