

Novelty Irises

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1. True or False. The Space Age cultivars came into existence by the work of a single individual, the late Ben Hager.
2. _____ was the first horned iris introduced into commerce.
3. True or False. Three Dykes Medal Space Age iris winners are ‘Conjuration’, ‘Mesmerizer’, and ‘Thornbird’.
4. The _____ refers to an elongated version of the same that widens near the end to affect a spoon-shaped petaloid.
5. The _____ refers to a still larger expansion of this projection into a wide, folded, often canoe or fan-shaped embellishment.
6. True or False. The mere presence of horns, spoons, or flounces is not sufficient; they must be functional.
7. True or False. The unique nature of the space age iris must not override the guidelines on form and proportion for the class being evaluated.
8. True or False. If an exhibitor at an iris show has two stalks of ‘Thornbird’ – one stalk can be entered in the “tall bearded” section and the other can be entered in the “novelty” section.
9. The term _____ is used to describe a shorter, stubby protrusion or extension of the beard.
10. True or False. Exhibition judging of irises is distinctly different from judging in the garden.
11. True or False. Weak, floppy standards that collapse do not make a flat flower.
12. True or False. Flat-shaped flowers are novelty irises with six falls arranged in a horizontal to downward arching pattern typically with six visible beards.

13. True or False. A good novelty iris should consistently display its novelty characteristics.
14. True or False. The expression of an unstable color gene or other genetic material is thought to produce flowers that exhibit a random application of two or more colors.
15. True or False. Competent evaluation of a variety demands that the clump be observed over two consecutive bloom seasons.
16. True or False. The ratio of stalks to the number of fans must be at least 40%.
17. True or False. The sequence of bloom does not matter as much as bud count.
18. The Novelty flower must be _____ even though it looks radically unlike an ordinary iris. In addition to unusual form, novelty irises should be of good quality and bud count, with firm stalks and vigorous growth habits.
19. True or False. Improved and innovative flowers, bud count, stalks and plants are to be stressed as with all garden judging. It is important to note that “few of the novelties in flower form and foliage variegation are absolutely consistent but must appear at least 85% of the time”.
20. True or False. There are no broken color Louisiana irises.