

Cook-Lapham Award

This award is a beautiful silver cup, color glazed on the inside in rose-red enamel. It was given by an anonymous donor as a traveling cup to be presented each year to the hybridizer of the best red iris in commerce. Each year the accredited garden judges will vote on the best red iris in commerce and the iris receiving the most votes will be declared the winner. The cup will be engraved with the name of the winning iris and also the name of the hybridizer. The hybridizer will retain possession of the cup until the next winner is chosen. Once an iris has won the cup, it is not eligible to win it a second time.



Lillian Terrell. This garden, though on a city lot, is chock-full of interesting irises from far and near, all well grown and of the newer varieties. This is the home of HARBINGER, a tall, deep violet self; HIDDEN GIFT, a nice bamboo cream from pink breeding, and PACIFIC HARMONY, a medium violet-blue from VIOLET HARMONY and SOUTH PACIFIC. They are all very nice irises.

Across town is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sexton. Neva has most of the newer things in irises and knows how to get the best out of them. Among her latest introductions you will find PACIFIC PANORAMA and EARTH ANGEL, both of which did well at the Kansas City convention. Later came PINK 'N' PRETTY, from pink breeding, and RUTH'S LOVE, a golden yellow out of STAR SHINE—all first-class irises.

In our own garden we experienced the best season ever. Eighty percent of our seedlings bloomed and the weather was perfect. CURLS OF GOLD put on a good show, as did our newer things. Among our seedlings we like HAPPY HOLIDAY, a rich yellow with red haft and red down the edges of the falls; POLKA LACE (#0211), a showy violet-blue self out of POLKA TIME; GIANT INDIGLOW (#0110), about the form and color of INDIGLOW but larger and taller, going to 46"; BLUE FORMAL (#1151), which I think is tops among medium blue irises. This was selected after ten years of blue crossing since SIERRA SKIES. Many seedlings were held over to bloom again in 1963.

All of the gardens mentioned are now replanted and awaiting your visit. Come mid-April you'll find the earliest iris bloom in the nation.

Notes on Other Outstanding Irises

Things I saw at the Kansas City convention, in the way of irises from other sections of the country which I thought of interest were:

Dr. F. Knocke's K-3, a very ruffled light blue, now named CROSS COUNTRY, a cross of CLIFFS OF DOVER and HARBOR BLUE.

Z. G. Benson's #3-26-9; this WHOLE CLOTH seedling was the best branched