

Queens of Show (2003-2007)

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My annual running five-year compilation of the national winners of Queen of Show is set forth in the charts accompanying this article.

Among the hybrid teas, 'Moonstone' scored the most Queens for the year and slipped by 'Gemini' by one Queen to finish in the No. 1 position. 'Veterans' Honor' and 'Louise Estes' continued in the number three and four positions.

'Hot Princess' was up another slot into No. 5, followed by 'Marilyn Monroe', up two positions into a tie for No. 6 with 'Signature'.

There was actually very little movement in the list, with no rose up by more than three positions and none down more than two. The only real newcomer to the list was 'Let Freedom Ring', which debuted at No. 18.

'Moonstone', with 19 Queens in 2007, scored the most Queens, as it has for three of the past four years. 'Gemini', which scored a record 29 Queens in 2006, fell to 14 Queens, the second-highest number for the year. Two other roses recorded double figures for the year, with both 'Louise Estes' and 'Marilyn Monroe' at 10.

A total of 189 hybrid tea Queens were recorded in 2007, of which the top 26 roses listed accounted for 71%, compared to 78% last year. In all, 59 different roses recorded at least one Queen for the year.

The continued drought in new exhibition hybrid teas is illustrated by the fact that the only roses on the list introduced in the last five years are 'Marilyn Monroe' and 'Let Freedom Ring'.

For the first time, the results of the miniatures and minifloras have been segregated, in recognition of the fact that more than half of the shows now have separate royalty for the two classes.

Among the miniatures, 'Fairhope' continues its reign at the top by a healthy margin over the second-place, 'Soroptimist International'. The latter was up one position, replacing 'Irresistible' as the No. 2 rose. 'Bee's Knees' moved into third place, with 'Irresistible' drifting to fourth.

The biggest gain for the year was recorded by 'Nancy Jean', which was up five positions into No. 8. The major newcomer to the list is 'Ty', which entered the list as No. 17.

'Fairhope' scored the most Queens for the year, with 22, followed closely by 'Bee's Knees' with 20. The only other miniature in double figures was 'Arcanum' with 11. 'Behold' scored no Queens for the year and appears headed for the exit.

A total of 172 miniature Queens were recorded in 2007, down from 181 in 2006, reflecting a reduced number of reported shows. Of this number, the top 20 roses accounted for 73%. In all, 49 different miniature roses recorded at least one Queen for the year.

Among the minifloras, 'Conundrum' retained its position as the top Queen producer, under pressure from 'Dr John Dickman'. 'Butter Cream' is third, followed by 'Louisville Lady'.

The old-timers, 'Tiffany Lynn' and 'Cachet' are fifth and sixth, helped somewhat by the growing number of shows offering miniflora royalty. The principal newcomer is 'Whirlaway', which recorded 12 Queens and moved into the No. 10 position.

'Dr John Dickman' recorded the most Queens for the year with 16, followed by 'Louisville Lady' with 14 and 'Conundrum' with 13. The aforementioned 'Whirlaway' had 12, while both 'Butter Cream' and 'Tiffany Lynn' recorded 11.

A total of 147 miniflora Queens were recorded in 2007, up from 132 in 2006, reflecting an increased number of shows offering a separate

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Rank		Intro	Queens	07 Q	06Q	05 Q	04 Q	03Q
1	Moonstone	1998	100	19	25	23	22	11
2	Gemini	2000	99	14	29	17	18	21
3	Veteran's Honor	1995	63	9	13	10	14	17
4	Louise Estes	1991	51	10	8	12	10	11
5	Hot Princess	2000	42	9	13	4	7	9
6t	Marilyn Monroe	2002	35	10	7	9	4	5
6t	Signature	1996	35	5	7	6	10	7
8	Touch of Class	1984	31	6	4	7	8	6
9	St Patrick	1996	26	9	1	7	4	5
10	Crystalline	1986	25	5	4	3	5	8
11	Cajun Moon	2001	24	4	7	4	5	4
12	Dublin	1983	21	2	1	7	7	4
13	Black Magic	1997	20	4	2	2	8	4
14	Mavrik	2000	19	6	1	1	3	8
15	Lynn Anderson	1994	18	1	4	1	7	5
16t	Cajun Sunrise	2000	13	3	6		3	1
16t	Suffolk	1983	13	1	1	5	1	5
18	Let Freedom Ring	2004	12	7	4	1		
19t	Pop Warner	2000	11	2	4	3		2
19t	Helen Naudé	1992	11	1	3	2	1	4
21	Liebeszauber	1990	10	3	1	3		3
22t	Keepsake	1981	9	2	4	1	1	1
22t	Gold Medal	1982	9	1	1	5	1	1
22t	Raphaela	1994	9	1	1		5	2
22t	Folklore	1977	9		1	7		1
22t	Olympiad	1984	9		1	3	2	3

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miniflora royalty. Of this number, the top 16 roses accounted for 78%. In all, 36 different miniflora roses recorded at least one Queen for the year.

The continued introduction of new show quality minifloras can be seen in the fact that 12 of the top 16 roses were introduced in the last six years. In contrast, but three of the top 20 miniatures have been introduced in that time. The continued introduction of top show miniatures and minifloras is in stark contrast to the hybrid teas, where little change has occurred of late and not much can be seen for the near future.

Miniflora Queens of Show 2003-2007

Rk	Intro	Queen	07Q	06Q	05Q	04Q	03Q	
1	Conundrum	2003	65	13	15	15	14	8
2	Dr John Dickman	2002	60	16	19	19	4	2
3	Butter Cream	2002	46	11	12	14	6	3
4	Louisville Lady	2004	37	14	11	9	3	
5	Tiffany Lynn	1985	33	11	9	10		3
6	Cachet	1997	25	2	6	5	7	5
7	Memphis King	2003	24	9	5	1	6	3
8	Autumn Splendor	1999	17	4	4	4	1	4
9	Foolish Pleasure	2003	16	4	7	4	1	
10	Whirlaway	2005	15	12	3			
11	Lady E'owyn	2000	14	3	5	2	2	2
12	Solar Flair	2004	13	5	7	1		
13	Class of '73	2003	11	2	3	5	1	
14	Peter Cottontail	2005	10	3	1	6		
15	Charismatic	2004	8	2	1	4	1	
16	Luscious Lucy	2004	7	3	3	1		

Miniature Queens of Show 2003-2007

Rk	Intro	Queen	07 Q	06 Q	05 Q	04 Q	03 Q	
1	Fairhope	1989	98	22	17	19	18	22
2	Soroptimist Int'l	1990	60	9	15	16	11	9
3	Bee's Knees	1998	54	20	14	9	10	1
4	Irresistible	1990	51	5	12	12	10	12
5	Miss Flippins	1997	50	5	6	7	11	21
6	Dancing Flame	2001	47	9	7	10	10	11
7	Arcanum	2000	37	11	5	8	9	4
8	Nancy Jean	2004	27	7	11	5	4	
9	Glowing Amber	1997	27	5	8	6	3	5
10	Luis Desamero	1989	22	3	4	4	3	8
11	Pierrine	1988	19	4	2	5	6	2
12	Hot Tamale	1994	18	5	3	4	3	3
13	Breath of Spring	2001	18	4	7	2	3	2
14	Incognito	1995	18	1	1	6	6	4
15	Hilde	1999	16	2	3	2	4	5
16	Kristin	1992	15	3	1	3	2	6
17	Ty	2005	14	8	4	2		
18	Behold	1997	12		5	1	1	5
19	Sam Trivitt	2000	11	2	2	3	2	2
20	Baby Boomer	2003	11	1	4	2	3	1



Miniflora Queen in 3rd place,
'Butter Cream',
Hybridized by Bob Martin