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GREETINGS to our many customers and thanks for your faithful support in our years of serving and helping flower lovers beautify their gardens with the best in long life perennials, fully tested in our garden. I have taken early retirement from Viobin Corp.--to the garden. Now it will have to pay its way.

We invite you to visit us in bloom time and to use this price list to make your home more beautiful. It is packed with outstanding values. We appreciate the orders of some of the best gardeners in America. We hope you will give us the special pleasure of doing business with you. Plant some iris or hems and dream ahead to the beauty that will unfurl next year in nature's renewing drama.

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED! There is no substitute for quality and service. Traditionally, it has been our policy to replace free any plant that did not live--if notified promptly. We attempt to be honest and realistic in our descriptions. Maximum iris bloom normally is May 18 to 27, and hems peak by July 1. We expect first bloom on over 2500 bearded and 1000 Siberian iris and 1000 tet hem seedlings.

TERMS: Cash, minimum mail order \$10. Please add \$1 to help with packing and shipping. Extras are our choice, but list some preferences to guide us. We list only our own introductions but grow many of the best from other hybridizers. Write us your wants and let us quote a package deal on those we can furnish. We ship by United Parcel Service prepaid, but need your street address or directions if you live on RR. Bearded iris orders shipped in order received, starting July 1, Siberians starting Sept. 10, unless you specify desired shipping dates. For nursery pick-up ONLY, we offer over 60 of the finest lilacs and 50 top peonies.

1978 INTRODUCTIONS

EVALYN C.: Herbert Schafer's TB sdlg 7-96 32" M. LRV/LRV8 PRVr. (Richwoods x ((Happy Birthday x Cherie) x Native Dancer)) X Marquesan Skies) This beautiful lilac self except for a lighter area in the center of the falls and a red beard is named in memory of Herb's beloved wife. Orders will be shipped from Peoria. Net \$25

ANN DASCH: Siberian sdlg V5117 ML 38" LB cm LBV6DBV/LBcm LBV6DBV. Sdlg 0129 =(Gatineau x Dreaming Spires) X self. Distinctively charming mottled or dappled light blue purple with solid deeper blue-purple edges. Four buds. Graceful and durable. Net \$25

FRIENDLY WELCOME: Siberian sdlg V5113 EM 36" FB1 (Dreaming Spires X Dark Desire) This very wide, bright blue self with no signal is the best blue I have seen in this color range. Four buds extend its blooming season. Net \$25

FRAGRANT CLOUD: TB sdlg 8186 EM-M 35" (Pickwick Green X Wayward Wind) Want \$50 an ounce perfume? Want a four branched strong stalk and 11 buds that open to a taupe blend except for a light violet mark at the tip of a light orange beard on jaunty semi-flared falls? Get Fragrant Cloud! Net \$25

FULL CRY: TB sdlg V517 EML 36" 5LYO/VLRW6-DYO (V241 = involved Avis, Whole Cloth, Royal Ruby sdlg X Trail of Glory) Exciting bicolor blend with light tan cream stds, violet-rose-white blend falls edged brown, with light orange beard. Vigorous plant with well branched stalk. Net \$25

GUYS AND DOLLS: TB sdlg V3149 ML 34" 5LYO/RV6-5LYO (187 X (1115=sib to Trail of Glory) Wide, modern form bicolor--buff stds, rose violet falls edged buff--on a strong, well branched stalk with 9 buds. Favorably received at Memphis. HC '77. Net \$25

FORMER SIBERIAN INTRODUCTIONS----generous divisions sent.

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. HM '75. \$12

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. JC '76. 56 votes HM '76. \$16

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 lt. 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. \$6

ILLINI PEACE: Sdlg 1283 (Wisley White X Self) 33" ML Three branches, 5 buds. I enjoy this large white white umbrella shaped flower with an abundance of personality, grace and charm. A clump makes a glistening bouquet. 50 votes for HM '77. \$20

LETITIA: Sdlg 050, 30" EM (Tealwood X Mandy Morse) Std's deep blue; Falls blue-purple with large white signal. Lt. lavender-blue style arms. Named for Jeanne Price as her favorite of my sdlgs. HM '77. HC '71. \$16

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 '76. HM '75. Judges Choice '75. Terrific parent. \$14

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. HM '75. \$13

PIRATE PRINCE: Siberian Sdlg V577 ML 28" (Maranatha X Dreaming Spires) Deep blue-purple stds held upright at 45° angle. Wide flared falls are lustrous rich purple with no signal, but have green overlay on shaft. HC. \$22

REJOICE ALWAYS: Sdlg V2108 35" VE-M (Sensenbach 6 X Tealwood) Early and long blooming, this floriferous plant makes a beautiful garden bouquet. Std's pastel lavender and lilac. Falls are deeper pastel lavender lilac with white signal. HC '74. HM '77. \$16

SHOWDOWN: Sdlg 197 (Sensenbach 6 X Illini Encore) 25" M HC; HM '77. A red violet self I call grape red with wide white "signal" veined aqua-purple. Showdown is set off with wide ruffled aqua-purple styles. \$20

STEVE: Sdlg 1279, 34" ML (Tealwood X Blue Moon) Std's deep blue; Falls the same; ruffled, all parts wide. Style arms are unusually wide, ruffled and elliptical. One branch; 3 or 4 buds. HC '74. 45 votes for HM '76. JC '76. \$20

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

WINE WINGS: Siberian Sdlg 1150 EML 32" (Sensenbach 6 X Illini Encore) This floriferous, long blooming red with touch of violet received the most votes for HC in '76 and makes a beautiful clump. \$22

EARLIER TALL BEARDED INTRODUCTIONS:

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 substanced flowers with violet stds and white falls tinted lt. violet. HM. \$2

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

BOBBY: #5277, ML 35" TB. This large, lightly ruffled orchid white with orchid beard was named in memoriam for a young friend. In the top 20 Favorite Guest Irises at the '73 Convention. HM '73. Excellent parent. \$6

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 bicolor with deep cream (RHS 13D) stds and a blending of rose (RHS 73C) on cream to give an edge on the falls. This is an excellent parent. \$11

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. Remonts here and in California. Excellent remontant parent. HM '72. \$3

CHIEF ILLINI: Sdlg 930, 34" EM (Red sdls: 655 X 5186) Std red; Falls fluted, flared rose-red; lt. orange-brown beards. Seven smooth and velvety flowers well displayed on sturdy three-branched stalk. Lt. brown beard. HM '77. \$17

DIXIELAND: Sdlg 1130 ML 34" Y4 (Miss Illini X 5521) This pastel bicolor with ruffled beige-tan falls, yellow beard, and bright yellow ruffled standards has three branches and 8 buds. A lovely color combination. \$17

FIRESTONE: Sdlg V3111 (Chief Illini X Jewel Tone) M 34" Firestone is a glowing, smooth plum maroon red self with the inner self beard turning brown. Four branches display this fiery jewel. Wide and slightly ruffled. \$17

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. \$2

HEALING TOUCH: TB Sdlg 083 ML 36" (Royal Image X Indiglow) X Branch 59-22. Stately, ruffled, well branched blue blue with tangerine beard. A favorite of garden visitors. \$22

ILLINI JOY: #9158, 36" ML YR01cm (Monticello X Rainbow Gold) This wide vibrant apricot with a white blaze below the beard truly is a joy. The sturdy stalk with three branches carries 8 ruffled blooms of excellent substance. \$11

ILLINI MOON: Sdlg 989 (271 X 3107) 32" EM This wide, rounded cream white has a distinctive blocky shape with slightly flared falls with smooth lt. yellow hafts and beard, and stands on a sturdy stalk. \$17

ILLINI REPEATER: #712, TB 35" EM. A dependable remontant cream and plum red plicata with all the good branching, bud count, form, substance and charm sought for in a regular TB. Blooms here both spring and fall. HM. \$6

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 lt. yellow stds with lt. yellow falls overlaid cream except at the edges. Strong stalks carry 9 buds and 3 branches. It is an excellent iris to extend the season. HM '76. Delightful parent. \$8

LOVE IS: #851, EM 35" TB (618 X 5247) 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 the back cover of July 1973 AIS Bulletin) Four branches and 9 buds displayed on sturdy stalks. HC '72. HM '74, 5th runner up for Franklin Cook Cup. In top ten of most popular iris at Va. and Mich. Conventions. \$8

MILDRED HARRELL: (Memphis Lass X Rococo) TB 35" ML This jaunty cream with buff tints and lt. 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 semi-flaring." "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. HM. \$5

MISS ILLINI: 35" EML Y1F. 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

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. \$3

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. \$1

PATRICIA VARNER: TB Sdlg 8314 EML 36" (Sweet Harmony X Lavendula) X Rococo. Namesake of two daughters-in-law, this creamy white and raspberry red plicata has good substance and form displayed on an excellently branched stalk with high bud count. \$22

PATTI PAGE: #731 (296 X Miss Illini) TB 35" EM W/W9Yro Wide white, hafts not veined but have an overlay of yellow-chartreuse-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. HM '72. \$5

PEARL CHIFFON: #884 (Avis X Rippling Waters) TB 36" EML A true lavender reverse bitone with lavender beards. (RHS, stds 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. \$8

PILLOW TALK: Sdlg 1144, 38", ML (Frost and Flame X Branch 59-22) This wide, ruffled off-white cream is a large, laced beauty. Lt. orange beard; great substance; and heavy stalk complete its make-up. HC '74. \$15

SEA MELODY: #669 HC 32 to 36" ML LBl (Beauty Blue X Eleanor's Pride) This medium lt. 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 lt. orange beard on a sturdy stalk. Good blue parent. \$9

SPANISH SUN: Sdlg 950, 35", ML (480 X 483) This wide, heavily ruffled, bright medium yellow with cream spot below lt. orange beard is very floriferous, sending up many well-branched stalks per clump. A favorite here. \$15

TRAIL OF GLORY: TB Sdlg V245 EM 33" (5278 X sib to Marquesan Skies) Lt. buff stds/medium violet falls edged buff. This very wide and ruffled bicolor with excellent stalk won the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs' Outstanding Seedling Award '75. \$22

UP DATE: Sdlg 097 (4322= 6090 x Royal Ruby X 3351, sib to Miss Illini) 34" ML Here's a ruffled beige brown you can easily pick out of the crowd. Falls have a rosy overlay to give a brown edge. Uniquely distinctive. \$15

WINTERHAWK: TB Sdlg 066 ML 34" (Bobby X Morning Breeze) This lightly laced white white has blocky form with very wide rounded falls slightly ruffled. \$22

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