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Again it is a pleasure to greet our many friends and customers and to express thanks for your faithful support. You are always welcome here on the north edge of town, but maximum iris bloom normally is May 20-27, and hems are in full swing by July 4. Come and enjoy our lovely named irises and tet hems, guests and seedlings. We expect first bloom on over 2000 bearded and 1000 Siberian iris and 1000 tet hem seedlings. The regional "Other than TB" display garden is located here.

We have introduced ILLINI MISSION, a tet hem and will continue to sell tet seedlings. We will DISCONTINUE listing Tall Bearded irises of other breeders. We grow hundreds of modern irises not listed. Write us your wants and let us quote on those we can furnish. TERMS: Cash, minimum mail order shipped prepaid - \$10.00. Smaller orders add \$1.00 to help with packing and handling. Extras are our choice, but list some preferences to guide us. SATISFACTION GUARANTEED! Bearded iris orders shipped starting July 1, Siberians starting Sept. 10, but give your desired shipping date please.

1975 INTRODUCTIONS: SIBERIANS:

ILLINI CHARM: Sdlg V273, 24" VE-M (Sensenbach 6 X Tealwood) This early, low, flared light wine-lilac with white signal is truly a charm—a new color combination with the grace of butterflies. One branch and 4 buds. HC'74 \$25 net.

LETITIA: Sdlg 050, 30" EM (Tealwood X Mandy Morse) Stds. deep blue; Falls blue-purple with large white signal. Light lavender-blue style arms. One branch and three buds. Named for Jeanne Price as her favorite of my sdlgs. HC'71 Net \$25.

STEVE: Sdlg 1279, 34" ML (Tealwood X Blue Moon) Stds. deep blue; Falls the same; ruffled, all parts wide. Flat form. Style arms are unusually wide, ruffled and elliptical. One branch; three or four buds. HC'74 \$30. net.

REJOICE ALWAYS: Sdlg V2108, 35" VE-M (Sensenbach 6 X Tealwood) Early and long blooming, this floriferous plant makes a beautiful garden bouquet. Four or more graceful blooms per stalk. Stds pastel lavender and lilac. Falls are deeper pastel lavender lilac with white signal. HC'74 \$25. net.

1975 TALL BEARDED

CHIEF ILLINI: Sdlg. 930. 34", EM. (Red sdlgs.: 655 X 5186). Stds. red; Falls fluted, flared rose-red; light orange-brown beard. Seven smooth and velvety flowers well displayed on sturdy three-branched stalk. Light brown beard. . . . Net \$25.

PILLOW TALK: Sdlg. 1144, 38", ML. (Frost and Flame X Branch 59-22). This wide, ruffled off-white cream is a large, laced beauty. Light orange beard; great substance; and heavy stalk complete its make-up. HC '74. . . . Net \$25.

SPANISH SUN: Sdlg. 950, 35", ML. (480 X 483). This wide, heavily ruffled, bright medium yellow with cream spot below light orange beard is very floriferous, sending up many well-branched stalks per clump. A favorite in Virginia! . Net \$25.

1974 INTRODUCTIONS: SIBERIANS:

DARK DESIRE: Sdlg. V222 36" VE-M (White Swirl X Tealwood) A very vigorous deep blue purple, RHS 93A, with no signal detracting from the self effect, DARK DESIRE is wide of parts and lightly ruffled. It starts bloom with the early TBs. One branch insures a minimum of 3 blooms and it often has 5. Fine as a cut flower. Net \$22.

MARANATHA: Sdlg 177. 38" EM-ML (Sensenbach #6, wine red seedling X Tealwood) In my quest for a combination of a wide flat flower in royal purple (RHS 89B) with branching and lots of buds, MARANATHA is fulfillment beyond my dreams. This is the first iris I called Avis out to see when it first bloomed since Miss Illini and Pearl Chiffon. She named it, and I think you will agree that it is really outstanding. HC and sold out in '74. \$25. net.

MARLYA: Sdlg 1154 HC '71 34" ML (Gatineau X Dreaming Spires) A large wide flower in deep blue with a slight purple influence (RHS, stds 102A, falls 99B), MARLYA is a dependable bloomer with lots of substance. Two blooms per stalk. It has good garden color and is long lasting as a cut flower. Continued bloom into July last year. \$22. net.

1974 TALL BEARDED

CAMEO CASCADE: #7112, 1973 Region 9 RTG award, 37" ML YW/RV4 (4119-2130 x 2230 (146 laced tan x Branch 59-22) X 2130- Whole Cloth x Lavendula) 2130 is one parent, and 2230 is a sib to the other parent of Carillon Belles and Upper Room. Ten wide and ruffled, long lasting blooms are displayed on a sturdy, well branched stalk. CAMEO CASCADE is a distinctive pastel bi-color with deep cream (RHS 13D) standards and a blending of rose (RHS 73C) on cream to give an edge on the falls. This is an excellent parent and some seedlings remont. \$22.00.

ILLINI JOY: #9158, 36" ML YR01cm (Monticello X Rainbow Gold) This wide vibrant apricot (RHS blending of 29A and B) with a white blaze below the beard truly is a joy. The sturdy stalk with three branches carries 8 ruffled blooms of excellent substance. ILLINI JOY has a personality that is charmingly different. \$22.

SEA MELODY: #669 HC 32 to 36" ML LB1 (Beauty Blue X Eleanor's Pride) This medium light blue has tints of green that enhance its "blueness". At its best when tall, SEA MELODY is variable in height in different soils. It is a wide flower with a little ruffling and lots of personality. It carries 7 to 9 blooms with light orange beard on a sturdy stalk. It is the pod parent of some of my bluest seedlings. \$20.

1973 INTRODUCTIONS: LATE REPORT, #4324, HC '73, ML 36" TB (Monticello X Branch 59-22, a 3/4 Lavendula sdlg) This wide iris with all parts ruffled has light yellow stds with light yellow falls overlaid cream except at the edges. Strong stalks carry 9 buds and three branches. It is an excellent iris to extend the season. \$20.

LOVE IS: #851, EM 35" TB (618-Sleeping Princess x 2130) X 5247-2130 x 225) Uniquely distinctive and beautiful with conical flesh pink stds and slightly ruffled, wide rose-lilac falls that are deeper at the edges, LOVE IS sports a very light pink beard. (Pictured on back cover of July 1973 AIS Bulletin) Four branches and nine buds are displayed on sturdy stalks. HC '72. HM 74, 5th runner up for Franklin Cook Cup. \$20.

WILD CHILD: #104 SDB 7 to 11" EML (Laughter X Green Haze) Pale creamy white ground plicata marked red violet. Wide of parts, it has good substance and a long bloom season. Very vigorous and a dependable bloomer. \$4.

ORMOLU: Schafer 9-76A ML 34" TB. Listing for Herbert S. Schafer and orders placed here will be delivered from Peoria. This wide, heavily subtended deep yellow with gold dusting, out of Olympic Torch, won its RTG award with 17 votes. At the '73 AIS Convention, it was one of the ten top rated Favorite Guest Irises. Heavy, well branched stalks. \$15.

1972 INTRODUCTIONS: BOBBY: #5277, ML 35" TB. This large, lightly ruffled orchid white with orchid beard (RHS, light blending of 85D and 76D on white) was named in memoriam for a young friend. BOBBY was one of the top 20 Favorite Guest Irises at the '73 convention. HM '73. \$20.

ILLINI REPEATER: #712, TB 35" EM and remonts. A dependable remontant cream and plum red plicata with the good branching, bud count, form, substance and charm sought for in a regular TB. Blooms here both spring and fall. \$15.

PEARL CHIFFON: #884, (Avis X Rippling Waters) TB 36" EML A true lavender reverse bitone with lavender beard. (RHS, stds a blending of 76C and 85D, falls 76D and 85D) In bloom over a month in '72, this nationally popular seedling received 45 votes for HC '71, and its HM '73. This well branched, weather resistant, elusively beautiful, big flowered TB DOES have the individual personality, charm and substance that I look for first in an iris. \$17.

1971 INTRODUCTIONS: MILDRED HARRELL: (Memphis Lass X Rococo) TB 35" ML. This jaunty cream with buff tints and light orange beard is ruffled and airy, making a grand clump. HC '70, RTG '72. Described at the '73 Convention as "champagne-buff in color, with some brown sprinkled around the orange beard--a very attractive color. The large bloom is wide of parts, laced and semiflaring." "It is an off shade of cream, with hafts smoothly overlaid brown, orange beard and superb ruffled form." Queen of the show at SIIS 1974. R. T. G. award. \$12.

PATTI PAGE: #731, (296 X Miss Illini) TB 35" EM W/W9Yro Wide white, hafts not veined but have an overlay of yellow-char-treuse-tangerine, with the yellow farthest from the tangerine-red beard. Lightly ruffled and flared, this gay, distinctive white seems a natural to be named for the famous singer whose grandfather and Steve's were twins. Sturdy, well branched stalks display model blooms with substance and personality. 18 votes for HC; HM '72. \$12.

FORMER INTRODUCTIONS: All TBs and BB are floriferous, with good width and substance and make beautiful show stalks. All have the HC award except Carillon Belles. All have HMs. All but AVIS are fertile both ways.

AVIS: TB 37" ML reverse bicolor. This excellent pod parent continues to produce exciting seedlings. It has the best branched stalk for displaying its four and five long lasting blooms at once that I have seen. AVIS has extremely wide, heavily substantiated flowers with violet stds and white falls tinted light violet. \$3.

BILL NORMAN: TB 36" Em This huge globular tailored warm white has performed dependably every year since it first bloomed. The dense glistening white blooms are borne on sturdy stalks that take the wind. 30 votes for HM. \$2.

CARILLON BELLES: TB 37" EML Buff cream stds, falls blended rose and greyed purple with an edging of buff. Nearly perfect, rounded, ruffled, slightly flared and laced falls and closed domed stds on well branched stalks complete this festive beauty. It remonts here and in California, and is the parent of excellent remontants. HM '72. \$8.

HATARI: TB 36" EM A distinctive light red-pink self that gives a really pink garden effect. Eleven or more wide, smooth intense pink blooms and many stalks per clump make this a riot of color. HM '72. \$4.

HICKORY SMOKE: 38" ML This flaring white with ruffles, grace, and charm that are passed on to its progeny, is branching personified. It is truly a lovely flower. HM \$1.

ILLINI GOLD: 36" blooms EMLVL One of my most dependable growers and a long bloomer, this outstanding parent is a ruffled soft medium yellow that is a consistent winner at the shows. Cut a stalk and enjoy it inside. \$1.

MISS ILLINI: 35" EML YIF. HC '65, HM '67, AM and second by one vote for Franklin P. Cook Award 1969. Judges' Choice 1968. This deep yellow self is so distinctively beautiful with its smooth color, wide, well proportioned parts lightly ruffled and laced that it is MY favorite iris. It has thick substance and 12 buds. In the Top 100 Symposium Irises, it tied for 4th runner-up in '72 voting for Dykes. \$2.

MONTICELLO: 37" EM V4W Light yellow stds; falls the same with glistening white overlaid except at the edges. \$1.

NEWLY RICH: (Illini Gold X Rainbow Gold) TB 36" ML Yld HC '69, 2nd in votes for HM, runner-up for AM '73, '71 winner of Franklin P. Cook Award and Most Popular Guest Iris poll. This brilliant ruffled yellow is smooth--but brassy and conspicuous as a suddenly new millionaire. Try this for a really bright spot in your garden. \$8.

NIGHT TRAIN: BB 27" EML I think of this border as black even though the stds have some purple in them. A proven BB parent, it has all the attributes of the best TB--13 buds, excellent branching, smooth color, good form and substance--but all in proportion for its height. HM. Clumps often bloom 18 consecutive days. \$2.

SIBERIAN: ILLINI ENCORE: 40" EML W1V (Tealwood x Snowcrest X 63-1 = (Tealwood selfed) Std's are white with lt. violet tint and falls are the same but overlaid with an etching of light violet. Two descending, alternating branches and terminal each with three buds whose time lag insures long bloom. Erect foliage. Excellent parent. HC '67, HM '69. \$8. net.

TEALWOOD: 36" ML Best performing, smooth dark purple velvety Siberian available. Flat form, neat erect foliage. Beautiful and long lasting. One of the best parents. HM, Morgan Award. Generous division. \$2.

OTHER SIBERIAN IRISES: Generous divisions. All prices net.

AU SABLE RIVER	\$ 8.00	EGO	\$ 8.00	MARLYA	\$22.00
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TETRAPLOID HEMS: ILLINI MISSION: Reckamp-Varner (sib to Changing Times and Envoy) 28 to 36" EM-ML & remonts. Dormant. This is a beautiful recurved blend of pink and cream with a rouge overlay in the mid-area of sepals and petals. It has 5" flowers of satiny thickness and is an exciting parent in all the color ranges of diploids. \$10.

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