

for all members when I say we are looking forward to 1979 with enthusiasm and with great expectations for the future of AIS.

We have again, as a Society, demonstrated that we are able to confront whatever obstacle we may encounter and are able to rise above it. I unhesitatingly predict that in 1979 AIS will continue to progress toward its stated goals while at the same time affording pleasure to its members. I find it easy and natural to enjoy a feeling of pride in AIS.

Happy 1979!

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## Popularity Poll—1978

The plicatas did it again, with STEPPING OUT and KILT LILT maintaining their one-two positions from last year. Although each received fewer votes in this poll, the number of votes between them increased this year by twelve. Newcomers to the top ten are MYSTIQUE (tied for 4), GOING MY WAY, (8), and DREAM LOVER (10), displacing from last year's top ranks BUFFY, QUEEN OF HEARTS, and SON OF STAR. Newcomers welcomed to the poll are FEMININE CHARM, CRANBERRY ICE, PINK ANGEL, BICENTENNIAL, JOYCE TERRY, RUFFLED BALLETT, ORANGE EMPIRE, and SPARTAN, while staging a return is MARGARITA. And according to custom, it would seem, originations from the Schreiners comprise the largest total to come from a single garden: twenty-two, or nearly one-quarter of the irises on the poll.

Position		Iris	Hybridizer	Votes
1977	1978			
1	1	STEPPING OUT	Schreiners	537
2	2	KILT LILT	Gibson	406
5	3	BRIDE'S HALO	H. Mohr	397
7	4	DEBBIE RAIRDON	Kuntz	353
19	4	MYSTIQUE	Ghio	353
6	6	NEW MOON	Sexton	351
4	7	SHIPSHAPE	Babson	348
17	8	GOING MY WAY	Gibson	342
3	9	PINK TAFFETA	Rudolph	332
14	10	DREAM LOVER	Tams	314
29	11	LEMON MIST	Rudolph	310
13	12	CUP RACE	Buttrick	298
12	13	DUSKY DANCER	Luihn	276
14	14	BABBLING BROOK	Keppel	271
26	15	MARY FRANCES	Gaulter	266
16	16	WINTER OLYMPICS	O. Brown	265
20	17	BAYBERRY CANDLE	DeForest	259
10	18	SON OF STAR	Plough	255
21	19	FIVE STAR ADMIRAL	Marsh	247
8	20	QUEEN OF HEARTS	O. Brown	245

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1977	1978	<i>Iris</i>		
11	21	GRAND WALTZ	Schreiners	243
9	22	BUFFY	O. Brown	241
18	22	CHERUB CHOIR	Corlew	241
33	24	STUDY IN BLACK	Plough	235
24	25	PINK SLEIGH	Rudolph	216
28	26	WHITE LIGHTNING	Gatty	214
23	27	LATIN LOVER	Shoop	211
27	28	CAMELOT ROSE	Tompkins	202
—	29	FEMININE CHARM	Mrs. G. D. Kegerise	200
34	30	AUTUMN LEAVES	Keppel	197
53	31	GAY PARASOL	Schreiners	187
37	32	CHRISTMAS TIME	Schreiners	186
76	33	VANITY	Hager	181
43	34	WINNER'S CIRCLE	Plough	177
22	35	GALA MADRID	Peterson	176
51	36	SAPPHIRE HILLS	Schreiners	175
49	37	NAVY STRUT	Schreiners	174
31	38	LIME FIZZ	Schreiners	171
32	39	BLUE LUSTER	O. Brown	167
38	40	WINE AND ROSES	Hall	162
44	41	ERMINE ROBE	Schreiners	158
39	41	PRAISE THE LORD	Boushay	158
40	43	NIGHT OWL	Schreiners	149
44	44	ONE DESIRE	Shoop	148
59	45	GYPSY BELLE	Hamner	147
44	46	ESTHER FAY	Fay	143
54	47	BLUE SAPPHIRE	Schreiners	142
40	47	LAURIE	Gaulter	142
35	47	MATINATA	Schreiners	142
42	50	AMETHYST FLAME	Schreiners	139
44	51	CARAMBA	Keppel	138
30	52	RIPPLING WATERS	Fay	137
59	53	CHARMED CIRCLE	Keppel	136
25	53	RASPBERRY RIPPLES	Niswonger	136
44	55	SKYLAB	Sexton	135
70	56	PEACH FROST	Schreiners	134
—	57	CRANBERRY ICE	Schreiners	133
35	57	LORD BALTIMORE	Nearpass	133
50	57	SOUTHERN COMFORT	Hinkle	133
56	57	WEDDING VOW	Ghio	133
55	61	VIOLET HARMONY	Lowry	132
62	62	CAYENNE CAPERS	Gibson	130
83	62	FULL TIDE	O. Brown	130
100	64	GOLD TRIMMINGS	Schreiners	128
62	65	DUTCH CHOCOLATE	Schreiners	126
58	66	CARVED COME O	Rudolph	125
65	66	LAUNCHING PAD	Knopf	125

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1977	1978			
—	68	PINK ANGEL	Rudolph	124
81	69	ANGEL CHOIR	Schliefert	123
85	70	ANON	Gibson	122
69	70	TINSEL TOWN	Tompkins	122
64	72	ROCOCO	Schreiners	120
—	73	MARGARITA	Schreiners	119
—	74	BICENTENIAL	Ghio	117
56	76	TOUCHE	Hamblen	117
67	76	PAGAN	R. Dunn	114
66	77	ALLEGIANCE	Cook	113
92	78	EDENITE	Plough	112
—	78	JOYCE TERRY	Muhlestein	112
67	80	PACIFIC PANORAMA	Sexton	111
71	80	POST TIME	Schreiners	111
85	82	ORANGE PARADE	Hamblen	110
74	82	SYMPHONETTE	Noyd	110
73	84	CHAPEAU	Babson	108
82	84	MADEIRA BELLE	Quadros	108
—	84	RUFFLED BALLET	Roderick	108
97	84	ICE SCULPTURE	Hager	108
83	88	COUNTRY MANOR	Mrs. R. P. Kegerise	107
—	89	ORANGE EMPIRE	Hamner	105
87	90	MAESTRO PUCCINI	C. Benson	104
93	90	WEST COAST	Knopf	104
100	92	DOVER BEACH	Nearpass	100
97	93	OLD FLAME	Ghio	99
—	93	SPARTAN	Schreiners	99
87	95	NIGHT HERON	Tucker	97
59	95	SAN LEANDRO	Gaulter	97
52	97	CALIENTE	Luihn	96
80	98	FRONTIER MARSHALL	Schreiners	95
75	99	BUTTERED POPCORN	D. Palmer	94
76	100	HIGH LIFE	Schreiners	93

### Runnersup

Ninety-one votes: GEORGIA GIRL; 90, PIETY; 89, STARRING ROLE; 88, MING DYNASTY; 87, SKYWATCH; 85, ANTIQUE IVORY, RADIANT APOGEE, RANCHO ROSE; 84, BEAUX ARTS, LOOP THE LOOP; 82, LILAC TREAT, ROYAL TRUMPETER, SMOKE RINGS, SUMMER SUNSHINE; 80, LOUISE WATTS, PARIS OPERA.