

ZEBRA GARDENS \* \* \* ZEBRA GARDENS  
2002  
IRIS OF A DIFFERENT STRIPE



**PURSUING TOMORROW TODAY**



**SQUID SQUIRT**



**SALAMANDER SAL**



**ZEBRA MILK**



**JACKAL CACKLE**



**PHYTON'Z PARASOL**



# SALUTIN' 2002'Z INTRODUCTIONS



**ELEPHANT FOOTPRINT** (*Kasperek '02*) SDB M 10" RE **Pachydermic!** Clear delft blue standards aging to a blue-gray with delft blue falls accented by a hazy plum spot. Light yellow-green overlay on falls plus violet beards. Quantity of rebloom will vary depending on climate and length of time between replantings. 3 buds.

Be Happy X 93RM-10B: (Scribe X Perfume) (96D-35A).....\$15.00

**JACKAL CACKLE** (*Kasperek '02*) TB M 35". See **Spot(s) Run!** Ruffled, jackal yellow standards and hyena brown falls randomly streaked and splashed with dark coffee. Burnt yellow brown beards.

Bewilderbeast X Tiger Honey (95B-31A).....\$40.00

**LACY LYNX** (*Kasperek '02*) TB M 36" **Modern "old fashion" delight!** Victorian lace and ruffles adorn pink standards and falls that are randomly splashed with red-violet. Matching style arms add to the display. Tangerine orange beards.

Nigerian Raspberry X Isn't This Something (95B-20L).....\$40.00

**SALAMANDER SAL** (*Kasperek '02*) TB EM 35" **Pink streaker!** First truly streaked pink, many thought it couldn't be done. Moderately ruffled salmon pink standards and falls are heavily streaked in silver white with hint of pink. Matching style arms have laced crests. Medium tangerine orange beards. 7 buds.

Capricious X Nigerian Raspberry (95B-21A).....\$40.00

**SQUID SQUIRT** (*Kasperek '02*) TB M 35". **Embarrassed squid!** Lightly ruffled blushing squid pink standards and falls are heavily splashed with squirts of red-purple ink. Matching style arms plus dramatic large red beards. 6-7 buds

Nigerian Raspberry X Isn't This Something (95B-20A).....\$40.00

**ZEBRA MILK** (*Kasperek '02*) TB 37" M. **Got milk - where are the cookies?** Ruffled, milk-white self with just a hint of light lavender, beards yellow-orange tipped lavender. White-and-green variegation on foliage, STALKS and BUDS! 7 buds. Vigorous grower with fairly stable variegation.

Ensminger Seedling X Lady Madonna (89F-4C).....\$40.00





DEAR DR. BRAD,

*What can I do to cure SALAMANDER SAL's  
dry skin,*

*Make sure she baths in ZEBRA MILK  
twice a week!*

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## EXPLANATION OF TERMS

**AM** - Award of Merit is the second level AIS award. Only 10% of irises receiving an HM go on to win this award. (1% of irises introduced in a class)

**BB** - border bearded; bloom stalks, 16+ to 27 1/2 inches; 5+ buds

**BICOLOR** - standards are a different color than falls

**BITONE** - standards and falls are two shades of the same color

**BROKEN COLOR (BC)** - see page 17

**CLASSIFICATION (class)** - **MDB, SDB, IB, BB, TB & etc.**

**E** - timing of bloom is early for its class (VE - very early)

**HM** - Honorable Mention is the first level American Iris Society (AIS) award. Only 10% of irises introduced in a class win this award.

**IB** - intermediate bearded; bloom stalks, 16+ to 27 1/2 inches; 4+ buds (similar to BB, but should bloom about two weeks earlier)

**L** - timing of bloom is late for class

**M** - timing of bloom is average for its class (ML - medium late)

**MDB** - miniature dwarf bearded; bloom height, 3 to 8 inches; 1 to 2 buds

**NEGLECTA** - blue or purple bitones with standards lighter shade than falls

**PLICATA** - lighter ground color marked with stitching, stipples, dots or sanded patterns; usually found on margins of falls and probably standards

**SDB** - standard dwarf bearded; bloom height, 8+ to 16 inches; 2 to 4 buds

**SELF** - standards and falls the same color (in BCs it means the pattern of colors, as well as colors, are the same in standards and falls)

**TB** - tall bearded; bloom stalks, 27 1/2 inches and up; 7+ buds



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# THE ZEBRA MUSE

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## NEWS, MUSINGS & RUMINATIONS

Greetings from the Top of Utah! Kathie and I wish you all the best in the "GNU" year.

Thankz to all of you, we have had another exciting and rewarding year and Brad was in hybridizer's heaven last spring because of the excellent bloom. Last year we again thoroughly enjoyed the "You pay, We play" speaking engagements. It is an excellent opportunity for us to make new iris friends, share ideas, and to share our work. So a special thankz to the Chesapeake and Potomac and Francis Scott Key Iris Societies for giving us this opportunity.

Our "kids" (iris introductions) continued to do well. In 2001, they've again "done us proud" by receiving four Honorable Mention Awards. Thankz to all the gardeners who grew our "kids" so well and the AIS judges who voted for them. We are both humbled and honored to be so welcome within the wonderful AIS family.

Brad had a great spring last year. It was the first bloom season that a freeze didn't damage the TB bloom. He went crazy with hybridizing. Morning, noon and evening he was out engaging in "garden sex." Darn near wore himself to a frazzle. From about 2000 crosses he got around 1000 pods and 32,000 seeds! Now it's understandable to produce a lot of seeds when you can, but Brad must be crazy because he tried to plant all the seeds last fall. Just where are we going to plant all the seedlings this spring!

We again apologize for not getting our catalog out earlier. Brad should have been born a bear because in the winter all he wants to do is hibernate in his waterbed when he's not at work. He claims that if he sleeps the winter away he will not need to sleep so much during the growing season! (If you believe that one, we've got some Utah swamp land to sell ya') Kathie on the other hand spent the winter with her 10 birds and 9 dogs for company. (Brad is never around cause he's sleepin')

Brad's photophobia about cameras seems incurable. Every time Kathie mentions that he should take some pictures he runs screaming from the house and hides in the iris patch. Pretty bad, huh?

One needs to face reality occasionally, so we brought in a photographer last spring to take some pictures and we are pleased with the results. We hope you will also be pleased with the improved photos.

(The \$3 for catalogs will pay for professional help for Brad, Oh! and maybe a photographer too!)

# WATUSI COUNTRY

## WHERE THE TALL BEARDED ROAM

(Tall bearded irises bloom in late Spring and are 28 inches or taller.)

**BEARY BEARY** (*Kasperek '01*) TB 35" M. **Plicata with berry - berry!** Ruffled, grape jelly standards and style arms top the semi-flaring, bright yellow shouldered, light cream falls with 3/4" huckleberry plicata veining. Burnt orange beards.....\$25.00

**BEVERLY IN WHITE** (*J. Harris '99*) TB 30" M. **LACE!** Heavy lace adorns substantial white standards and semi-flaring falls. Light coral red beards combine with a soft pink glow emanating from the throat. 7 buds ..... \$12.00

**BEWILDERBEAST** (*Kasperek '95*) TB 30" EM. Neatly closed standards streaked light mauve and silver white. Laced, wide flaring falls streaked dark mauve and silver-white. Golden brown beards. 6-7 buds. **AM '99**.....\$7.00

**BLACK FALLS** (*Nebeker '96*) TB 38" M. **Black-black falls!** No hint of red or blue on gently ruffled, semi-flaring black falls. Dark blue violet standards and style arms. Dark violet beards/hairs tipped saffron yellow. **HM '98** ..... \$5.00

**CHEETAH CHEESE** (*Kathie Kasperek '01*) TB 32" M. **Saaaaay Cheeeese!** Orange buff standards, style arms match the background of horizontal falls with netted pattern of deep jasper red overlay, plus orange cream streaking. Orange beards.....\$30.00

**ELAINEALOPE** (*Kasperek '96*) TB 34" EM. Ruffled, light lavender ground self with many random splashes of reddish violet. Antique gold beards, 6-7 buds, strong stalks. Rebloomed heavily once, here in zone 5. **HM '98**.....\$6.00

**GAZELLE GANT** (*Kasperek '01*) TB 34" M. **O-o-o-oh so smooth!** Ruffled, clean lobelia blue self heavily streaked with silver white. Semi-flaring falls, lobelia blue style arms and light violet beards.....\$30.00

**GIRAFFE KNEEHIZ** (*Kasperek '96*) TB 40" EM. Blended apricot and tan standards, muted splashing. Ruffled, orangish-red tan flaring falls with silver white streaking. Tan beards, show stalks & 7+ buds. **HM '98**.....\$5.00

**GNU** (See Deranger's Corner). **AM '98**.....\$6.00

**GNU AGAIN** (*Kasperek '94*) TB 32" M. Rich medium red-violet standards with splashes of white. Large, ruffled. flaring deep red-violet falls with breaks and splashes of white. Orange beards, 6-7 buds. **AM '98** ..... \$7.00

**GNU BLUES** (*Kasperek '94*) TB 36" M. Lightly ruffled standards and falls are medium violet-blue with random patches of medium to dark blue-violet. Orange beards tipped violet. **LOOMIS AWARD '96 AM '98**.....\$5.00

**GNUS FLASH** (*Kasperek '96*) TB 40" EM. Open standards light-golden tan with silver white streaking. Golden tan style arms, flaring dark violet falls streaked silver white. Yellow beards, Show stalks, CA rebloom. **AM '00** .....\$7.00

# WATUSI COUNTRY

WHERE THE TALL BEARDED ROAM

**GRAPE SNAKEZ** (*Kasperek '99*) TB 37" M. Toffee standards, light silver-white streaking and purple flecks, repose upon semi-flaring ruffled, grape-purple falls with cream and silver-white streaks. Dark gold beards, 7-10 buds. **HM '01** ..... \$15.00

**HIPPO'Z TUTU** (*Kasperek '96*) TB 32" EM. Laced & Ruffled Plicata! Rich wine standards, light wine mid ribs. Wide, falls have white background edged with 1/2" of rich wine. Burnt orange beards, 7 buds. **HM '98** ..... \$5.00

**HOTDOGS AND MUSTARD** (See Deranger's Corner) **AM '99** ..... \$5.00

**HYENASICLE** (See Deranger's Corner) **HM '00**..... \$8.00

**KING TUSH** (*Kasperek '97*) TB 38" ML. Victorian pink standards, gracefully ruffled, light purple splashes. Falls "bruised pink" with lighter lavender-pink streaks, light purple splashes, large, bright tangerine beard. 7 buds. **HM '99**..... \$8.00

**KINKAJOU SHREW** (*Kasperek '00*) TB 38" EM. **Excellent grower**, Large, ruffled satiny beetroot purple flower with white streaking on standards and falls, light golden yellow throat, cadmium orange beards, 7 buds ..... \$25.00

**MILLENNIUM FALCON** (*Kasperek '00*)TB 38" M. **Elegant "Forces" at Work!** Distinctive ruffled garden neglecta, clean light wisteria blue standards and rich royal blue falls streaked silver-white. Blue tipped orange beards, ..... \$25.00

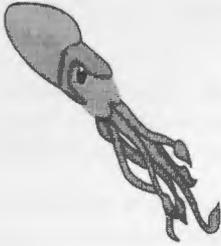
**NIGERIAN RASPBERRY** (*Kasperek '95*) TB 36" M. The luscious raspberry cream background on standards and ruffled, falls is splashed red raspberry. Deep tangerine orange beards. **HM '97** ..... \$7.00

**PYTHON'Z PARASOL** (*Kasperek '01*) TB 36" M. **This is a love it or leave it!** Multi-colored pastel, tan background with slightly darker netted overlay with inclusions of light yellow and warm lavender, plus random red-grape highlights. Style arms in same mottled colors and light orange-tan beards ..... \$30.00

## VET ON BOARD!



Zebra Gardens is proud to retain our GNU residence Doctor of **Veterinarian** Medicine, **L. BRUCE HORN-STEIN**. He will be assuring future "**wildlife**" owners that their **irises** from the "Zebra Zoo" are thoroughly **vetted**. This year Bruce will **vaccinate** against "anthrax." (since our irises are shipped through the Postal Service). They are also vetted for other **animal pestilence** prevalent south of the Tse-Tse Fly infested **SERENGETI SPAGHETTI**.



*Could this be a kind  
of fountain pen?*

In addition to some better pictures, we have a very interesting herd of “gnu” additions to the “wild life reserve” again this year.

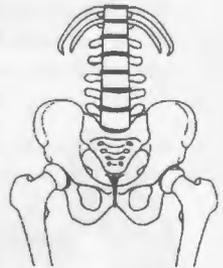
There was a split decision in selecting the herd leader. Kathie’s choice is **SQUID SQUIRT** because of the **dramatic color contrasts**. The squid pink background is heavily splashed with contrasting squirts of **dark purple ink**. Both colors are further enhanced by the fat red beads. While Brad concedes that **SQUID SQUIRT** has better color contrast he still prefers **LACY LYNX** for its **flower form**. This modern pink flower, adorned in ruffles and medium lace, has closed standards and is tastefully splashed in red-violet.

We have had **ZEBRA MILK** since our first hybridizing season, but even though it is a very good variegated foliage specimen, we kept holding it back because the flower was “**just a white.**” Its white-and-green variegated foliage pattern is **quite stable** and the white frequently extends up the **stalks** all the way to the outside of the bud.

**SALAMANDER SAL** is our **first** white-streaked, **pink BC** to be introduced. It is a moderately ruffled, salmon-pink with lightly laced, matching style arms. This iris has good plant vigor and the advantage of being “**wind tolerant**” in height. (We have another white-streaked, clean pink seedling from the same cross. It is registered as **MADALENA LOUISA** and will be introduced soon.)

Can you imagine **camping** on the **African Serengeti** under a moonless night sky and listening to a pack of **jackals cackling**. No? well neither can we, but we are hoping we didn’t lay an “egg” by introducing **JACKAL CACKLE**. Its flower is **ruffled** with jackal yellow standards and hyena brown falls, each having random **splashes and streaks** of dark coffee brown. (Although, brown irises don’t appeal to everyone, please, oh please, don’t call our **jackal** a dog!)

Finally, we come to the standard dwarf beaded iris **ELEPHANT FOOTPRINT** that Kathie didn’t think we should introduce. However, **Brad won one** and this short **reblooming SDB** with a rather ordinary flower in various shades of blue and lavender was introduced because the **plant clump is an outstanding example** of a short SDB . After 2 or 3 years it forms a neat, compact clump that in the spring produces an **even mass** of flowers just above the foliage. The grayed-blue standards massed above the **neat round clump** suggested its **name**.



*“Hip people”  
love  
BC Irises!*

# WATUSI COUNTRY

WHERE THE TALL BEARDED ROAM

**ROSE D'MAI** (*H. Ames '99*) TB 32" M. **Ruffled, dusty blue-rose self!** Falls are semi-flaring, light lavender surrounds rose beards, matching style arms ..... \$12.00

**SAHARAN SUN** (*Kasperek '95*) TB 30" EM. The sunshine yellow of the standards and ruffled, flaring falls are streaked silver white. Golden yellow beards ..... \$7.00

**SERENGETI SPAGHETTI** (*Kasperek '99*) TB 32" M. Dawn pink standards with silver-white streaking. Ruffled, dawn pink falls with modified silver streaking have a "netted" pattern of spirea red and beet-root overlay, tangerine beards. **HM '01** ..... \$15.00

**SKYETOUCH** (*D. Nebeker '99*) TB 36" ML. **Fluffy cloud !** Ruffled, white standards float above brilliant white falls banded Veronica Violet halo. Orange beards ..... \$12.00

**SPICED TIGER** (*Kasperek '96*) TB 31" EM. **Dramatic!** Ruffled, laced, light brown sugar standards splashed silver white. Flaring, mahogany falls streaked silver white, yellow shoulders, Golden brown beards. **AM '00** ..... \$10.00

**TANZANIAN TANGERINE** (*Kasperek '95*) TB 38" EM. Fancy plicata with deep tangerine standards and ruffled, tannish orange falls, overlaid with stippled red wine, orange beards. **Show stalks! AM '99** ..... \$5.00

**TERRYTON** (*Ames '97*) TB 35" M. **Brilliant yellow standards!** White falls with hint of violet edged with light brown, yellow-orange beards. **HM '00** ..... \$8.00

**TIGER HONEY** (*Kasperek '94*) TB 38" EM. **Fantastic broken color parent!!** vigorous, tall, and well-branched. Ruffled, standards and falls butterscotch and caramel with golden-yellow streaks. Butterscotch beards. **AM '98** ..... \$5.00

**TOUCAN TANGO** (*Kasperek '00*) TB 36" M. **Banded & Streaked!** Ruffled, yellow-tan standards streaked violet purple and silver-white, ruffled light lavender falls banded yellow-tan and streaked violet purple, yellow beards ..... \$20.00

**UNSTABLE GENE** (*Kasperek '01*) TB 34" EM. **Royal streaker with variable purple and white patterns.** Rich, royal violet self streaked with silver-white, semi-flaring falls, lightly laced violet style arms, beards yellow-orange ..... \$30.00

**WALKARA** (*Ames '96*) TB 30" M. Laced, satin red! Lightly ruffled, moderately laced, red black self. Style arms have bronze mid-rib. Maroon beards, hairs tipped bronze. Slight spicy fragrance. 7 buds. **HM '99** ..... \$8.00

**ZANDRIA** (*Nebeker '96*) TB 38" M. **Clean rose pink standards!** Rose pink style arms, light violet purple on mid-rib. Flaring, ruffled violet purple falls with rose pink in throat also surrounds thick red beards. **AM '00** ..... \$10.00

**"ZEBRA IRISES"** (See Zebra Heaven for variegated foliage) ..... Next page



*Life is really laid back in Zebra Heaven,  
and it's a great place to be,  
But if Brad doesn't get off of his rocking  
chair and start movin'  
he may find himself there too soon!*

# ZEBRA HEAVEN

## WHERE VARIEGATED FOLIAGE IRIS CONGREGATE

(Limited stock on all variegated foliage irises except Zebra)

**I. PALLIDA ARGENTEA VARIEGATA** Species. Clean white and.. silver green foliage. Many delicate lavender flowers on 24-27 inchstocks. Takes a little extra care to get established, but very valuable landscape plant ..... \$5.00

**PINK MARBLE** (*R. Austin '55*) IB 24" E. Gray-green aril like foliage with gray-white variegation along veins. Flowers orchid-rose self ..... \$8.00

**STRIPED BRITCHES** (*R. Short '81*) BB 26" ML. Lightly ruffled, white self with variegated white-and-green foliage. **HM '84** ..... \$8.00

**STRIPED JADE** (*Weiler '84*) TB 35" M. Light yellow flowers and ivory and white-and-green variegated foliage ..... \$8.00

**STRIPED MOONBEAM** (*D. Shepard '90*) AB 18" EM **Reblooms**. Gray-green foliage with gray-white vein variegation. Flowers lemon yellow. **HM '93** ..... \$8.00

**ZEBRA** Species. *I. Pallida Aurea Variegata*. Cream-and-green variegated foliage. More vigorous than *Argentea* with lavender flowers on 27-30 inch stocks ..... \$5.00

**ZEBRA BLUSH** (*Kasperek '95*) TB 34" EM. Dark green, red-purple based fans, streaked and marbled white. Striped stalks, flowers with light yellow standards and light rose flaring falls. Lavender beards. **HM '97** ..... \$12.00

**ZEBRA HALO** (*Kasperek '97*) TB 36" M. Heavily laced, creamy yellow standards and falls edged aureolin yellow. Modern form, orange beards. **HM '99** ..... \$15.00

**ZEBRA MILK** (*Kasperek '02*) TB 37" M. **Vigorous!** Ruffled, milk-white self with just a hint of light lavender, beards yellow-orange tipped lavender. White-and-green variegation on foliage, **STALKS** and **BUDS!** 7 buds ..... \$40.00

**ZEBRA NIGHT** (*Kasperek '98*) Showy! Lightly ruffled, dark violet flowers contrast crisply with white-and-green variegated stalks and foliage. Orange beards, hairs tipped violet, 6-7 buds. **HM '00** ..... \$16.00

**Variegation in humans is most noticeable after excessive exposure to the sun!**

# BORDER COUNTRY

WHERE THE BORDER BEARDED BOARD

(Border Bearded irises bloom late spring and are 16-27.5 inches tall.)

**ANACONDA LOVE** (*Kasperek '99*) BB 24" ML. **Heartstring squeezer!** Light pink standards, faint silver-white streaking. Ruffled, satiny, beet-root red falls streaked in silver-white, tangerine orange beards. **HM '01** ..... \$15.00

**BABOON BOTTOM** (*Kasperek '94*) BB 26" M. Standards of streaked and swirled medium pink and old rose, laced red-purple style arms. Laced falls streaked old rose and silver-white on light pink ground. Tangerine beards. **AM '98** ..... \$5.00

**CONGO BONGO** (*Kasperek '01*) BB 25" M. **Foot stumpin' rhythm!** of bright, golden-yellow standards and style arms with contrasting ruffled toasted watermelon & deep tangerine-red falls, butter-cream streaking, red-orange beards ..... \$20.00

**EMU ZING** (*Kasperek '97*) BB 25" EM. **Excellent proportions!** Victorian pink falls and style arms rest atop laced, heavily-ruffled, falls, deep lavender pink, streaked pinkish white. Bushy tangerine beard. 5-7 buds. **HM '99** ..... \$7.00

**HEART OF AFRICA** (*Kasperek '00*) BB 26" M. **Ventricle Stopping Pink!** Ruffled, clean dawn pink flower with magenta rose plicata markings on fall hafts. Laced matching style arms and cadmium orange beards, 6-7 buds ..... \$15.00

**HONEY CUB** (*Kasperek '98*) BB 22" EM. Lemon yellow standards and style arms. Lightly ruffled, flaring golden brown falls splashed and streaked lemon yellow and primrose. Burnt amber beards ..... \$7.00

# DERANGER'S CORNER

ASYLUM FOR ARTISTIC ARRANGING IRIS

**GNU** (*Kasperek '94*) TB 32" M. **Lovely lavender watercolor.** Ruffled, light lavender washed with medium lavender. Striking streaks of silver-white and splashes of medium violet. Brunt orange beards **AM '98** .....\$6.00

**HOTDOGS AND MUSTARD** (*Kathie Kasperek '95*) TB 36" M. **Anything goes!** Deep mustard background of standards and ... flaring falls is heavily splashed with wine purple. Desert and terra cotta colors. Gray yellow beards. **AM '99**.....\$5.00

**HYENASICLE** (*Kathie Kasperek '98*) TB 31" EM. Lightly ruffled Spanish orange standards and falls, matching style arms. Falls have vanilla streaking amidst the tasty blended splashes of grayed red. Dark orange beards. **HM '00**. .....\$8.00

**VIOLET TIGER** (*Kasperek '94*) TB 28" M. **Striking!** Standards royal violet, white radiating outward from ribs. Flaring falls royal violet streaked white. Blue-violet beards tipped orange. 7-9 buds. **HM '97**.....(Rebuilding stock)

It's time for the **annual report** to the "stockholders." Once again we can share the **agonies of success** and the **thrills of defeat**.

Since moving to Elwood it has been a roller coaster ride of **thrills and agonies** in the **hybridizing** and **seedling** department. Last spring we had our first bloom season **without** a mid-May **freeze** and so it was a great year for both hybridizing and seedling evaluation. We mentioned earlier about Brad's hybridizing success last spring so we'll move on to the seedlings.

It was a **good thing** we had kept the **1999 seedlings** for a second year of evaluation. The spring before there was a freeze and we didn't get to see about 20 % of them bloom, but they all bloomed this year. **Low-and-behold!** there was our first **clear orange BC** seedling amongst the others! While this seedling still needs work, it marks a milestone in our breeding program (see page 18). We also selected

## WILD THINGS

SPECIES: EITHER STRAIGHT OR CROSSED

**ALPHA GNU** (*Kasperek '99*) Species X, 22" VE (with SDBs). A "gnu" beginning! Red-violet streaked silver-white self. Falls reflect the aphylla parentage and beards are light yellow beards. 4-6 buds. Batik X Ostry White .....\$6.00

**KUPARI** (I. Pallida Y5A) 26" M Recessive white diploid, no haft markings, white beards. Collected at Kupari, Dalmatia and originally distributed by Randolph.....\$8.00

about a **dozen** more **BCs**, several border bearded size fancy plicatas, and a few red-orange bearded plicatas for potential breeding stock.

There were only about 400 surviving seedlings in the one-year bed, but they all **bloomed** and we selected the seedlings we wanted. While several will be evaluated for introduction, there were **two** seedling we found especially **interesting**. The first was a **white-striped, light yellow** with good height, branching and bud count. The second was a **tall, well-budded plicata** with a **red-orange** beard. Most plicatas with orange beards, available today, lack either height or high bud count when grown in this part of the country. Thus I'm always looking for high quality breeding stock.

As mention, last **spring** we had a great **hybridizing** season and the majority of the **seeds** were **planted** in the fall. The purpose of many of the these crosses, was to improve both **height** and **vigor**. If the survival rate of our transplanted seedlings improves, next spring should be an **exciting** time in the seedling beds.

**SO MUCH TIME - SO LITTLE TO DO**



**MILLENNIUM FALCON**



**UNSTABLE GENE**



**BEARY BEARY**



**HEART OF AFRICA**



**GAZELLE GENT**



**ANACONDA LOVE**



**BLUEBERRY FILLY**



**BEWILDERBEAST**



**EMU ZING**



**GNUS FLASH**



**GNU RAYZ**



**SPICED TIGER**



**KING TUSH**



**HONEY CUB**



**BLACK FALLS**



**BABOON BOTTOM**



**ZEBRA HALO**



**GRAPE SNAKEZ**



**HOTDOGS AND MUSTARD**



**ZEBRA NIGHTS**



**ZANDRIA**



**TANZANIAN TANGERINE**



**TIGER HONEY**



**GNU AGAIN**

# PYGMY NICHE

WHERE MINIATURE DWARFS MINGLE (Height 3"-8")

**AFRICAN WINE** (*Kasperek '99*) MDB 8" M. **Elixir of the Gnuz!** Flaring, lightly ruffled opulent burgundy falls edged in cabernet, topped by cabernet standards and tan & wine style arms. Brunt orange beards tipped lavender. 2-3 buds. **HM '01** ..... \$7.00

**GNUZ SPREAD** (*Kasperek '96*) MDB 7" M & RE. **Dependable rebloomer!** Creamy whipped butter standards. Falls have butter yellow spot and whipped butter edges. Light orange beards end in a white ridge 2-3 buds. **AM '00** ..... \$4.00

**PURPLE PUMA** (*Kasperek '98*) MDB 7" M. Dark violet purple self with velvet finish. Plump, modern form in excellent proportion to height. Faring falls have heavy substance and light ruffling. Dark blue beards, 2 buds. **EC '97** ..... \$4.00

**YAK ATTACK** (*Kasperek '98*) MDB 6-7" M. Silver white standards and style arms, green veining on ribs. Flaring silver white falls with yellow spot; beards white on fall, orange in throat. 3 buds! Slender foliage and stalks, **HM '00** ..... \$4.00



**FREE! – ALL of the ABOVE +**  
(New Members)

Miniature Dwarf Bearded (MDB) irises are perfect for **rock gardens, borders** or for **early flowering beds**. They are very **cold hardy** and usually excel in any area having at least a couple weeks of below freezing night time temperatures.

The **Dwarf Iris Society (DIS)** is the American Iris Society (AIS) Section specializing in MDBs and the bearded species irises that have been or may be used to hybridize MDBs. The **DIS** publishes its **Newsletter** three time a year. It includes **articles** about MDBs and dwarf species, a list of MDB display gardens, and resource lists identifying **people** to contact for information and **commercial gardens** selling a good selection of MDBs.

If you order from this catalog and include a check for a **triennial membership** in the **DIS**, we'll send you all of our MDB introductions, **PLUS** the orange, **HOT BUTTONS** (as long as supplies last). The triennial dues are only \$12 for a single membership and \$18 for a dual membership. (Members get to vote the Symposium for their favorite MDBs!)



# FREE IRISES FOR JOINING THE AIS

If you're placing an order of \$50 or more, and aren't currently a member of the American Iris Society, we'll give you FREE irises, of your choice, if you join for three years. As an AIS member you'll receive four informative color Bulletins yearly and be able to vote for your favorite tall bearded irises in the annual Symposium.

A single triennial membership is \$43. A dual (two people, same address) triennial is \$54. Include a separate check made out to the AIS for the applicable membership fee, and include a separate list of bonus irises equal to the cost of membership. (This offer restricted to United States addresses.)



## BRADLEY!

*Stop day dreaming about retirement and  
get to work on your web site!*

*Quit procrastinating, it won't do Zebra  
Gardens much good until you finish  
zebrairis.com!*

*(Coming someday to your computer.)*



## VISITORS ARE WELCOME AT ZEBRA GARDENS

(Phone: (435) 257- 0736 E-mail: zebrairis1@aol.com)

Zebra Gardens is located in the northern Utah farming community of Elwood and operated by Brad & Kathie Kasperek. It specializes in the breeding of irises with streaked and splashed flowers.

Our peak bloom is usually during the last week of May. (But the quality of the bloom depends heavily on the severity of the all too often mid-May freezes.) There's usually someone around most evenings and Sundays. You are welcome even if we're not home (Our dogs will make a lot of noise, but they are fenced in.) We don't want to miss meeting out-of-town visitors, so please call ahead.

Our garden is very easy to find. We are three houses off the I-15 & 84 freeway at exit 379 by Tremonton. If traveling north towards Idaho, exit at 379, turn left over the freeway and ours is the 3rd home on left. If traveling south on either I-15 or I-84, exit 379 is the first one after these interstates merge in Tremonton, Utah. Exit and turn right, still 3rd home on left.

# MILESTONES IN BROKEN COLOR IRIS HYBRIDIZING!

When we **started hybridizing** BC irises in the late 80s, there **weren't** any clear **yellow, pink, or orange** BC irises flowers with **white-streaking**.

Prior to the 90s, almost **all** of the modern **hybridizing** of BC irises was being **done** by **Allan Ensminger** and he had made exceptional progress in creating BC breeding lines. However, all of the flower **variegation** in his introductions could be **explained** by the random applications of the water soluble **anthocyanin** pigments. (The anthocyanin pigments produce the purple, blue and lavender colors in the iris flower.) Allan **introduced** several **outstanding** pink splash pattern BCs, but the darker, more **red splashes** were probably produced by a light **application** of an **anthocyanin** pigment.

There are **two groups** of **color pigments** responsible for producing all the various colors of the rainbow flower. The **water soluble** anthocyanins mentioned above and the **fat soluble** yellow, pink and orange pigments. The **anthocyanins** are found in the **cell sap** while the **fat soluble pigments** are located in the **cell wall**. If you crush a purple iris flower the cell sap flows out and your hand is stained purple. But if you do the same thing with a pink iris there isn't a stain because the pink pigment remains in the crushed cell walls. The point of the preceding "**who cares**" information is that water soluble pigments and fat soluble pigments are **genetically independent of each other!**

When we started hybridizing broken color irises there was a **general assumption** that **only** the production of the **anthocyanins** could be disrupted by the genetic phenomenon responsible for this color pattern in irises. Regardless, we **decided** at the start that producing **yellow, pink and orange, white-striped iris flowers** would be one of our major **goals**.

The first **break through** came quicker than we expected when a yellow and white-striped iris seedling bloomed in the spring of '92. It was introduced in '95 as **SAHARAN SUN**. The first pink and white-striped seedlings bloomed in the spring of '97 and the first of these is being introduced this year as **SALAMANDER SAL**. As mentioned earlier our first orange and white-striped seedling (**98B-104K**) bloomed last spring.



**PSSST BUDDY!!!**

**I'VE GOTTA STEAL FOR YA!  
Buy lotsa dese irises before May  
and getta 20-35% savings!**

# LAWS OF THE JUNGLE

## CARDINAL RULE

GOOD TASTING CUSTOMERS WILL BE TREATED BETTER THAN  
THOSE WHO LEAVE A BITTER AFTER TASTE!

**ORDER DATES:** We will happily accept your order(s) through August 15, 2002, on a "first come, first served" basis for available stock. However, there's a 10% discount on paid orders postmarked by April 30th!

**PAYMENT:** Non-elastic checks are preferred, but we're willing to barter for your first-born. (if they do gardening!)

**SHIPPING DATES:** We intend to start our Monday shipments on the 8th of July and continue them through the 26th of August. They will be generally filled on a first in, first out basis unless you specify a preferred date.

**HANDLING, PACKING & SHIPPING FEES:** Individual and club orders should include \$6 plus .50ct extra for each rhizome after the first 4 rhizomes. All orders will be shipped 2nd day priority mail. unless you request otherwise. We do this to provide you with healthy vigorous rhizomes before they go into a deep dormancy. **Commercial orders:** Shipping charges are open to negotiation.

**IRIS CLUB ORDERS:** As long as the stock lasts, we will provide you a 250% "bang for your buck." Extras our choice. Suggestions welcome.

**GENERAL GARDENING CLUBS:** If the order is for club fund raising or promotion, let us know, and we'll provide at least a 100% bonus. Extras our choice.

**BONUS PLANTS:** Retail orders at list prices will receive a generous bonus of our choice. Suggestions welcome! The bonus irises are in addition to any discounts you have earned.

**GUARANTEE:** Repressed customer dissatisfaction can cause *jungle fever*. Check page 23 for *Dr. Brad's jungle fever remedies!* If you're unhappy, please share it with us, so we can resolve the problem. (If you request replacement iris, and aren't ordering, please send \$6 for packing/shipping.)

**WE WANT TO EARN YOUR BUSINESS - NOT JUST TAKE YOUR MONEY!**



### *Temptation*

# DISCOUNTS! BONUS IRIS!

We're **thrilled** to get your letters and orders. We **enjoy** growing, hybridizing and promotion. Digging and shipping **aren't too bad**, but pricing handling & shipping (H&S) is the **PITS!** The H&S costs keep climbing, and we're sorry, but so must our charges. This year it's \$6. on all orders plus .50ct extra for each rhizome after the first 4.

**Discounts:** Include a **10% discount** on paid orders **before May** and the following **Quantity Discounts:** Orders between \$150-\$299 earn an extra **10% discount**; between \$300-\$499, **15% discount**; and above \$500, a **20% discount**.

Please use list prices and deduct the sum of all discounts.

### EXAMPLE:

You place the following order **before** 1 May and are entitled to the 10% early discount.

2 LACY LYNX	\$80.00
2 KINKAJOU SHREW	\$50.00
2 PYTHON'Z PARASOL	\$60.00
2 'ZEBRA'	\$10.00
2 ANACONDA LOVE	\$30.00

**SUBTOTAL** \$230.00

Total discount is 20% (10% + 10% early) **-\$ 46.00**

**Your TOTAL** \$184.00



*Windfalls gratefully  
accepted!*

(10% discount)

(\$230.00 x .20)

You will also receive several very nice **Bonus Irises**

## GUIDE TO GROWING IRISES

New iris growers searching for **information** on **growing, exhibiting** or **hybridizing** irises can find many good reference publications within the American Iris Society (AIS). For the basics in any of these areas, I recommend the **Basic Iris Culture** booklet published by the AIS. If you would like a copy, you can either order it directly from the AIS or include \$1.50 with your Zebra Garden order and we'll send you one.







*SATISFIED*

# DR. BRAD'S

## JUNGLE FEVER REMEDIES



*CUSTOMERS*

The most important thing we can **grow** is a **lasting relationship with our customers**. We try to do this in three ways: **first**, offering new, **excitingly distinctive irises**; **second**, sending **vigorous rhizomes**; and **third**, offering the **best guarantee** in the business. If any of the irises you bought fails to perform, please identify which of the **"remedies"** apply. We prefer to replace or issue a credit, but if necessary, we'll refund the actual cost at your request. (If not ordering, please send \$6 to cover some of the shipping costs.)

### REMEDIES

#### 1. DANG THING CROAKED!

If any of our "precious little darlings" spurn your TLC and turn to mush before your very eyes, or disappear over the first winter, let us know what we can do to make amends.

#### 2. I'VE BEEN SWINDLED!

This two year guarantee applies when the "kids" fail to live up to their descriptions by their second spring.

#### 3. I'M SEEING PINK ELEPHANTS!

If the purple iris you bought, still has pink flowers, even after a good night's sleep; then we goofed. We try very hard to write the correct name on the "kid's underwear" but we can, and do, make mistakes.

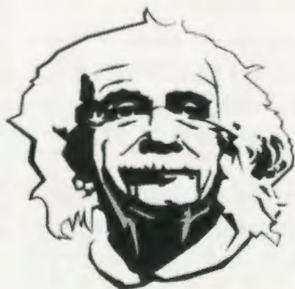


WE LIKE TO BELIEVE OUR  
"KIDS" ARE PERFECT,  
BUT THEY AIN'T!

IF THEY'RE MISBEHAVIN'  
IN YOUR GARDEN. PLEASE  
CALL US BEFORE THE IRIS COPS.

# Ye olde' Notes

*(Buy irises; visit in-laws; chew out kids; BUY IRISES, clip dog;  
SEND IN ORDER TODAY, etc. etc.)*



## **HYBRIDIZING !**

*It doesn't take a genius to hybridize,  
It may even be a handicap!  
For no one can surely predict what will  
materialize,  
From seedlings produced by planning or mishap!*



**CHEETAH CHEESE**



**KINKAJOU SHREW**



**THE  
END!**



**CONGO BONGO**



**YAK  
ATTACK**



**AFRICAN  
WINE**



**JUST A CROC**



Millicent, How's  
this femme fatale?

Yes Priscilia, It's the  
"Cat's Meow!"



**LACY LYNX**  
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