
POPULARITY POLL—1975

After dropping into second place for the first time in six years with the 1974 ballot, STEPPING OUT staged a comeback to easily win first place in the 1975 Popularity Poll. Many more votes were cast in 1975 than in 1974 because the membership realized that when the BULLETIN arrives late there is an automatic extension in the deadline.

Nine new varieties are included on the list this year. They are BRIDE'S HALO, GOING MY WAY, SONG OF ERIN, BLUE LUSTER, SUMMER SUNSHINE, GEORGIA GIRL, BURNING DESIRE, MAESTRO PUCCINI, and MARY FRANCES. They replaced WILD GINGER, which was inadvertently omitted from the eligibility list, FLAMINGO FLING, SYMPHONETTE, ODYSSEY, WAR LORD, CAROLINA GOLD, GLAZED ORANGE, and MULBERRY WINE.

Note the wide range of colors among the top twenty irises on the Popularity Poll. One would have an outstanding iris garden if restricted to growing just those twenty irises.

| <i>Position</i> | | | | |
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| <i>1974</i> | <i>1975</i> | <i>Iris</i> | <i>Hybridizer</i> | <i>Votes</i> |
| 2 | 1 | STEPPING OUT | Schreiners | 684 |
| 1 | 2 | SHIPSHAPE | Babson | 585 |
| 6 | 3 | KILT LILT | Gibson | 565 |
| 4 | 4 | PINK TAFFETA | Rudolph | 506 |
| 3 | 5 | NEW MOON | Sexton | 478 |
| 7 | 6 | DEBBY RAIDON | Kuntz | 457 |
| 8 | 7 | BABBLING BROOK | Keppel | 399 |
| 9 | 8 | CUP RACE | Buttrick | 391 |
| 5 | 9 | DUSKY DANCER | Luihn | 382 |
| 10 | 10 | WINTER OLYMPICS | O. Brown | 377 |
| 15 | 11 | SON OF STAR | Plough | 376 |
| 18 | 12 | BAYBERRY CANDLE | DeForest | 332 |
| 11 | 13 | CAMELOT ROSE | Tompkins | 331 |
| 14 | 14 | CHERUB CHOIR | Corlew | 300 |
| 12 | 15 | BUFFY | O. Brown | 288 |
| 16 | 16 | GALA MADRID | Peterson | 277 |
| 13 | 17 | PINK SLEIGH | Rudolph | 272 |
| 22 | 18 | LAURIE | Gaulter | 252 |
| 21 | 19 | CHRISTMAS TIME | Schreiners | 244 |
| 19 | 20 | LATIN LOVER | Shoop | 230 |
| 16 | 21 | RIPPLING WATERS | Fay | 223 |
| 31 | 22 | RASPBERRY RIPPLES | Niswonger | 221 |
| 23 | 23 | GRAND WALTZ | Schreiners | 220 |
| 20 | 24 | LIME FIZZ | Schreiners | 218 |
| | 25 | BRIDE'S HALO | Mohr | 215 |
| 32 | 26 | AMETHYST FLAME | Schreiners | 203 |
| 25 | 26 | STUDY IN BLACK | Plough | 203 |
| 28 | 28 | SOUTHERN COMFORT | Hinkle | 197 |

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| <i>1974</i> | <i>1975</i> | | | |
| 28 | 29 | ESTHER FAY | Fay | 195 |
| 33 | 30 | LAUNCHING PAD | Knopf | 191 |
| 26 | 31 | TOUCHE | Hamblen | 188 |
| 58 | 32 | PACIFIC PANORAMA | Sexton | 183 |
| 35 | 33 | CALIENTE | Luihn | 182 |
| 34 | 33 | MATINATA | Schreiners | 182 |
| 30 | 35 | ERMINE ROBE | Schreiners | 180 |
| 35 | 36 | SAPPHIRE HILLS | Schreiners | 178 |
| 37 | 37 | SKYWATCH | C. Benson | 176 |
| 38 | 37 | WINE AND ROSES | Hall | 176 |
| 70 | 39 | ALLEGIANCE | Cook | 173 |
| 48 | 40 | CHARMED CIRCLE | Keppel | 172 |
| | 41 | GOING MY WAY | Gibson | 170 |
| 41 | 42 | RADIANT APOGEE | Gibson | 168 |
| 97 | 42 | WEDDING VOW | Ghio | 168 |
| | 44 | SONG OF ERIN | Roach | 167 |
| 51 | 45 | WEST COAST | Knopf | 166 |
| 45 | 46 | ONE DESIRE | Shoop | 164 |
| 27 | 47 | IRISH LULLABY | Moldovan | 163 |
| 76 | 48 | BLUE SAPPHIRE | Schreiners | 162 |
| 42 | 48 | LORD BALTIMORE | Nearpass | 162 |
| 44 | 50 | SAN LEANDRO | Gaulter | 159 |
| 91 | 51 | LEMON MIST | Rudolph | 158 |
| 51 | 52 | BUTTERED POPCORN | D. Palmer | 157 |
| 56 | 52 | VIOLET HARMONY | Lowry | 157 |
| 56 | 54 | CAYENNE CAPERS | Gibson | 156 |
| 45 | 55 | NIGHT OWL | Schreiners | 152 |
| 58 | 56 | BLUE PETTICOATS | Schreiners | 149 |
| 69 | 57 | WINNER'S CIRCLE | Plough | 147 |
| 55 | 58 | ROCOO | Schreiners | 145 |
| 80 | 59 | EDENITE | Plough | 142 |
| 39 | 59 | TINSEL TOWN | Tompkins | 142 |
| 76 | 61 | FRONTIER MARSHALL | Schreiners | 140 |
| 90 | 62 | ULTRAPOISE | Noyd | 137 |
| 80 | 63 | CHARMAINE | Hamblen | 136 |
| 70 | 63 | NIGHT HERON | Tucker | 136 |
| 24 | 63 | POST TIME | Schreiners | 136 |
| 58 | 66 | GINGERSNAP | Schreiners | 135 |
| 58 | 66 | MARGARITA | Schreiners | 135 |
| 74 | 66 | PRINCE INDIGO | Schreiners | 135 |
| 73 | 69 | PIETY | Branch | 132 |
| 54 | 70 | ORANGE PARADE | Hamblen | 131 |
| 65 | 71 | LILAC CHAMPAGNE | Hamblen | 139 |
| 68 | 72 | BEAUX ARTS | Plough | 127 |
| | 73 | BLUE LUSTER | O. Brown | 126 |
| 42 | 73 | DUTCH CHOCOLATE | Schreiners | 126 |
| 80 | 73 | HIGH LIFE | Schreiners | 126 |

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| 49 | 76 | CHAPEAU | Babson | 124 |
| 84 | 77 | ANGEL CHOIR | Schliefer | 122 |
| 66 | 77 | PUNCHLINE | Plough | 122 |
| | 77 | SUMMER SUNSHINE | Gibson | 122 |
| 49 | 80 | AMIGO'S GUITAR | Plough | 121 |
| | 81 | GEORGIA GIRL | Sexton | 116 |
| 45 | 82 | ANGEL UNAWARES | Terrell | 115 |
| 51 | 82 | DREAM LOVER | Tams | 115 |
| 84 | 84 | SEA VENTURE | B. Jones | 114 |
| 96 | 85 | PEACH FROST | Schreiners | 112 |
| 39 | 86 | CREAM TAFFETA | Rudolph | 111 |
| 92 | 86 | JEWEL TONE | Schreiners | 111 |
| 86 | 88 | LILAC TREAT | Niswonger | 109 |
| | 89 | BURNING DESIRE | Hamner | 107 |
| 74 | 89 | CARO NOME | B. Brown | 107 |
| 70 | 91 | FLIGHT OF ANGELS | Terrell | 106 |
| 58 | 91 | MISS ILLINI | Varner | 106 |
| 88 | 93 | DENVER MINT | Knopf | 103 |
| 76 | 94 | GRAND ALLIANCE | Plough | 102 |
| 76 | 94 | MILESTONE | Plough | 102 |
| 58 | 96 | ROYAL HERITAGE | Luihn | 98 |
| 93 | 97 | HENRY SHAW | C. Benson | 94 |
| | 98 | MAESTRO PUCCINI | C. Benson | 92 |
| 88 | 99 | APROPOS | Babson | 91 |
| | 100 | MARY FRANCES | Gaulter | 88 |
| 66 | 100 | MAY MELODY | Hamblen | 88 |

Runnersup

Eighty-seven votes, CARVED CAMEO, COSMOPOLITAN; 85, PINK FRINGE, PRAISE THE LORD; 84, FIFTY GRAND; 83, EMMA LOUISA; 82, BALLYHOO, SURF RIDER; 81, SYMPHONETTE; 79, CAROLINA GOLD, MADEIRA BELLE, OVATION; 77, COPPER CAPERS, ELIZABETH STUART; 76, FLAMINGO FLING, PARIS OPERA; 75, GLAZED ORANGE, MULBERRY WINE; 74, BIG LEAGUE, ROYAL TOUCH; 73, DECOLLETAGE, PROSPERITY, WAR LORD; 72, INTERPOL, SPARTAN; 71, STARRING ROLE; 70, POP O SHA.
