
POPULARITY POLL—1976

Perennial favorite STEPPING OUT again maintained a commanding lead to capture first place in the 1976 results. And equally impressive is the stability of the top ten favorites; positions shifted a bit, but none of last year's top ten fell from that elite group. Fifteen new names appear on this year's list (compared to eleven in 1975): QUEEN OF HEARTS (jumping into twelfth place), AUTUMN LEAVES (25), WHITE LIGHTNING (27), FIVE STAR ADMIRAL (33), SKYLAB (39), NAVY STRUT (53), PRAISE THE LORD (60), CARVED CAMEO (81), GAY PARASOL (82), BLUSHING LEMON (83), COSMOPOLITAN (84), COUNTRY MANOR (96), GYPSY BELLE (98), NEPTUNE'S POOL (99), and MADEIRA BELLE (100). They replace these sixteen from the 1975 poll (there was a tie last year for 100th place): BLUE PETICOATS, CHARMAINE, PRINCE INDIGO, LILAC CHAMPAGNE, PUNCHLINE, CREAM TAFFETA, LILAC TREAT, BURNING DESIRE, CARO NOME, DENVER MINT, GRAND ALLIANCE, MILESTONE, ROYAL HERITAGE, HENRY SHAW, APROPOS and MAY MELODY. For the statistically minded, notice that 21% of the irises on the poll—slightly more than one in five—are Schreiners originations.

<i>Position</i>		<i>Iris</i>	<i>Hybridizer</i>	<i>Votes</i>
<i>1975</i>	<i>1976</i>			
1	1	STEPPING OUT	Schreiners	647
3	2	KILT LILT	Gibson	589
2	3	SHIPSHAPE	Babson	513
4	4	PINK TAFFETA	Rudolph	502
5	5	NEW MOON	Sexton	477
6	6	DEBBY RAIRDON	Kuntz	423
8	7	CUP RACE	Buttrick	379
9	8	DUSKY DANCER	Luihn	361
7	9	BABBLING BROOK	Keppel	354
10	10	WINTER OLYMPICS	O. Brown	336
11	11	SON OF STAR	Plough	323
	12	QUEEN OF HEARTS	O. Brown	320
12	13	BAYBERRY CANDLE	DeForest	314
13	14	CAMELOT ROSE	Tompkins	304
15	15	BUFFY	O. Brown	295
25	16	BRIDE'S HALO	Mohr	287
14	16	CHERUB CHOIR	Corlew	287
23	16	GRAND WALTZ	Schreiners	287
17	19	PINK SLEIGH	Rudolph	273
20	20	LATIN LOVER	Shoop	253
41	21	GOING MY WAY	Gibson	249
16	22	GALA MADRID	Peterson	246
21	23	RIPPLING WATERS	Fay	237
19	24	CHRISTMAS TIME	Schreiners	226
	25	AUTUMN LEAVES	Keppel	225

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24	26	LIME FIZZ	Schreiners	218
	27	WHITE LIGHTNING	Gatty	215
36	28	SAPPHIRE HILLS	Schreiners	214
18	29	LAURIE	Gaulter	212
33	30	MATINATA	Schreiners	208
82	31	DREAM LOVER	Tams	203
26	32	STUDY IN BLACK	Plough	199
	33	FIVE STAR ADMIRAL	Marsh	198
73	34	BLUE LUSTER	O. Brown	191
29	34	ESTHER FAY	Fay	191
35	36	ERMINE ROBE	Schreiners	190
48	37	LORD BALTIMORE	Nearpass	187
22	37	RASPBERRY RIPPLES	Niswonger	187
	39	SKYLAB	Sexton	184
55	40	NIGHT OWL	Schreiners	182
31	41	TOUCHE	Hamblen	180
28	42	SOUTHERN COMFORT	Hinkle	179
37	42	WINE AND ROSES	Hall	179
51	44	LEMON MIST	Rudolph	175
26	45	AMETHYST FLAME	Schreiners	171
40	46	CHARMED CIRCLE	Keppel	168
57	47	WINNER'S CIRCLE	Plough	166
50	48	SAN LEANDRO	Gaulter	164
37	48	SKYWATCH	C. Benson	164
100	50	MARY FRANCES	Gaulter	163
58	50	ROCOCO	Schreiners	163
30	52	LAUNCHING PAD	Knopf	162
	53	NAVY STRUT	Schreiners	161
39	54	ALLEGIANCE	Cook	158
54	54	CAYENNE CAPERS	Gibson	158
46	56	ONE DESIRE	Shoop	153
42	56	WEDDING VOW	Ghio	153
48	58	BLUE SAPPHIRE	Schreiners	152
73	59	DUTCH CHOCOLATE	Schreiners	150
	60	PRAISE THE LORD	Boushay	149
52	61	VIOLET HARMONY	Lowry	146
47	62	IRISH LULLABY	Moldovan	144
33	63	CALIENTE	Luihn	143
61	64	FRONTIER MARSHALL	Schreiners	142
59	65	TINSEL TOWN	Tompkins	141
52	66	BUTTERED POPCORN	D. Palmer	139
45	66	WEST COAST	Knopf	139
85	68	PEACH FROST	Schreiners	138
44	69	SONG OF ERIN	Roach	135
66	70	MARGARITA	Schreiners	134
32	70	PACIFIC PANORAMA	Sexton	134
63	72	POST TIME	Schreiners	131

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59	73	EDENITE	Plough	129
42	73	RADIANT APOGEE	Gibson	129
73	75	HIGH LIFE	Schreiners	128
91	75	MISS ILLINI	Varner	128
76	77	CHAPEAU	Babson	127
62	78	ULTRAPOISE	Noyd	126
63	79	NIGHT HERON	Tucker	122
77	80	ANGEL CHOIR	Schliefert	120
	81	CARVED CAMEO	Rudolph	118
	81	GAY PARASOL	Schreiners	118
	83	BLUSHING LEMON	Boushay	117
	83	COSMOPOLITAN	Hamblen	117
91	83	FLIGHT OF ANGELS	Terrell	117
69	83	PIETY	Branch	117
77	83	SUMMER SUNSHINE	Gibson	117
72	88	BEAUX ARTS	Plough	116
66	88	GINGERSNAP	Schreiners	116
70	88	ORANGE PARADE	Hamblen	116
80	91	AMIGO'S GUITAR	Plough	114
81	91	GEORGIA GIRL	Sexton	114
98	91	MAESTRO PUCCINI	C. Benson	114
82	94	ANGEL UNAWARES	Terrell	113
84	95	SEA VENTURE	B. Jones	108
	96	COUNTRY MANOR	Mrs. R. Kegerise	102
86	96	JEWEL TONE	Schreiners	102
	98	GYPSY BELLE	Hamner	101
	98	NEPTUNE'S POOL	Moldovan	101
	98	MADEIRA BELLE	Quadros	101

Runnersup

100, CREAM TAFFETA, FULL TIDE; 99, BLUE PETTICOATS, CARO NOME; 96, PRINCE INDIGO, PUNCHLINE, SYMPHONETTE; 95, CHARMAINE; 92, MILESTONE; 91, LILAC CHAMPAGNE.