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The Iris Society of Massachusetts will host a MEDIAN MUSTER north and west of Boston, May 19-21, 1989. Plan now to **attend!** See details on page 59 in this issue of the MEDIANITE.



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DUES: Single Annual: \$5.50; Single Triennial: \$15.00; Family Annual: \$8.00; Family Triennial: \$22.50. MIS and AIS memberships need not have the same expiration date. Is yours an annual membership? Why not consider a triennial membership next time you renew? It will mean a savings in time and money for you!

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SPRING	March 1	FALL	September 1
SUMMER	June 1	WINTER	December 1

THE PRESIDENT'S PATCH

Happy New Year to all and a good bloom season.

It looks like another dry year for us. If so, we don't know how long our well will last. Those of you who have snow are very lucky. We have been weeding for weeks, and new weeds are coming up daily.

We had some bloom this winter. LOVELY ME (Miller '88), SDB, a blue-violet with a darker spot, light blue beard. TENDER TEARS (Black '88) SDB, standards are light cream with bronze plicata markings, the falls are pale cream with lime plicata markings, lavender beards. BLITZ (Weiler '88) SDB, a yellow orange self. RUBY LOCKET (Niswonger '88) SDB, red violet with a darker spot and light blue beards. RUSTY DUSTY (Hager '88) SDB, brown toned yellow standards, yellow falls with brown plicata markings and yellow beards. SMELL OF ROSES (M. Byers '88) SDB, medium blue violet flowers with rust hafts and light blue beards. The flowers smell like roses. PUPPET BABY, TAN A MAROON, and BALKANA BABY of mine plus several TBs bloomed too. With daffodils and narcissus presently blooming, spring must be just around the corner.

In reply to my President's Message in the fall issue, thank you for your letters. There was one complaint in common. That being, the judging of Median and Dwarf Irises. I quote from one of the letters. "The judges that need training on judging Median Irises are the very ones that you never see at Median Judging Schools." "The question is, how do you get the horses to drink what's available?"

Jim Fry who is the current President of the Dwarf Iris Society and I have talked about Judging Dwarf and Median Irises. We both agree that the membership needs to give the officers and directors of the Societies more input. There is a great need for more Display Gardens. Those among you who grow the Median and Dwarf Irises need to talk to your RVPs and your Regional Judges Training Chairmen about setting dates for training, or one on one training in your gardens. Information just like this needs to be published in your Regional Newsletters along with the dates and times certain Median activities will take place. People need to know just when your garden will be open to the public during the bloom season.

People who grow Median Irises show be encouraged to become accredited American Iris Society iris judges. Once again, we urge you to attend the Median Muster this spring in the Boston area. La Rue and I are planning to be in Memphis and then travel in the East, working our way up to Boston for the Median Muster. We hope to see many of our members in Memphis, Boston, or during our travels.

Our new Editor, Hooker Nichols needs your help. The Medianite can be the newsletter that you desire, but few articles are coming into the new Editor for publication. Hooker needs to know what you as members of the Society want to read about in your publication. If you have an idea for a fantastic article, drop him a card. Even better, if you know of someone who is a zestful article composer, send his/her name to your Editor.

All of you have my very best wishes for an outstanding and glorious bloom season. We all pray that the areas where our favorite flower is grown and enjoyed receive plentiful moisture before and after bloom season.

Best wishes,

Carl Boswell

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## MEDIAN MUSTER 1989

MAY 19, 20, 21

THE IRIS SOCIETY OF MASSACHUSETTS sponsors the first national median iris mini-convention. On tour will be six gardens hosting nearly 700 guest iris including 266 varieties of the SDB, IB, MTB, and Aril-median classes.

MUSTER HEADQUARTERS: The Lord Bedford Motor Inn  
340 The Great Road  
Bedford, MA 01730 617-275-6700

Rates: Per single/night \$42 plus 9.7% tax  
Per double/night \$48 plus 9.7% tax

Reservations will be handled by the Muster Registrar along with your registration fee. Please indicate number of persons/room and dates desired.

Transportation to and from the Boston area: For those registrants travelling by air please let us know when you expect to arrive. We will try to provide a ride in from Logan Airport or direct you to the limo service. For those registrants travelling by car we will provide travel maps and directions to the hotel.

REGISTRATION FEE: Received by April 1 \$45.00  
Received after April 1 \$55.00  
No partial registration

Fee includes transportation for two days of garden tours, Friday evening program, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and the Awards luncheon on Sunday.

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### GARDEN IN THE WOODS TOUR

The Iris Society of Massachusetts has arranged a pre-muster tour of the Garden in the Woods on Friday afternoon, May 19 at 1:30 pm. Bus transportation will be provided to and from the hotel. This special event requires a separate registration fee of \$10.00. Registration will be limited so register early.

The Garden in the Woods is the botanical garden of the New England Wild Flower Society. Spread over 45 gently rolling acres, it is the largest landscaped collection of wildflowers and native plants in the Northeast. Though the Garden blooms throughout the season it is generally agreed that mid-May is the peak season of bloom.

Following the tour there will be a reception at the gardens of Carol Hull and Helga Andrews conveniently located near the Garden in the Woods.

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## MEDIANS

### 1988 REGISTRATIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS

#### Corrections of Earlier Registrations

ALESI (A. Bouldin, BB, R. 1987) Name corrected to Alisa.

ALISA (A. Bouldin, BB, R. 1987) Name corrected from Alesi and parentage to (Kingdom x Ultrapoise) x Tulare

BALKANA BABY (C. Boswell, R. 1986). Change of classification to SDB.

JEWEL OF OMAR (C. Boswell, R. 1986). Change of classification to AB-MED (1/4)

TAN-A-MAROON (C. BOSWELL, R. 1987). Change of classification to SDB.

WELCH'S REWARD (W. Welch by E. Hall, MTB, R. 1987)/ Correction of parentage to Welch T-306 X (Pale Amoena x Welch T-301). Sdlg. number is W-3-76.

WHO-EE (S. Stevens, R. 1979). Change of classification from BB to TB, 29" (74 cm).

### 1988 REGISTRATIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Records of 1988 introductions registered in previous years are indicated with an \*. A change in name or release of name is indicated with a #.

\*ALISA (A. Bouldin, BB, R. 1987). Twin Wheels Farm 1988.

ALLENDAL (R. Sparling, R. 1988). Sdlg. S-B-74. (BB) 26" (66 cm), M. Lightly ruffled white; yellow beard. Pebbles X Tulare. EC 1988.

\*ALL RIGHT (B. Hager, IB, R. 1987). Melrose Gardens 1988.

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\*AMAZON BLUE (A. Hickerson, SDB, R. 1985). R. Hickerson 1987.

ANGEL ECHO (J. Ennenga, BB, R. 1985). Ennenga's Iris 1988.

ANTIQUE SHOP (A. Harper, R. 1988). Sdlg. S1-4. SDB, 11" (28 cm), E. Light lavender (RHS 84B/C), light red violet (70C) zone on F. Unknown parentage.

APACHE SUNSET (G. Sutton, R. 1988). Sdlg. 81-7A. BB, 26½" (68 cm), E-M. S. antique gold; F. red brown, 1/4" gold edge; antique gold beard. Kilt Lilt X Taco Belle. EC 1983. Sutton's Green Thumber 1987.

APRICOT ALA MODE (C. Boswell, R. 1988). Sdlg. 40-80-1. IB, 20" (51 cm), M. Light apricot; F. white, apricot hafts and 1/4" edge; apricot beard; slight fragrance. Melon Honey X Mandolin.

APRIL ELATION (H. Nichols, R. 1988). Sdlg. 8665A. SDB, 14" (36 cm), E-L. S. azure blue, deeper base; F. azure blue; blue beard. Choral Music X (Mrs. Nate Rudolph x Betty Emmons).

ARIL REVERIE (W. Moores, R. 1988). Sdlg. 83-1. AB-MED (1/4), 15-18" (38-46 cm), E. S. pale blue, lightening at edge; deep chartreuse styles; F. pale chartreuse, fine cinnamon dotting around blue tipped chartreuse beard; pronounced sweet fragrance. Baby Blessed X Rare Spice.

\*ARTESIAN LADY (R. Lyons, BB, R. 1986). Long's Gardens 1988.

AUREAN (B. Blyth, R. 1988). Sdlg. U35-A. IB, 18" (48 cm), E. Brilliant clear golden yellow; self beard. Manhattan Blues X Marmalade Skies.

BABY CAKES (M. Byers, R. 1988). Sdlg. E21-104. SDB, 8½" (22 cm), E-M & RE. S. creamy white; F. gold with toasty brownish overlay, creamy white edge; white beard tipped yellow; pronounced sweet fragrance. Baby Blessed X Ditto.

get (BABY SUNSHINE (M. Brizendine by J. & L. Fry, R. 1988). Sdlg. MB-9-68. SDB, 9" (23 cm), M. S. deep yellow-orange; F. velvety deeper yellow-orange, edged lighter yellow-orange; yellow-orange beard. Lilli-Yellow X Orange Caper. J & L Iris 1988.

BANDED ROGUE (C. Boswell, R. 1988). Sdlg. 84-80-4B. BB, 26" (66 cm), M. S. old gold; brownish yellow, 1/4" golden band; yellow beard. Pagan Butterfly X (Prosperity x Under Gleam).

BEAM ME UP (S. Asmus, R. 1988). Sdlg. 85-37A. SDB, 10½" (27 cm), M. S. slightly lighter than F.; F. rich smooth light tobacco ocher; golden yellow ocher beard; slight fragrance. Greenlee G-17 X 82-34A: (Hocus Pocus x Bloodstone).

\*BERRY RICH (A. Ensminger, BB, R. 1986). Varigay Gardens 1987.

BILLABONG (H. Blyth, R. 1988). Sdlg. 7H27-1. IB, 24" (61 cm), M-ML. Rosy brown, lavender line down center of F.; gold beard. (Real Coquette x Queen's Pawn) X (Hindu Magic x Sun Snap). Tempo Two 1988/9.

BILL LEWIS (H. Briscoe, R. 1988). Sdlg. 71-31B. SDB, 10" (25 cm), E. S. olive green; F. olive bronze (RHS 171B), brown spot; orange beard tipped lavender. Wilma's Choice X 6872A: (Doriot 4-62 x Thisbe).

#BIRDBATH (M. Byers, TB, R. 1985). Name transferred to Sdlg. D161-1.

BIRDBATH (M. Byers, R. 1988). Sdlg. D161-1. BB, 26" (45 cm), M. Heavily ruffled blue white; blue beard tipped yellow in throat; self spoons; slight sweet fragrance. Song of Norway X B-8-2: (Cease-Fire x Sky Hooks).

BISBEE (D. Spence, R. 1988). Sdlg. S83-400-1. SDB, 12-15" (36-38 cm), M. Lightly ruffled cream-tan, russet brown spot and veining on F.; light blue beard tipped yellow, yellow in throat. Fred Elmer Bond X (Funtime x (Green Spot x unknown)). Kirkland Iris, 21st Century 1988.

BIT O' MAGIC (L. Miller, R. 1988). Sdlg. 6185B. BB, 23" (58 cm), M. Light venetian pink, splattered dark violet-purple on F.; light tangerine beard; slight musky fragrance. Evening in Paris X Far Corners.

BLACKBEARD (J. Weiler, R. 1988). Sdlg. 82-114-1. BB, 25" (64 cm), M-VL. Tailored pale steel blue self; blackish violet beard. 78-56-1A: ((Good-night Irene x Blue Luster) x (Matinata x Style Master)) X 76-64-1: ((Matinata x Style Master) x (Regalaire x Nobleman)).

BLITZ (J. Weiler, R. 1988). Sdlg. 84-50-1. SDB, 10" (25 cm), E-L & RE. S. full yellow; F. velvety dark yellow; light yellow beard; slight sweet fragrance. 81-19-3: (((Ruby Contrast x Little Blackfoot) x ((70-95-3RE: Brighteyes x Grace Note) x Bronze Babe) x (Cartwheel x 70-95-6))) x Pink Amber) X 82-3-4RE: (((Yellow Wave x 70-95-2RE) x (Cartwheel x 70-95-1RE)) x Chariots) x ((70-95-3RE x Gingerbread Man) x Stockholm)). Rialto Gardens 1988.

\*BLUEBIRD IN FLIGHT (O. D. Niswonger, IB, R. 1986). Cape Iris 1988.

BLUE NORTHER (N. Henderson, R. 1988). Sdlg. 78-12B. BB, 21" (52 cm), M. Dark blue-violet (RHS 95A); very pale blue beard; slight sweet fragrance. Prince Indigo X Pawnee Pride. Comanche Acres 1988.

BLUSHING DANCER (A. & D. Willott, R. 1988). Sdlg. 85-20. SDB, 12" (30 cm), E-M. Light violet-blue with rose spots on F.; light blue beard. 79-45: (Ruby Crown x Wild Ruby) X Velvet Eyes.



BOBBY'S HOBBY (B. Thomason, R. 1988). Sdlg. BT8513A. SDB, 10" (25 cm), M. Soft light blue, violet halo around beard, white markings on hafts; yellow beard tipped white. Orchid Bouquet X (Sapphire Gem x Plum Dandy).

BOZRAH (F. Gadd, R. 1988). Sdlg. 24-83. AB-MED (1/4), 15" (33 cm), E. S. wisteria blue; F. brick dust, widely edged lobelia blue; blue beard. Blueberry Muffins X Zimbek.

BRASS SHOPPE (A. & D. Willott, R. 1988). Sdlg. 84-40. SDB, 10" (26 cm), M. S. pale yellow, shaded blue at base; F. deep brass yellow; bright blue beard; ruffled. Amber Blaze X 79-172; plic of unknown parentage. Willott 1988.

BROADWAY DREAM (H. Nichols, R. 1988). Sdlg. 8345A. SDB, 12" (30 cm), VVL. S. ruffled antique beige gold, brown base; F. lighter, brown halo; orange lavender beard. Cotton Blossom X Captured Spirit.

BROM BONES (J. Burton, R. 1988). Sdlg. 84-B-2. SDB, 12" (30 cm), EM & RE (Oct. in MA). S. violet (RHS 88A); F. blended red violet, veined darker, violet spot; violet beard; cream anthers. Demence X Third Charm.

BROWNIE FLY-UP (D. Guild, R. 1988). Sdlg. 85-DG-49. MTB, 22-24" (56-61 cm). M-L. Muted brown; orange beard. 78-DG-64: (Flashing Beacon x Brown Crown) X Maggie Me Darlin'.

\*BUNNY HOP (P. Black, SDB, R. 1987). Mid-America Iris 1988.

BUSINESS TYCOON (H. Nichols, R. 1988). Sdlg. 8803A. SDB, 12" (30 cm), E. S. chartreuse gold, fluted; F. ruffled yellow brown, edged chartreuse gold; gold, violet and white blended beard. Dreams Adrift X Irish Temper.

\*BUTTERUM (K. Fillmore, SDB, R. 1987). Bar K Iris 1988.

BUTTON BOX (Schreiner's, R. 1988). Sdlg. S 990-B. SDB, 9" (23 cm), E. Mal-low purple (HCC 630/1) with violet purple (733) spot pattern on F.; bluish beard. Unknown parentage. Schreiner's 1988.

CALICO CAT (C. Lankow, R. 1988). Sdlg. 7845-3. BB, 20" (51 cm), M-L. S. soft light yellow; F. light sea lavender violet, red wine hafts; yellow beard; slight sweet fragrance. 7579-2: (Andi x 7138-1: (65J2, pink TB x Yellow Dresden)) X Miss Nellie.

CANDYLAND (M. Byers, R. 1988). Sdlg. C25-100. BB, 23" (58 cm), E-M & RE. S. white with faint flush of pink on midrib; F. peachy pink with suffused white border; tangerine beard; lightly ruffled; slight sweet fragrance. Face Powder X Marmalade Skies. Moonshine Gardens 1988.

CARABOO (R. Sparling, R. 1988). SDB, 12" (30 cm), E-L. Lightly ruffled white with blue thumbprint on F.; white beard tipped yellow at base. Carousell Belle X unknown.

CARIBBEAN CARNIVAL (D. Spence, R. 1988). Sdlg. S-83-5-1. SDB, 13" (33 cm), M. S. medium violet, slight copper shading on midrib; F. slightly lighter violet with copper spot/ray pattern; lavender beard tipped yellow. Fred Elmer Bond X Violet Trousseau. 21st Century Gardens 1987.

CASPER'S SHADOW (O. D. Niswonger, R. 1987). Sdlg. SDB 4-87. SDB, 12" (30 cm), E-M. S. blue grey; F. chartreuse, blending into burgundy at center; silver blue beard. Silver Rain X unknown. Cape Iris 1988.

\*CASTLE STRONGHOLD (H. Nichols, BB, R. 1982). Hillcrest Iris 1988.

CHALKHILL (R. Watkins, R. 1988). Sdlg. HH1/COD. SDB, 14" (36 cm), M. Yellow white (RHS 158C); cream beard; tailored. Cliffs of Dover X (I. pumila x Hanselmeyer H503).

\*CHARTREUSE MOUSSE (R. Bohrer, SDB, R. 1987). Bohrer's Iris 1988.

CHERRY FESTIVAL (A. & D. Willott, R. 1988). Sdlg. 84-19. SDB, 10" (26 cm), E-M. Deep red violet, white lines around beard; pale violet and yellow beard; ruffled; light violet styles. 79-84: (Clay's Caper x Wild Ruby) X unknown. Willott 1988.

CHERRY GROVE (E. Tankesley-Clarke, R. 1988). Sdlg. 243C. SDB, 12" (30 cm), M. S. plum mauve (RHS 185D); F. plum (70C), upper half dotted burgundy (184B), bright violet (78A) blaze; blue white beard tipped yellow; slight sweet fragrance. On Fire X Sky Drops.

CHERRY TEA (R. Strohman, R. 1988). Sdlg. 78-7-2. SDB, 10" (26 cm), E. S. warm tan, flushed red at base; F. red, fading to tan at edge; white beard, yellow in throat; pronounced sweet fragrance. Red Heart X Blueberry Muffins.

\*CHICO (A. Harper, SDB, R. 1987). Comanche Acres, Harper's Gardens 1988.

CHUBBY CHILD (C. Vizvarie, R. 1988). Sdlg. CRV-64-85A. SDB, 10" (25 cm), M. Yellow, white flash in center of F.; yellow beard; slight fragrance. Zoom Boom Boola X Chubby Cheeks.

CIMARRON ROSE (H. Nichols, R. 1988). Sdlg. 8628F. SDB, 14" (46 cm), M-L. S. ruffled grey red blend; F. tan grey-red, deeper spot; brown tipped blue beard. Bright Buttons X Cheery Cherry.

CINDERS (M. Byers, R. 1988). Sdlg. E33-108. SDB, 13" (33 cm), E-L & RE. S. deep violet; F. deeper velvety violet with reddish underglow; blue violet beard. Third Charm X Jewel Baby.

CIRRUS VEIL (R. Watkins, R. 1988). Sdlg. DV/CUT. SDB, 9" (23 cm), E. Tailored mid yellow white (RHS 158D), violet blue (89D) plicata edge on F.; cream beard. Dancers Veil X (I. pumila x Cute Capers).

COLORADO AMBROSIA (T. Magee, R. 1988). Sdlg. 8358. BB, 27" (68 cm), E. Pale pink with lemon ivory blaze on F.; orange beard. 8013E: (Treasure Room x (Colorado Sunshine x White Lightning)) X 768: (((Above All x Fuji's Mantle) x (Mary Randall x Strike Me Pink sib)) x ((Strike Me Pink x Fair Luzon) x Pink Sleigh)).

\*COLOR BRITE (A. Ensminger, BB, R. 1986). Varigay Gardens 1987.

CORAL SHELL (B. Jones, R. 1988). Sdlg. 84-6-3. BB, 22" (56 cm), E. Deep coral self; tangerine beard; slight fragrance. 81-32-1: ((Bright Life x pink sdlg.) x (Bright Life x Orange Chariot)) X 81-20-3: ((Bright Butterfly x Bright Life) x (Bright Life x pink sdlg.)).

CORNICHE (A. Farrington, R. 1988). Sdlg. 80B5. SDB, 13" (33 cm), M. Light blue with deeper center on F.; blue beard; slight fragrance. Gentle Smile X Blue Pools. SC (BIS) 1988.

COUNTRY BUMPKIN (B. Thomason, R. 1988). Sdlg. BT8509A. SDB, 9" (23 cm), VE. Lightly ruffled bright yellow; F. edged slightly lighter, brown markings in throat; orange beard. Brassie X (Be Dazzled x Gingerbread Man).

CRYSTAL DREAMS (H. Shockey, R. 1988). Sdlg. 84-201-BB. TB, 34" (86 cm), M. S. pink, blending to irregular violet edge; F. white, lightly flushed blue pink, narrow darker pink edge; cerise beard with 1/2" blue tip; ruffled and lightly laced; slight spicy fragrance. 81-225-W: ((Chartreuse Ruffles x Orchid Flash) x (Starfrost Pink x Startler)) X 81-215-3A: ((Starfrost Pink x Startler) x Pink Angel).

CUTE ORANGE HORN (G. Sutton, R. 1988). Sdlg. 4-80A. BB, 24" (61 cm), M. Bright orange self; red beard; 3/4" red horns. Aah Soo X Flaming Victory. Sutton's Green Thumber 1988.

\*DAINTY BIANCA (J. Witt, MTB, R. 1987). Kirkland Iris 1988.

DAIQUIRI (B. Blyth, R. 1988). Sdlg. U37-9. IB, 26" (66 cm), M. S. apricot; F. apricot with golden apricot glow around beard and hafts; apricot beard. Marmalade Skies X ((Catani x Tiger Rouge) x (Inscription x Centricity)). Tempo Two 1988/9.

DaNARDO (B. Thomason, R. 1988). Sdlg. BT8516A. SDB, 9" (23 cm), M. Light blue grey, light yellow markings on hafts; yellow beard tipped blue. Sapphire Jewel X Jade Mist.

\*DARK CRYSTAL (M. Byers, SDB, R. 1987). Moonshine Gardens 1988

DARK DOMAIN (A. Harper, R. 1988). Sdlg. A1-4. SDB, 10" (25 cm), EM. Dark blue violet (RHS 95B) self. Fingerprints X Little Black Belt.

DARKLING (M. Byers, R. 1988). Sdlg. E33-107. SDB, 13" (33 cm), E-L & RE. S. deep violet; F. deeper velvety violet; blue beard. Third Charm X Jewel Baby.

- DILEMMA (J. Burton, R. 1988). Sdlg. 81-1. SDB, 10-12" (25-30 cm), M. S. light blue; F. light blue, bronze veining on cream ground at hafts, dark violet dots form dotted and veined crescent at end of deep yellow beard. Twice Blessed X unknown. EC 1986.
- \*DOROTHY HOWARD (C. Palmer, SDB, R. 1986). C. Palmer 1988.
- DOT (S. Innerst, R. 1988). Sdlg. 2249-16. SDB, 12" (30 cm), M. Off white self; medium blue beard; slight fragrance. Jared X Dixie Pixie.
- \*DOUBLE BANDED (C. Boswell, BB, R. 1987). Adamgrove, Boswell Iris 1988.
- DREAM WALTZ (A. & D. Willott, R. 1988). Sdlg. 86-69. IB, 19" (48 cm), M-L. Ruffled white self; yellow beard. 79-212: (((Blue Chiffon x Java Dove) x pink TB sdlg.) x Buffy) X La Velita. HC 1987.
- DUSKY THIEF (H. Nichols, R. 1988). Sdlg. 8502C. SDB, 12" (30 cm), E. S. violet blue; F. slightly darker, solid indigo halo; yellow blue beard. Royal Carnival X (Captured Spirit sib x (Amazon Princess x Meadow Moss)).
- DUTCH DOOR (A. Harper, R. 1988). Sdlg. A2-3. SDB, 9½" (24 cm), EM. S. amber (RHS 14D); F. tan (163A/B). Aztec Princess X It's Tops.
- ELECTRIC DREAMS (B. Blyth, R. 1988). Sdlg. T2-A. SDB, 13-14" (33-36 cm), VVE-VE. S. electric lavender, deeper at midrib; F. electric lavender with olive chartreuse overlay; violet blue beard. Capricornia X (Diligence x Real Coquette). Tempo Two 1988/9.
- ERICA REYES (B. Thomason, R. 1988). Sdlg. BT8510F. SDB, 9" (23 cm), M. Sky blue, light violet halo around bushy white beard. Sapphire Gem X Angel Baby.
- ESALAN (W. Moores, R. 1988). Sdlg. 83-2-D. AB-MED (1/4), 15" (38 cm), EM. S. straw to khaki; F. yellowish brown, flecked wine, brown spot below brown beard. Sherlock X Moon Dust.
- \*ESMERALDA (J. Ghio, BB, R. 1987). Bay View Gardens 1988.
- EVENING HUSH (H. Nichols, R. 1988). Sdlg. 8322B. SDB, 12" (30 cm), M. Ruffled violet blue, darker halo on F.; indigo violet beard. Captured Spirit X Banbury Ruffles.
- FAT 'N SASSY (G. Gaddie, R. 1988). Sdlg. 66-11. SDB, 12" (30 cm), M. S. violet purple (RHS 77A); F. velvety deep ruby wine (darker than 59A), edged violet purple (77A); large cadmium gold beard. Buttercup Charm X Peachy Face. HC 1988.
- FIDDLE FADDLE (B. Hager, R. 1988). Sdlg. IB4298FcyPc. IB, 23" (58 cm), M. S. plum maroon; F. yellow ground, striped red maroon; off white beard. Phoenix X Pepper Mill.



FLOWER CHILD (M. Byers, R. 1988). Sdlg. E24-110. SDB, 8½" (22 cm), E-L & RE. S. white; F. green gold spray pattern from hafts, diffusing into wine, then grape overlay with white edge; white beard tipped yellow; heavily ruffled; pronounced sweet fragrance. Small Flash X Ditto.

FRANKINCENSE (M. Byers, R. 1988). Sdlg. E24-101. SDB, 8½" (22 cm), E-L & RE. S. gold; F. gold hafts and edge, suffused red lines at hafts blending to bright red maroon center; ruffled; pronounced sweet fragrance. Small Flash X Ditto.

FRENCH TOAST (D. Sindt by Adamgrove, R. 1988). Sdlg. 683. SDB, 13" (33 cm), M. Clear bright gold ground, heavy plicata dotting of cinnamon except in center; white beard tipped gold; bright yellow style arms; slight sweet fragrance. 337: (Ginger Tart x Quip) X Pepper Mill. EC 1988.

FRIDAY HARBOR (C. Lankow, R. 1988). Sdlg. 4A40-5. IB, 22" (56 cm), M. S. light blue (RHS 97D); F. blue white; white beard tipped yellow orange inside; slight sweet fragrance. That's Right X Emmanuel.

FROSTED VELVET (K. Fisher, R. 1988). Sdlg. 84-5. MTB, 22" (56 cm), M. S. white; F. royal purple, precise white edge; light cream beard. Consummation X White Canary.

FRUIT SALAD (L. Miller, R. 1988). Sdlg. 3884A. SDB, 10" (25 cm), M. Pale apricot, small medium plum halo on F.; apricot beard tipped coral. Inscription X Pixie Pink.

GAMIN (P. Anfosso, R. 1988). Sdlg. P82 12 B. SDB, 9" (22 cm), M. Lightly ruffled light flax blue, white flash and veined deeper around flax blue beard. Sapphire Jewel X Canary Isle. Iris en Provence 1988.

GENTLE SHOWERS (H. Sprowls, R. 1988). Sdlg. K85-102. IB, 20" (50 cm), E-M. White ground plicata, stitched lavender blue; blue white beard tipped white; pronounced sweet fragrance. Gentle Rain X Blue Freckles.

GOLDEN CHILD (M. Byers, R. 1988). Sdlg. E6-103. SDB, 13" (33 cm), E-L & RE. S. medium light yellow; F. same with bright golden yellow center; blue white beard tipped yellow orange in throat. Thrice Blessed X Baby Blessed.

GOLDEN TEARS (D. S. Varner, R. 1988). Sdlg. V2063. BB, 26" (66 cm), EM. Bright deep yellow self; light orange yellow beard. V447: ((546 x Miss Illini) x Dixieland) X Marmalade Skies. Illini Iris 1988.

GRAY POUPON (M. Byers, R. 1988). Sdlg. E34-101. SDB, 13" (33 cm), E-L & RE. S. greenish mustard gold; pale violet styles, yellow crests; F. slightly deeper satiny greenish mustard gold; grey beard tipped mustard gold from throat; slight musky fragrance. Third World X Jewel Baby.

GYPSY BRIDE (L. Miller, R. 1988). Sdlg. 4385D. BB, 22" (56 cm), M. S. light magenta rose; F. dark ruby red, signal blushed apricot; burnt tangerine beard. Far Corners X Marmalade.

\*HANKY (T. Magee, SDB, R. 1985). Long's Gardens 1988.

HOME PORT (C. Lankow, R. 1987). Sdlg. OCS-1. SDB, 9½" (25 cm), E. S. Light French blue; F. slightly lighter, inconspicuous white spear at tip of self beard; slight sweet fragrance. Skydrops X OA8-2: (Rain Dance x Friday's Child). Kirkland Iris 1988.

HUG A BUNCH (G. Shoop, R. 1988). IB, 18" (46 cm), E. Ruffled and flaring pink self; pink beard. Blushes X Spring Dancer. Shoop 1988.

INDIGO FLIGHT (T. Naylor, R. 1988). Sdlg. T74/3/3. IB, 23" (59 cm), M. Indigo blue; dark blue beard. Jane Taylor X blue sdlg. of unknown parentage. HC (Wisley) 1988.

JA WOHL (B. Thomason, R. 1988). Sdlg. BT8510G. SDB, 10" (25 cm), E-L. White, yellow beard tipped white; slight fragrance. Sapphire Gem X Angel Baby.

JAZZAROO (H. Blyth, R. 1988). Sdlg. 6H5-A. SDB, 9" (23 cm), VE-E. S. green lemon; F. light ruby infused olive, olive yellow around hafts; bronze beard. ((Joy Bringer x Winter Olympics) x Oliver) X (Petite Polka x Escape Artist sib). Tempo Two 1988/9.

JEWEL HEART (A. & D. Willott, R. 1988). Sdlg. 84-81A. SDB, 10" (26 cm), M-L. S. pale yellow; F. white, full yellow spot; pale yellow beard. Morris X unknown. HC 1987.

JILLIAN MASON (B. Price, R. 1988). Sdlg. IB 1/1. IB, 19" (48 cm), M. White self with blue hafts; white beard. Arctic Fancy X unknown. ST (BIS) 1986, HC (BIS) 1988.

JOAN HORITZ (M. Hagberg, R. 1988). Sdlg. 80-16. SDB, 11" (28 cm), M. S. buff yellow; F. lavender blue, edged yellow buff, chartreuse hafts; lavender blue beard; ruffled. Flirty Mary X That's It. EC 1988.

JUNE ROSE (R. Blodgett, R. 1988). Sdlg. 115-81F. IB, 23" (58 cm), M. Ruffled salmon pink, rose blotch on F., white hafts veined rose; tangerine beard. 75-30: (Chief Waukesha sib x Chief Waukesha) X Petite Pink. HC 1986, EC 1988.

JUST A WHISPER (M. Wolff, R. 1988). Sdlg. 84-2-7. IB, 17" (43 cm), VL. Very pale Chinese coral (HCC 614/4) self; deeper beard. Angela X Jane Ann.

KARL SCHAEFER (M. Wolff, R. 1988). Sdlg. 83-3-1. BB, 21" (53 cm), E. Flax blue (HCC 642/1) self; deeper blue beard. 78-5-5: (Quiet Prayer x Sienna Star) X Pamela Kay.

KOELLE ALAAF (R. Zeh, R. 1988). Sdlg. 302-3-85. BB, 23½" (60 cm), E-M. S. brassy yellow; F. velvety blackish red, widely banded red brown, yellow white plic stippling toward yellow beard; ruffled. Chief Hematite X Oh Babe.

LADY CREAM (C. Boswell, R. 1988). Sdlg. 188-79-B. BB, 21" (53 cm), E. Laced and lightly ruffled pale cream, darker edge; yellow beard. ((Yum-Yum x Campus Flirt) x Java Dove) X Chartreuse Ruffles.

\*LADY OF MARIETTA (W. T. Varner, MTB, R. 1987). Ohio Gardens 1988.

\*LAST BID (Ed Roberts, BB, R. 1987). Ed Roberts 1988.

\*LEMON FANTASY (A. & D. Willott, SDB, R. 1982) Willott 1988.

LENORA PEARL (H. Nichols, R. 1988). Sdlg. 8728A. BB, 27" (69 cm), E-L. Ruffled salmon pink self; hot orange beard. Anna Glitsch X Elizabeth Mar-  
rison.

LEPRECHAUN EYELASH (C. Boswell, R. 1988). Sdlg. 34-80-S. SDB, 9" (23 cm), L. S. smoky white; F. pale chartreuse, short olive eyelash markings and hafts, blue center line; blue beard. Eyelash X ((Ruby Contrast x (Gingerbread Man x I. balkana)) x Tanny).

LIGHTEN UP (L. Miller, R. 1988). Sdlg. 10584. SDB, 14" (36 cm), E-M. Light canary yellow, ice blue blaze on F., deeper yellow veining at hafts; ice blue beard tipped gold in throat; slight spicy fragrance. Combo X unknown.

LIKE A CHARM (M. Byers, R. 1988). Sdlg. D114-1. IB, 22" (56 cm), M & RE. S. light lemon yellow; F. white with bright yellow from hafts to end of beard; blue beard tipped yellow; blue violet horns; lightly ruffled; pronounced sweet fragrance. Thrice Blessed X A-6-10: (Actress x Sky Hooks).

LIMELINE (R. Strohman, R. 1988). Sdlg. 78-7-1. SDB, 12" (31 cm), E. S. light tan, overlaid with greenish influence; F. rosy brown, fading to rosy tan toward edge, greenish gold edge, pronounced greenish gold glow around beard, green midline; white beard tipped yellow; chocolate fragrance. Red Heart X Blueberry Muffins.

LIME MIST (A. & D. Willott, R. 1988). Sdlg. 84-37. SDB, 10" (26 cm), E-M. S. warm white; F. white, washed lime green; blue white beard. Amber Blaze X Spring Tracery. HC 1987. Willott 1988.

LITTLE BIG HORN (M. Byers, R. 1988). Sdlg. E54-1. IB, 18" (46 cm), EM-M. S. medium yellow with tan cast; F. same with satiny brownish overlay; yellow orange beard; usually has large upward radiating trumpet flounces, maroon outside, light yellow inside; sometimes sports maroon brown horns or spoons instead; ruffled; pronounced sweet fragrance. C37-3: (Marmalade Skies x Sky Hooks) X Hager SDB variegata sdlg. with tiny horns.

LITTLE BROWN JUG (D. Meek, R. 1988). Sdlg. 48-1-9. AB, 10" (25 cm), E. S. muted mustard; F. tan brown, recurved; gold beard. (Grace Note x Wilma V) X Kasbah Queen. D & J Iris 1988.

LITTLE BUTTER (R. Blodgett, R. 1988). Sdlg. D84-19. SDB, 11" (28 cm), M. Butter yellow, deeper in center of F.; yellow beard. Unknown parentage. HC, EC 1988.

\*LITTLE ME (B. Hager, MTB, R. 1987). Melrose Gardens 1988.

\*LITTLE MISS (A. Ensminger, BB, R. 1986). Varigay Gardens 1987.

LITTLE VIXEN (A. McWhirter, R. 1988). Sdlg. 82F-8. SDB, 11" (28 cm), M. S. deep purple with near black (RHS 71A) infusion; F. dark red violet with velvety sheen and near black highlights (99A); macaroni yellow beard; purple infusion at base of leaf fan. Twink X Little Buccaneer.

\*LITTLE WHO (B. Hager, MTB, R. 1987). Melrose Gardens 1988.

\*LITTLE YOU (B. Hager, MTB, R. 1987). Melrose Gardens 1988.

LOCAL YOKEL (B. Thomason, R. 1988). Sdlg. BT8507A. SDB, 10" (25 cm), E. White, pale blue eyelash markings around bushy white beard. Half Moon Bay X (Dove Wings x Sapphire Gem).

\*LOSKEHA (F. Gadd, AB-MED, R. 1987). Aril Society, Wethersfield Iris 1988.

\*LOVELY ME (L. Miller, SDB, R. 1987). Miller's Manor 1988.

LOW HO SILVER (M. Byers, R. 1988). Sdlg. E2D0-1D0. IB, 19" (48 cm), E-L & RE. Silvery white, touched tannish yellow at hafts; silvery white beard tipped yellow; slight sweet fragrance. Howdy Do X Baby Blessed.

MAD DASH (S. Asmus, R. 1988). Sdlg. 83-19A. SDB, 12" (30 cm), E-M. S. greyed wine maroon; F. velvety deep wine maroon; pale yellow beard, orange in throat; ruffled; slight fragrance. Happening X Combo.

MAMA BIG BUCKS (C. Vizvarie, R. 1988). Sdlg. CRV 1-85A. SDB, 10" (25 cm), M. Purple violet (RHS 82A) self, veined hafts; self beard; slight sweet fragrance. Magic Secret X Rainbow Music. Last Scent 1988.



- MARITA (L. Zurbrigg, R. 1988). Sdlg. T6. SDB, 10-12" (25-30 cm), VE & RE (Sept. in VA). S. near white; F. white, almost completely overlaid with chartreuse texture veins; green yellow beard. Immortality X Welch H-503. EC 1988.
- MASTER SLEUTH (H. Nichols, R. 1988). Sdlg. 8832A. IB, 18" (46 cm), E-L. S. white ground, stitched blue violet; F. white ground, marbled blue violet, lighter area around blue beard; ruffled. Court Magician X Premonition.
- MENTON (A. Farrington, R. 1988). Sdlg. 79B2. SDB, 11" (27 cm), M. Ruffled white with purple plicata edging; blue white beard. Scribe X Dunlin. HC (BIS Trial) 1988.
- MERCY ME (A. Machulak, R. 1987). Sdlg. 82-73-17. SDB, 9" (23 cm), M-L. S. yellow (RHS 5A); F. same with slight deep gold wash, yellow green (153B) center spot; light gold beard tipped blue; slight sweet fragrance. Sunny Heart X unknown. Miller's Manor 1988.
- MINI-AGNES (T. Naylor, R. 1988). Sdlg. T84/1/1. SDB, 10" (26 cm), E. S. white ground, stitched purple; F. purple with yellow glow; grey white beard, gold center; tailored. Taylor R109/z X T80/3/1: ((Carousel Princess x Brannigan) x unknown). Lilliput Vase, selected for trial at Wisley, SC (RHS) 1988.
- MISTY REFLECTIONS (H. Nichols, R. 1988). Sdlg. 8677C-2. IB, 18" (46 cm), E-L. Ruffled light blue bitone; lavender beard. Court Magician X Premonition.
- MODERN MOOD (A. Machulak, R. 1988). Sdlg. 52-78-14. SDB, 9" (21 cm), E. S. violet blue (RHS 92C); F. same with purple violet (80A) markings; blue beard; slight sweet fragrance. 75-2-2: ((Chinese Coral x Flippancy) x Buffy) X unknown. Miller's Manor 1988.
- MOOCHA (P. Blyth, R. 1988). Sdlg. 6-2-1. SDB, 10" (26 cm), M. S. maroon brown, cream at base of midrib; F. lemon, stitched maroon brown; old gold beard. (Wishful Thought x (Smoky Pecan x Marinka)) X ((Confederate Soldier x ((Serenity x Regards) x Pulse Rate)) x Bravita). Tempo Two 1988/9.
- MOON TOUCHED (J. & L. Fry, R. 1988). Sdlg. 77-F-3. AB, (OGB), 17" (43 cm), E. S. white, full yellow midrib; yellow style arms; F. full yellow, very dark red signal; yellow beard. Syrian Moon X Irish Touch. EC 1985. J & L Fry 1988.
- \*MORNING SHOW (A. Ensminger, IB, R. 1987). Varigay Gardens 1988.
- \*MY FUNNY VALENTINE (E. Jensen, AB-MED, R. 1986). Aril Society 1988.
- #NANOAH (J. Witt, MTB, R. 1987). Name released 1988.

NEON PIXIE (L. Miller, R. 1988). Sdlg. 2986A. SDB, 11" (28 cm), E-M. Pale coral pink, light tangerine orange spot on F.; dark coral beard; slight musky fragrance. Furit Salad X Bright Vision.

NORTH COAST (A. & D. Willott, R. 1988). Sdlg. 83-120. BB, 27" (68 cm), M. S. tan; F. cream, edged tan yellow, brown hafts; bronze beard; ruffled. 79-209: (Swizzle x Co Co Mocha) X Picayune. EC 1984, 1986, HC 1987.

OBLIGATA (H. Stahly, R. 1988). Sdlg. 84-4. IB, 24" (60 cm), M. S. medium orange lightly flushed coral; F. medium orange; tangerine beard tipped white; lightly ruffled. Marmalade Skies X Melon Honey. Stahly 1988.

O'COOL (B. Blyth, R. 1988). Sdlg. V42-2. IB, 20" (51 cm), EM-M. White, lavender violet crescent on F.; gold beard. Jazzamatazz X (Embassadora x Evening Echo). Tempo Two 1988/89.

\*OH JAY (C. Lankow, SDB, R. 1987). Kirkland Iris 1988.

OKIE DOKIE (B. Thomason, R. 1988). Sdlg. BT8520A. SDB, 9" (23 cm), E. S. violet red; F. red to brown, yellow markings on hafts; yellow beard tipped violet. Gingerbread Man X Fuchsia Gem.

OLIVE AND BLUE (R. Blodgett, R. 1988). Sdlg. D84-18. SDB, 12" (30 cm), M. Olive green yellow, blue hafts; deep blue beard and crests. Hocus Pocus X 214: (731 x Mrs. Nate Rudolph). HC 1986.

OLIVE OYL (E. Lineberger, R. 1988). Sdlg. QHD101. SDB, 10" (25 cm), M. Golden olive with gold flecked sheen; bright lavender beard; pronounced spicy fragrance. Dasher X unknown.

\*ORANGE TIGER (B. Jones, SDB, R. 1987). B. Jones 1988.

ORB (T. Blyth, R. 1988). Sdlg. TG21-1. AB-MED, 22" (52 cm), M-ML. S. lilac, some deeper veining; F. lilac, rosy violet area around bluish bronze beard. Manhattan Blues X Story Theme.

ORCAS ISLAND (J. Boushay, R. 1988). Sdlg. 76-D-02. SDB, 11" (28 cm), M. Bluish pink, more blue toward base of S.; light blue beard; slight spicy fragrance. M 1704-5: ((Pink Cushion x Lenna M) x M 1387-8, sib) X Baby Pink. J & J Iris 1988.

ORILLIA'S RING (J. Witt, R. 1988). Sdlg. 85-03-45. MTB, 18" (44 cm), L. S. medium yellow (Munsell 5Y 9/9); F. white, edged medium yellow, brown lines and dots at edge, yellow reverse; yellow beard. Spanish Coins X unknown.

\*OSAGE WARRIOR (A. Hickerson, SDB, R. 1985). R. Hickerson 1987.

OZARK SKY (K. Fisher, R. 1988). Sdlg. Q4. MTB, 22" (56 cm), M. S. white ground, heavily stitched blue lavender; F. white, stitched blue lavender on edge; orange beard fading to cream. 80CC: (Slim Jim x Consummation) X 82-25-24A: (76N x self, colchicine treated).

PARTY QUEEN (L. Miller, R. 1988). Sdlg. 4385C. BB, 22" (56 cm), M. S. full erythrite red; F. dark ruby red, erythrite red spot edged dark apricot; burnt orange beard. Far Corners X Marmalade.

PATAKAKE (P. Black, R. 1988). Sdlg. 86319B. SDB, 14" (36 cm), M. S. medium creamy orange; F. same, darker hafts, white dart at end of beard; orange beard tipped white; slight musky fragrance. 8260: (Melon Honey x Velvet Pride) X Bright Vision.

PATCHES ON PARADE (J. T. Aitken, R. 1988). Sdlg. 80-25A. IB, 22" (56 cm), M. Mid violet blue with brown spot around beard; white beard tipped yellow. Beau X Sea Wolf. EC 1983. Aitken's Salmon Creek Garden 1988.

PATRIOT'S GEM (F. Gadd, R. 1988). Sdlg. 1A-84. AB-MED (1/4), 15" (38 cm), E. S. bluebird blue, narrowly edged yellow; darker blue style arms, edged yellow; F. bluebird blue; yellow beard. Lady X Vindaloo.

\*PATTY J (Allen Harper, MTB, R. 1987). Harper's Gardens 1988.

\*PEBBLE BROOK (F. Gadd, AB-MED, R. 1987). Aril Society, Wethersfield Iris 1988.

PEGGIE VAN LEAR (B. Thomason, R. 1988). Sdlg. BT8518A. IB, 17" (43 cm), M-L. Medium yellow; orange beard tipped yellow. Avanelle X Harlow Gold.

PIECE OF CAKE (B. Hager, R. 1988). Sdlg. IB4893Pk. IB, 22" (56 cm), M. S. clear pink; F. clear pink with touch of orchid when fresh, faint plicata markings on hafts; white beard tipped tangerine; slight fragrance. Keppel 78-75A: ((Smoke Rings x (Roundup sib x April Melody)) x Pecadello sib x April Melody) x Pecadello sib) X SD4455LaPkPcSh: (Giggle Pot x SD 4024PkPc: (inv. Blonde Doll, Buttercup Charm, Pink Amber, Pink Cushion).

PINES (E. Tankesley-Clarke, R. 1988). Sdlg. 371B. SDB, 13" (33 cm), ML. S. cream to ecru (near RHS 158C); F. oyster (157C) with pale chartreuse (160D) halo; white beard; slight sweet fragrance. Sapphire Gem X Frosty Atom.

PINK PANTHER (A. & D. Willott, R. 1988). Sdlg. 83-22. SDB, 14" (33 cm), E-L. Pale pink, light amber hafts; light blue beard. 80-47: (Erie Islands x 78-126: (Cherished x Greenlee GX-9, white pumila)) X Coral Wings. Willott 1988.

PLUM LUSCIOUS (A. & D. Willott, R. 1988). Sdlg. 86-17. SDB, 13" (32 cm), E-M. Ruffled full violet, large deep red violet spot on F.; light violet beard. Night Circle X Burgundy Doll.

\*PLUM TOPPING (L. Bausch, SDB, R. 1986). Garden of the East Wind 1988.

POCO LOCO (B. Thomason, R. 1988). Sdlg. BT8508A. SDB, 9" (23 cm), E. Lightly ruffled pale blue on opening, fading to near white, yellow markings on hafts; yellow beard tipped lavender; slight fragrance. Stockholm X (Caesura x Blue Wind).

POET LAUREATE (A. & D. Willott, R. 1988). Sdlg. 83-30. SDB, 11" (28 cm), E-M. S. pink with slight bluish tint; F. pink, lighter in center, amber hafts, fluted; blue beard turning orange in throat. Hammered Copper X Coral Wings. HC 1987.

\*PRAIRIE NUGGET (K. Fillmore, SDB, R. 1987). Bar K Iris 1988.

PUMPKIN CENTER (B. Jones, R. 1988). Sdlg. M346-1. SDB, 10" (25 cm), M. Warm white, pumpkin orange spot pattern on F.; tangerine beard; slight fragrance. Hooligan X M309-2: (Solar Flight x M255: (Melon Honey x pink sdlg.)).

QUEEN'S IVORY (T. Naylor, R. 1988). Sdlg. T76/15/1. SDB, 12" (30 cm), E. Tailored ivory, yellow at hafts; very pale blue beard, gold in throat. T71/1/3: (yellow Taylor sdlg. x Brannigan) X T73/6/1: (Royal Contrast x unknown). On trial at Wisley 1986.

QUE PASO (B. Thomason, R. 1988). Sdlg. BT8515A. SDB, 10" (25 cm), E-M. Medium violet; yellow beard tipped lavender. Mr. Roberts X Jillaroo.

QUETAHRA (B. Thomason, R. 1988). Sdlg. BT85D8C. SDB, 9" (23 cm), E. Lightly ruffled peach, flushed white, orange veining at hafts; orange beard tipped white. Stockholm X (Caesura x Blue Wind).

QUIET PLACE (W. T. Varner, R. 1988). Sdlg. N-309. MTB, 20" (81 cm), E-M. Medium blue self; flaring F.; white beard; slight sweet fragrance. Blue Twinkle X K-314: ((I. cengialti YM-19 x blue sdlg.) x Consummation).

\*RAINBOW SHERBET (J. Weiler, SDB, R. 1987). Rialto Gardens 1988.

\*RANCHIPUR (W. Moores, AB-MED (1/4), R. 1987). Moores 1988.

RASPBERRY WHIP (A. & D. Willott, R. 1988). Sdlg. 84-125. SDB, 11" (28 cm), M. Ruffled light red violet; violet and orange beard. Hermosa Rose X 80-49: (Erie Islands x 78-126: (Cherished x Greenlee GX-9, white pumila)). HC 1985. Willott 1988.

RAT-A-TAT (R. Bohrer, R. 1988). Sdlg. 82-88. SDB, 13" (33 cm), E. Ruffled dark lavender violet; lavender beard; sweet fragrance. 80-43B: ((Pale Suede x 693A) x (66740 x self)) X Ida Mary Pattison.

REBECCA RUTH (M. Wolff, R. 1988). Sdlg. 84-2-33. BB, 23" (58 cm), M. S. peach (HCC 512/2); F. mauve, changing to peach toward edge; jasper red beard. Angela X Jane Ann.

RHINEMAIDENS (T. Magee, R. 1988). Sdlg. 8234. BB, 24" (61 cm), E. S. white inside, light gold outside; F. ruffled white, edged gold; gold beard. 7820: (Colorado Sunshine x White Lightning) X Mountain Sunbeams.

RIPPLE CHIP (J. T. Aitken, R. 1988). Sdlg. 80-60. SDB, 9" (23 cm), M-L. S. mid blue; F. deeper blue violet; white beard; slight sweet fragrance. Summer Nights X Dixie Pixie. Aitken's Salmon Creek Garden 1988.



ROMP (B. Blyth, R. 1988). Sdlg. U37-4. IB, 18-20" (46-51 cm), M-ML. S. creamy apricot; F. apricot orange; vivid tangerine beard. Marmalade Skies X ((Catani x Tiger Rouge) x (Inscription x Centricity)). Tempo Two 1988/89.

ROYAL DECREE (H. Nichols, R. 1988). Sdlg. 8804A. SDB, 14" (36 cm), E. S. purple violet, some white midrib markings; F. same with white area on each side of beard; yellow beard tipped blue; ruffled. Court Magician X (Pink Kitten x (Happy Mood x Kiss)).

ROYAL GOSSIP (H. Nichols, R. 1988). Sdlg. 8658A. IB, 18" (46 cm), M-L. S. nearly solid dark violet with few white flecks at base; F. same with white center, indigo blue line below beard; blue beard tipped brown; ruffled. Broadway X Court Magician.

\*RUBY LOCKET (O. D. Niswonger, SDB, R. 1987). Cape Iris 1988.

RUBY WILSON (D. Denney by J. McWhirter, R. 1988). Sdlg. D79-224. BB, 24" (61 cm), E-M. S. velvety deep maroon with cherry infusion; F. darker; self beard. Spectacular Bid X Maroon Bells.

\*RUSTY DUSTY (B. Hager, SDB, R. 1987). Melrose Gardens 1988.

SAKES ALIVE (B. Thomason, R. 1988). Sdlg. BT8508B. SDB, 9" (23 cm), E. Lightly ruffled light yellow, flushed white, brown veining at hafts; yellow beard tipped white. Stockholm X (Caesura x Blue Wind).

SASS WITH CLASS (P. Black, R. 1988). Sdlg. 86263B. SDB, 11" (28 cm), E. S. light chrome yellow; yellow styles; F. red brown, yellow ray pattern around yellow beard, yellow line from end of beard to edge; yellow edge; slight sweet fragrance. Blood Dance X Forte.

SEAFREEZE (S. Asmus, R. 1988). Sdlg. 85-69A. SDB, 10" (25 cm), M-L. S. medium light blue violet; F. medium blue violet; blue violet beard; slight sweet fragrance. Happening X On Fire.

\*SEA JEWEL (D. Albers, SDB, R. 1986). Borbeleta Gardens 1987.

SEA URCHIN (J. T. Aitken, R. 1988). Sdlg. 80-5A. SDB, 10" (25 cm), M-L. S. lavender; F. yellow; violet beard. Dixie Pixie X Summer Nights. Aitken's Salmon Creek Garden 1988.

\*SECOND OPINION (L. Bausch, MTB, R. 1982). Garden of the East Wind 1988.

SECRET PRINCE (A. & D. Willott, R. 1988). Sdlg. 83-26. SDB, 12" (30 cm), E-M. Ruffled full blue violet self; dark violet beard. Royal Silk X Yankee Skipper. Willott 1988.

\*SEMPER FI (H. Ames, BB, R. 1987). Comanche Acres 1988.

\*SHEER CLASS (L. Miller, SDB, R. 1986). Miller's Manor 1988.

\*SHEILA B (W. Simon, BB, R. 1987). Stahly 1988.

- SHERRIE'S SMILE (B. Mann, R. 1988). Sdlg. 85-2-E. SDB, 13" (34 cm), M. Tailored pale yellow, fading to white; white beard tipped pale lavender; slight sweet fragrance. Unknown yellow SDB X Banbury Ruffles.
- SHOOTING SPARKS (P. Black, R. 1988). Sdlg. 85458A. IB, 28" (71 cm), E. White with purple plicata markings around edge of S. & F.; white beard tipped lavender; slight spicy fragrance. 83303AA: (Flamenco x Magic Candle) X Chubby Cheeks sib.
- SHORELAND (T. Naylor, R. 1988). Sdlg. T74/10/1. SDB, 10" (26 cm), E. S. very pale blue; F. pale yellow ochre; pale blue white beard, gold in throat. T72/3/3 X T71/1/5: (Taylor yellow sdlg. x Brannigan). Lilliput Vase, SC (RHS) 1987.
- SHOW ME YELLOW (Dorothy Anderson, R. 1988). Sdlg. 51-23. SDB, 12" (30 cm), M-L. Full yellow self; yellow beard; slight fragrance. Flirty Mary X Stockholm. HC 1987.
- SHY VIOLET (B. Jones, R. 1988). Sdlg. M397-1. SDB, 10" (25 cm), M. Lilac self; deep amethyst beard; lightly ruffled. M355-1: ((Kentucky Bluegrass x blue sdlg.) x Cotton Blossom) X M362-1: (Sapphire Jewel x M297-1).
- SIGH (P. Black, R. 1988). Sdlg. 86258A. SDB, 14" (36 cm), M. Ruffled white self; lavender beard. Azure Gem X Chubby Cheeks.
- SIXTEEN CANDLES (M. Byers, R. 1988). Sdlg. E75-100. IB, 23" (58 cm), EM-ML & RE. S. between creamy blue white and very pale yellow, ruffled; F. between waxy medium light yellow and creamy chartreuse yellow; yellow beard; slight sweet fragrance. Third Charm X C22-2: (Hallowed Thought x Glistening Icicle).
- SLATE 'N GOLD (R. Sparling, R. 1988). Sdlg. 86-S-8. SDB, 12" (30 cm), M. Slate blue with gold thumbprint on F.; slate blue beard. Unknown parentage.
- \*SMALL RITUAL (B. Hager, SDB, R. 1987). Melrose Gardens 1988.
- \*SMELL THE ROSES (M. Byers, SDB, R. 1987). Byers 1988.
- SOMSUBIN (B. Thomason, R. 1988). Sdlg. BT8510H. SDB, 10" (25 cm), L. White with pale lavender in throat, pale yellow hafts; yellow beard tipped white. Sapphire Gem X Angel Baby.
- SONJA'S SELAH (A. Ensminger, R. 1988). Sdlg. 81-39. BB, 24" (61 cm), ML. S. white; F. shrimp red (HCC 616/2); shrimp red (616/1) beard; slight fragrance. 79-106: (Almost Gladys x Foolish Pleasure) X Almost Gladys.
- SPACE PSALMS (H. Nichols, R. 1988). Sdlg. 8658B. IB, 18" (46 cm), M-L. S. ruffled grey purple, washed white in center; F. white, broadly edged grey purple; blue beard tipped brown. Broadway X Court Magician.

SPARKPLUG (M. Byers, R. 1988). Sdlg. E34-106. SDB, 13" (33 cm), E-M & RE. S. medium light blue violet; F. bright red violet, white stripes radiating out nearly horizontally from double wide frosty blue beard. Third World X Jewel Baby.

SPRING DEB (J. & L. Fry, R. 1988). Sdlg. 78-F-9. IB, 25" (68 cm), M. Pale yellow with full yellow hafts; yellow orange beard. White Dot X So Chic. J & L Iris 1988.

\*STARDANCER (B. Jones, SDB, R. 1987). B. Jones 1988.

STAR SHOWER (A. & D. Willott, R. 1988). Sdlg. 84-20. SDB, 12" (30 cm), E-M. S. ruffled light yellow; F. light yellow, edged and veined deep yellow; yellow beard. 78-158: (Kentucky Bluegrass x unknown) X unknown. Willott 1988.

STEALING HOME (L. Bellagamba, R. 1988). Sdlg. LG 1-87. SDB, 10" (25 cm), ML. S. pristine white; F. lemon yellow. Unknown parentage.

STEELER LITTLE (H. Blyth, R. 1988). Sdlg. 7H27-2. IB, 24" (61 cm), M-ML. Steel violet grey, slightly deeper around lemon beard, blue flash on F. (Real Coquette X Queen's Pawn) X (Hindu Magic x Sun Snap). Tempo Two 1988/89.

SUNNY DAWN (B. Jones, R. 1988). Sdlg. IN85-4-1. IB, 23" (53 cm), M. Lemon yellow with orange wash on F.; bright red beard; slight fragrance. 79-2: (Peach Float x 76-9: (Orange Glory x Shoop sdlg.)) X M334-2: ((Solar Flight x M255) x (Wright L20 x M255)).

SWEETIE GIRL (T. Magee, R. 1988). Sdlg. 8319. BB, 21" (54 cm), E. Laced and heavily ruffled pink self; pink beard; sweet fragrance. Pink Bubbles X 7216: ((Strike Me Pink x Fair Luzon) x Pink Sleigh).

TASHA (A. Farrington, R. 1988). Sdlg. 82B1. SDB, 10" (25 cm), M. S. yellow blue blend; F. light yellow, heavily overlaid gold; blue beard tipped yellow. Tom Thumb X Double Lament. SC (BIS) 1988.

\*TENDER TEARS (P. Black, SDB, R. 1987). Mid-America Iris 1988.

\*THEDA CLARK (H. Nichols, IB, R. 1985). Hillcrest Iris 1988.

TIPSY MAID (B. Blyth, R. 1988). Sdlg. U35-2. IB, 18" (46 cm), E-M. S. blue grey; F. blue grey with olive overlay, deepening toward hafts, blue grey line down center; gold beard. Manhattan Blues X Marmalade Skies. Tempo Two 1988/9.

TOP SECRET (P. Anfosso, R. 1988). Sdlg. P 83 28 A. BB, 17½" (45 cm), M. S. pinkish white; F. ivory; tangerine beard; ruffled. Attrape Coeur X Social Register. Iris en Provence 1988.

TOY BOAT (P. Black, R. 1988). Sdlg. 84273B. SDB, 10" (25 cm), E. S. white with blue tint; blue white styles; F. turquoise around beard shading to turquoise at edge, yellowish haft markings; mustard beard tipped cream; slight musky fragrance. 822D: (Ice Chalet x Dixie Pixie) X C. Palmer 8134.

\*TRIPLER (K. Keppel, IB, R. 1987). Keppel 1988.

\*TUFFET (T. Magee, SDB, R. 1985). Long's Gardens 1988.

\*TURBO MAUVE (J. Boushay, BB, R. 1987). J & J Iris 1988.

TU TU TURQUOISE (P. Black, R. 1988). Sdlg. 86298AR. SDB, 10" (25 cm), M & RE. S. white tinted turquoise; blue white styles; F. white tinted turquoise, deep turquoise spot; white beard tipped light blue; slight sweet fragrance. B80-18: (Indian Jewel x Blue Pools) X 82149B: ((Cindy Mitchell x Velvet Pride) x Joyous Isle). HC 1988.

TWILIGHT MOOD (A. & D. Willott, R. 1988). Sdlg. 84-50. SDB, 12" (30 cm), E-M. S. taupe, violet at base; F. taupe, washed light violet in center, amber hafts; violet beard; ruffled. Royal Silk X Michael Paul.

TWINKLE TWINKLE (M. Byers, R. 1988). Sdlg. E21-103. SDB, 9" (23 cm), E-M & RE. White, yellow green suffused spray pattern over upper 2/3 of F., tiny light turquoise flash under beard; white beard tipped yellow in throat; pronounced sweet fragrance. Baby Blessed X Ditto.

VARMIT (P. BLACK, R. 1988). Sdlg. 86253A. SDB, 12" (30cm), M. S. cream white ground, stitched violet, heavier toward center and blending to brassy beige edge; F. cream white ground, violet plicata markings and lines inside wide brassy tan edge; mustard beard tipped lavender; brassy gold styles; slight spicy fragrance. Auburn Valley x 84211C: (Chubby Cheeks sib x Chubby Cheeks sib).

VIENTIANE (B. Thomason, R. 1988). Sdlg. BT8510A. SDB 9" (23 cm), E-M. Sky blue, white markings on hafts; yellow beard tipped blue; slight fragrance. Sapphire Gem X Angel Baby.

VIRGINIA SMALL (B. Thomason, R. 1988). Sdlg. BT8518B. IB. 18" (46 cm), M-L. Medium yellow; slight ruffled F.; yellow beard tipped white. Aveline X Harlow Gold.

WAKE UP (P. Black, R. 1988). Sdlg. 85368D. SDB, 14" (35 cm), E. Ruffled bright yellow; yellow beard tipped white; sweet fragrance. 826C: (Melon Honey x Velvet Pride) X 83144A: (Melon Honey x Soft Air).

\*WELCH'S REWARD (W. Welch by E. Hall, MTB, R. 1987). Hall's Flower Garden 1988.



WENGFU (B. Thomason, R. 1988). Sdlg. BT8510B. SDB, 9" (23 cm), E. S. sky blue; lavender style arms; F. sky blue, darkening in throat, white markings on hafts; yellow beard tipped blue. Sapphire Gem X Angel Baby.

WHITE CHAPEAU (R. Blodgett, R. 1988). Sdlg. 118-83. IB, 18" (46 cm), M. S. white; F. yellow, deeper center; white beard. Snow Pixie X 141: (Peach Festival x 236: (Liebestraum x (Peach Festival x Favorite's Daughter))). HC 1987.

XILLIA (T. Blyth, R. 1988). Sdlg. TG21-2. AB-MED, 22" (56 cm), E-M. S. opalescent grey. chartreuse hues; F. opalescent grey, more pronounced chartreuse overlay; old gold beard, lavender at base. Manhattan Blues X Story Theme. Tempo Two 1988/9.

ZONING (T. Blyth, R. 1988). Sdlg. TB20-2. IB, 20" (56 cm), E-M. S. light rose lavender on cream base, 1/4" gold cream edge; F. creamy lemon, 1/4" rosy lavender edge, gold hafts; lemon yellow beard. Hi Sailor X (Hindu Magic x Sun Snap). Tempo Two 1988/9.

\*ZINC PINK (A. Ensminger, BB, R. 1986). Varigay Gardens 1987.

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As a follow-up to last fall's publication of the 1988 AIS Awards for Median Irises, the readers are being presented a varietal description of those winners. Those with an (\*) by their name will rebloom in some areas.

Runners-Up--Knowlton Medal--Border Bearded

Doll Baby (G. Corlew '80) A full pink self with tangerine beards.

Prediction (K. Keppel '82) Standards are lavender pink and the ivory to white ground falls are widely banded soft pinkish lavender with white tangerine beards.

Runners-Up--Sass Medal--Intermediate Bearded

Bold Print (J. Gatty '82) A beautiful white ground plicata with a heavy border and stitching of heather purple.

Raspberry Rose (M. Hamblen '82) A delight concoction of raspberry pink with tangerine-red beards.

Runners-Up--Cook-Douglas Medal--Standard Dwarf Bearded

\*Little Episode (D. Rawlins '82) A violet self with a lighter rim.

\*Baby Blessed (L. Zurbrigg '79) A light yellow self with a small white area around the cream colored beards.

Runners-Up--Williamson-White Award--Miniature Tall Bearded

Grandpa's Girl (K. Fisher '84) Yellow standards with red-violet falls bordered yellow sporting yellow beards.

Real Jazzy (K. Vaughn '82) Chrome yellow standards and red-violet falls edged chrome yellow and orange beards.

Award of Merit--Border Bearded

\*Borderline (J. Ghio '84) Ruffled white standards have a yellow base and the falls are very fully ruffled being yellow with a white edge and white beards.

\*Music Box Dancer (E. Roderick '84) A light aster-violet self with a light tangerine beard.

\*Feathered Friend (A. Ensminger '81) White standards have a violet base and the lacerated falls are white with light violet hafts and yellow beards.

Runners-Up--Award of Merit--Border Bearded

Chickasaw Sue (J. Gibson '83) The standards are blended orange-red and violet with the falls having a white ground stitched orange, red and brown on the edges.

Lacy Lasso (B. Hager '83) Standards are butter yellow and the falls are orchid with narrow edge and hafts of buff-brown, very laced and yellow beards.

Fiddler (H. Stahly '84) A deep red bitone with bronze beards. Ruffled.

#### Award of Merit--Intermediate Bearded

Hot Fudge (B. Hager '83) Ruffled standards are very dark brown with a yellow undertone, the falls are yellow with nearly a solid edge of very dark brown and yellow beards.

Harlow Gold (P. Black '82) A beautiful yellow self with a white flash below the beards.

Little Snow Lemon (G. Gaddie '84) A good approach to a white and yellow amoena.

#### Runners-Up--Intermediate Bearded

Wampum (A. Ensminger '84) An oxblood-red self with a violet blaze below the oxblood-red beards.

Colorado Gold (R. Lyons '82) Ruffled golden yellow standards with falls being rich golden yellow with a faint darker overlay and darker rays around the gold beards.

Ida Mary Pattison (H. Briscoe '83) Light blue self with gold beards.

#### Award of Merit--Standard Dwarf Bearded

Little Annie (D. Niswonger '84) A maroon self with lighter edges and yellow beards.

\*Fingerprints (B. Maryott '81) A medium violet self with maroon halos.

Do-Si-Do (A. Ensminger '83) Standards are sky gray and the falls are spectrum violet with white edges and chartreuse hafts sporting yellow beards.

Lemon Rings (T. Aitken '83) Lemon yellow standards and falls are white with a lemon yellow rim and hafts separated by white ring pattern and white and yellow beards.

#### Runners-Up--Standard Dwarf Bearded

Rita Kinsella (H. Briscoe) Light tan standards and the falls are a warm white with gold hafts and edges, orange beards and very ruffled.

Cherry Pop (B. Hager '84) Flowers are crimson red with darker areas around the red beards.

Ice Chalet (P. Black '82) Icy blue white self with deeper shadings.

Pac Man (L. Bellagamba '83) Chartreuse-lemon yellow standards and falls are cream edged chartreuse-lemon and chartreuse halos around the self beards.

#### Honorable Mention--Border Bearded

Batik (A. Ensminger '86) A variegated white ground striped royal purple plicata with yellow beards.

Boy O' Boy (J. Ghio '86) A beautiful white self with a lemon halo and red beards.

Who'ee (S. Stevens '86) Cinnamon tan standards and the falls are darker with blended amber at the edge, cinnamon brown beards. Ruffled.

Zinger (S. Stevens '86) Standards are a violet and cinnamon blend with cinnamon banded edge. Washed violet falls have a prominent cinnamon band around the edge with cinnamon beards.

Copper Glaze (M. Hamblen '86) A laced flower having yellow standards and falls with cinnamon hafts and beards.

Flashdance (E. Roderick '86) An aster violet self with darker rims and red beards.

Loving Cup (D. Meek '85) Sky blue standards with deeper bases, the falls are white with a touch of blue at hafts and pale blue beards.

Peasant Dance (C. Helsley '85) Standards are a golden-buff with a red-violet infusion in midrib, the falls are white ground with wide border of red-violet plicata markings and green-gold beards.

Danger Hour (D. Meek '85) A ruffled dark maroon bitone with a self beard.

Statuette (J. Ghio '86) An apricot pink self with a pink midrib and tangerine beards.

California Girl (F. Foster '86) Standards are pale lavender-white with lavender style arms, the falls are white ground stippled smoky lavender with blue-yellow beards.

\*Little Pinkabloom (D. Carson '86) Standards are clear pink, the falls are lavender with a rosy intensification on the hafts and pink beards.

Mixed Up Kid (C. Boswell '84) Standards are light yellow edged pale blue on tips. The falls are light blue-violet with brown hafts blending to yellow-tan.

#### Honorable Mention--Miniature Tall Bearded

Bumblebee Deelite (J. & G. Norrick '86) Tailored standards are yellow, maroon falls are edged yellow and orange beards.

New Wave (B. Hager '86) White self with yellow beards.

Crystal Ruffles (Dunderman '86) Ruffled white faintly light orchid markings on standards, the falls are the same with white to orange beards.

Tyke (B. Warburton '86) Standards are bluish-off white, falls near black with white markings extending halfway down to near the white beards.

Lively Rose (K. Fisher '86) Rose self with yellow beard.

Lucky Mistake (J. & G. Norrick '86) Light lavender self with white beards.

Lady Belle (T. Varner '86) Standards are white with purple sanding at the base, white falls stitched purple being deeper at hafts. White and yellow beards.

Lady of Charm (T. Varner '86) Light yellow standards, falls same overlaid light purple with light yellow hafts and yellow beards.

\*Lady Emma (F. Jones '86) Dresden yellow standards, falls are primrose yellow, Indian yellow beards.

Soul Searcher (H. Nichols '86) Ruffled standards are light medium violet, falls are grape with light violet edges and white haft markings. Lemon beards.

Cream Lady (T. Varner '86) Light cream self with yellow-brown markings near hafts and yellow beards.

#### Honorable Mention--Intermediate Bearded

Logo (K. Keppel '86) India buff to golden orange standards, the falls are salmon buff ground with crushed violet haft markings and falls spot modified to form plicata ring and center stripe of amethyst being completely surrounded by salmon ground color. Capucine red beards.

Bubbly Blue (T. Aitken '86) Deeply fluted sky blue self including beards.

Sunshine Boy (F. Foster '86) Ruffled lemon cream standards, the falls are white with deep yellow markings and lines arounds hafts and orange beards.

Dusty Rhodes (A. & D. Willott '86) Standards are apricot-buff flushed rose, the falls are rosy red fading to buff at edge with deep orange beards.

Butterpat (Schreiners '86) A good approach to a yellow and white amoena.

Golden Muffin (D. Niswonger '86) Yellow standards and amber falls with yellow edges and beards.

Lacy (J. Gatty '86) Laced flowers are light yellow with golden yellow beards.

Miss Right (Wright '86) Ruffled yellow bitone.

Blue Calico (C. Palmer '86) A ruffled white ground heavily dotted blue plicata.

White Lilacs (B. Warburton '84) Ruffled pale lilac self with lighter beard.

Night Shift (T. Aitken '86) Smooth deep violet self.

Kiowa Moon (C. Palmer '83) Pale yellow flowers with light brown halos and yellow beards.

Daydream Believer (H. Nichols '85) Ruffled ice white flowers with chartreuse hafts.

Leapin' Lizards (K. Waite '85) Greyed white standards and chartreuse-brown falls with a greyed white area surrounding the lavender beards.

Moss Bay (Lankow '86) Creamy green standards with lighter yellow falls washed violet.

Baby Precious Pepper (J. Mahoney '85) Medium brown standards and ruddish brown falls with hafts of white veined reddish brown. The greyed orange beards have 1/2" horns.

Hokeypokey (S. Innerst '86) Mid-yellow standards and cream falls edged brown with bronze beards.

#### Honorable Mention--Standard Dwarf Bearded

Razzle-Dazzle (G. Gaddie '84) Bright pansy violet standards, falls are deep velvety wine with 1/8" rim of pansy violet and wisteria blue beards.

\*Sun Doll (B. Jones '86) A ruffled sunny yellow self with personality!

Cherry Tart (T. Aitken '85) Silvery rose standards, falls are burgandy red with blue beards.

People Pleaser (A. Ensminger '86) Spectrum violet standards, Indian yellow falls with spectrum violet beards.

Little Louie (P. Black '85) A plum violet with a brown-tan spot and lavender beards.

Dancing Moonbeam (H. Nichols '84) Ruffled creamy yellow-beige standards are edged white, ruffled falls are lighter edged darker with a yellow halo and orange and blue beards.

\*Plum Wine (J. Weiler '86) Plum-violet standards, dark plum red violet falls with red violet beards.

Yellow Girl (B. Jones '84) A medium yellow with a darker velvety yellow fall spot. Yellow beards.

Iced Lemonade (A. & D. Willott '86) Ruffled pale yellow standards, warm white falls with yellow hafts and pale yellow and blue beards.

Editor's Note: Information regarding 1988 Award Winning Medians was taken from the "Reblooming Iris Recorder, Fall 1988, Volumn No. 33." Those varieties which may rebloom are so noted by an \*.



## FAVORITES FROM DOWN UNDER

For years your editor has been growing most of the new medians introduced by Barry Blyth and his family members. In a forthcoming article, Barry will be discussing his work with the smaller irises. This article deals with my personal favorites that Barry has sent me over the years.

### 1988 Introductions

Billabong (Heidi Blyth '88) IB A stange all over rosy brown with a lavender line down the fall center. The falls have a slight cast of tan which gives a rosier effect. Gold beards complete this picture.

O'Cool (Blyth '88) IB Ruffled and fluted flowers are pure white with lavender crescents on the falls with gold beards.

Zoning (Tim Blyth '88) IB A very different plicata having light rosy lavender stitching on cream with a noticeable gold edge to the petals. Lemon beards.

Le Flirt (Marjorie Harding '88) SDB A plicata with creamy white ground and pale blue violet stitching around the edges. Cream beards. Wide and ruffled flowers.

Moocha (Paul Blyth '88) SDB A very bright plicata being an instant star with maroon brown standards having a cream base and falls having a lemon ground stitched maroon brown. Beards are old gold.

### Previous Introductions

Ambling (Blyth '85) BB A very beautiful sister to Beach Girl. Ruffled flowers have pastel orchid blue standards with pastel champagne pink falls with deeper texture veining. Well branched.

Blackberry Brandy (Blyth '85) BB Orchid-lilac standards are ruffled and erect. Plush velvety purple falls have a horizontal flare and are rounded. Tangerine beards add the final accent.

Brazen Lover (Blyth '86) BB A striking plicata with grape colored standards and falls being pure white with a strong plum color bleeding into the white ground. White beards. Ruffled and well branched.

Curvacious (Blyth '87) BB Not a rapid increaser, but one that is well worth growing. Ruffled light peach standards and velvety plum purple falls with 1/8" edge of peach. Burnt tangerine beards. Wow!

March Magic (Donnell '85) BB A subtle colored variegata. Multi colored flowers are blended violet, ochre yellow and wine red with the main color being red. Yellow beards.

Zuni Echo (Blyth '86) BB Ruffled rosy brown standards, cream falls with a 3/8" edge of stitched rosy brown. A small white area surrounds the gold beards.

Candy Walk (Blyth '85) IB Pleasantly surprised visitors in my garden last spring. Pastel pink cupped standards show off the apricot pink stylearms. The falls are a lovely rose and are flared horizontally. Vivid red beards and superb branching often gives the viewer three open flowers at once.

Flumadiddle (L. Blyth '85) IB Different with smooth ruffled creamy apricot standards and pastel cream falls with an apricot overlay washed with lemon. Tangerine red beards.

Midday Blues (Blyth '85) IB Powder blue standards and deeper falls overlaid lavender with blue beards. Gives a true blue effect in the garden.

Posh (Blyth '87) IB This one made the visitors stop still for a moment. Standards are iridescent orange to golden apricot. Slightly deeper colored falls and the white beards are heavily tipped tangerine.

Strawberry Love (Blyth '85) IB This one is almost good enough to eat! A rose pink bitone sporting saturn red beards. Grows like a weed.

Strum (Blyth '87) IB A chartreuse-yellow amoena for me with bright red beards.

Sundown Red (Paul Blyth '82) IB An early blooming red bitone that is a worthy addition to any garden.

Sweet 'N Cool (Blyth '86) IB Soft pastel pink standards are closed and ruffled, slightly deeper colored falls with a lilac rose signal running from the tangerine beards and bleeding into the falls.

Anjaya (Blyth '87) SDB Standards are light lilac with deep old rose falls having a ruby infusion. Blue violet beards. A bright clump that is stunning in the garden.

Capricornia (Blyth '82) SDB Standards are creamy champagne with a very faint lavender orchid infusion. Mustard yellow falls are rounded and ruffled. Soft powder blue beards.

Cupid's Cup (Blyth '83) This is a major breakthrough in the quality of pink Standard Dwarf Irises. Standards are pale beige pink with a slight violet influence in the midrib. Pale beige pink falls with a strong bluish signals in the center of the falls, russet hafts and bright coral red beards. Much pinker in the garden than it sounds.

Frosted Angel (Tim Blyth '84) SDB A ruffled well formed near pure white with soft blue beards.

Gossip (Blyth '85) SDB The favorite Blyth median in my garden among the visitors. Lemon standards and rich gold falls with bright electric blue beards. Ruffles everywhere!

Irish Trick (Blyth '86) SDB Very ruffled flowers have champagne buff to lilac cream standards, the ruffled falls are red brown with 1/8" edge of standard color. Lilac blue beards.

Jazzamatazz (Heidi Blyth '86) SDB Ruffled creamy yellow standards, ruffled and flaring ruby red falls with 1/4" edge of creamy lemon. Gold tipped white beards. A garden highlight.

Kandi Moon (Blyth '86) SDB Beautiful iridescent coral pink. There is a slightly darker area on each side of the tangerine beards which are tipped blue.

Lasagna (L. Blyth '86) SDB Tan standards with a pink influence, falls are rose overlaid coral tan. Beards are pale blue being tangerine in the throat. Rounded flared form.

Making Eyes (Blyth '82) SDB One of the first SDBs to bloom for me. Being my grandchild as it is from Amazon Princess. Delightful flowers have creamy yellow standards, red-violet falls with contrasting 1/8" edges of standard color. Creamy yellow beards. Grows like Bermuda grass.

Moment (Blyth '87) SDB Apricot standards and deep apricot tan falls with a brown cast. Tangerine beards. Wide and ruffled flowers are pretty.

Nimble Toes (Heidi Blyth '87) The first good ruffled white ground-light blue plicata with tangerine beards.

O'What (Blyth '86) SDB Vivid blue beards on pale yellow flowers with a darker yellow spot around the beards.

Sarina (Blyth '87) Standards are creamy beige and the falls are white edged creamy lemon with the inner edge stitched in violet. White beards are tipped yellow. A pretty and vigorous plicata.

Tell Fibs (Blyth '85) SDB Standards are pastel powder blue and the falls are smoky pink to lilac. Tangerine beards add accent to the over-all beauty of this little jewel.

Tricks (Blyth '87) SDB Cameo pink standards are solid in coloring, the cream falls have 1/4" plicata edge of cameo pink. Bright tangerine beards. The best pink plicata to date.

Walking on Sunshine (Paul Blyth '86) SDB The most brilliant golden yellow iris one can find. Self beards.

Zounds (Blyth '84) SDB Vivid blue lilac standards, the falls are brown tan blended in olive with light blue beards. Makes an attractive clump and very eye catching.

Many American hybridizers are using the Blyth irises in their lines and are blooming exciting new things with great, unusual color combinations, and patterns. These exciting irises can be found in catalogs specializing in the sale of median irises.

# THE 1988 MEDIAN IRIS SOCIETY SYMPOSIUM

Eugene D. Tremmel

The BB iris, BROWN LASSO (Buckles-Niswonger 75), with 47 votes in 1988, is the winner of the MIS popularity poll for the ninth consecutive year. The most popular IB iris is AZ AP (Ensminger 80) with 46 votes. MICHAEL PAUL (W. E. Jones 79) remains at the top of the SDBs with 41 votes. CONSUMMATION (Welch 78) replaces CAROLYN ROSE as our most popular MTB iris with 40 votes. LOUDMOUTH (Rich 70) continues at the top of the Aril-Medians in popularity with 27 votes.

Seventy ballots were received and counted, compared to 98 last year. This was no doubt due to members receiving the ballot after the original deadline and not noticing that the deadline had been extended to January. Now that the issues of The Medianite are being received on time, I hope that in 1989 more members will take the time to vote.

Five hundred and fifty five irises received at least one vote. There were votes for 191 different SDBs, 121 IBs, 104 BBs, 88 MTBs and 51 Aril-Medians.

Listed below are the irises that received the most votes with the rank, name of iris, hybridizer's name, year of introduction, and a brief color description.

## STANDARD DWARF BEARDED IRISES

Rank		Variety	Hybridizer	Votes	Description
1987	1988				
1	1	Michael Paul	W. E. Jones 79	41	Ruffled, smooth dark purple
2	2	Cotton Blossom	B. Jones 70	32	Classic cream-white
3	3	Rain Dance	B. Jones 79	29	Medium blue self
8	4	Little Black Belt	Niswonger 80	25	Very dark purple
8	5	Flirty Mary	Rawdon 77	20	Greyed white/yellow
13	6	Little Annie	Niswonger 84	19	Maroon bitone
4	7	Dixie Pixie	B. Jones 78	18	White; green hafts; blue beards
5	8	Gingerbread Man	B. Jones 69	16	Deep brown; purple beards
6	9	Little Episode	Rawlins 82	14	Dark violet edged lighter
15	9	Raspberry Jam	Niswonger 81	14	Red violet, deeper spots
15	9	Stockholm	Warburton 72	14	Yellow; blue beards
15	9	Watercolor	Roberts 68	14	Light yellow, velvet brown spots
81	13	Jewel Baby	Hall 84	13	Dark purple self; rebloomer
14	14	Sapphire Gem	Schmeltzer 75	12	Blue; white beards
--	14	Starlight Waltz	Helsley 82	12	Pale yellow/white, yellow spots
52	16	Baby Blessed	Zurbrigg 79	11	Light yellow, white spots; rebloomer
--	16	Bright Vision	Shoop 83	11	Peach pink, deeper spots; tang. bds.
81	16	Pippi Longstockings	Innerst 85	11	Lemon yellow, burgundy red spots
81	16	Yellow Girl	B. Jones 84	11	Medium yellow, deeper spots
29	20	Azure Gem	Hamblen 82	10	Light blue self; blue-violet beards
23	20	Be Dazzled	Boushay 75	10	Yellow; dark red-brown spots
20	20	Cherry Garden	B. Jones 67	10	Pansy Purple
81	20	Eyebright	Taylor 79	10	Bright yellow, brown lines in falls
11	20	Laced Lemonade	Warburton 70	10	Lacy yellow; white beards
81	20	Lemon Rings	Aitken 83	10	Lemon yellow, white ring in falls
6	20	Sapphire Jewel	Hamblen 78	10	Medium blue violet
52	20	Starry Eyed	Gatty 75	10	White/columbine blue
33	20	Wizard of Id	P. Dyer 81	10	Deep gold; deep purple beards

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## INTERMEDIATE BEARDED IRISES

Rank 1987	Rank 1988	Variety	Hybridizer	Votes	Description
1	1	Az Ap ✓	Ensminger 80	46	Cobalt blue; gentian-blue beards
1	2	Rare Edition ✓	Gatty 80	45	Mulberry purple on white plicata
4	3	Hellcat ✓	Aitken 83	41	Blue-lavender bitone
3	4	Honey Glazed ✓	Niswonger 83	31	Cream/amber; gold beards
7	5	Butter Pecan ✓	Hager 83	30	Yellow and pecan brown plicata
18	6	Hot Fudge ✓	Hager 83	28	Yellow and dark brown plicata
8	7	Pink Kitten ✓	V. Wood 77	24	Pink with deeper veins
6	8	Silent Strings	P. Dyer 79	23	Medium blue self
9	9	Avanelle ✓	W. E. Jones 77	22	Ruffled white; yellow beards
11	10	Oklahoma Bandit ✓	Nichols 80	20	Bright gold, washed claret
5	10	Peachy Face ✓	B. Jones 76	20	Pale peach-white, deeper spots
11	12	Voila ✓	Gatty 73	19	Violet self
11	13	Raspberry Blush	Hamblen 76	18	Raspberry-pink, deeper spots
15	14	Harlow Gold	Black 82	17	Bright yellow self
14	15	Bedtime Story ✓	Ritchie 82	16	Light blue-violet, deeper spots
16	16	Little Snow Lemon ✓	Gaddie 84	15	Snow white, lemon yellow spots
22	16	Vamp	Gatty 72	15	Red-purple, deeper spots
16	18	Annikins ✓	Warburton 67	14	Deep blue-purple self
22	18	Bold Print ✓	Gatty 82	14	White and purple heather plicata
9	18	Cheers	Hager 75	14	White self; mandarin red beards
62	21	Dark Blizzard	Warburton 84	13	Dark violet and white plicata
43	22	Hagar's Helmet ✓	Nichols 77	12	Horned yellow self
26	22	Sea Patrol	C. Palmer 70	12	Sky blue self; yellow beards
27	24	Helen Proctor ✓	Briscoe 78	11	Violet black/black
25	24	Snappie	Warburton 76	11	White and deep purple plicata

## BORDER BEARDED IRISES

Rank 1987	Rank 1988	Variety	Hybridizer	Votes	Description
1	1	Brown Lasso	Buckles- Niswonger 75	47	Butterscotch/light violet with brown edges
2	2	Pink Bubbles	Hager 80	46	Ruffled clear light pink
3	3	Marmalade Skies	Niswonger 78	37	Apricot-orange self
5	4	Peccadillo	Keppel 83	28	Peachy cream, falls washed violet
51	4	Shenanigan	Keppel 85	28	Pink, purple wash on falls
6	6	Picayune	Keppel 77	27	Yellow/oyster white marked brown
7	7	Drum Solo	Stahly 80	23	Near black self
4	7	Whoop 'Em Up	Brady 74	23	Bright yellow/maroon
8	9	Am I Blue	Denney 77	19	Light blue; deep blue beards
9	9	Raspberry Sundae	Niswonger 72	19	Mulberry rose self
11	11	Soft Spoken	P. Dyer 80	18	Lilac, white throat; coral beards
21	12	Fiddler	Stahly 84	16	Ruffled, deep red bitone
11	12	Miss Nellie	Burch 83	16	Greyed yellow/red-violet blend
14	14	Jungle Shadows	Sass-Graham 60	15	Blended brown-gray and purple
13	14	Prediction	Keppel 82	15	Lav.-pink/ivory edged pinkish lav.
9	14	Stepping Little	Kuesel 73	15	Dark purple on white plicata

# THE 1988 MEDIAN IRIS SOCIETY SYMPOSIUM

## BORDER BEARDED IRISES - Continued

Rank		Variety	Hybridizer	Votes	Description
1987	1988				
16	17	Frenchi	B. Jones 59	13	Orchid-pink/rose-violet
19	18	Doll Baby	Corlew 80	12	Full pink self
45	18	Kirsch	Burch 84	12	Red bitone; orange beards
14	18	Tulare	Hamblen 61	12	Golden yellow; apricot beards
22	21	Hopscotch	Keppel 82	11	Buff/yellow, purple haft marks
24	21	Peaches 'N' Topping	Niswonger 81	11	White/peach
25	23	Mexicali	Keppel 70	10	Yellow/white, mahogany-red plicata
30	24	Cinder Britches	D. Meek 81	9	Coppery red bitone
19	24	Inner Circle	Ghio 77	9	Light blue, deep red-blue blots
30	24	Maroon Bells	Magee 76	9	Ruffled dark red-violet self
36	24	Novella	Ghio 83	9	Cranberry, violet flash on falls
16	24	Something Special	Hager 78	9	Medium pink self

## MINIATURE TALL BEARDED IRISES

Rank		Variety	Hybridizer	Votes	Description
1987	1988				
3	1	Consummation	Welch 78	40	White/deep blue-violet
2	2	Chickee	Dunderman 80	39	Ruffled medium yellow
1	3	Carolyn Rose	Dunderman 71	36	Rose pink on white plicata
4	4	Rosemary's Dream	Dunderman 82	32	White edged rose
4	5	Aachen Elf	Kennedy 84	31	Yellow/lavender
11	6	Abridged Version	Hager 83	24	Smoky pink; tangerine beards
41	6	New Wave	Hager 86	24	White self; yellow beards
7	8	Spanish Coins	Witt 76	23	Vivid yellow; orange beards
6	9	Doll Ribbons	Dunderman 78	22	Dark blue-violet on white plicata
48	10	Crystal Ruffles	Dunderman 86	19	Ruffled white self; lt. orange beards
10	10	Disco Jewel	Guild 78	19	Brownish-red blend; orange beards
8	10	New Idea	Hager 70	19	Rosy mulberry self
--	13	Bumblebee Deelite*	Norricks 86	17	Yellow/maroon, edged yellow
26	13	Dappled Pony	Witt 81	17	White with violet-blue dots
18	15	Real Jazzy	Vaughn 82	16	Yellow/red-violet edged yellow
31	16	Concord Sprite	Boswell 80	14	White with violet and maroon dots
18	16	Kaleidoscope	Katkamier 29	14	Red and yellow variegata-plicata
18	16	Peacock's Eye	Katkamier 39	14	Pale yellow, red-violet spots
13	16	Puppy Love	Hager 80	14	Pink self
9	20	Panda	Dunderman 75	13	Dark blue-violet; white beards
23	20	White Canary	Roberts 73	13	Pale blue on white plicata
11	22	Little Paul	Fisher 85	12	Full violet self; orange beards
13	23	Quirk	A. Brown 72	10	Yellow, wine-red veining and spots
41	24	Baby Bibs	Dunderman 83	9	Cool white self
29	24	Black Lady	Rawdon 79	9	Greyed orange/black
25	24	Blue Trimmings	Welch 65	9	Lavender-blue/dark violet
13	24	Snow Fiddler	Dunbar 72	9	White, navy-blue lines on falls
48	24	Valiant Warrior	T. Varner 85	9	Dusky purple, darker purple spots

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## ARIL-MEDIAN IRISES

Rank		Variety	Hybridizer	Votes	Description
1987	1988				
1	1	Loudmouth	Rich 70	27	Fushia; black signals
2	2	Canasta	Rich 75	12	Pale violet/buff, mulberry signals
5	2	Little Orchid Annie	Foster 73	12	Amethyst; red-violet signals
5	2	Plum Cute	Vallette 63	12	Plum red, veined deeper
9	2	Smoke With Wine	Boswell 81	12	Smoky yellow, wine-red blend
7	2	Tiny Tyke	Rich 74	12	Mulberry; red signals
7	7	Cairo Love Song	Nichols 80	11	Violet/dove gray
3	7	Saletta	Street 65	11	Yellow; black signals
4	9	Sizzle	Gadd 78	10	White, striped mandarin red
11	9	Wee Scot	Street 60	10	Violet bitone; black signals

## IRISES NEW TO THE POLL

\* Denotes iris not listed on the 1988 ballot that recieved sufficient write-in votes to qualify as one of the most popular.

Listed below are varieties that received five or more write-in votes:

SDBs - Sun Doll (B. Jones 86)

IBs - Red Zinger (P. Black 85)  
Sunshine Boy (F. Foster 86)

BBs - Batik (Ensminger 86)  
Classic Treasure (Burger 84)

MTBs - Grandpa's Girl (Fisher 84)

AR-M - Jacob's Well (Brizendine-Fry 86)  
Jewel of Omar (Boswell 86)

## 1989 SDB INTRODUCTIONS

BROM BONES (Sdlg. 84-B-2) 12" M & RE (October) (Demence X Third Charm)  
Dark violet bitone, darker fall spots. Cream anthers distinguish it  
from Third Charm. It has produced a stalk each fall since germination. \$7.50

DILEMMA (Sdlg. 81-1) 12" E-M (Twice Blessed X ?) Light blue standards  
and falls with standards being a bit lighter. Bronze dotted cream hafts  
separated from clear blue pattern and color. EC '86. Strong grower,  
fertile both ways. \$7.50

1986 introductions: Catamount & Crowninshield \$3.50 each.

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## VARIETAL COMMENTS

The following varietal comments were received with the 1988 Symposium Ballots.

MARJORIE A. JANSEN, Norfolk, Nebraska: My favorite SDB this year was PINK CRYSTAL. Unlike many so-called pinks that turn out to be more orange than pink, this one really is pink. It has great form too and was a mass of bloom on a two year clump. Regarding MTBs, AACHEN ELF and ROSEMARY'S DREAM always seem to do well. I was also impressed with BUMBLEBEE DEELITE and CRYSTAL RUFFLES as seen at the 1988 AIS Convention in Oklahoma City.

MICHAEL B. LOWE, Blackstone, Virginia: I did not vote for CHICKASAW SUE or WHOOP 'EM UP when I voted for BBs. Although I love them both, they bloom out of class consistently. It was interesting to note in Region 4 spring shows, BBs were Queen of Show in two shows. Those being CELESTIAL DREAM and IRIS BOHNSACK.

In the Region 4 Autumn show, REFINED, a SDB was Queen of Show. Keep your eye on JEWEL BABY and SMELL THE ROSES as prolific rebloomers. It was a terrible year for reblooming SDBs in Region 4.

RARE EDITION has to be the #1 variety among IBs here in Southern Virginia. Selecting only 15 IBs was very hard. I had to include Little Susie because it rebloomed and was pink.

MR. & MRS. HARRY BOYD, Cedar Hill, Missouri: We added 150 medians to our garden this year. To me they are very special irises. We have interested many in growing the little ones.

CARL & LaRUE BOSWELL, Concord, California: Many of the medians we like, but we did not vote for them because they were not in proper proportion for their class.

MR. & MRS. JOHN BURTON, South Hamilton, Massachusetts: CRYSTAL RUFFLES has my vote to be the new "standard" for the MTB class--decidedly ideal.

How about upping the number of votes allowed for SDBs to twenty?

SDBs--LILAC and LAVENDER grew well--it is a luminata. Someone ought to explain to ICE CHALET and EYEBRIGHT that they can't take over the whole bed.

BBs--SHENANIGAN stayed in class in our gardens in New England. SOFT SPOKEN did very well too.

IBs--SUNSHINE BOY was superb! An oldie of Bee Warburton's CON BRIO had great bloom. People should remember that some of the earlier introductions should not be neglected.

BARBARA SCHMEIDER, Concord, Massachusetts: I find it more difficult each year to stick to only 15 SDBs in voting the symposium ballot. Could we possibly raise that number to 25? There are so many good ones and I hate to leave them out. I refrained

from voting for any first year plants, although I was terribly tempted to write in several--COOL SATIN, FORTE, MARY'S LAMB, PIGEON, and STARDATE. I had written in HI SAILOR for my 15th vote when I realized that I had left out ROSIE LULU, one of my 10 top favorites. So out came HI SAILOR and I feel so badly about leaving it out as it was so good this year. One of the best new SDBs seen this year was Bob Sobek's 82S81. It is a silvery white with dark almost black pencil lines in the falls. It has no name yet, but Bob calls it "Zeeb" (after Zebra!) IBs were good, as usual. BEDTIME STORY is such a beautiful iris and makes a wonderful clump. It would definitely go on my list of all time favorite IBs. MAMA HOOHOO was a nice surprise. The name didn't appeal to me, but the iris certainly does! I have come to expect only the best from Allan Ensminger and this one is certainly tops.

SHENANIGAN (BB) seemed to be the general favorite this year with garden visitors. It is beautiful and stays in class. The aril-medians must have liked our dry summer and fall because I had 100% bloom on them (30 out of 30). I liked a lot of them, but standouts were RANCHIPUR (Moore's '88), APRIL FRESH (Brizendine '86), PEBBLE BROOK (Gadd '88), and OMAR'S TORCH (Boswell '86).

CRYSTAL RUFFLES (Dunderman '86) was the outstanding MTB.

ETHEL BAUKUS, West Allis, Wisconsin:

The iris in my garden didn't look like they were going to do anything early in the season. All of a sudden, almost overnight, they burst into a mass of color. HILLBILLY HEAVEN bloomed almost three weeks. Unfortunately the iris were about 10 days early and only the last bloom on a few stalks remained at show time.

HARRY KUESEL, Littleton, Colorado: Please do not overlook LOGO (Keppel). A golden apricot with purple markings and an orange-red beard. It was one of the hits on the Denver mini tour. HONEY GLAZED (Niswonger) is so well named that surely it will have a bright future!

CLARENCE MAHAN, McLean, Virginia: In the MTB class, DAPPLED PONY grows higher in my esteem each year. Like ROSEMARY'S DREAM and CAROLYN ROSE, it seems to be incapable of poor performance. Its habits are excellent and it consistently puts out show stalks. What a perfect name Jean Witt chose to give it! It seems to sparkle and prance in the garden. LITTLE PAUL, which is quite nice, has a peculiar habit of opening blooms on two side branches before opening its terminal flower. Every stalk has done that in my garden for the past three years. Dick Sparling and I both took a stalk of it to the Chesapeake and Potomac Iris Society show this year--the two stalks looked almost identical with two flowers open on side branches. Neither of us were able to coax the terminal flowers open before entry closing. The judges gave neither stalk a blue ribbon. I like LITTLE PAUL very much, and if the timing is right so that the terminal flower is open, it can easily win Best in Section.

The failure of BIT OF CHOCOLATE to gain popularity in the IB class is difficult to understand. In 1988, a stalk of BIT OF CHOCOLATE was runner up to the Queen (CELESTIAL DREAM, a BB) at the Fredericksburg, Virginia show. BIT OF CHOCOLATE grows well, increases well, makes a lovely garden show, and possesses excellent flower form, and clean soft brown color. What more does an IB need to succeed?

It is difficult also to understand the criteria being used by judges in voting awards in the BB class. Overall, people voting in the popularity poll tend to do better in applying the standards for the class than the judges voting for AIS Awards do, but there are a couple of notable deviations from BB standards by popularity poll voters also, based on 1987 results. The loveliest stalk of a BB that I saw this spring was a Sterling Innerst seedling that won Best Seedling at the York, Pennsylvania show. The loveliest BB clump I saw in a garden was the classy, bright yellow ALISA (Bouldin '88). Anyone who wants to promote BB standards of excellence should not be without ALISA. The BB I saw most consistently blooming out of class was BOY O'BOY (Ghio). On the other hand, IRIS COHNSACK (Ensminger) was complying with BB standards in gardens in Oklahoma, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. The stalk of it that Dick Sparling had at the Washington D. C. Show was superb!

ROBERT L. JENSEN, Montpelier, Idaho: 1988 proved to be another fine season for the Medians. However, most of the color came from acclimated and established plants. First year plants generally wintered well, but bloom was very sparse. In one whole row of new IBs, only one plant flowered, but all grew well. One bright and great addition to the IBs was NEW KID (G. Shoop), a brilliant golden yellow with an equally bright near tangerine beard. This one was surely one of the stars of the season. RIGHT HONORABLE among the SDBs was another most pleasing addition, a fine rich purple with dark violet beards. It is quality all the way.

HONEY GLAZED makes a yummy two year clump with color like no other. It is a strong grower. BLUSHES has a wonderful depth of pink color although the flowers were somewhat crowded on the stem possibly caused by cold weather earlier in the month. The older BARELY VERDE was loaded with those perky green toned flowers and has never looked better. TRULY is one I admire every year for its near sky blue color.

Among the BBs, NOVELLA probably got the most attention due to the beautiful rich color. In my garden, the flowers are rather large for the class. SPANISH COINS and NEW IDEA among the MTBs are far from new but their performances year after year are hard to equal. It was great to see two IBs as runners-up for the 1988 Dykes Medal.

MISS VERNA LAURIN, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada: The winter '87-88 did the most damage in my forty+ years of growing irises. No snow, up and down temperatures of 45° to -10° with no snow cover was awful. February brought some snow, but added inches of rain that froze into 3-4" of solid ice covering everything for three weeks. The TBs and BBs gave little bloom. The SDB, IB, and MTB were almost normal. The prettiest spot in the garden was REGARDS blooming in front of and next to BETSY BOO.

MRS. RAY L. ESPER, Brighton, Michigan: PIXIE PRINCE (Simon '85) BB is the deepest, truest pink I have ever seen in any class. It caused a lot of attention in my garden even though the heat and the drought kept it from performing up to par.

FORREST AND MILLIE TOWNSEND, Independence, Missouri: These medians have bloomed very nicely for us here in Missouri.

BBs: Brown Lasso	SDBs: Michael Paul	IBs: Avenelle
Marmalade Skies	Galleon Gold	Az Ap
Picayune	Flirty Mary	Cheers
Coll Baby	Raspberry Jam	Peachy Face
	Dixie Pixie	Rare Edition
	Little Blackbelt	Snappie

RICHARD SPARLING, Onley, Maryland: The colors seemed extra vivid this year. PIPPI LONGSTOCKINGS was probably the most outstanding SDB. AZURE GEM was bothered by the frost this year. BABY BLESSED continues to bloom all year. Old timers on the list, Gingerbread Man and Starry Eyed were great! Some new ones on the list that proved themselves were SQUEAKY CLEAN which is a beautiful ivory white with a blue beard. BETTY WOOD was good. ON TIME, PLUM SPOT, and HAZEL'S RED all bear watching.

I could have voted for all the MTBs listed on the Symposium. Others I liked were SASSY BUTTERFLY, TURK CHARM and GINGER COOKIE. There were several good IBs. MAUI MOONLIGHT made my list this year because it is one of the best yellows in any class. LITTLE SNOW LEMON was outstanding. HELLCAT was great!

Three outstanding BBs there year were: IRIS BOHNSACK was tremendous. I won Queen of the Show with it and it produced at least a dozen similar stalks. CELESTIAL DREAM is a beautiful white and blue combination. Just great! Burger's CLASSIC TREASURE which is another white and blue is almost as beautiful as can be imagined, but the last flowers always get a bit large.

VIRGINIA HODGES, Lubbock, Texas: People that do not grow Medians do not know the pleasure they are denying themselves and others who view the gardens.

DENNIS STONEBURNER, Roanoke, Virginia: BABY BLESSED - SDB Hot weather, cold weather, wet or dry--nothing stops this little guy! KALEIDOSCOPE - MTB Many new varieties can and should take a lesson from this "oldie". RARE EDITION - IB This plicata is a great grower and bloomer. I wish I had space to grow all the irises listed on the symposium ballot.

JANE HALL, Kirkville, New York: It was a great year for Medians in my own garden which is small but choice. My favorite SDBs were MICHAEL PAUL (W. Jones '79) is a sooty black, special. SUNSTRIP (Weiler '86) was a perky, eyecatching variegata with yellow standards and burgandy falls. RASPBERRY JAM (Niswonger '81) is a rose-violet with blue-violet beards and this one increases and blooms like there is no tomorrow. PAUL (Sindt '83) is a cute lemon yellow self with a lime yellow spot on the falls and an orange beard. GRAPESTICLE (Sobek '82) was a red infused purple with darker beard. PLUM WINE (Weiler '86) is simply gorgeous, being a velvety plum self. WESTAR (B. Jones '85) is a slightly ruffled creamy white with blue violet beards. BLUE LINE (B. Jones '87) is similar but with a bright blue beard and tailored form. PALE STAR (B. Jones '86) is a pearly grey with lavender markings enhanced by a light lavender beard. It has delightful form.

I really liked BUBBLY BLUE (Aitken '86) IB--this one is a blue blue. My favorite MTB has been and still is CHICKEE (Dunderman '80). This lovely yellow self invariably wins blue ribbons in our shows.

WAUNETA RUMMEL, Halifax, Pennsylvania: Our season started early then slowed down with a cold snap. The BBs were especially nice. IMPELLING, SOFT SPOKEN, STEPPING LITTLE, and RASPBERRY SUNDAE were a riot of color blooming in large clumps.

RICHARD BROOK, Wakefield, England: Never-dry conditions and over-deep planting brought unprecedented rot in the spring of 1988. (Shades of the Pacific Northwest in 1986!) Some 80% of varieties were affected and had to be heaved up and reset English style, with the rhizomes exposed. Consequently, some previous top performers could not be assessed.

We'd never seen rust before, but it hit over 60% of varieties in late summer. Some runaway increasers like CHEERS, BRIGHT VISION, ENCHANTED BLUE and INSCRIPTION were particularly susceptible, while others next to them showed no signs, or not until much later, but most were slightly affected by winter die-down time. Unfortunately, I cannot risk leaving them unsprayed to find out which have natural immunity. Those named are far too valuable to de-recommend, and will just have to be sprayed more often.

We'd so much cold rain that all the later blooms of IBs HARLOW GOLD and HONEY GLAZED and BBs AUDACIOUS, MARMALADE SKIES and WHOOP 'EM UP rotted in the bud, but these were all outstanding earlier on, as was PINK BUBBLES. IB DANCIN' has grown on me. I really like its soft orange spots. RASPBERRY BLUSH is mouth-watering, and it's seed-fertile too.

MTBs PUPPY LOVE and LOUISE HOPPER made a spectacular combination in the garden.

I grow over 100 SDBs. Standouts this year were BRIGHT VISION, KAYO, LOVESHINE, MICHAEL PAUL, MIDNIGHT MADNESS and WESTAR (which gave 16 seeds for every flower pollinated). LIVE JAZZ made eight increases in its first year, and its color is like an SDB MARMALADE SKIES (IB).

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## ROBINERY

MTB ROBIN GENERAL INTEREST #1

### Dorothy Guild

At our fall Region 13 meeting, Keith Keppel gave the judges training. The next morning . . . we had quite a chat about heritable qualities with one interesting feature: that full siblings can carry markedly different potency for producing good progeny. If you have made a cross that gave several nice ones, try breeding several before tossing out all except the very best appearing one. The latter could be a dud as a parent.

### Judy Mogil

BLUE BISQUE put on an excellent show for the second year in a row. It looked good and lasted just short of eight weeks.

### Cindy Myers

I feel that flaring falls can be very attractive. MTBs in the garden are normally viewed from the top. Flaring falls are a plus in my mind. I think there will be probably several different forms evolving in the MTB class such as tailored, ruffled, flared and maybe novelty such as exists in the TB class.

### Lucy Burton

The most outstanding MTB of the season wasn't in my garden. That was CRYSTAL RUFFLES (Dunderman '86), and I didn't have my camera with me. It was a first year plant with a single stalk, bearing 12 buds. It is a miniture example of a modern TB with its beautifully formed, white ruffled flowers.

### Clarence Mahan

Our Washington D. C. Show this year has a very large number of MTB entries, and Dr. Nearpass's entry of NEW IDEA took Best in Section. Our Washington show has one of the largest MTB sections in the country I'm sure. Dr. Nearpass, Dick Sparling, Diana Nicholls and myself all growing and showing large numbers of MTBs. I had at least 15 entries in the show myself. It is the class in which we have the fiercest competition (outside of TBs and seedlings). I might just add that newer MTBs generate frantic bidding at our auctions too.



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