

Exhibition Committee Report for 1989

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Last year it was drought. This year it was cool and wet. Some year the weather is going to be just right in all parts of the country for each organization's show dates. Until that time I reckon we'll continue to have show cancellations (nine of them this year) and shows not reported (six of them). Almost all of the cancellations occurred in the central part of the country. Maybe the weather has a better chance to "act up" there. On the bright side, however, there were more shows held this year than any other year in the past decade. 179 of them! This is working toward keeping our flower before the public!

Along with the increase of the number of shows came an increase in the percentage of shows that had participation in both the Youth Divisions and in Educational Exhibits. The Adult Artistics Divisions fell off very slightly.

The greatest number of shows held in any region was eighteen, in Region 14. This was followed by Region 18 with 17 shows, Region 22 with 16 and Region 17 with 15. Again there were three Fall Shows scheduled. Not many areas have sufficient remontant bloom to schedule a show, but some of these regions have reported Rebloomer displays set before the people locally.

The tally on the Nelson Award was interesting this year. SONG OF NORWAY took top honors in seven shows. First runner-up was DUSKY CHALLENGER with six shows; SKY HOOKS with five; BEVERLY SILLS, EASTERTIME, TITAN'S GLORY had four each; JESSE'S SONG, LADY FRIEND and MARY FRANCES each had three and JOYCE TERRY, ROSE QUEEN (JI), and SILVERADO had two apiece. The interesting thing here is that the spread was across the country for the top winners. More beardless iris shows would put some of the beardless iris in greater contention for this Award. Think about it!

AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY SHOWS—1989

PLACE OF SHOW	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL	BEST SPECIMEN	EXHIBITOR
REGION 1				
Auburn, ME	The Whites	The Moors	Flamenco	Peter Young
New Haven, CT	Richard Kiyomoto	Shirley Varmette	Pink Palace	Bob Rousseau
Newtonville, MA	Sacks/Shafter	Barbara Roberts	Ling (JI)	Shafter/Sacks
South Paris, ME	The Hazeltons	Shirley Pope	Wilma's Choice (SDB)	Shirley Pope
REGION 2				
Buffalo, NY	Wendy Roller	Maria Gerbracht	Whoop Em Up	Wendy Roller
Cicero, NY	J. & L. Gristwood	J. & H. Schueler	Az Ap (IB)	Wendy Roller
REGION 3				
Dover, DE	Elizabeth Unruh	Theresa Jewell	Well Endowed	Elizabeth Unruh
Hanover, PA	Harold L. Griffie	George C. Bush	Dark Side	John Keamey
Harrisburg, PA	George Bush	Harold L. Griffie	Japanese Sandman (JI)	Larry Westfall
Kennett Square, PA	Mrs. Grant D. Kegerise	Larry & Joy Westfall	Peking Summer	Mrs. Grant D. Kegerise
Pittsburgh, PA	George Gerhardt	The Rogers	Joyce Terry	The Rogers
York, PA	Sterling Innerst	George Bush	Ballerina Blue	Sterling Innerst
REGION 4				
Burlington, NC	J. D. Stadler	E. Roy Epperson	Cloud Fire	Alice Bouldin
Charlotte, NC	Katharine M. Steele	B. J. Brown	Song of Norway	Elva Wagstaff
Easton, MD	Mary Etta Brightman	Richard Kleen	Consummation (MTB)	Mary Etta Brightman
Ellicott City, MD	Mr./Mrs. J. Owings Rebert	Carole Warner	Wine & Roses	Mr./Mrs. J. Owings Reber
Fredericksburg, VA	Lois Rose	Mr./Mrs. Jack Lovings	Superstition	Lois Rose
Hendersonville, NC	Walter Hoover	Isabelle Nix	Look The Loop	Isabelle Nix
Lightfoot, VA	Anne & Mike Lowe	James R. James	Song of Norway	Anne & Mike Lowe
Manassas, VA	Clarence Maan	Diana Nicholls	Rose Queen (JI)	Richard Sparing