

## Favorite Guest Irises

Members attending the Chicago convention participated in an informal appraisal in the tour gardens of registered irises that had *not* received an Award of Honorable mention. The list supplied members included 225 such irises that had been reported by their originators to be guested in tour gardens. The members were asked to note on an accompanying slip not to exceed 15 varieties they regarded as outstanding. Slips were turned in by 168 members.

In the following tabulation 52 varieties are ranked according to the number of slips on which each was mentioned. PRAIRIE BLAZE, for example, was mentioned on 119 slips.

This appraisal of non-HM guest irises in tour gardens is apart from the AIS awards system. Any of the varieties eligible to receive an HM award may receive it only if the required number of judges vote for them on the regular judges' ballot forms.



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<i>Variety</i>	<i>Times Mentioned</i>	<i>Originator</i>
PRAIRIE BLAZE	119	James E. Marsh
PRINCE INDIGO	114	Schreiners
SKYWATCH	107	Clifford W. Benson
CHAMPAGNE MUSIC	87	Orville W. Fay
ORCHID BROCADE	87	Nathan H. Rudolph
DANCING BRIDE	85	Nathan H. Rudolph
ARCTIC FURY	78	Clifford W. Benson
STERLING SILVER	69	Steve C. Moldovan
IRISH LULLABY	64	Steve C. Moldovan
JAVA DOVE	60	Gordon W. Plough
BRIGHT SAILS	59	Richard Goodman
BLUE BALLAD	58	Dr. Charles E. Branch
CROSS COUNTRY	58	Dr. Frederick J. Knocke
RADIANT LIGHT	58	Orville W. Fay
FLAMING HEART	55	Orville W. Fay
KINGDOM	54	Orville W. Fay
PAINTED WINGS	45	Richard Goodman
TORCH BEARER	45	Mrs. Jeanette Nelson
MIDNIGHT SHADOWS	42	Collie S. Terrell
BILLOWING SAILS	38	Mrs. Dorothy S. Palmer
ORANGE CHARIOT	37	Orville W. Fay
GOLD CITATION	28	Marvin G. Olson
SOPHISTICATE	28	Mrs. Dorothy S. Palmer
TROPIC ISLE	28	Orville W. Fay
CRYSTAL BLUE	25	Schreiners
BON VIVANT	24	Gordon W. Plough
GYPSY JEWELS	24	Schreiners

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MEADOW SNOW	24	Hubert A. Fischer
WENATCHEE SKIES	24	Mrs. Luella Noyd
WINTER OLYMPICS	24	Mrs. Opal L. Brown
MAGICOLOR	22	Mrs. Luella Noyd
MORNING BREEZE	21	Orville W. Fay
GAILY CLAD	20	Mrs. Jeanette Nelson
MILLISKA	20	Richard W. Morgan
GOLD LIGHTNING	19	George R. Mayberry
CORABAND	18	Mrs. Melba Hamblen
RIPPLED SUNSHINE	18	Mrs. Ione Hope
LIGHT UP	17	Gordon W. Plough
SEAFAIR PIRATE	17	Rex P. Brown
CHARM SCHOOL	16	Mrs. Dorothy S. Palmer
TALL AND HANDSOME	16	William B. Schortman
SOFT SKY	15	Thornton N. Abell
GIANT INDIGLOW	14	William B. Schortman
COMMENTARY	13	Sanford L. Babson
CONGO SONG	13	Edward N. Christenson
LACY SURPRISE	11	Mrs. Luella Noyd
MOON RIVER	11	Mrs. Neva Sexton
VILLAGE GREEN	11	Mrs. Georgia Hinkle
COURTSHIP	10	Clifford W. Benson
NITTANY	10	Maxwell W. Hunter
PIPES OF PAN	10	Mrs. Opal L. Brown
WILD PEACOCK	10	Tell Muhlestein

## DNA DESTINY

Fleur de Lis 1984

Glowing streams of bright, true clarity

Orange, black, pink, gold, red

Beauty signals of the world

Petals downy soft to vision

Thick and firm to touch

Pastels of delicate, muted tones

Set in unblemished evergreen

Singing drops of beauty

With brilliantly contrasting beards of fire

Arrow straight stalks with branches

Spread wide like fingers of a hand

Ruffled, laced, fluted

Each flower a full measured week of beauty

Promise fulfilled

By blooming May, June, July, September, October, November

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NOTE. DNA is the abbreviation of deoxyribonucleic acid, a molecule which has been described as capable of "decreeing how every living organize will develop."