

Exhibition Committee Report for 1980

Glenn F. Corlew, Chairman

During the 1980 season schedules for 138 shows were approved. Of these, 131 were held as planned and timely reports submitted. This is a gain of 2 shows over the 129 that were reported in the 1979 season. Region 14 (Northern California and Nevada) headed the list with 15 shows including one All Seedling Show. Following closely were Region 18 (Kansas and Missouri) with 14 shows and Region 6 (Ohio, Michigan and Indiana) with 13 shows.

The race for the Nelson Award brought a first time winner for this distinction. Larry Gaulter's MARY FRANCES won the Best Specimen at four widely scattered shows — Denver, CO, Edmond, OK, Lansing, MI and Waco, TX. Runnersup were COUNTRY MANOR and STEPPING OUT with three Best Specimen Awards each. Two time winners were HOCUS POCUS, LOOP THE LOOP, RASPBERRY RIPPLES, SAN LEANDRO, SONG OF ERIN and TEMPLE GOLD. It is interesting to note that STEPPING OUT, the many time winner of the Nelson Award, made a strong comeback after not having been chosen Best Specimen at any show during the 1979 season.

A total of 117 varieties are represented in the Best Specimen column. A breakdown by type shows 80 Tall Bearded, 5 Aril and/or Arilbred, 1 Border Bearded, 3 Intermediate Bearded, 9 Standard Dwarf, 4 Miniature Dwarf, 1 Californicae, 6 Louisiana, 3 Spuria, 4 Japanese and 1 Species.

Exhibition Certificates were issued to 153 un-introduced irises. This total is up appreciably from the 1979 season when 138 Certificates were awarded. The 153 Certificates represent the work of 98 hybridizers.

Details of the various shows are contained in the complete report that follows.



Marriott Hotel in St. Louis will be the site of the show hosted by the Greater St. Louis Iris Society during the AIS national convention.