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Ideal Master List

97. ANN FAGE. The most magnificent Iris in commerce today. If you would resemble a flower that reflects the grandeur of the Plantae in its splendor, choose- ness and purity of color, look up at the sky, and buy A. P. Even if you have to mortgage your checks, pay the $25.00.

98. LADY FOSTER. Simply magnificent. Has the same large white throat that makes both of these varieties outstanding, large flower. Should by all means be in all collections. Most highly recommended. About 80.00.

99. BALLERINE. Next to A. P. The finest light blue Iris. A silvery sheen gives this variety an effect that will charm the most critical buyers. 75.00.

100. MOTHER OF PEARL. A real pearl of an Iris; well named. A rival of Queen Caterina, but its color is quite distinct, in a lighter, refined delicacy of that. Buyer Beware. Highly recommended. 95.00.

101. YVONNE PELLETH. One of the most improved Irises, self color of great beauty, a broad, well made of pure light yellow, and desirable. The fulfillment of Sunny People will drop down to 90 or below where it belongs.

102. J. D. DURAS. Quite a good sized rose pink, and the only Iris of this color that I know that is much superior to May Queen, and that is saying something.

103. CATERINA. Similar to Queen Caterina and sometimes almost as fine a color. Has the sweetest fragrance of any Iris I know should be in all collections for this reason. Why not get enough of such a fragrant Iris by having several or a dozen which in the large frame will become one of the most popular Irises.

104. GEORGIA. A rival of Dream as the finest pink Iris.

105. SEMINOLE. Superior to Oper to an account of its brighter red color, larger flower and longer stalk.

106. ZUL. I would rate this variety high for its season without any hesitation. Later blooms are admired in competition with mid-season sorts—positive proof of its distinctness in a variety. It is a fine variety that is well liked andHolds its own way up in G. First year blooms small—but wait. Give it a chance!

107. KASHMIR WHITE. A pure white Iris that is the outstanding white Iris in the world, which again proves some of the Jews incorrectness. Quite early, good to fine shade of clear dark blue, not quite as fine as Mirandy, but on account of its earthy color, it is a very desirable variety. Cannot be equal and quite equal to 85 for its style.

108. KING OF IRIS. This variety is still King. Some of its well behaved Iris have far lighter yellow standards, but I do not know of a single one that has the white border of gold on the standards that King has. Belongs in the finest frame when grown good.

109. ISOLINE. Still holds its own as one of the finest.

110. LEWIS TROWBRIDGE. A rival of Granny Smith as Farr's finest blue. Just a sensation of the season. A lovely variety it gives great charm. Far more beautiful than many, many imported varieties.

111. MENZ'S PELLETIER. A charming, dark red variety. A much darker pink that at a distance looks red.

112. QUAKER LADY. Has rivals, but they are not Quaker Lady. A word to the wise.

113. EDOUARD MICHELL. Hobey its own as least of all one of the very finest claret reds.

114. MADAM DURAND. Extra choice sort worth the money.

115. EDMON SWAN. Be extra careful—some are quite a lot of money.

116. EDMON C. SWAN. With the possible exception of Maquignon, the color of this variety is the most handsome claret of any Iris I have seen. So bright and gay that it is striking. As a dwarf variety it leads all others. Far finer than Marquis Matilda, and much finer than Ararog and Valeray Mayde. Medium sized blooms with very good standards. 85 for its style.

117. LEXIS (Florida Superb). A beauty with Farr's Lee in there is no comparison. This fine Leda the finest pink frilled Iris and could be called a rival of Miss. C. Chen's Superb.

All above 85 are masters.

The Truth About Caterina

Several growers have complained to me that plants of this variety and others obtained from California growers are not the same. I have been growing Irises for many years and they have been large, beautiful growers claim that Irises from irrigated regions will not do well in colder sections. The Moral is, buy California-grown Irises, at least in southern California—continue to cultivate plants at Caterina—some bloomed this season and have thrived as well as other Irises.

Last Fall I observed a few of these Irises in a little tender should be grown in a sheltered location or in a protected area to a building—east or south side preferred—and give the sand treatment.

The Sand Treatment

Experience has proven that Irises grown in sand are much more free from attacks of root. Except that soil is already ready, spread clean sand four or five inches deep where planting is done, and an attack of root will be reduced to a minimum.
WILL WHILE

I have often heard of people who delay the purchase of some things, wearing apparel, etc., in order to first buy some extra choice plant or flower, but the limit was reached when some persons actually traded an automobile for an extra fine collection of Pincushions. Well, bats, pumps, frocks and gowns and notes and notes and notes, but birds and Pincushions given on forever, is constant source of beauty to reward me always, for waiting a little longer to buy things that pay with. "

"Spend all you have for levelleness, Buy it and count not the cost." 

12 Best Buys at a Moderate Price

Anna Farr, Ed, Michelle, Catherine, Queen Cataract, Lady Foster, Ballenger, J. B. DuPuy, Anne, Jane, Florence, Helen, S. Hicks, Kraft, Nellie, Foister, H. F. W. Le Veque, Magnifica.

VERY LATE BLOOMERS

The flowers of the future would be desired by some to extend the blooming season, they look fair or good after most sorts are gone.

Ambassadour, Moncall, Tristram, Virginia Moore, Cordelia, Violana, Grandiflora, Monsignor and Paxtowne.

THE LIGHT IS DAWNING!

The truth is beginning to filter into many minds that Ambassadour is a dull-colored Iris. Listen! One grower made this observation: the taste that Valery Moat has more life to its color than the Ambassadour. NO THINKING ABOUT IT! There IS more life to the color of Valery Moat, I believe, with a stem of only medium length. I would prefer it because its color repels life and action—AND NOT DEAD COLOR! Ambassadour is fitter because it is the most ASTMIRIous Iris in the world and that is The Unvarnished Trivial!

A SURE WINNER

Argyros will be the name of a fine Williamson seedling that will be introduced next season.

TENTATIVE RATINGS

Only varieties that rate at least 75 are rated, except a few that are much talked about. In a year when such variations are given, some sorts might have the same ratings; others will be higher or lower.

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TENTATIVE OPINIONS

The following varieties have been under observation two or three years and of some my collection to five years. It would be fascinating to write about 75 Tweot was a miserable color this season, never will be better than an old sort. 75 Sweet Lavender was very good last year; this year, if I have a stem of only medium length, it will doubtless be better. 50 Sunset. More curious than beautiful. 80 Progness. Do not have as much color, more hesitation. 80 Opera. Rich color, but flower in short and medium stem. 78 Bessene. A fair old sort, small flowers. 000 Zuzenar. More curious than beautiful. 000 Sea Gull. "Nothing to it." 000 Cecil Minter. Looks like a stinger! 000 May Bine looks like a stinger! 000 Pink Pearl. Fine pink, but flowers too small. 000 Petite Vio. Stinger! 0 Virginia Moore. Stinger! 0 White Queen. Hardly an improvement on White Knight. Stinger? Stinks! Looks good. 0 Sophie. Looks like a stinger! 0 Bowery. Stinger! 

Revised Symposium Ratings.

My revisions can be reflected upon as being more fair. Varieties that are only a few points better or far below not included.

Underrated fine to extra fine varieties... 55 Underrated Dwarf Bearded... 4 Overrated varieties... 10

Total... 69

Allowance

Allowing 19 varieties for many mistakes, incompleteness, lack of judgment, poor taste, immature opinions, or not qualified to judge, and ignorance, would leave an even fifty inaccurately rated.

Concessions

Even most growers will concede that of the 1000 varieties voted on in the Iris Symposium, all but 200 could be discarded. My investigation would find that forty-four are almost certainly rated, to say the least. This would not be so bad if it were not for the glaring mistakes made.

Think!

Of rating a dark colored flower the highest in quality. Has any other flower society ever done this? Think Again.

Has any other flower Society ever rated the old timers so low, that it would appear to beginners that they were not desirable?

Again and Again

The fact that some of the most magnificent Bearded Iris in existence were considerably, and a few way underrated, cannot be exact.

Worse and Worse

The farther fact that much money, Helenbe and mediocre sorts as Lent A. Wil- liams, Alexam, Ambassadour, Crimson King, and Opera were scored ahead of such chaste, lovely, magnificent, noble and beautiful varieties as Kashmir White, Anna Farr, Ann Foist, Lady Duke, etc., even when I do not have a stem of only medium length, I will have to make some words of counsel or remarks of the jurymen were.

F?rst and F?st, Pals and Pals, and Sting and Sting!

That is what the bunch is trying to do to their brains attempt to thrust such a bitch upon a confounded public, for five years, that time will cover their tracts.

What is the Verdict

Of my findings upon the Iris situation to date.

PLEASE

Bely largely upon the taste, discernment and honesty of judgment of H. W. Groseheu.

MY IDEAL

My Ideal is higher, Higher and ever higher. Unless your thoughts conform with mine, you will not catch up with me. 

H. W. G.