

# *Judges' Symposium of New Irises*

## *For 1953*

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At the November meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Iris Society the perennial discussion of the Symposium arose.

After considerable discussion it was the opinion of your Board that the Symposium as constituted had great value in certain areas. It gives the entire membership the opportunity to participate in the program of the Society, the list of one hundred favorite iris gives good publicity to the Society, the list of one hundred favorites chosen by the membership is a fine selection of iris from which the ordinary flower lover can make a choice and have a nice iris garden within moderate means.

On the other hand it was felt by your Board that the list did not meet the needs of the iris specialist who wants to know more about the newer things in the iris world.

It was therefore decided to have a new poll "The Judge's Choice." This list was to be composed of the iris winning an H.M. award in the last two years of awards balloting. This list includes iris that are not eligible for any other award until the following year, thus there is no duplication of awards balloting. The question has been raised as to why some of the iris eligible for the A.M. this year were not added. The answer is that it would be duplication of voting since these iris were voted on by the same judges in the spring and your A.M. list for this year gives you that rating.

You will find the results of the first Judge's Choice tabulated below. This list gives the opinion of the judges on the newer iris introduced. There is a definite correlation between this list and the H.M. lists of 1952 and 1953. The only other factor involved is that of distribution. The combination of these two factors gives the iris fancier the considered judgment of the iris judges concerning the new iris being introduced on the market today. We hope this will stimulate interest among the membership and be of real value to those who are interested in improving the species.

The following is the tabulated result of the balloting which was done by the judges of the American Iris Society. The list was composed of the 97 iris which won the Honorable Mention Award in 1952 and 1953.

**FIRST ANNUAL JUDGE'S CHOICE OF IRIS  
RECEIVING H.M. 1952 & 1953**

Number of ballots returned 270, Number of ballots counted 240,  
Number of ballots not voted or defective 30

<i>Name</i>	<i>Breeder</i>	<i>Votes</i>
1. Sable Night.....	Paul Cook .....	127
2. Happy Birthday.....	David Hall .....	126
3. Frances Kent.....	Fred DeForest .....	91
4. Limelight.....	David Hall .....	90
5. Inca Chief.....	Grant Mitsch .....	87
6. Palomino.....	David Hall .....	85
7. Violet Harmony.....	Mrs. Franklin Lowry .....	79
8. Temple Bells.....	David Hall .....	70
9. Pink Plume.....	Robert Schreiner .....	68
10. Ruffled Organdy.....	Edward Brenan .....	60
11. First Violet.....	Fred DeForest .....	58
12. Frances Craig.....	Tom Craig .....	54
13. Fuchsia.....	David Hall .....	51
14. Mystic Melody.....	Jean Stevens .....	49
15. Pretender.....	Paul Cook .....	46
16. Wedding Bouquet.....	Stedman Buttrick .....	46
17. Pagan Royal.....	Geddes Douglas .....	44
18. June Bride.....	David Hall .....	43
19. Royal Sovereign.....	Jean Stevens .....	43
20. Senorita Ilsa.....	Guy Rogers .....	43
21. Garnet Glow.....	Henry Sass .....	42
22. Ruffled Bouquet.....	Clara Rees .....	41
23. Spanish Fandango.....	R. E. Kleinsorge .....	41
24. White Peacock.....	Mrs. Douglas Pattison .....	41
25. Lady Ilse.....	Kenneth Smith .....	40

**Runners-up receiving more than 35 votes:**

26. Green Mohr.....	Tell Muhlstein .....	39
27. Gypsy Classic.....	Fred DeForest .....	39
28. Vanity Fair.....	David Hall .....	39
29. Copper Medallian.....	Robert Schreiner .....	38
30. Mohr Majesty.....	Marion R. Walker .....	36
31. Pinafore Lass.....	Franklin Cook .....	36