

Judges' Choice, 1961

Following are the results of the ninth annual Judges' Choice balloting. The voting this year was upon the winners of the Honorable Mention Award in 1960 and 1961 and the ballot listed 271 varieties of which 174 were tall bearded. All of the tall bearded varieties listed on the ballot received three votes or more, and all but one of the other varieties listed received one or more votes.

This year, 383 ballots were tabulated, which is a decrease from last year, but on the whole the votes were more evenly distributed than they have been in the past.

The top 25 and the votes each received are:

Place	Variety	Originator	Votes
1	ROCOCO	Robert Schreiner	219
2	BLACK SWAN	Orville W. Fay	165
3	DOT AND DASH	David F. Hall	116
4	ARCTIC FLAME	Orville W. Fay	112
5	DAWN CREST	Fred DeForest	111
6	RAINBOW GOLD	Gordon W. Plough	105
7	CHINQUAPIN	J. M. Gibson	76
8	MY HONEYCOMB	J. M. Gibson	57
9	AZURITE	Henry E. Sass	52
10	DAWN STAR	Fred DeForest	51
	ONE DESIRE	George A. Shoop	51
	REAL DELIGHT	Donald G. Waters	51
13	ALICE LEMEN	Gordon W. Plough	50
	PIETY	Dr. C. E. Branch	50
15	FULL CIRCLE	Chet W. Tompkins	49
16	GOLD FORMAL	Wm. B. Schortman	48
17	SPARKLING WATERS	Robert Schreiner	46
18	COUNTRY CUZZIN	Opal Brown	45
19	FAIR LUZON	Mrs. J. R. Hamblen	44
	MAIN EVENT	Les Peterson	44
21	FRIENDSHIP	Joseph Gatty	43
	PACIFIC PANORAMA	Mrs. Neva Sexton	43
23	APPLE VALLEY	Fred DeForest	42
	BON VOYAGE	Gordon W. Plough	42
	WHIR OF LACE	Robert Schreiner	42

Runners-up receiving 30 or more votes: MARRIOTT (Marriott), 41; MONEE (Goett), 41; DR. BOB (C. and K. Smith), 40; ANTHEM (Schreiner), 39; DOCTOR K (Muhlestein), 39; VELVET ROBE (Schreiner), 39; FOAMING SEAS (Stevens), 38; POINT LACE (Gibson), 38; WHITE PALOMINO (D. Hall), 38; ENCHANTER'S VIOLET (Soper), 36; JUNGLE FIRES (Schreiner), 36; FULL DRESS (Opal Brown), 35; BLUE MESA (Z. Benson), 34; MAGNET (Jeannette Nelson), 32; ORCHID JEWEL (Reckamp), 32; BLACK ONYX (Schreiner), 31; BRIGHT FORECAST (Hamblen), 31; COURT BALLET (Moldovan), 31; JADE QUEEN (Knopf), 31; NEW ARRIVAL (Fay), 31; TANTALLON (Opal Brown), 30.

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Varieties other than tall bearded which received 20 or more votes: REAL GOLD (Austin), 32; LILLIPINKPUT (Douglas), 29; BEISAN AGA (C. White), 25; KALIFA BALTIS (C. White), 23; MOHR LEMONDE (Muhlestein), 22; MOHR MAGIC (Plough), 21; IMAM SALAH (C. White), 20.

Favorite Irises at Kingwood Center*

This spring a polling stand was set up in the Kingwood iris garden [Mansfield, Ohio] to find out which iris varieties visitors liked best. The voting was limited to varieties of the tall bearded type, and visitors were asked to vote for one only. Many thousands of people came to the garden and 801 of them voted. One hundred eighty-eight varieties received one or more of the votes cast. The thirty-five varieties receiving the highest number of votes are listed below in the order of their popularity.

<i>Rank</i>	<i>Variety</i>	<i>Originator</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Variety</i>	<i>Originator</i>
1	STARBEAU	McKee	19	HAPPY BIRTHDAY	D. Hall
2	SIERRA SKIES	Schortman	20	ORCHID JEWEL	Rechamp
3	TRANQUILITY	Fay	21	AMIGO	Williamson
4	DEEP BLACK	P. Cook	22	DARK BOATMAN	P. Cook
5	ELEANOR'S PRIDE	Watkins	23	INCA CHIEF	Mitsch
6	SWEET TOMORROW	Lyon	24	KEZAR LAKE	Knowlton
7	SOUTH PACIFIC	K. Smith	25	LACY PINAFORE	R. Brown
8	HEARTBEAT	Lapham	26	QUEEN'S CHOICE	R. Brown
9	PICTURE BOUQUET	Opal Brown	27	SPUN GOLD	Glutzbek
10	LADY ELSIE	Lyon	28	WILLIAM MOHR	Mohr-Mitchell
11	PINK SERENITY	Mission G.	29	ALADDIN'S WISH	Murawska
12	WAXING MOON	Fay	30	JUNE SUNLIGHT	McCormick
13	BLUE SHIMMER	J. Sass	31	PEQUOT	McKee
14	VALLEY DAWN	Lyon	32	SKY RANGER	D. Hall
15	COMMODORE	Dubes	33	BLUE SAPPHIRE	Schreiner
16	SABLE	P. Cook	34	DOWN BEAT	Tompkins
17	PLUM LOVELY	Knopf	35	EXTRAVAGANZA	Douglas
18	ALI BABA	Lyon			

EDITOR'S NOTE. At the invitation of Dr. R. C. Allen, director of the Kingwood Center, the Central Ohio Iris Society, through its Garden Committee, M. F. Dow, chairman, cooperates in the maintenance of the iris collection at the Center. This year the planting contained 867 varieties and during the bloom season attracted about 20,000 visitors. Judges comprising the Society's evaluation committee evaluate the varieties sent to these gardens for two successive years and report to the contributors of the plants. The Center is also the location of one of the AIS Test Gardens and of a seedling test garden for Ohio hybridizers, and provides facilities for the annual show of the Central Ohio Iris Society as well as for the Society's meetings.

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