

Exhibition Committee Report, 1970

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The Queen still reigns! WINTER OLYMPICS again reigned as Queen in the greatest number of iris shows staged during 1970 and wins the Nelson Award for the third time. Only one step behind, STEPPING OUT was Best of Show in six shows. WINTER OLYMPICS in seven. In third place was MILESTONE as Queen of Show in four exhibits.

There was a slight increase in the number of shows reported for a total of 114. This report undoubtedly is incomplete, as schedules were received for a few shows for which show reports had not been received by the deadline of August 1. The count of shows reported by Regions is as follows:

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

Total 114

The Regions reporting the greatest number of shows remain in the same ranks as last year, but the top three increased the number of shows staged. Region 15 (Southern California and Arizona) again led the list; Region 22 (Arkansas and Oklahoma) was second and Region 17 (Texas) was third. The increase in the number of shows generally was due to the addition of early and/or late shows that emphasized irises other than tall bearded.

For many portions of this summary report a reprint of last year's report would be accurate. The earliest show was staged in October and the latest in July. The longest run for a show was twelve days for the show staged by the San Diego-Imperial Counties Iris Society in Del Mar. This show is really a merging of six shows staged and judged every other day.

On an experimental basis two different types of shows were accredited and both proved highly successful. The experiments will be continued in 1971 and are made available to other groups with prior approval of the Exhibition Committee.

The Region 14 annual meeting featured an Iris Fair this year that did not include a standard iris show. As the annual regional meetings have the greatest concentrations of judges other than for judges' training, this talent could be used to evaluate the products of regional hybridizers if a seedling show could be accredited. As an experiment this was done. Each judge voted on a ballot for the Exhibition Certificate and the same rules used in standard shows were applied in making the awards.