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COOLEY'S

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1994 IRIS FANCIER'S REFERENCE BOOK
Since 1928 - the World's Largest Iris Grower



THE COOLEY FAMILY GUARANTEE

Three generations of the Cooley Family have been breeding and propagating tall bearded iris in Oregon's Willamette Valley since 1928. A Cooley Family member is responsible for every phase of our operation.

Today we grow iris on some 250 acres near Silverton, Oregon, close to the foothills of the Cascade Mountain range with majestic Mt. Hood in the background. There is no equal to this soil for growing high quality iris rhizomes.

We select and dig each rhizome for your order by hand. We inspect them, treat with fungicide for protection during transit and allow them to "air" overnight. We waste no time getting your iris into our special shipping boxes and on a United Parcel truck. We recommend you promptly remove them from the carton and plant them.

We guarantee all of our tall bearded iris plants to be true to name, as registered with the American Iris Society; of top quality and blooming size, to be free from insect pests and disease, and to reach you in a live and healthy condition. If for any reason you are not satisfied, please notify us promptly. It is not necessary to return plants to us unless we ask you to do so. We appreciate your continued confidence and your friendship. Thank you very much!



Standing from left: Miriam Ernst, Larry Ernst, Georgie Johnson. Seated from left: Richard Ernst, Judy Nunn, Pauline Cooley.

Pauline is "Mom" to Miriam, Richard, Judy, and Georgie are children of Miriam and Larry.

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SILVERTON, OREGON A PLACE WE LOVE TO CALL HOME

For over 100 years the Cooley Family has proudly called Silverton, Oregon "home". We would like to take this opportunity to share the charm and beauty of Silverton. A small town with a big heart....a place where you are always welcome.

Silverton is located forty-two miles south of Portland and is "home" to some 6,000 wonderful people. In fact, *Pacific Northwest Magazine* rated Silverton among the top twelve ideal small towns in the Northwest. We here at Cooley's agree that our little town is truly first rate.

Nestled in the heart of Oregon's Willamette Valley, Silverton prospers as an agricultural center. The naturally fertile soil and moderate climate provide ideal conditions for the production of crops such as hops, grass seed, cane berries, christmas trees, dahlias, and the iris of course.

Silver Creek keeps pace with the folks of Silverton as it slowly winds through the city. "A refreshing lifestyle, where people care about each other and take the time to greet you with a smile." The cook at the local cafe knows that you always have the special on Tuesdays, and your order is on the grill before there is coffee in your cup. There's something reassuring about a town where everyone knows your name.

While Silver Creek leisurely finds its way through town, just a few miles away it creates ten magnificent powerful waterfalls. Silver Falls State Park is one of the area's largest attractions with miles of hiking, horseback, and biking trails, in addition to day use areas, camping and overnight lodging. Silver Falls is the largest of Oregon's State Parks and is definitely an area that you must visit.

Cooley's Gardens began in 1923 when Rholin and Pauline Cooley planted a tall bearded iris in the backyard of their Silverton home. They had received the strangely fascinating flower as a gift. Soon their love of the iris grew and eventually iris took over their backyard. In 1928, the first ever Cooley's Iris Catalog was published, and the sales warranted their faith in the iris business. Returns have continued to increase and Cooley's grows more than 7 million tall bearded iris rhizomes annually.

The Cooley family feels very fortunate to operate a business that we whole-heartedly enjoy in a town we love. We invite you to visit our Gardens and our hometown and share in Silverton's small town atmosphere that makes any guest feel at home.

FIVE GOOD REASONS TO ORDER FROM COOLEY'S GARDENS

- 1 Top Quality Iris and Exceptional Value** - Because Cooley's Gardens is the largest iris grower in the world, we offer tall bearded iris at significant savings in Collections and the most competitive prices for individual selections. You will know you are getting the best iris a garden can grow when you buy direct from Cooley's.
- 2 Special Offers You Can't Find Anywhere Else** - Cooley's takes pride in our development of new hybrids and classic catalog Collections. You will not find a Cooley's "New Introduction" or our carefully selected Collections offered anywhere but here at Cooley's.
- 3 FREE Iris Advice!!!** This catalog provides an abundance of helpful hints in the cultivation of tall bearded iris. However, we at Cooley's Gardens feel that it is necessary to update gardeners with new techniques and seasonal reminders. Therefore, we publish "All About Iris" our Cooley's Gardens quarterly newsletter, now entering its fourth year, to send to each of our valuable customers.
- 4 Easy Toll-Free Ordering** - Cooley's will take your order over the phone with your Visa or Mastercard. Our catalog is uniquely arranged to help you make selections without flipping the pages back and forth to match descriptions with pictures.
- 5 Cooley Family Guarantee** - We guarantee all of our tall bearded iris to be true to name, as registered with the American Iris Society; of top quality and blooming size, to be free from insect pests and disease, and to reach you in a live and healthy condition. If for any reason you are dissatisfied when you receive your plants please notify us promptly.

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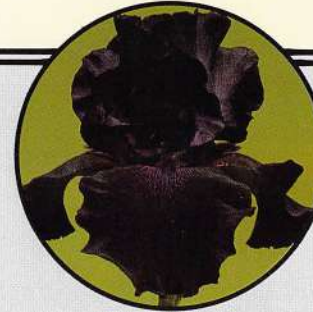
SWIRLING SEAS



SO RARE



SUNDAY SUNSHINE



SUPERSTITION



SYNCOPIATION



SPRING PARASOL

The Silverton Collection features twelve sensational varieties that are among Cooley's newer introductions and releases exclusively grown in our gardens in Silverton, Oregon. The Cooley Family has proudly called Silverton our home for over 100 years. It was chosen by *Pacific Northwest Magazine* as one of the top twelve small towns in the Northwest. This Collection was selected in honor of our hometown by Third Generation Cooley's Gardens

President, Richard Ernst. Shipped direct from our hometown to yours.

These twelve selections reflect the simple elegance, character and small town charm of Silverton. An array of colors and variety to brighten and enhance any garden spot. Share a little of our hometown, a \$117.50 value for only \$39.00. Please order Collection Number 403-A. Fully Guaranteed by the Cooley Family.

ONLY \$39.00 or TWO FOR ONLY \$73.95



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SHEER BLISS



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SHOOTING STARS



SPRING TIDINGS



SILVER YEARS



GRATEFUL CITIZEN



RAVEN'S QUOTE



THINKING OUT LOUD



FUNNY GIRL

Exclusively

These nine iris are among the 15 new hybrids being introduced by Cooley's Gardens. The other six are shown on page 21. Of the thousands of seedlings we bloom each year, only a handful meet our criteria during the selection and propagation process. Richard Ernst, president of Cooley's Gardens, is our hybridizer. His process is described on page 22 along with the key to reading our descriptions. These new additions to the Cooley family of iris are available in limited quantities for \$35.00 each. Their pictures speak for themselves and, they are Exclusively Cooley's!

THINKING OUT LOUD (R. Ernst, '94) EM. 38" \$35.00

From Tracy Tyrene lines comes this wild outburst of color. Stark white standards are highlighted with bright lemon edges and midrib. The styles match. Falls are a berry-plum with reddish-maroon shouldering. A double rim of reddish maroon and honey-tan is heavily laced, as are the standards and stylecrests. Bright yellow beard. Eight to ten buds on three branches. Sdlg. HD175-A-1BB from D143 series. Pictured on page 4.

RAVEN'S QUOTE (R. Ernst, '94) M. 35" \$35.00

This sister seedling to PERILOUS JOURNEY has a much darker, bluer finish. A complete self in dark violet blue. The beards are tipped light blue. Wide, ruffled form. Reddish foliage. Seven buds on three branches. Sdlg. HS902-3. Pictured on page 4.

FUNNY GIRL (J. Gibson, '94) ML. 38" \$35.00

Beautiful ruffles and deep pink coloring abound in this new iris from the late Jim Gibson. Tall stalks, well-branched holding eight flowers in perfect placement. Fiery red beards are wide and colorful. Sdlg. Gibson 39-4A-2. Pictured on page 4.

GRATEFUL CITIZEN (Innerst, '94) M. 36" \$35.00

Ultra-lacy pink from Sterling Innerst. Heavy lace and ruffling throughout. Cool medium pink coloring, quite even with wax-like substance. Deep pink beards nestled under dark pink styles. Seven to eight buds on well-branched stalks. Innerst Sdlg. 1013-10. Pictured on page 4.

ENCHANTED ONE (R. Ernst, '94) ML. 35" RE F \$35.00

Our first reblooming introduction is truly enchanting. Blazing yellow standards have a pale violet stripe on the midrib. The falls boast a deep amber gold rim encircling the entire fall. A light orchid lavender with violet veining covers the fall's center. Beards are white, with a touch of orchid, changing to yellow in the throat. Eight buds on three branches. Mild ruffling over all. Dependable rebloom in late summer. Slight sweet fragrance. Sdlg. F169-29. Pictured on page 5.

FORGIVEN (R. Ernst, '94) EM. 36" \$35.00

Fine form and lovely contrast grace this pink amoena. Tall stalks with excellent branching hold seven large flowers. Rich creamy white standards have a pale pink blush about the midribs. Falls are a smooth medium pink with a white edging. Beards are a bright orange-red. Mild ruffling with a touch of lace. Sdlg. HR8613-2. Pictured on page 5.

Cooley's

RAINBOW GODDESS (R. Ernst, '94) ML. 34"

\$35.00

Billowing ruffles, frilly lace and a rainbow of colors cloak this goddess in robes of royalty. Standards are a rich, clean violet purple. The falls are predominantly cream with a rainbow violet wash. The ruffled edges contain a blended rim of yellow-orange with violet hues. Shouldering is a darker yellow-orange. Tangerine beards. Seven buds on three branches. Sdlg. F169-23. See our picture on page 5.

SOLOIST (R. Ernst, '94) M. 35"

\$35.00

A different approach to dark top lines brings us this solo performer. Golden orange beards match the shouldering on the ruffled falls. Very smooth cream color, near white at center, suffusing to honey-yellow edges. Standards are a warm honey-tan with violet-infused midribs. Seven buds on three branches. Sdlg. G102-2. Pictured on page 5.

FROZEN BLUE (R. Ernst, '94) M. 38"

\$35.00

Dark top lines continue to yield improvements. Icy, clean white falls have a subtle blue-violet cast, deepening at the edges. The sharply contrasting standards are a medium violet-blue. Brilliant tangerine beards, ruffles, and waxen substance. Cool off with this refreshing new iris. Eight to ten buds on three wide branches. Sdlg. JF167-1A-2. Pictured on page 5.



RAINBOW GODDESS



FORGIVEN



ENCHANTED ONE



FROZEN BLUE



SOLOIST

RECOMMENDED COLLECTION

Includes all 18 varieties pictured on this page
 Eighteen flowers in every color of the rainbow! If you want a garden bursting with a rainbow of colors...We recommend this Collection for its variety and versatility. Individually selected from among more than 500 of the finest tall bearded iris in the world today, this collection will

provide your garden with brilliant colors and beautiful blooms. Includes amazing amoenas, beautiful bicolors, bitones and blends; lovely laces and incomparable plicatas. Beauty in your garden.
 A Cooley's Special Value at **\$45.00** (buy all 18 and save \$9.95). Please order Collection number 406-B.

ONLY \$45.00 or TWO FOR ONLY \$84.95



SKY SEARCH



SUNRAY REFLECTION



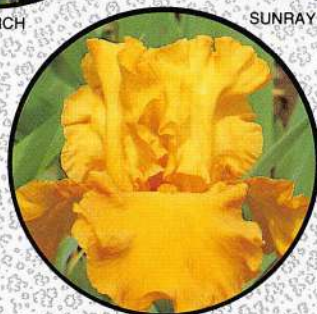
COMPETITIVE EDGE



DAWN OF CHANGE



FORGE FIRE



AMBER TAMBOUR



SPRING PARASOL



LIAISON



SMILING GOLD



SUBTLE HINT



MOON JOURNEY



PAINTED PICTURES



SNOW BLANKET



TACO SUPREME



ELISA RENEE



ORBITER



OKTOBERFEST



CLEAR MORNING SKY

CHOICE "9" COLLECTION

Features the nine gorgeous iris selections pictured at the right. Excellent for planting as borders or in beds. A wondrous blend of colors to enhance that special spot in your garden. This Collection is sure to go the whole nine yards. Valued at \$155.00 this collection is yours for only **\$26.00**. Please order Collection Number 406-C.

ONLY \$26.00

SELECT "9" COLLECTION

The nine iris selected for this Collection will be the envy of your neighbors with their beauty. Striking hues and long lasting blooms of these iris varieties will earn your garden many compliments. The Collection includes the 9 iris pictured on the right. Valued at \$89.50 this selection can be yours for only **\$27.00**. Please order Collection number 406-D.

ONLY \$27.00



CRACKLIN BURGUNDY



SKATING PARTY



BEVERLY SILLS



EDITH WOLFORD



CHARISMA



SUNDAY SUNSHINE



PERSIAN BERRY



RED AT NIGHT



SNOWBROOK



GOLD COUNTRY



GYPSY WOMAN



FEMININE FIRE



MULLED WINE



TITAN'S GLORY

Easy-to-Grow **COOLEY'S STARTER COLLECTION**

Iris are one of the easiest perennials to grow! Just plant in a sunny, well drained spot in your garden, and these iris will bloom year after year. If you have never grown iris before, these seven stately flowers are ideal for you. They display dazzling colors and exciting characteristics, and are so easy to grow. This Collection is valued at \$27.50, but is yours for only **\$15.00**. Please order Collection number 407-E.

**ONLY \$15.00 or
TWO FOR ONLY \$27.95**

Get a jump on the season! **COLLECTION OF EARLY BLOOMERS**

Your flower garden will be a delight in early springtime with these seven early bloomers. There's no need to wait for spectacular color, these early bloomers will enhance your floral display producing delightful, long-lasting blooms. A \$60.00 value offered to you for only **\$22.75**. Please order Collection number 407-F.

**ONLY \$22.75
or TWO FOR ONLY
\$42.95**

PASSIONATE PINKS COLLECTION

Eight of the finest pink iris varieties in the world are perfectly coordinated in this Collection. To give your garden the flattering look of bilowing ruffles and delicate lace, select these passionate pinks. Perfect for gardeners who are passionate about pink. A \$37.50 value offered to you for only **\$26.00**. Please order collection 408-G.

ONLY \$26.00
or **TWO FOR ONLY \$48.95**



ANNA BELLE BABSON



PINK FROTH



ELSIE MAE NICHOLSON



PINK SWAN



OLYMPIC PINK



EDNA'S WISH



BRIGHT FIRE



PRISSY MISS

WINTER HARDY COLLECTION

This Collection is fast becoming one of the most popular Collections for our colder climate customers. The nine featured iris were selected not only for their hardiness but for their brilliant color. While these varieties will endure colder weather they are sure to delight gardeners in any locale. This Collection is offered to you for only **\$27.50**. Please order Collection 408-H.

ONLY \$ 27.50
or **TWO FOR \$51.95**



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BLEU DE MER



BEVERLY SILLS



GOLD GALORE



FADED DENIMS



EDITH WOLFORD



GAY PARASOL



BLUES SINGER



KRUGERAND



GRAPHIC ARTS



SCHORTMAN'S
GARNET RUFFLES



TIGER BUTTER



DIFFERENT WORLD



ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH



MOTHER EARTH



GOURMET TOUCH



WELL ENDEWED



JENNIFER REBECCA



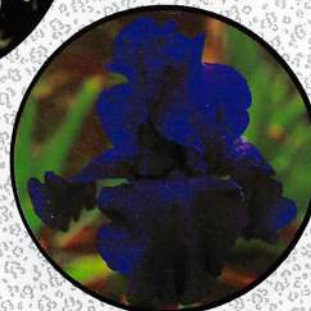
TULIP FESTIVAL



VANITY



STELLAR LIGHTS



VIOLET CLASSIC



CHIEF HEMATITE

◀ LEFT

WIND RESISTANT IRIS COLLECTION

Featuring nine iris varieties that are naturally wind resistant. The shorter stalks allow them to grow closer to the ground making them less vulnerable to the wind. This Collection is ideal for windy areas, and also for exposed areas of your garden too. If strong winds are common in your area, this Collection is an excellent choice. That's 9 beautiful iris valued at \$51.50 for only **\$29.25**. Please order Collection number 409-J.

ONLY \$29.25
or **TWO FOR \$54.95**

◀ RIGHT

COLLECTION OF REBLOOMING IRIS

Seven exceptional iris varieties that bloom in the spring and rebloom in the fall. We call these varieties remontants or rebloomers. How do you get your iris to rebloom? By fertilizing and keeping your iris watered (about 1" per week) after the spring bloom. The seven iris featured in this collection are known to be consistent rebloomers. These selections are guaranteed to bloom in the spring. However, we cannot guarantee remontants will rebloom in the fall, because some locations can hinder these rebloomers with their colder climates. This Collection of Rebloomers is valued at \$51.50 but can be yours for only **\$28.80**. Please order Collection 409-K.

ONLY \$28.80 or TWO
FOR ONLY \$55.95

COOLEY'S SEASON STRETCHER COLLECTION

Features 10 outstanding iris from early, mid-season and late blooming varieties. This Collection is sure to create splendid color and magnify the beauty of your garden for several weeks. Remember, however, the blooming season is determined by location, not only geographical location but also where the iris are planted in your yard. (see page 16) This Collection is valued at \$60.50, but offered to you for only **\$33.50**. Please order Collection number 410-L.

ONLY \$33.50
or TWO FOR \$62.95



KISS OF PEACE



INTERPOL



EARLY WISH



FRIVOLOUS



FORTUNE TELLER



JESSE'S SONG



JURIS PRUDENCE



THUNDER ECHO



RARE TREAT



SPEAKEASY

COLLECTION OF FRAGRANT FAVORITES

These tall bearded beauties are aromatically arrogant. This Collection features 10 uniquely fragrant iris. Each iris will add its own distinctive fragrance to your garden. Gorgeous, hardy, and flaunting an eloquent bouquet... what more could you ask? This Collection is valued at \$52.00, but offered to you for only **\$32.50**. Please order Collection number 410-M.

ONLY \$32.50
or TWO FOR \$60.95



GALLANT MOMENT



WILD JASMINE



FAIR DINKUM



RANCHO ROSE



DAZZLING GOLD



DEPTH OF FIELD



AFTER HOURS



CONFECTIONERY



NIGHT AFFAIR



ONE BETTER

SILVER CREEK FALLS COLLECTION

Includes all 16 iris pictured on this page

This Collection is named after one of our hometown's main attractions...Silver Creek Falls. Like the falls of Silver Creek, these iris varieties exhibit dramatic beauty. Their petals fall in glorious fashion as does the waterfall. Both Silver Creek Falls and our featured iris varieties display nature's splendor in its truest form. Plant your garden with pools of these magnificent colors.

Purchase this Collection as a Cooley's Special Value at **\$40.00** (save \$13.60). Please order Collection number 411-N.

**ONLY \$ 40.00
or TWO FOR ONLY \$75.95**



GOOD KNIGHT



EASTERTIME



SONG OF SPRING



PERSIAN GOWN



INLAND PASSAGE



CORAL CHALICE



PARADISE



CYCLES



HIDDEN WORLD



SAILOR'S DANCE



SAMURAI WARRIOR



SATURNALIA



SECRET MELODY



CINNAMON



PEACEFUL MISSION



LAVENDER LUCK

◀ LEFT

NORTH FALLS COLLECTION

The North Falls are breathtaking as are these eight iris pictured on the left half of the page. Dazzling iris varieties that will highlight your garden. This Collection, valued at \$49.50, is yours for only **\$26.40**. Please order Collection number 411-O.

ONLY \$26.40

◀ RIGHT

SOUTH FALLS COLLECTION

The simple elegance of the South Falls is mirrored in this Collection of these 8 exquisite iris pictured on the right half of the page. Select these subtly beautiful flowers to fill that special spot in your garden. This Collection, valued at \$46.00, is yours for only **\$27.20**. Please order Collection number 411-P.

ONLY \$27.20

COOLEY'S RUFFLES AND LACE COLLECTION

Precisely the Collection for the garden with the luxurious and ornate feminine touch. Ruffles and Lace features 9 of our most lady-like selections with billowing ruffles and delicate lace, not to mention vibrant color and glorious long-lasting blooms. This Collection can be considered the *'femme fatale'* of our iris family. Valued at \$45.00 yours for only **\$30.15**. Please order Collection number 412-R.

ONLY \$30.15
or **TWO FOR \$56.95**



CORAL FLUSH



LACE JABOT



LACED COTTON



TOTAL ELEGANCE



QUEEN IN CALICO



KENTUCKY DERBY



MERRY MADRIGAL



SPRING SPLENDOR



MAGIC HOPE

COOLEY'S PLICATA COLLECTION

Featuring 9 of our most popular plicata varieties. Certain to add graceful character to your garden with their unique color patterns - stitching, stipples, dots and sanded patterns. This Collection is a favorite for creative landscaping. A \$60.00 value for only **\$29.90**. Please order Collection number 412-S.

ONLY \$29.90
or **TWO FOR \$55.95**



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CREATIVE STITCHERY



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COLORTART



GOING MY WAY



LEMON AND SPICE



BROADWAY



LADY FIRE



BENGAL TIGER



TRACY TYRENE



FINAL COUNTDOWN



TEQUILA SUNRISE



PT BARNUM



TOUCH OF CLASS



JURIS PRUDENCE



DUSKY CHALLENGER



LEDA'S LOVER



RUFFLED BALLET



NIGHTS OF GLADNESS



SKATING PARTY



HARLEM HUSSY



TIGER BUTTER



RINGO



INFINITE GRACE



RIVER HAWK



ADOBE ROSE

◁ OUTER CIRCLE

Enjoy twice the color
**COOLEY'S
BI-COLOR
COLLECTION**

This Collection features 11 stunning varieties in bi-colors and bi-tones. One color compliments the next creating a beautiful array of color in your garden. These unique, easy to grow iris will heighten your visual excitement with their multiple tones and colors. Valued at \$41.00 it is yours for only **\$35.75**. Please order Collection number 413-T.

**ONLY \$35.75
or TWO FOR ONLY
\$67.95**

◁ INNER CIRCLE

FORMAL AFFAIR

Our most formal Collection is a selection of six black and white varieties with rich velvet hues in contrast to stark white blooms. These distinct colors and regal ruffles render a magnificent garden display that your friends and neighbors will envy. A \$32.50 value for **only \$19.50**. Please order Collection number 413-U.

**ONLY \$19.50
or TWO FOR \$36.95**



QUICK THINKING



BLUE STACCATO



BEAUX ARTS



NIGHT OWL



RUFFLED SURPRISE



ROMANTIC MOOD



MOUNTAIN MELODY



SNOWY WONDERLAND



HILLTOP VIEW



FORGE FIRE



PRINCESS KISS



LUXURY LACE



ROSE CRAFT



HEARTLIGHT



NAVY CHANT



KAH-NEE-TA



CONGRATULATIONS



FRIVOLOUS



SPYGLASS HILL



MONTEVIDEO



RON

COOLEY'S DOLLAR STRETCHER

These days, everyone wants to get more for their dollar. Cooley's is offering this potpourri of color with 21 impressive iris selections at an exceptional price. Whether you are looking to enhance your garden or start a new one...this Collection is perfect for you. Includes all 21 iris pictured. With a catalog value of \$139.00, this Collection is truly a Cooley's Special Value at only \$46.20. Please order Collection number 414-V.

ONLY \$46.20
or TWO FOR ONLY
\$86.95



PT BARNUM



CHANTEUSE



TANGERINE DREAM



MARY FRANCES



WARRIOR KING



LADY FRIEND



ROYAL REGENCY



EVERYTHING PLUS



KATI'S BLUSH



MONEY



CHICO MAID



BUBBLE UP



INFERNO



CINDERELLA'S COACH



ST HELEN'S WAKE



MERRY MADRIGAL



CITY SLICKER



INTERPOL



MARRIAGE VOWS



FAIR DINKUM



FIVE FAVORITES

Featuring five of our favorite tall bearded iris. Being anything but subtle, these five selections possess distinct characteristics that demand attention. They maintain the unique quality that has made Cooley's Gardens the largest iris grower in the world. A \$21.50 value for only **\$16.25**. Please order Collection number 415-W.

ONLY \$16.25
or **TWO FOR ONLY \$30.45**

FABULOUS FIFTEEN

Fifteen flowers selected from our garden for yours! A plethora of velvety falls, striking standards, rich colors, and total elegance. Your garden will have added charm and character with these fifteen new additions. Simply put, this Collection is fabulous. A \$107.00 value for only **\$41.25**. Please order Collection number 415-X.

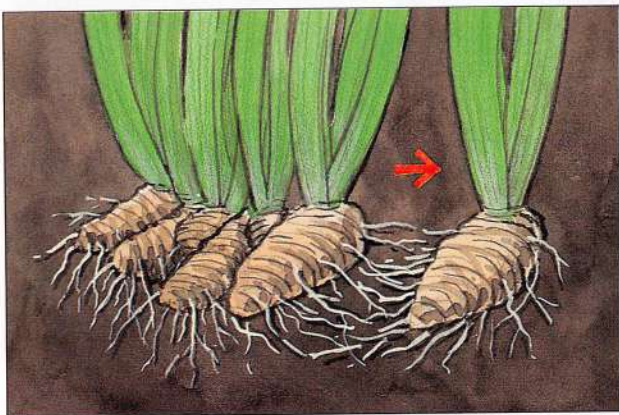
ONLY \$41.25
or **TWO FOR ONLY \$77.95**

EASY

CULTURE OF BEARDED IRIS

Iris prefer a full day of sun, but they will grow and bloom well if given at least half a day of sunlight. The best time to plant iris is between July and October avoiding periods of temperature extremes. For climates with severe winters and early freezing temperatures, we recommend planting prior to August 15. This will ensure early root development. The bearded iris will not tolerate "wet feet". Gardeners can avoid many problems by providing good drainage to protect the iris from getting "wet feet".

Iris will grow in any good garden soil. If other plants grow well in your garden, iris will flourish in it. Never plant too deep. The soil should just cover the top of the rhizome. Extra food is necessary for the very best growth and bloom of your iris. For new planting, a low nitrogen chemical fertilizer or super phosphate can be dug into the soil at the rate of 1/2 ounce per square foot three weeks before the plants are set in. **HALF THIS AMOUNT SHOULD BE USED IF IT IS ADDED JUST BEFORE PLANTING TIME.** Well-rotted manure or well rotted compost are good additions, but should



After 4 years, dig, divide with a knife and replant between July and October depending on temperature extremes in your area - not too hot or frost.

be placed eight inches deep or dug into the soil three weeks before planting. Manure or compost should not be piled around the rhizome.

It is good to combine the chemical fertilizer with the rotted materials and to dig both in together. In general,



Before planting in the late summer or fall, dig in well-rotted manure and low nitrogen fertilizer 8 inches deep or three weeks before planting.

fertilizers high in nitrogen and green manure should be avoided, especially in the fall. Fertilizers high in nitrogen will provide lush green growth in the first year, but no blooms.

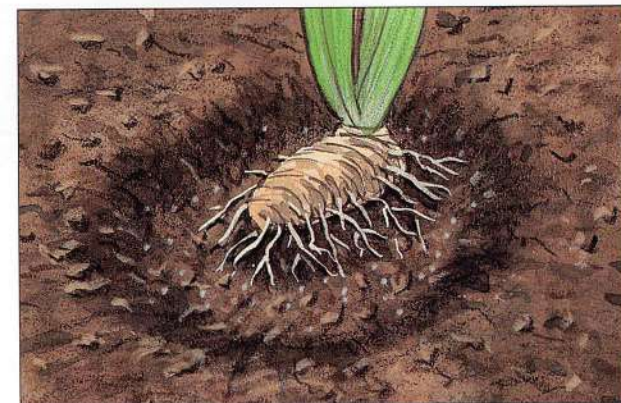
Gardeners in colder climates may wish to mulch in the late fall with soil, straw or pine boughs. **AVOID** grass clippings or other mulches which may pack down and trap moisture around the plant.

Each spring, after growth begins, one handful of 5-10-10 or similar formulation can be sprinkled in a circle around each clump. In response to your suggestions, Cooley's developed our own special blend of fertilizer with the cooperation of Oregon State University. We have two formulas one for spring application and one for fall. It is good to make these applications just before a rain, or to hose the plants clean of any fertilizer which has fallen on the new growth.

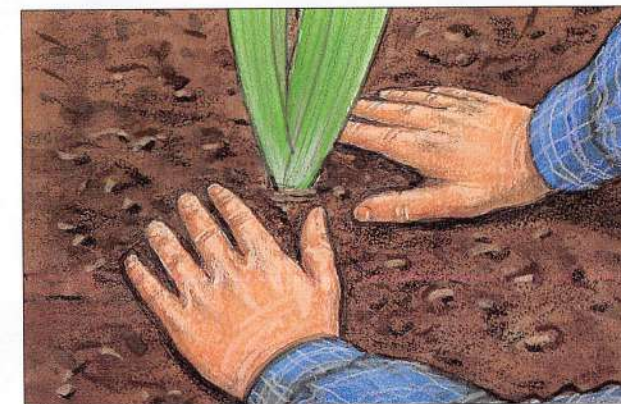
Like many perennial plants, iris may be moved at any time if proper care is taken. However, **the best time to move them is during the period which extends from soon after they bloom until the time when new growth develops.** It is for this reason that we ship in July, August, and September. If you move your iris within this period you will have the least trouble and the greatest success.

Just one word of caution about injury. Since disease may enter through open wounds it is better to trim foliage away with shears rather than to tear it away, and to cut rhizomes apart rather than to break them apart. Cut surfaces and injuries which do occur should be exposed to the sunlight for several hours before replanting. A light dusting of sulphur on such wounds is still further insurance against future troubles.

Although your bloom should be fairly good the year after transplanting, your best bloom will occur in the second to fourth years, so do not divide your clumps too soon. But after three or four years the rhizomes will become crowded and should be dug, divided, and replanted. This is also the time to revitalize your soil by adding humus and fertilizer as was recommended for the new planting.



Place rhizome on a mound in your planting hole to facilitate good drainage. Never plant too deep. The soil should just cover the top of the rhizome. Iris will not tolerate "wet feet".



Pack the soil around the rhizome with your hands after filling the planting hole. See page 18 for suggested plant spacing for quicker color. Fertilize in early spring.

COOLEY'S BLEND IRIS FERTILIZER

Blended For Tall Bearded Iris

Over the years we have developed, in cooperation with Oregon State University, an iris fertilizer and an iris fertilizer program which works for us. Now, at the request of a number of our iris friends across the country, we have made it available to you in convenient, resealable one and three-pound bags complete with instructions.

On page 16 of this 1994 "Iris Book" we provide



cultural information for growing tall bearded iris. And, we also include fertilizer recommendations.

At Cooley's, we fertilize first in the fall when we plant and again in the spring before the iris bloom. Our special Fall Blend and Spring Blend make fertilizing your iris safe and simple. One pound is enough for about 32 plants.

Cooley's Blend-Fall

1-lb bag \$3.95

3-lb bag \$4.95

Cooley's Blend-Spring

1-lb bag \$3.95

3-lb bag \$4.95

SAVE \$2.00 Buy one 1-lb bag of each of the Fall and Spring blends for **ONLY \$5.90** * post paid

SAVE \$2.00 Buy one 3-lb bag of each of the Fall and Spring blends for **ONLY \$7.90** * post paid.

* When you order fertilizer along with iris plants, we will ship your entire order at one time when the plants are ready for shipment. However, if you prefer to order the fertilizer separately, we will ship it immediately; however, we must add the shipping charge.

COOLEY'S PEAK BLOOM FESTIVAL ... YOU'RE INVITED!

The 1994 festival will be Friday
May 20 through May 31
8 a.m. to dusk daily.

Included is a cut flower show featuring 200 artistic tall bearded iris arrangements: wine-tasting most days featuring a local Oregon winery, weekend entertainment including music, square dancing and a hot air balloon, and a display of specialized equipment we use to harvest, process and ship 7 million rhizomes.

Featured attractions of the Festival are the display gardens and fields (more than 250 acres) close to the foothills of the Cascade Range and towered over by majestic Mt. Hood. More than 600 tall bearded iris varieties will be blooming - spectacular sight. All iris plants will be labeled for easy reference.

Please do bring your cameras but do not bring your pets. We have 2 1/2 acres of free parking available for cars, campers, mobile homes and buses! RV's are welcome to park overnight.

The display gardens are wheelchair accessible and Silverton is nearby with several restaurants to please any palate and pocketbook.

It could be warm and sunny or it could be cool and rainy. Be sure to bring clothes to keep you comfortable in either case.

The Cooley Family will be on hand to welcome you and answer your questions. It's not necessary to call ahead. However, if you have a group of 30 or more, calling us beforehand would help us during this busy time to make arrangements for any special attention you would like. Tours and groups are always welcome.

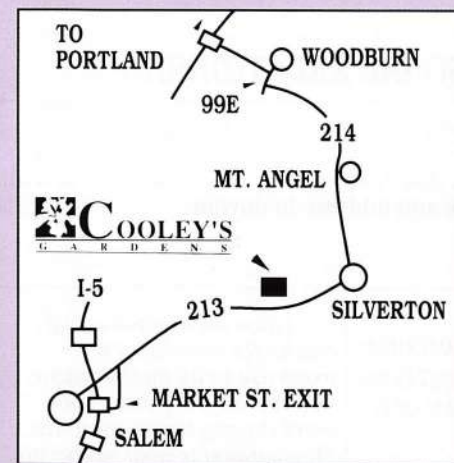
We're Easy to Find

Cooley's Gardens is at 11553 Silverton Road NE, just outside of Silverton and nine miles east of Salem, Oregon's Capital.

From Salem: Simply drive out Silverton Road. If you're on Interstate 5, take the Market Street Exit and drive east to Lancaster Drive. Go north on Lancaster Drive to Silverton Road, and turn east. Within less than 10 miles, you'll see our homey headquarters on your left.

From Portland: Drive south on Interstate 5 to the Woodburn exit. Go east to Woodburn, then turn right on Oregon Highway 214, and follow the route through Mt. Angel. In Silverton take "C" Street to Silverton Road. Unfortunately, the sign doesn't say Silverton Road. Follow the Highway 213 sign. (a small sign says McClain). Drive west for two miles, and look for us on the right side of the road.

We'll see you there!!!



AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY

Cooley's Gardens welcomes the American Iris Society to the Pacific Northwest for their annual meeting May 21 through 25 in Portland, Oregon. We are excited that they have chosen Oregon for the site of their conference. We are anxious to share our iris gardens with members of the American Iris Society and other Iris Fanciers, while our iris are in their peak bloom season.

AIS is a nonprofit institution incorporated February 2, 1927. By the terms of the charter, the Corporation has no stockholders and exists for the sole purpose of promoting the culture and improvement of the iris.

There are many benefits of membership for the person interested in learning more about iris. An individual annual membership is \$12.50, which includes a subscription to the quarterly bulletin. Send your check or request more information from the American Iris Society, PO Box 8455, San Jose, CA 95155.

"The World of Irises"

An outstanding reference book on iris is available from AIS for \$17.50 which includes postage and handling. There are 494 pages of text and 32 pages of full color photographs. It is the most authoritative book available. It is 6" x 9" hard bound with cloth cover. Make your check payable to AIS and send it with your order to Charles J. Lack, 718 West 67th St., Tulsa, OK 74132.

A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP

The Cooley Family respects the personal relationship and trust with you, our iris friends. Therefore, this is our policy: We do not sell or loan your name and address to anyone.



"I give the company high marks for conveying its expertise in its market niche. If you are an iris fancier, you can't do any better than this. This catalog is your authority."

Catalog Age, September 1993.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Almost all of the photographs in the 1994 Iris Fancier's Standard Reference Book are the work of our own Larry Ernst using a Hasselblad 500 C/M with an 80 millimeter Zeiss lens and extension tube. Nearly all flowers are photographed outdoors in nature's light. While every effort is made to picture the flowers exactly as they appear in our fields, light conditions, color separating and the ink adjustments in the printing process all conspire against perfect reproduction. None-the-less, the degree of accuracy in our "Iris Book" is quite high. A fact of which we are proud.

GARDENER'S NIGHTMARE INSURANCE

Available for \$2.00

Among the multitude of occurrences which cause gardeners to have nightmares are: (1) the freeze of the century, (2) a raid by the neighbor's pigs or kids, (3) flood, (4) tornado, (5) any other such unbelievable happenings.

If you lose your iris and it's our fault - no problem, we'll replace them under our guarantee, but if it's something else, our Gardener's Nightmare Insurance covers it.

Our insurance policy is as follows:

If your plants, for any reason, do not live and grow after they are planted, just write to us explaining the situation and we will replace your plant(s) according to the terms below:

Letters requesting replacement must be received not later than August 1st the year following purchase to allow time for reshipment. We will replace your plant(s) with the identical variety if available but we reserve the right to substitute another variety of equal or greater value if necessary.

When you write to us for your replacement, please tell us the approximate date you received your plants, the name and address to which they were shipped and the names of the plants which did not live.

Our insurance policy charge is \$2.00 per order. Just mark the appropriate box on the order blank or tell our operators to add the insurance to your order when you call our 800 number.

EASY ORDERING BY PHONE

TERMS - Phone orders are limited to Visa and Mastercard purchases. There is a \$15.00 minimum purchase including shipping. No C.O.D. shipments - this adds to costs and involves red tape for you and for us. Please turn to the center section of this catalog to order by check or money order.



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PACIFIC 8AM-5PM

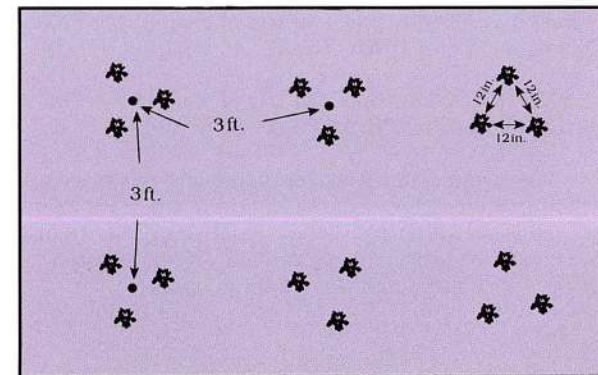
MOUNTAIN 9AM-6PM

CENTRAL 10AM-7PM

EASTERN 11AM-8PM

QUICKER COLOR

To get more color quicker, plant tall bearded iris in groups of three, spacing the iris plants 12 inches apart, with groups on 3-foot centers as shown below:





IRIS

**ARE A GROWING CROP....
AND WE MUST WAIT FOR MOTHER NATURE
TO FINISH HER WORK!**

Many, if not most, mail order purchases are of items available on the shelf, so-to-speak, ready for immediate shipment. Not so, iris!

We plant iris in September and October here in Oregon's Willamette Valley. And, that's about the time we are writing this catalog. We are putting our faith in our abilities and in Mother Nature to produce what we have promised in this catalog.

We send out our catalog and run our ads in April, May and June and we take orders from April through early September. Orders are placed with us by phone using a Visa or Mastercard (sorry, we do not have the facilities to process other cards) or by mail with a check or money order. Orders are processed in the order received and are immediately scheduled for the first available shipping date. Credit card orders are charged out and checks deposited when the order is received and scheduled.

The plants bloom here at Cooley's Gardens in May. They must then continue to grow and to establish their root systems. Generally, they mature in early July so shipping begins about then, depending on weather, plant size and quality.

At Cooley's we dig the plants for your order individually, generally the day before shipment. They come from the field to the trimming and labeling station where they are inspected and prepared for shipment.

Although it seldom happens, we occasionally exhaust our supply of a variety. Since, the first orders received are the first orders shipped, it is wise for buyers to order early. An order placed in April will be shipped by mid-July and so forth. Shipping is usually completed by mid-September, depending on weather conditions.

Ours is a computerized family farming operation in which our family members are responsible for each and every phase of the operation. That way we can and do produce high quality tall bearded iris and give our iris customers friendly, personal service.

When you call Cooley's Gardens, you almost always speak with a member of our family.

NORTHERN STATES AND COLDER CLIMATES MUST ORDER EARLY

Locations that have colder climates and earlier freezes must order before August 25th. The planting season for locations with colder climates is slightly earlier. The map below indicates which states need to order early, however, higher altitude locations with early winters should also order early.



PLANT YOUR PLANTS!

For best results, plant your tall bearded iris plants as soon as you receive them. They should be removed from the shipping box immediately and allowed to "air" for a day or two.

Iris can be successfully planted anywhere in the United States from July through September. (Iris are not recommended for Hawaii, Alaska and Florida South of Orlando)

- Remember, the sooner iris are planted the better.
- Planting iris in extreme heat should be avoided.
- Please ask for a later delivery date if you live in an area with extreme temperatures in July and August.

COOLEY'S SUBSTITUTION POLICY

This catalog is prepared in October and November, just after the iris listed in the catalog have been planted.

These growing plants have seven more months to survive Mother Nature's rigors before we can dig your order. While we make every effort to be sure you receive all the plants you order, Mother Nature's whims can cause a reduction in quantity and quality.

If we cannot fill your order with high quality plants of the variety you ordered, we reserve the right to substitute plants of similar colors of equal or greater value. The earlier you place your order, the less likely you are to receive a substitute plant.

Please indicate on your order form if you do not wish to accept substitutions. We will gladly credit your account.



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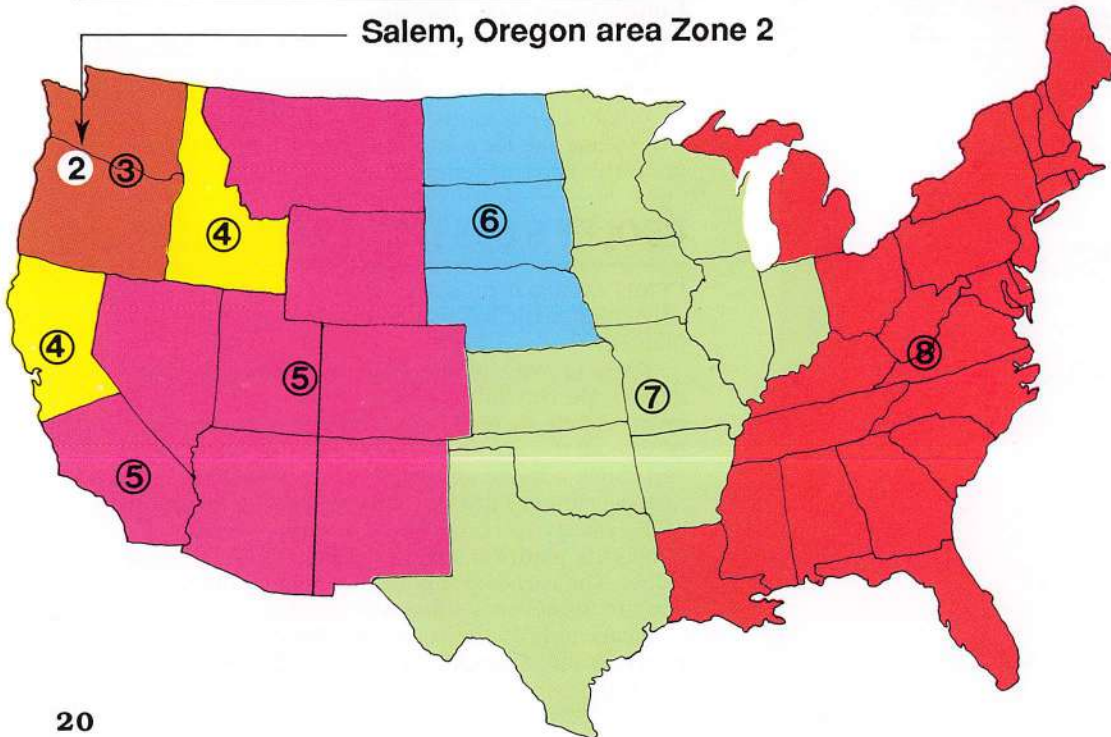
Postage Chart For U.S. Customers

1. Locate your state either on our map or on the list of states.
2. Note the indicated Zone number.
3. Starting with the total plants on your order, read across the chart to the appropriate zone.
4. Enter this amount on the "shipping" line on your order blank.

Best Way Ground Delivery

TOTAL PLANTS	ZONE 2 Salem OR	ZONE 3	ZONE 4	ZONE 5	ZONE 6	ZONE 7	ZONE 8
1-4	3.00	3.20	3.30	3.40	3.50	3.60	3.70
5-6	3.40	3.70	4.30	4.50	4.70	5.05	5.40
7-8	3.55	3.85	4.40	4.60	5.00	5.40	5.85
9-11	3.70	4.10	4.50	4.70	5.30	5.60	6.15
12-13	3.85	4.20	4.55	4.90	5.35	5.80	6.50
14-16	3.95	4.25	4.60	5.00	5.50	6.05	6.70
17-18	4.00	4.30	4.65	5.15	5.80	6.55	7.25
19-21	4.20	4.35	4.70	5.30	6.15	6.90	7.80
22-23	4.30	4.40	4.90	5.55	6.50	7.35	8.30
24-26	4.35	4.55	5.00	5.80	6.70	7.80	8.85
27-28	4.50	4.65	5.25	6.15	7.20	8.25	9.45
29-31	4.60	4.85	5.55	6.20	7.55	8.80	10.00
32-up	4.75	5.00	5.80	6.60	7.90	9.25	10.55

Salem, Oregon area Zone 2



Air Parcel Post or UPS 2nd Day

Ground can take four days to California and eight days to New York. For a few dollars more, air is well worth the money.

TOTAL PLANTS	AIR ALL 48 STATES
1-4	7.50
5-6	8.00
7-8	9.25
9-11	10.50
12-13	12.00
14-16	13.30
17-18	14.60
19-21	16.30
22-23	17.60
24-26	18.90
27-28	20.20
29-31	21.90
32-up	23.50

*Alaska and Hawaii require air parcel post delivery. Enclose \$2.90 plus 25¢ PER PLANT

INTERNATIONAL

Requires \$15.00 customs and inspection fees plus \$2.50 PER PLANT postage for air mail. Minimum order \$50.00 PLUS POSTAGE and fees

CANADA: Please add \$15.00 to all orders to cover inspection and custom declaration fees. There is a simple procedure which all Canadians must follow in order to import plant material. Make out the list of items wanted, state name and address of firm you are ordering from and send it to the Plant Import Division of your Department of Agriculture at Ottawa. They in turn will send you a permit. Then send your order, including the mailing label, to us in the usual way. Retain the permit to claim your package. Minimum order \$25.00 — U.S. Funds, please. Enclose 45¢ per plant for Canadian Shipments.

STATE	ZONE
ALABAMA	8
ALASKA	*
ARIZONA	5
ARKANSAS	7
CALIFORNIA:	
BAY AREA AND NORTH	4
CALIFORNIA:	
SOUTH OF BAY AREA	5
COLORADO	5
CONNECTICUT	8
DELAWARE	8
FLORIDA	8
GEORGIA	8
HAWAII	*
IDAHO	4
ILLINOIS	7
INDIANA	7
IOWA	7
KANSAS	7
KENTUCKY	8
LOUISIANA	8
MAINE	8
MARYLAND	8
MASSACHUSETTS	8
MICHIGAN	7
MINNESOTA	7
MISSOURI	7
MISSISSIPPI	8
MONTANA	5
NEBRASKA	6
NEVADA	5
NEW HAMPSHIRE	8
NEW JERSEY	8
NEW MEXICO	5
NEW YORK	8
NORTH CAROLINA	8
NORTH DAKOTA	6
OHIO	8
OKLAHOMA	7
OREGON	3
PENNSYLVANIA	8
RHODE ISLAND	8
SOUTH CAROLINA	8
SOUTH DAKOTA	6
TENNESSEE	8
TEXAS	7
UTAH	5
VERMONT	8
VIRGINIA	8
WASHINGTON	3
WEST VIRGINIA	8
WISCONSIN	7
WYOMING	5

COOLEY'S BUYER'S "THANK YOU" BONUS PLAN

YOUR CHOICE...of extra iris! Here's how it works: fill out your order form and total it. Then locate your order amount in the first column of the chart below. Read across the chart to find the extra(s) to which you are entitled...**FREE**, with our compliments, and list them on your order blank. It's our way of saying "**THANK YOU**" for choosing Cooley's Tall Bearded Iris!

Dollar Amount of Your Order*	1 - Select one free iris from any listed in this catalog at the price shown below...	2 - Select the number of bonus Iris shown below from among those new releases (\$35) shown on this page...
\$30.00 - 39.99	\$15.00	-
\$40.00 - 49.99	\$20.00	-
\$50.00 - 59.99	\$25.00	-
\$60.00 - 69.99	\$30.00	-
\$70.00 - 79.99	-	ONE
\$100.00 - 149.99	-	TWO
\$150.00 - 199.99	-	THREE
Over \$200.00	Your choice of one \$35 variety for each \$70 of Iris Purchased	

*Before you add charges for shipping and/or insurance and Cooley's Fertilizer

CREATE YOUR OWN COLLECTION

Cooley's offers this option for the gardener who likes to mix and match creating their own unique floral display. Simply select eight iris from either the \$3, \$4 or \$5 varieties listed in this catalog. The table below shows the savings that these plans offer.

8 \$3.00 Varieties	Pay only \$19.20 (Save \$4.80)
8 \$4.00 Varieties	Pay only \$25.60 (Save \$6.40)
8 \$5.00 Varieties	Pay only \$32.00 (Save \$8.00)

HER KINGDOM (L. Johnson, '94) ML. 38" \$35.00

This first introduction of Larry Johnson is a feminine wonder. Mild lace and ruffles on a creamy pink self. Shouldering is darker, evident of the EDNA'S WISH line. Bright orange-red beards. Seven to eight buds on well-branched stalks. Sdlg. J088-31-2. Pictured on page 21.

FROM A DISTANCE (R. Ernst, '94) M. 38" \$35.00

This iris is certainly noticeable from a distance, but get closer. Smooth, even color is a light violet-blue on the falls. The classic form continues into the standards of light yellow with a violet infusion. A most pleasing pastel concoction. Sdlg. HR8545-15. Seven to eight buds on three branches. Pictured on page 21.

LONESOME STRANGER (R. Ernst, '94) M. 40" \$35.00

Chic, blue white self with blue beards. Standards are closed. Mild ruffling. Six to seven buds on three branches. Sdlg. HA103-1. Pictured on page 21.

SIGNIFICANT OTHER (R. Ernst, '94) M. 38" \$35.00

Beautiful blue amoena with slight blue cast in the white standards. Medium blue falls have a touch of violet. Bright yellow beards. Seven to eight buds. Excellent branch. Sdlg. HA141-2 from R8545 line. Pictured on page 21.

SING OUT (J. Gibson, '94) EM. 35" \$35.00

A jubilant song indeed! Gaily patterned plicata of rosy berry tones on cream honey falls. Red beards. Standards smoothly sanded. Well-ruffled flowers come seven to each stalk. Sdlg. 1-5P. Pictured on page 21.

RAINBOW MAKER (R. Ernst, '94) ML. 34" \$35.00

Plum violet standards atop lighter falls. Rim on falls matches standards. Tangerine-orange beards are near white on ends. Ruffles and lace. Seven buds. Sdlg. F120-14. Pictured on page 21.

BONUS IRIS

These six bonus iris are among the 15 new hybrids being introduced by Cooley's Gardens. The other nine are shown on pages 4-5. Of the thousands of seedlings we bloom each year, only a handful meet our criteria during the selection and propagation process. Richard Ernst, president of Cooley's Gardens, is our hybridizer. His process is described on page 22 along with the key to reading our descriptions. These new additions to the Cooley family of iris are available in limited quantities for \$35.00 each. Their pictures speak for themselves and, they are Exclusively Cooley's!



SING OUT



SIGNIFICANT OTHER



FROM A DISTANCE



HER KINGDOM



LONESOME STRANGER



RAINBOW MAKER

HYBRIDIZING

Richard Ernst is not only Cooley's Gardens President, he is also our hybridizer. Rick pays careful attention to the qualities and characteristics which make a certain iris superior to others. It is Rick's keen eye and his knowledge of iris breeding that keep Cooley's hybrids incomparable to others.

Hybridizing (creating new varieties) begins with selecting parents. The serious hybridizer will spend countless hours researching parentage, tracking growth habits, form, branch characteristics and color patterns. At the opposite end of the method of careful planning is the "recreational hybridizer" making crosses for sheer pleasure and not worried about physical qualities.

Whichever method is used, the process of fertilization is the same. Pollen is removed from flower "A" and placed on flower "B". The pollen can be lifted from the anther with a small hobbyist's paintbrush, or using a pair of tweezers, the entire anther can be plucked from the flower. The pollen is then placed on the stigmatic lips of flower "B". Do all three sides. In about a week the ovary section immediately below the flower will swell and after three weeks the pod will be fully formed. Depending on weather, another three or four weeks may be necessary for the seed to ripen. You'll know the pod is ripe when the top begins to split.

One should keep in mind that not all flowers will always bear pollen (pollen sterile). Likewise, not all flowers will always receive pollen (pod sterile). Always use fresh, fully-opened flowers. Preferably, the pollen should be dry.

Two theories exist regarding when to plant the seed. Theory one says to remove the seed from the pod and plant immediately, for faster growth. Theory two says it should be dried first and planted late in the year to avoid germinating until the following spring. This helps to prevent any winter loss. Cooley's uses theory number two.

We dry our seeds in paper cups and plant in November using a commercial potting soil and 4" pots. Seed are planted about 1" deep to avoid heaving. The pots are placed outdoors fully exposed. In the spring, as the seeds germinate, we water frequently to avoid letting the pot dry out. As soon as the seedlings are about 3" tall, they are removed from the pots and lined out in prepared beds, weather permitting.

When your seedlings bloom for the first time, usually the second year after planting, you'll be amazed at the differences, and likenesses. Keep good records of what was crossed with what. You'll see the new flowers have characteristics very similar to one parent, or some of each.

Once you get a system down, try changing things. A different beard, better branch, taller, shorter... The possibilities are endless. The satisfaction of achieving goals is very rewarding. Enjoy this unique and interesting hobby...Happy Irising!

HOW TO READ OUR DESCRIPTIONS

- 1** The name of the variety registered with the American Iris Society
- 2** The name of the originator and the year this variety was introduced
- 3** The season of bloom is relative to location; however, "E" means early; "M" means mid-season; "L" means late; and letter combinations such as "ML" mean mid-to-late. Total span of bloom will range over a period of several weeks.
- 4** Approximate expected height in inches
- 5** Iris known to have a definite tendency to rebloom are indicated by an "RE"
- 6** Iris with noticeable fragrance are indicated by an "F"
- 7** Price per rhizome

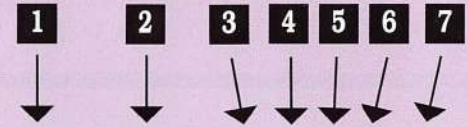
Explanation of terms:

- "Amoena" - white standards and colored falls.
- "Bicolor" - different colored standards and falls.
- "Bitone" - standards and falls two shades of color.
- "Blend" - combination of two or more colors.
- "Plicata" - marked with stitching, stipples, dots or sanded patterns.
- "Self" - standards and falls the same color.
- "Rebloomer" - blooms more than once during the year.

The American Iris Society makes a number of awards annually to outstanding Iris varieties. Each year the highest award given is the "Dykes Medal." Other awards are:

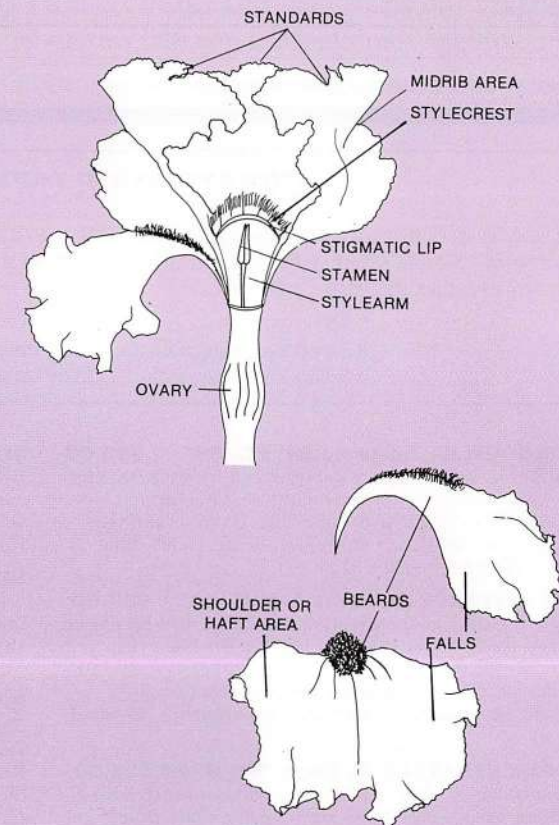
- A.M. - "Award of Merit"
- H.M. - "Honorable Mention"
- H.C. - "Highly Commended"

In order to be eligible for the Dykes Medal an Iris must have previously earned both the Honorable Mention and Award of Merit, the latter two having been separated by a two-year interval.



ENCHANTED ONE (R. Ernst, '94) ML. 35" RE F \$35.00

Our first reblooming introduction is truly enchanting. Blazing yellow standards have a pale violet stripe on the midrib. The falls boast a deep amber gold rim encircling the entire fall. A light orchid lavender with violet veining covers the fall's center. Beards are white, with a touch of orchid, changing to yellow in the throat. Rebloom in late summer. Pictured on page 5.





FORGE FIRE



WARRIOR KING



SCHORTMAN'S GARNET RUFFLES



SULTAN'S PALACE

FORGE FIRE (R. Ernst, '91) ML. 38"

\$15.00

Gorgeous new red self. A deep crimson color. Wide, ruffled and velvety. Self beards are tipped a glowing amber. Certainly the deep, fiery glow could only emanate from the intense fire in the blacksmith's forge. Triple branching on sturdy stems. Eight buds. Rich, dark green foliage. Pictured on page 23.

SCHORTMAN'S GARNET RUFFLES

(SCHORTMAN, '81) M. 28"

\$7.50

Very rich looking, heavily ruffled dark red self. Brown beard. If you like ruffles and you favor reds, be sure to treat yourself to this special favorite of ours. Very short so plant it at the front of your iris bed. HM '85. Pictured on page 23.

SULTAN'S PALACE (Schreiner, '77) M. 34" F

\$3.00

An iris of velvety, vibrant red, with darker maroon cast. The falls are crisp and flaring. No need to worry about fading or bluing in the hot sun. Budcount of eight or ten. HM '79. See page 23.

WARRIOR KING (Schreiner, '85) M. 36"

\$4.00

Intense red coloring in this rich velvety self with beards to match. It has large flowers with stiff rigid stems and good budcount. HM '87. Pictured on page 23.

MON-FRI HAVE VISA/MC READY
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SEE PAGES 18-20

I simply must take this opportunity to tell you that you have surely produced a work of art that sets the standard for garden catalogues. Even if one did not love growing and shopping for new flowers, it would be difficult to resist spending time with your 1993 Reference Book. If it did not require destroying the book (an option I wouldn't give serious consideration), the cover would certainly find its place among my iris wall hangings.

I must also compliment you on your iris insurance program. At this time, I know of no other iris supplier with this policy. Given the unusual spring weather the mid-west has experienced in recent years, it's assuring to know that one of those recently introduced "prizes" that was just purchased will be replaced if destroyed by a late freeze or some other mishap.

My usual annual order will follow, but I wanted to write at this time to express my appreciation to a dedicated, professional family enterprise.

H. Wolford, OH

CRACKLIN BURGUNDY (Schreiner, '81) M. 35" \$3.00

A fine smooth burgundy color on both standards and falls with beard of an identical hue. Well spaced branching, nine buds. HM '83; AM '86. See page 25.

GALLANT MOMENT (Schreiner, '80) EM. 40" \$3.00

Especially tall and strong-branched with up to ten buds. Solid bronze-red with golden beard. HM '82. See page 25.

HONEY MOCHA (Luihn, '80) ML. 36" F \$3.00

For something really different, try this mocha tan-brown, serrated and lightly laced. The falls are mocha brown and fluted, with a honey wash spilling down over the shoulders. The beards are bronze tipped with mocha. HM '82. See our illustration on page 25.

INFERNO (Schreiner, '75) EM. 40" F \$3.00

Solid, rich, dark ruby red, with a velvety sheen and plumwine shadings. No veining, petals extra wide with heavy substance. Beard is orange-brown, stalks sturdy, ample buds. HM '76. See page 24.

RANCHO GRANDE (Ghio, '88) EM. 35" \$15.00

Tightly ruffled standards are a rich mocha brown. The luscious falls a lighter warm honey mocha. Beard is a honey-yellow. Six buds. Excellent form. Pictured on page 25.

RED AT NIGHT (R. Ernst, '92) EM. 38" \$20.00

Royal red fit for a king. The velvety sheen and depth of color are first class. A rich, dark red coloration with clean hafts, slightly lighter on the standards at the haft. Yellow beards are tipped red. Mild ruffling evenly over all. Eight buds on perfectly branched stems. A "must have" for the red enthusiast. Pictured on page 24.

SAMURAI WARRIOR (Schreiner, '81) ML. 34" \$3.00

Large dark cherry-red self. The beard is tipped silvery blue, but otherwise continues the cherry-red theme. Seven to eight long-lasting flowers on a well-branched stalk. See our picture on page 24.

SHANIKO (D. Meek, '83) ML. 35" \$7.50

Ruffled deep mahogany red self. Mahogany red beard is tipped brown. See page 24.

TIME'S TAPESTRY (R. Ernst, '93) EM. 36" \$20.00

The rich shades of tapestry in burgundy, reds and browns and heavy substance are evident in this flower. The edges of the falls are draped and pleated with an even fluting. Pictured on page 25.

WILD WEST (Ghio, '79) M. 40" \$3.00

Tops in its color class, this brown self sports a rich mahogany finish. Beards are a golden brown, amber at the tips. HM '81. See our picture on page 25.

I want to thank you for the most beautiful flower book you have sent. My iris are just huge, like huge orchids, and such glorious colors.

G. Nelson, AL



RED AT NIGHT



SHANIKO



INFERNO



SAMURAI WARRIOR



RANCHO GRANDE



HONEY MOCHA



WILD WEST



GALLANT MOMENT



CRACKLIN BURGUNDY



TIME'S TAPESTRY

AMBER TAMBOUR (R. Ernst, '91) L. 34" \$10.00

A glowing, deep amber self. Possibly the richest color in its class. The bloomstalk possesses the unique quality of red coloring, more pronounced at branch nodes and bract leaves. Flowers are beautifully formed, well-laced and in perfect proportion to the stalk. Very heavy substance and fine ruffling. HM '93. See our picture on page 27.

ART CENTER (O. Brown, '82) M. 38" \$7.50

Standards are shell pink, bordered apricot; apricot styles. Falls are brownish apricot with lavender infusion in the center, lighter area below saturn red beard; ruffled. HM '84. Pictured on page 27.

CINNAMON (Ghio, '82) L-VL. 38" \$5.00

Standards and falls are both tan while shoulders are a solid henna. Falls have a violet flush and the beards are tan. This one has a sweet fragrance. See our picture on page 27.

COPPER CLASSIC (Roderick, '79) L. 30" F \$3.00

Like a bright new penny, this Spanish orange self with tangerine beards with its many flowers sets off a clump in your garden with a loud bang! HM '81; AM '83. Pictured on page 27.

CORAL FLUSH (O. Brown, '85) ML. 40-42" \$5.00

Marvelous coloring in this entry into a very restricted color class. Ruffled and lightly laced carrot red self. The hafts are brushed Spanish orange. A bright poppy-red beard is a final touch. Pictured on page 27.

HARVEST QUEEN

(C. Quadros/J. Hedgecock, '88) M. 32" \$10.00

This heavily ruffled beauty has golden brown standards with golden yellow highlights at mid-rib. Falls are golden brown with golden yellow wash over most. A bright yellow beard crowns this queen of the garden. See page 26.

KAH-NEE-TA (R. Ernst, '89) EM. 34" \$7.50

Ruffled flowers of harvest colors are accented with an orange-gold beard. Indian red-brown standards and warm harvest gold falls. See our picture on page 26.

SCOTCH BLEND (Gatty, '81) M. 36" \$4.00

This large ruffled flower has ecru standards that blend darker towards the base, then displaying a beautiful light lavender flush at the throat. Absinthe yellow falls are highlighted with pyrethrum yellow hafts. Golden yellow beard. A real smoothie. Illustrated on page 26.

SUBTLE HINT (R. Ernst, '91) ML. 37" \$15.00

A superb beauty with subtle amber gold standards. Smooth falls of golden amber with red brown overlay. Six to seven budcount. Pictured on page 26.

TOASTMASTER (Ghio, '84) ML. 38" \$4.00

One of the finest examples of a limited color class. Exquisite form with lovely ruffles on this toasted watermelon self. Red beard. HM '86. See our picture on page 27.



SUBTLE HINT



HARVEST QUEEN



KAH-NEE-TA



SCOTCH BLEND



AMBER TAMBOUR



CINNAMON



ART CENTER



COPPER CLASSIC



TOASTMASTER



CORAL FLUSH

CINDERELLA'S COACH (Hager, '86) EM. 36" \$7.50

Eye-pleasing pumpkin orange self. Even, solid coloring in a taller than usual orange. Fine ruffling all around and a bright tangerine beard. HM '88. See page 29.

DEPTH OF FIELD (R. Ernst, '86) M. 36" F \$4.00

Orange Peach or Peach Orange? A marvelous color either way with a bright tangerine beard on this white zoned self. Gently fluted, up to eight buds on each well-branched stalk. See page 28.

FANCY LADY (Shoop, '87) M. 36" F \$15.00

A delicately laced orange self is accented with a tangerine-red beard. This well-dressed lady has a slightly spicy scent. See page 28.

GOOD SHOW (Hager, '88) M. 35" \$15.00

Bold, electric orange self with bright tangerine beards. Even, solid coloring on wide, full flowers with excellent ruffled form. Eight buds on three branches. HM '91. Pictured on page 29.

MALAGUENA (Ghio, '84) EL. 40" \$4.00

Heavily ruffled light orange self with a white area around the tangerine beards. The blossoms are evenly fluted all around and the color will liven up your iris beds without overpowering them. HM '87; AM '89. Pictured on page 28.

MARMALADE (Keppel, '79) L. 36" \$3.00

Here we have standards of orange, lightly tinted tan. The falls are slightly deeper and more tan, and the beards are mandarin red. HM '81; AM '84. See page 28.

MONTEVIDEO (Ghio, '87) L-VL. 38" \$7.50

Very large flowers with touching hafts adorn tall vigorous stems. Twelve or more buds per stem. Mid to dark orange in color with tangerine beard. Excellent branching. Pictured on page 29.

OKTOBERFEST (W. Margott, '87) M. 37" \$7.50

Phenomenal orange color with a festive look. Brilliant red-orange beard. Heavy ruffling adds to the gala effect. HM '89. See page 29.

TANGERINE DREAM (J. Nelson, '86) EM. 32" F \$7.50

Pleasant dreams will be yours after enjoying this beautiful tangerine orange specialty. Standards are flushed pink at midribs. The beard is a striking tangerine orange. Slight fragrance. See picture on page 29.

We received our iris rhizomes and as usual they are without equal. How could such a large, healthy rhizome do anything but produce a breathtaking display of blooms. Many thanks for your deep concern to satisfy your customers.

Mrs. H. Mulder, VA



DEPTH OF FIELD



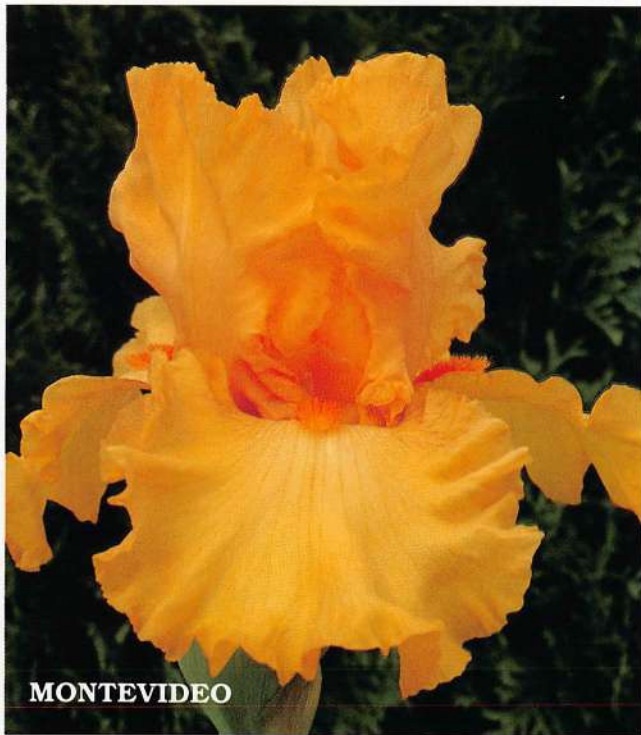
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GOOD SHOW



CINDERELLA'S COACH



TANGERINE DREAM

I was pleasantly surprised when I received this order last week. All ten rhizomes were big, healthy, and in super condition. If this is an indication of how you do business, I like it! You can count me in as a Cooley's customer - enclosed is another order.

T. Bishop, CA

The plants arrived exactly when promised and in perfect condition, as always. I unwrapped them immediately, and the next day planted, marked and catalogued them. Yes, I have so many by now that I have to keep a card catalog in order to know what I have and where it is planted. One of the big thrills when opening your big boxes is to find the wonderful Bonus plants. Many thanks.

L. Watson, WA

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BANANA FRAPPE' (R. Ernst, '91) M. 38" \$15.00

This new and improved yellow has huge flowers, up to 8" across! Plus great bud count, up to ten per stalk! Gently ruffled yellow self with yellow-orange beard. Fine branching. A tropical delight! See our picture on page 31.

BLACK HILLS GOLD (O. Brown, '86) EM. 37" \$7.50

The lower half of the falls and the tops of the standards are lemon yellow, while the center section of the flower is the pink-gold akin to the jewelry coloring; blushed cadmium orange and mimosa yellow with tangerine on the shoulders, tangerine beard. Full flowers with lots of ruffles. See page 31.

COPYRIGHT (E. Roderick, '83) ML. 32" \$3.00

Bright, clear sunny yellow self. Center falls are flushed white at the beard tips. Beards are yellow. Gentle fluting all around. See picture on page 30.

FRIVOLOUS (R. Ernst, '91) M. 40" \$15.00

This shining star of the yellow class sports a fat yellow beard on a white zone. Mild lace and ruffles. Tall, well-branched stalks carry eight buds. Pictured on page 31.

GOLD COUNTRY (Ghio, '87) EM. 38" \$5.00

California gold blessed this smooth gold self with beards of the same hue. On the taller side, plant at the back of your iris bed. Fine branching and superb coloring with beautiful form. HM '89. See picture on page 30.

GOLD GALORE (Schreiner, '78) M. 35" F \$3.00

A rigorous grower in rich, crisp gold, you will find this luminously brilliant and forever sunfast. It is very hardy and boasts eight buds on three branches plus. HM '80; AM '82. Shown on page 30.

KRUGERAND (Gaulter, '89) L. 36" \$5.00

The gorgeous, bright golden yellow is as precious as the coin, certainly for the collector. Ultra-substance and heavy ruffles. A true self, the golden yellow lightening only slightly at the beard tip. Flowers of classic form atop strong, well branched stems flaunting eight to ten buds. Very showy. See page 30.

MONEY (B. Roe, '77) M. 36" \$3.00

Bright butter yellow to gold-suffused self, with small creamy yellow area beneath self beards. Pictured on page 31.

STRIKE IT RICH (R. Ernst, '93) M. 35" \$30.00

Glowing deep golden yellow self, very clean with mild ruffling and a touch of lace on the edging. Flowers are about 6" across. Consistently good branch and bud count. Very sun tolerant. Pictured on page 31.

SUNDAY SUNSHINE (R. Ernst, '87) EM. 36" \$4.00

Bright lemon-yellow self, each fall having a white center near the beard tip. Eight buds open to produce large, ruffled flowers. Excellent substance and classic form in a traditional color. Sure to please. Shown on page 31.





BLACK HILLS GOLD



FRIVOLOUS



MONEY



BANANA FRAPPE



STRIKE IT RICH



SUNDAY SUNSHINE

AFFIRMATION (Corlew, '92) M. 36" \$25.00

One of our first new introductions from Glenn Corlew. Well known for his love of pastel colors, Glenn has allowed us to introduce this new iris. Standards are a creamy yellow pastel with falls slightly lighter. The beard is yellow to cream. HC '84. Fine ruffling all around. Pictured on page 32.

BLAZING LIGHT (Shoop, '83) M. 34" \$4.00

A very bright combination with yellow standards and white falls featuring a bright orange blaze extending down from the hafts. Red beards, good branching and stalk. See picture page 33.

DIVINE LIGHT (R. Ernst, '92) M. 36" \$20.00

Creamy coloring with button-yellow overtures and highlights. Yellow stripe tipping the orange-yellow beard matches the yellow shoulders. Beautiful ruffles abound on heavy substantanced flowers. Eight buds on three branches. Pictured on page 33.

ENVY (R. Ernst, '90) EM. 33" \$7.50

Excellent form is unexpected in the green class, but certainly present here. No olive tones are present, leaving a bright, clean lime green. Yellow-orange beard. Six to seven buds. Super ruffling and lace. Nothing else like it. Pictured on page 33.

KENTUCKY DERBY (Mohr, '76) ML. 35" \$3.00

A heavy substantanced flower that seems to take forever to get all the way open. Withstands the hot sun well, the lemon yellow color blending to a near-white at center fall, the beard a yellow-orange tone. HM '77; AM '81. See page 32.

LEMON MIST (Rudolph, '72) M. 30" F \$3.00

Frothy light yellow self with wide, heavily ruffled, flaring falls. Standards also ruffled and domed. Heavy substance and vigorous plant habits. HM '73; AM '75. Shown on page 33.

MOON JOURNEY (B. Hager, '88) M. 35" \$7.50

An out-of-this-world color combination with pristine white standards and deep, lemon yellow falls. A light yellow beard finishes the look. Pictured on page 33.

SUNRAY REFLECTION (R. Ernst, '92) ML. 38" \$25.00

Crisp clean white falls sport a 1/4" rim of bright lemon yellow. Hafts carry the yellow into the standards which are also lemon yellow with white accents. Bright lemon beard is tipped white. Eight large flowers perfectly placed on sturdy, well-branched stems. Very heavy substance. Sure to please. Pictured on page 32.

TULIP FESTIVAL (Clough, '75) M. 30" \$3.00

A unique amoena. Very clean white standards, brilliantly enhanced by bright yellow falls. There is a trace of light yellow at the midrib and the style arms. A most striking color contrast. HM '76. Pictured on page 33.

WELL ENDOWED (Ghio, '79) EM. 40" F \$3.00

Not only tall, but huge in the size of the flower! A glittering gold self, the only variation being the small white areas below the gold beards. HM '79; AM '83. Pictured on page 32.



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MOON JOURNEY

CELESTIAL FLAME (Dubose, '88) EM. 37" \$15.00

Significant improvement in red-bearded whites. Tall and vigorous with heavy ruffles on bright, snow-white flowers. Beards are brilliant tangerine red. Pictured on page 35.

CORAL CHALICE (D. Niswonger, '83) M. 34" \$10.00

The chalice shape of this bloom is highlighted by its white standards. Salmon pink falls gently fade to white, creating the perfect background for the tangerine beard. See page 34.

EASTERTIME (Schreiner, '80) ML. 38" \$3.00

You will like this exquisitely smooth ivory-cream iris banded with gold. It has yellow-gold beards. The stems are stiff and the flowers have an unusually heavy substance. There are four branches. HM '82. See picture on page 34.

GOLD RING (Gaulter, '78) M. 38" F \$4.00

Definite ring of deep yellow around the edge of clean white falls. Matching the rings are the standards and haft. Beautifully ruffled, heavy substance. Ten buds to each stalk. HM '80. See page 35.

GOODWILL MESSENGER (R. Ernst, '90) ML. 35" \$15.00

Reversed yellow and cream bicolor. Butter-yellow standards have a cream edging. Falls are creamy white with yellow undersides. Gentle ruffling and a touch of lace. The beards are orange. Seven buds. See our picture on page 34.

LEDA'S LOVER (Hager, '80) M. 37" \$4.00

Superbly ruffled and feathery is this pristine white blossom with white beards changing to a cool lemon yellow deep in the throat. Budcount of seven. HM '82; AM '84. See page 35.

NEW DAWNING (R. Ernst, '90) M. 36" \$15.00

A variation on a theme, *very* well presented. Large ruffled flowers have clear, lemon-yellow standards and brilliant, clean white falls with a definite border of lemon-yellow. Yellow beards. Wonderful form, substance and width. Seven buds on three branches. See our picture on page 35.

PEACEFUL MISSION (R. Ernst, '90) ML. 34" \$15.00

Lovely deep cream standards atop clean white falls with creamy undersides showing amidst the fluting and lace. Bright gold beard. Seven buds on well-branched stalks. Heavy substance. Pictured on page 34.

SNOW SPOON (Hager, '82) M. 38" \$4.00

A real novelty, this pure white self has white spoons on long filaments extending from bright yellow beards. Some yellow shouldering. Spoons are easily noted in our picture, page 35.

SNOWY WONDERLAND (O. Brown, '79) ML. 34" \$3.00

Brilliant sunshine yellow at the shoulders form a halo around an outstanding orange beard. Heavy substance, three branches, eight buds. HM '81. See page 35.

I placed my first order with you last year. They are so beautiful that one wonders if they're real! I'm delighted. Thank you.

D. Robinson, CA



CORAL CHALICE



EASTERTIME



GOODWILL MESSENGER



PEACEFUL MISSION



CLOUDS ADRIFT (J. Gibson, '87) M. 37" F \$7.50

This iris would probably be classified as a white, but on second look it shows a lovely violet cast, giving it a look all its own. The blooms are ruffled and well formed. The attractive beard is white, orange tipped. See page 36.

INTEGRA (Corlew, '92) M. 36" \$25.00

Outstanding, very wide white self. Slightly ruffled, clean and well-branched. The yellow orange beard is tipped white. If you're looking for a new orange bearded white, select INTEGRA. See picture on page 36.

JURIS PRUDENCE (R. Ernst, '86) M. 36" \$4.00

Ivory white self, very heavy substance, with ruffles and lace. Simple, clean, elegant color on dense, vigorous foliage. The beard displays a slight bluish cast, changing to pale yellow deep in the throat. Three branches, eight buds. Pictured on page 36.

LACED COTTON (Schreiner, '80) ML. 36" \$5.00

If you are looking for an iris with large flowers, note this one! Blooms are six inches each way! The beards, haft and centers are all a clean, pure white - very dainty, but heavily laced. Sports six buds and three branches. HC '79. Pictured on page 37.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH (F. Foster, '81) M. 34" \$5.00

One of our whitest whites, like the snow capped Rocky Mountains. Heavily ruffled and fluted. Being short, try it in front of a darker variety for an outstanding accent. See page 37.

SILVER YEARS (Hager, '80) M. 38" \$4.00

Falls are snowy white with standards a silvery blue-white. A durable flower, full of ruffles and lace. A winner of the President's Cup at Indianapolis '85. AM '85. See page 37.

SKATING PARTY (Gaulter, '83) ML. 34" \$3.00

Have you been looking for the "all-whitest" iris? The beards are a lemon-white and the bloom is fluted all around. There is some flare in the falls, and the whole is very ruffled with nine buds to each stalk. HM '85; AM '89. Pictured on page 37.

SNOW BLANKET (R. Ernst, '91) EM. 38" \$15.00

Pure, clean, white color with a very faint lavender influence in the hafts. Up to 11 buds per stem. Perfect placement, superb substance, super wide falls and brilliant orange-red beards. Pictured on page 36.

ST. HELENS' WAKE (R. Ernst, '84) ML. 40" F \$4.00

This is a lovely blue-white self, with yellow beards and violet infused haft. ST. HELENS' WAKE is tall and stately, with large, ruffled blossoms - eight to the stalk, with four branches. Pictured on page 37.

WINGS OF DOVES (R. Ernst, '90) ML. 35" \$15.00

Pure, clean and gentle, this iris is of an icy white color. Fluted with some lace, the falls flare and the heavy substance holds the blossoms at their best. A fine white by any standard, the iris sports eight buds on three branches. Pictured on page 37.



JURIS PRUDENCE



SNOW BLANKET



INTEGRA



CLOUDS ADRIFT



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ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH



WINGS OF DOVES



LACED COTTON



SILVER YEARS



SKATING PARTY

CHARISMA (Blocher, '76) M. 32" \$7.50

A medium blue self with the look of watered silk or moire and a white flush in the falls. The beards are lemon-yellow lending a clean look to the flower over all. Pictured on page 39.

CHICO MAID (Luihn, '85) ML. 38" \$3.00

Lovely palest blue with deeper shading at base. Beards are blue, tipped bronze in throat. Gently waved and ruffled. Stalks are well-branched. HM '87; AM '89. See page 38.

CLEAR MORNING SKY (R. Ernst, '91) EM. 40" \$15.00

Crisp, wax-like flowers of impeccably clean color. Gorgeous light blue standards darken in the hafts. Falls are a paler blue. Blue beards. Tall, well-branched stems sport seven buds. Perfectly pictured on page 38.

CRYSTALYN (R. Dunn, '86) M. 37" \$15.00

Sparkling fresh blue-white coloring with even ruffling. A pale blue flush accents the falls. White beards with dark blue undertones. HM '88; AM '90. Pictured on page 38.

FAIR DINKUM (Gaulter, '89) ML. 38" \$10.00

A clean, ruffled, light-blue self with a near-white beard. Outstanding form on a triple branched stalk. Expect nine to ten buds opening to become extra-heavily substantanced flowers with falls so wide they overlap. See page 39.

HILLTOP VIEW (L. Gaulter, '90) ML. 38" \$10.00

Clear blue self, wide and ruffled. Beard is near white, tipped blue, yellow in throat. Edging is lightly laced. Gorgeous form and superb branching. Very thrifty grower. Eight buds. Pictured on page 39.

INLAND PASSAGE (Gaulter, '86) L. 36" \$4.00

Flowers of intense violet-blue are huge, the white beards cast with a reflection of lavender. Three branches with many buds. Use this beauty to add late bloom to your garden. Pictured on page 39.

KISS OF PEACE (R. Ernst, '85) M. 36" F \$4.00

Graceful, gentle ruffling in light blue color. Midrib areas with lavender undertones. White-tipped yellow beards are a nice accent. Nine flowers to a sturdy stalk. A vigorous grower. Pictured on page 39.

NORTHWESTERN SKIES (R. Ernst, '89) ML. 37" \$10.00

Frosty blue tones as accents on a clean white cloud. Standards and falls are clean and white, well ruffled, with heavy substance. The beard is a frosty blue, as is the infusion in the style and haft area. Eight buds on three branches. See page 38.

SKY SEARCH (L. Gaulter, '92) M. 38" F \$20.00

Beautiful sky blue color. Near-white beards end in a small white zone. Slightly darker blue edging on the falls. Eight to ten buds on three branches. Gentle ruffling, good substance and timeless form. Fast to increase, this iris should remain in commerce a long time. Pictured on page 39.



CHICO MAID



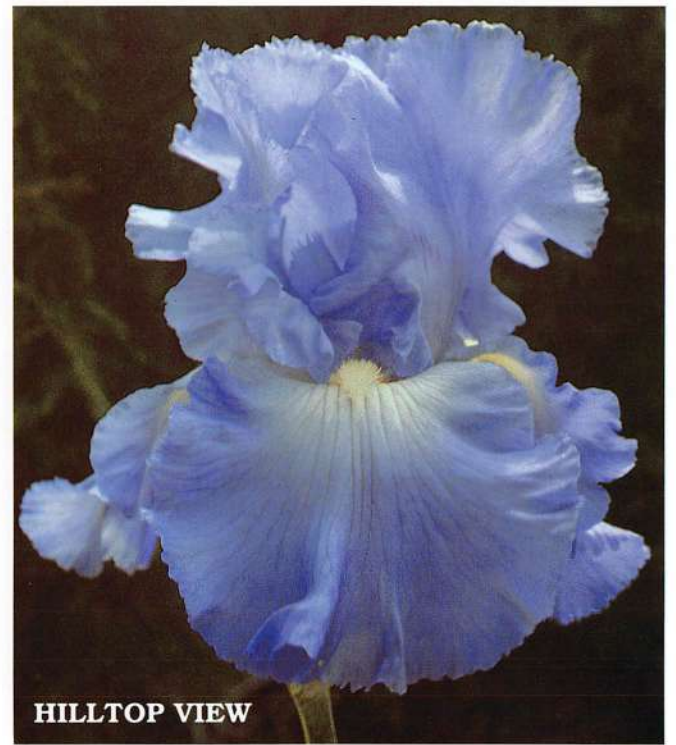
CLEAR MORNING SKY



NORTHWESTERN SKIES



CRYSTALYN



BLUE IT UP (R. Ernst, '91) M. 38" \$15.00

Beautifully formed flowers with pale blue beards on white zones. This wildly ruffled blue is ultra-clean. Heavy substance. Medium-sized flowers on graceful stalks. Well-branched stems flaunt eight buds. Pictured on page 40.

FULL TIDE (O. Brown, '72) M. 38" F \$3.00

Large ruffled wisteria blue. Standards closed and falls flared. Beards are yellow in the throat but with only pale blue showing. Well branched stalks and good budcount. HM '73; AM '76. See page 40.

RON (Hamblen, '81) M. 36" \$3.00

Outstanding silken sheen of violet-blue. Large flowers of ruffled violet with matching beards and style crests with turquoise tinting. HM '83; AM '85. See page 40.

VICTORIA FALLS (Schreiner, '77) EL. 40" F \$3.00

Light blue self with white beard and signal, beautifully ruffled with exceptional branching and budcount. HC '76; HM '78; AM '80; Dykes Medal '84. Shown on page 40.

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Your iris have enhanced my garden to the extreme. So much that my neighbors watch for their blooms. Thank you so much for the quality of the plants I receive.

B. Widener, TX

Just had to let you know how thrilled I am with the rhizomes I ordered from you last season! It was my first year planting iris so I ordered from three different growers. It was obvious on arrival whose iris were the best quality - not only were your rhizomes the healthiest looking and largest, but also so far this year they are the only ones which have bloomed! I am so delighted and know that we will enjoy them for years to come. Keep up the good work!

K. Umezawa, CA

Received my iris shipment in excellent condition, have planted them and will wait with great anticipation for next year's blooms.

Thank you for the great service and super plants. My mother who bought your iris way back in the thirties would be thrilled if she could see the variety of colors today.

M. Stoner, MI



VICTORIA FALLS



BLUE IT UP



FULL TIDE



RON



AFTER HOURS



BLUES SINGER

AFTER HOURS (D. Meek, '81) M. 34" \$3.00

This flower is a ruffled, deep rich blue self, with undertones of violet. It is of conventional form, slightly fluted, and has blue beards. See picture on page 41.

BLUES SINGER (Gaulter, '84) ML. 32" F \$4.00

A real blue for the blues! Beards are gold in the throat, but then white, tipped with blue. The flower is a royal blue self, and is flared almost flat. There is beautiful fluting all around. Well-branched with ten buds to the stalk. Pictured on page 41.

MEMPHIS BLUES (Schreiner, '87) ML. 40" \$15.00

Tall, sturdy stalks boasting three branches and eight buds. Heavily ruffled flowers highlighted with a soft white zone amidst the lobelia blue color. Superior growth habits. HM '89. Pictured on page 41.

SWIRLING SEAS (Gatty, '84) E. 36" F \$7.50

Reminiscent of a winter's storm at sea, this violet-blue self is capped with a blue-white beard tipped lemon. In its wake it leaves a slight sweet fragrance. Flawless form and heavy substance. Pictured on page 41.

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SWIRLING SEAS



MEMPHIS BLUES

Received the iris today in excellent condition. Thank you for the quick service and beautiful rhizomes. I planted them right away as we need lots of time to get them growing good before our harsh winter. I've had good results with all the iris I've ordered from you in the past years. A very satisfied customer.

D. Bush, MI

The iris I ordered from you last summer were the "talk of the town!" I'm certain that you knew they would be, but I didn't! All but two of the fifteen bloomed radiantly. The ooh's and ah's, praise and compliments are still being heard.

M. Swecker, VA

Your iris plants are the best I have seen! I recommend them highly to any gardener! The Iris Fancier's Reference Book is very artistic and beautiful. Easy to select from and a joy to look at.

H. Kreis, OH

BLEU DE MER (R. Ernst, '88) ML. 38" \$4.00

Big, beautiful sea-blue flowers with casual fluting. Near-white beards. This thrifty grower consistently bears eleven buds on triple branches, giving a long bloom span. Falls are very wide. Fast increaser. Pictured on page 43.

BLUE LUSTER (O. Brown, '73) M. 38" F \$3.00

A glistening medium blue with matching beard. Large flowers, many ruffles with domed standards and wide flaring falls. Well branched with many buds. HM '74; AM '76. Shown on page 42.

BUBBLING OVER (Ghio, '82) M. 36" \$4.00

Truly bubbling, this is a very special ruffled blue-lilac beauty. A lovely white beard is an extra highlight. HC '81; HM '84; AM '86. See page 43.

FADED DENIMS (R. Ernst, '84) ML. 34" F \$3.00

Flowers are of a medium blue, with just a hint of orchid. Center falls are even lighter and evenly fluted all around. Orange beards are tipped with white, stalks very well branched, each carrying ten buds. See page 43.

JACARANDA (Gaulter, '81) M. 38" \$3.00

Colorful as Jacaranda trees, this iris is mulberry color. Beards are burnt orange and falls horizontal. Large fresh blooms are a very deep wine color, softening in tone as they mature. The whole flower is very fluted and ruffled with some lace. As many as nine buds to each stalk. HM '84. Pictured on page 43.

LAST EMPEROR (L. Gaulter, '90) ML. 36" \$15.00

Huge flowers with perfect, even ruffles on a true royal blue self. Self beards. The color is the richest and deepest; the flower form and branching are flawless. Eight to nine buds on three branches. See our picture on page 42.

ROYAL REGENCY (Schreiner, '77) M. 38" F \$3.00

Medium blue, lightly ruffled, with broad, full petals, good branching and budcount. Has a silken appearance. HM '78. See page 43.

SAILOR'S DANCE (Schreiner, '73) M. 34" F \$3.00

Ruffled and fluted medium blue. Excellently formed on sturdy well branched stems. HC '72. Shown on page 42.

SHEER BLISS (Tompkins, '87) M-VL. 38" \$10.00

A daydream in the clouds will be yours with this iris. A pale blue-white beard is the perfect complement to the background of a fluted cornflower blue self. Pictured on page 42.

STELLAR LIGHTS (J.T. Aitken, '85) M-VL. 38" \$7.50

You'll feel you're gazing at the stars when you witness this bloom of deep blue-violet. Note the "star" reflecting off the white beard. As impressive as the Aurora Borealis. Gently fluted edges. Pictured on page 43.

The iris I have ordered from you in the past are in full bloom now, and are the envy of the neighbors. I am delighted with every iris I have received.

H. Collins, CA



SHEER BLISS



SAILOR'S DANCE



BLUE LUSTER



LAST EMPEROR



STELLAR LIGHTS



ROYAL REGENCY



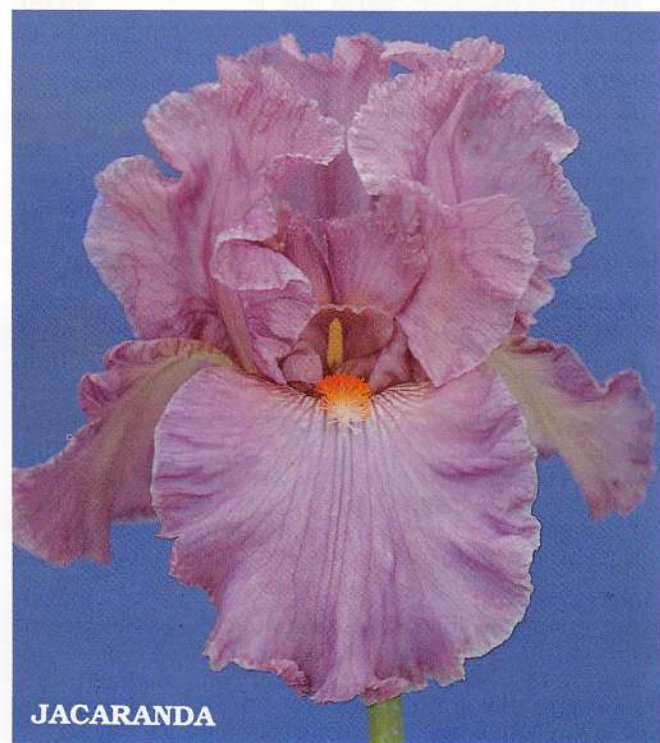
FADED DENIMS



BUBBLING OVER



BLEU DE MER



JACARANDA

BEAUX ARTS (Plough, '69) ML. 36" F \$3.00

A lacy, ruffled bitone with standards of phlox pink and falls slightly lighter in color, blending to buttercup yellow at the haft. The beard is saturn red. Vigorous with many buds. HM '70. See page 45.

KATI'S BLUSH (R. Ernst, '89) M. 34" \$4.00

Near white falls blush to a deep rosy pink at the edges. A bright orange-red beard sits beneath the clean standards. Lovely fluting all around. Seven buds per stalk. See page 45.

LACE JABOT (Gaulter, '82) EM. 36" F \$3.00

Begin the season of iris bloom as early as you can by adding this lovely, lacy lavender one to your iris beds. The bright yellow beard lights up the center of the whole flower. The top is not quite closed, but quite lacy, and center falls flushed white. Very good branch and budcount. HM '85. Pictured on page 45.

LAVENDER LUCK (R. Ernst, '88) M. 35" \$4.00

Lucky you'll be with this beautiful lavender self gracing your garden. Gentle fluting and mild lace add to the character of this iris. The bright yellow beards contrast nicely. Classic branch and eight buds. See our picture on page 44.

LIVING RIGHT (R. Ernst, '91) ML. 36" \$15.00

Bright tangerine-orange beards pale to white at tips. Standards are a clear, clean lavender, lighter at mid-ribs. The falls are snowy white, darkening to a lavender edge, very wide and rigid. Mild lace and gentle ruffling all around. Three branches and six buds. Pictured on page 45.

MARY FRANCES (Gaulter, '73) M. 38" F \$3.00

Lovely light blue-orchid self with white-centered falls. White beard touched with yellow. Falls wide and flaring, standards closing in a round, wavy top. HM '74; AM '76; Dykes Medal '79. Shown on page 44.

OLYMPIAD (Ghio, '84) EL. 38" \$4.00

Light blue standards with deeper coloring at center of the flower spilling onto the center fall as a flush of color. The main part of the fall is a blue lighter yet, the beards lightest of all blues in the blossom. HM '86; AM '88. See picture on page 44.

PERSIAN BERRY (Gaulter, '77) M. 36" F \$3.00

Blue-raspberry coloring, maroon shoulders and tangerine beard, excellent form, good branching and slightly flaring falls. HM '78; AM '81. Shown on page 44.

YOU'RE SPECIAL (Gaulter, '89) ML. 36" \$10.00

Bluish lavender standards are lacy and ruffled slightly deepening in color towards the edges. A nearly white background on the falls is veined with the same lavender. The edges of the falls blend softly to the same hue as the standards. Tangerine beard. Eight buds. Illustration on page 45.

ZEBRA (Iris pallida variegata) \$5.00

Striking variegated foliage is a combination of rich green and creamy white stripes. The delicate pale purple flower of old world form is somewhat insignificant compared with the wonderful foliage that grows beneath it. A marvelous companion plant in any landscape. See picture on page 45.



PERSIAN BERRY



LAVENDER LUCK



MARY FRANCES



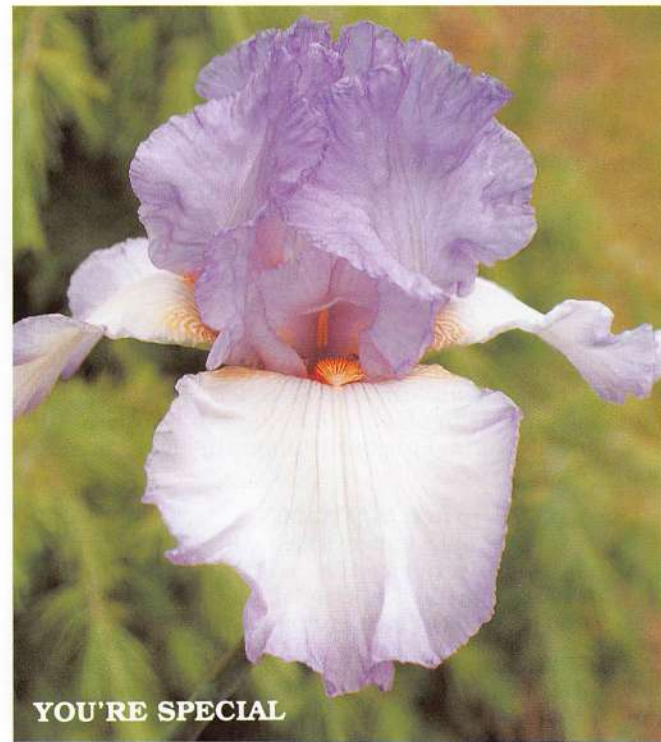
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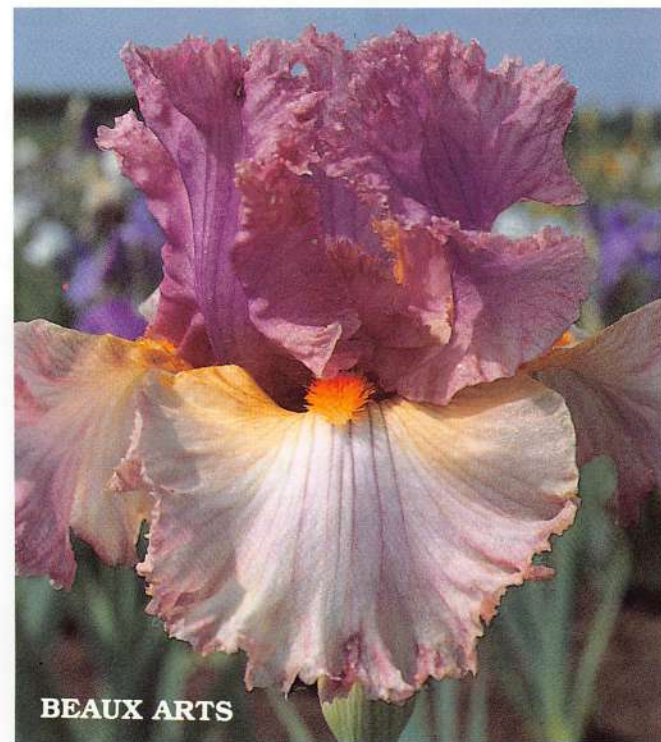
YOU'RE SPECIAL



ZEBRA



KATI'S BLUSH



BEAUX ARTS

DAWN OF CHANGE (R. Ernst, '93) M. 38" \$30.00

Large flowers boast fluted standards of light lavender-blue, and falls near white with golden yellow on the shoulders. The beard is light yellow. Excellent branching, well proportioned, with seven buds. See page 46.

ENVISIONED DREAM (R. Ernst, '90) M. 34" \$15.00

Dark lavender standards with paler midrib really stand out against the near-white falls. A subtle lavender edging borders the falls and a fiery orange beard emanates from the center. Seven to eight buds. Perfect, graceful form with heavy substance. Pictured on page 46.

LINGERING LAVENDER (R. Ernst, '91) ML. 36" \$15.00

Subtle gold veining on cool lavender standards. Gold highlights on styles. Falls are a bright lavender with gold on the reverse sides. Intense golden yellow beards. Superb substance and ruffled form. Fine branching with eight buds. See our picture on page 47.

PRINCESS KISS (R. Ernst, '91) M. 36" \$15.00

The most delicate of lavender, frilled with lace and ruffles. Wide falls are nearly horizontal, with yellow and white beards. Gracefully curved stalks sport eight buds on three branches, sometimes four! Pictured on page 47.

PRISM VIEW (R. Ernst, '92) ML. 34" \$25.00

Yellow beards tipped white and warm brown veining on the standards. Falls and standards both have a base color of cool lavender. Very heavy substance. Seven flowers on shorter, sturdy stems. Heavy ruffling. Pictured on page 47.

PRISSY MISS (Gaulter, '83) M. 34" F \$4.00

Rich, bright mauve, of very heavy substance, with gentle, even fluting. The beards are deep tangerine in striking contrast to the flower. There are four branches with nine buds. Pictured on page 47.

RHAPSODY IN BLOOM (R. Ernst, '93) ML. 35" \$20.00

A lingering melody in your garden, the subtle orchid blends to a creamy orchid at center. Soft tones of pastel honey shoulder the yellow-orange beards tipped in white. Even ruffling all around. Seven buds. Pictured on page 47.

ROSE' (Gaulter, '79) EM. 28" \$3.00

Like a glass of Vin Rose', clear, bright "old rose" coloring with six to eight buds on every stalk. Flaring falls, fluted closed standards and a rosy-coral beard. See page 47.

SPRING TIDINGS (Shoop, '89) M. 35" \$7.50

Fresh as a spring rain, this bloom delivers ruffled lavender pink standards with falls that are slightly lighter in center, flushed lavender at edge. A tangerine pink beard ties up this pretty package. Pictured on page 46.

STEP NICELY (Gaulter, '83) ML. 30" F \$3.00

Deep orchid standards and lavender falls with orchid shoulders. Light tangerine beards with white tips near the tops of the falls. Eleven buds on nicely spaced branches. Pictured on page 46.



SPRING TIDINGS



ENVISIONED DREAM



STEP NICELY



DAWN OF CHANGE



PRINCESS KISS



PRISM VIEW



ROSE



LINGERING LAVENDER



PRISSY MISS



RHAPSODY IN BLOOM

EVER AFTER (Keppel, '86) ML. 38" \$7.50

A fuchsia-rose self paling at the center falls. Beards are a hyacinth-red and the flowers have a pronounced sweet fragrance. See our picture on page 48.

FARAWAY PLACES (Keppel, '88) M. 36" F \$15.00

Most unusual coloration in very intense shades of rosy-violet falls with cinnamon wash and dark mulberry-rose standards. Heavy ruffling and bright orange-red beard. Seven buds. HM '90. Pictured on page 48.

GOOD KNIGHT (Ghio, '79) ML. 36" \$3.00

Blue-purple self, dark blue beard. A very dark knight, but a "good" knight just the same! See picture on page 49.

LOGANBERRY SQUEEZE (R. Ernst, '89) ML. 35" \$10.00

Loganberry Squeeze has a bronze beard and shouldering. The flower is very wide and well ruffled. Tall, sturdy stalks support up to ten magnificent flowers. Illustrated on page 49.

LOYALIST (Schreiner, '86) ML. 37" \$7.50

A rich claret wine self is the backdrop for an unusual cerise-claret beard. This tried and true iris is ruffled throughout. HM '88, AM '91. Pictured on page 49.

MULLED WINE (Keppel, '82) M. 35" \$3.00

Premium quality vintage indeed! A lacy and frothy raspberry burgundy enhanced with a brilliant terra-cotta beard. There are slight undertones of a creamy pink near the beards. HM '84; AM '86. See picture on page 48.

NAVY CHANT (Luihn, '82) EM. 36" \$4.00

Wide and lightly ruffled flowers. Both standards and falls are a rich blackish-violet. Self beards. If you liked His Lordship, you'll love this one. HM '84. See page 49.

ORBITER (J. Aitken, '85) E-M. 38" F \$7.50

Like the moon in the night sky, this blue-purple self envelopes the blue-purple beard. This space traveler carries a pronounced sweet fragrance. HM '87, AM '89. Pictured on page 49.

PERSIAN GOWN (O. Brown, '85) EM. 40" \$7.50

Favorite of the Maharanee and ladies of the harem! Colorings of an Oriental weave, burnt orange in the beards, with white accent at their tips, ruffled edging in the falls and lace at edges of standards. The red-violet of these blossoms is suggestive of the harem attire and veils of the High Monarch's private dancers. See our picture on page 49.

ROSECRAFT (Hamblen, '86) ML. 36" \$5.00

Here we have a ruffled raspberry-violet self with a lighter area surrounding the beards which are cerise, tipped with violet. It is ruffled and fluted with some lace at top of standards. HM '88. Pictured on page 48.

I've ordered from other plant houses but none have arrived so beautifully packaged as yours. Mine came in August and they were in perfect shape.

G. Aquirre. AZ



ROSECRAFT



MULLED WINE



EVER AFTER



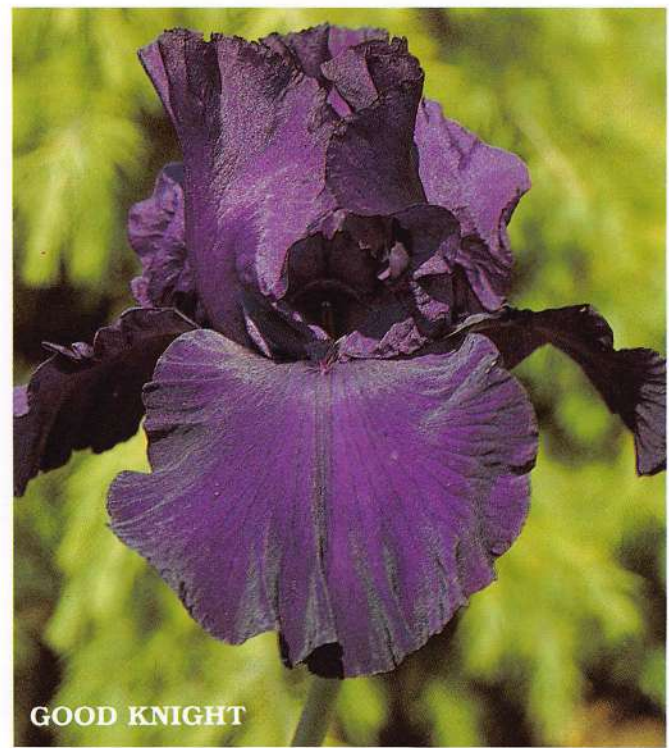
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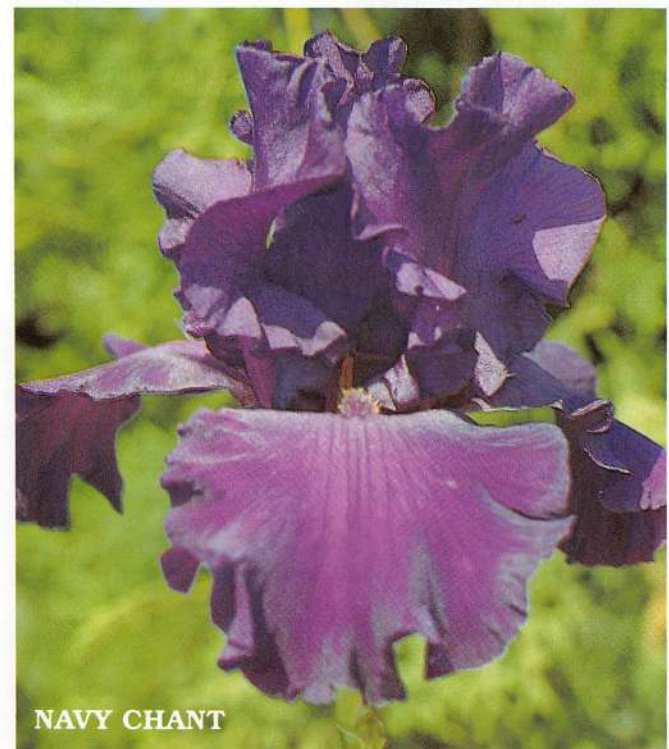
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LOYALIST



ORBITER



NAVY CHANT

DUSKY CHALLENGER (Schreiner, '86) ML. 39" \$4.00

One of the finest darks in commerce. Very tall, superbly branched stalks carry eight to ten enormous flowers of silky-rich dark purple. Well ruffled with a violet black beard. HM '88; AM '90; Dykes Medal '92. See picture on page 51.

INTERPOL (Plough, '73) ML. 37" F \$4.00

Bronze beards on this fluted purple-black blossom are actually purple-black with each hair tipped bronze. Branching is excellent. HM '74. See page 51.

NIGHT AFFAIR (Luihn, '83) EM. 36" \$3.00

Rich, deep royal violet. A near black. Seductive, deeply fluted and ruffled. Glittery as a night on the town. A real dressed up look. Deep blue beards. HM '85. See page 50.

NIGHT OWL (Schreiner, '70) ML. 38" \$3.00

Black with self beard. Large ruffled blooms with flare. HM '71; AM '73. Shown on page 51.

NIGHT RULER (Schreiner '90) M. 39" \$15.00

Black, very black. Heavy ruffling dominates this flower, creating lines and shadows on the deep purple coloring. Commonly ten buds on three branches. Excellent growth habits. HM '92. Pictured on page 51.

NIGHTS OF GLADNESS (R. Ernst, '90) ML. 36" \$10.00

Ultra-rich, velvety purple of near-black intensity. Ten silky flowers open on well-branched stems. Fine form and ruffling go well with the midnight color. The two-tone beard blends from purple to pale yellow in the throat. From Navy Strut breeding. See our picture on page 51.

PERILOUS JOURNEY (R. Ernst, '93) M. 36" \$30.00

This dark royal purple self may bring to mind the perilous journey many of our ancestors undertook in search of a better life in the west. Blue beards rest on a bluish zone. Good bud count and good form over all. Nicely ruffled flower. See our picture on page 50.

TITAN'S GLORY (Schreiner, '81) EM. 37" \$3.00

Deep violet coloring with beards to match. Very wide blossoms on sturdy branches. A vigorous grower. HC '80; HM '83; AM '85; Dykes Medal '88. Pictured on page 51.

VIOLET CLASSIC (L. Zurbrigg, '76) ML. 33" RE \$10.00

Closed standards of medium violet atop falls of smooth darker violet. Rich violet-blue beard. Mild ruffling. Dependable rebloom begins in mid to late summer. See our picture on page 50.

VIOLET MIRACLE (L. Zurbrigg, '79) ML. 40" RE \$15.00

Well formed, ruffled flowers of near spectrum violet, the falls slightly deeper. Violet-blue beard. Consistent rebloomer begins second bloom in mid to late summer. See our picture on page 50.

Last year, when I applied the fertilizer, I had irises bloom for the first time in over 20 years! Your catalog is the most beautiful of all. Cheers to all the Cooley's.

B. Starr, CA



VIOLET CLASSIC



PERILOUS JOURNEY



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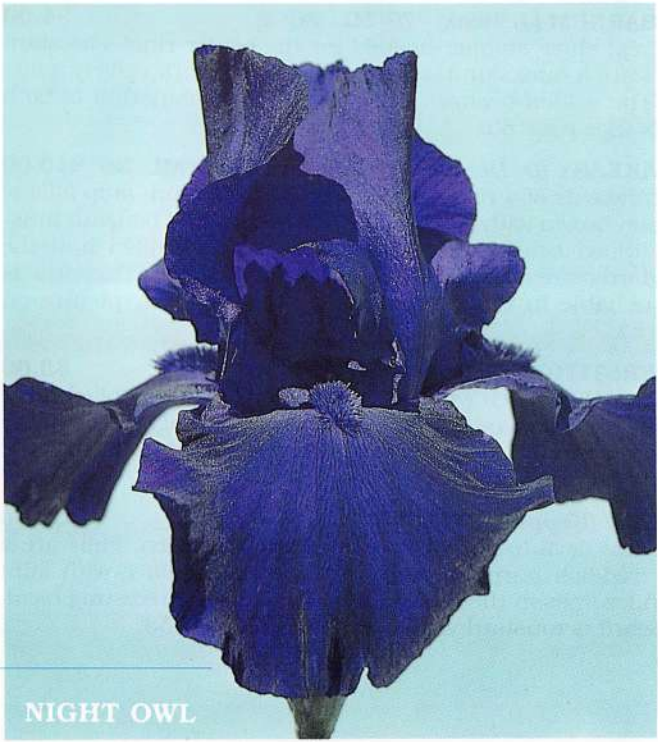
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TITAN'S GLORY



DUSKY CHALLENGER



NIGHT OWL

GOURMET TOUCH (R. Ernst, '87) EM. 28" \$5.00

Cabernet sauvignon coloring in the falls with a sparkling white splash in the throat. A bright yellow beard lies in the center. The rose-pink standards complete the experience. Nice form and mild ruffles. Pictured on page 53.

HARLEM HUSSY (D. Meek, '82) ML. 35" \$7.50

Dark, red-black self, rich and velvety, with self-beards. Billowy ruffles, fine branching with 7 buds. See our picture on page 52.

LADY FRIEND (Ghio, '81) E. 38" \$3.00

A unique garnet-rose flower; it is a prolific bloomer and is fast to increase. This plant will soon produce a rosy bed in your garden. HM '83; AM '85. See picture on page 53.

LUAU (Ghio, '76) ML. 38" \$3.00

Deep mulberry rose-magenta self with extra-bushy tangerine beard. A smooth flower with bright fluorescent coloring. HM '79. See page 53.

MARAUDER (Ghio, '84) EM. 36" \$3.00

A maroon-red beauty with a black velvet sheen overall. The beards are gold. HM '86. Pictured on page 52.

PRANCING PONY (Gaulter, '80) EM. 34" \$3.00

Firmly fluted edges and tones of lavender-brown and burgundy are associated with a dancing circus pony. The lavender-brown of the standards is repeated in the band around the burgundy falls, which sport a center highlight. Petals are very heavy substance, blooms very large - eight to the stalk - haft bronze, and beards orange. See page 53.

P.T. BARNUM (J. Meek, '79) ML. 36" F \$4.00

A real show-stopper headed for the center ring! The standards are a buckskin tan, the falls a deep, dark velvety wine-red. The golden bronze beards reflect a combination of both colors. See page 53.

SPEAKEASY (D. Denney/J. McWhirter, '90) ML. 36" \$10.00

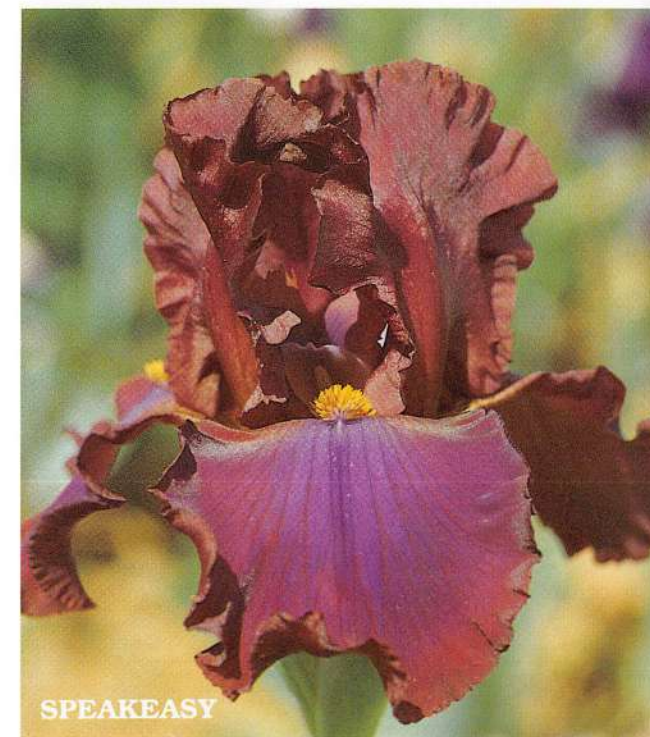
Standards of a rich maroon and brown blend, atop falls of maroon brown with a deep violet blaze centered beneath mustard-tipped beards. The flowers are nicely ruffled and the standards are erect, with eight to ten buds. This iris is untouchable in this limited color class. See our picture on page 52.

SUPERSTITION (Schreiner, '77) M. 36" \$3.00

Ebony black self with maroon undertone. Deep black-blue beard, high budcount and excellent branching. Extra heavy substance and wide petals, lightly ruffled. HM '78; AM '81. See page 52.

VILLAIN (Keppel, '81) L. 35" \$3.00

A real devil to stir up interest in your garden. Falls are a dark reddish purple tone but standards are olive with faint lavender lines in the midrib to make this an interesting bicolor. Beard is mustard yellow. Pictured on page 53.

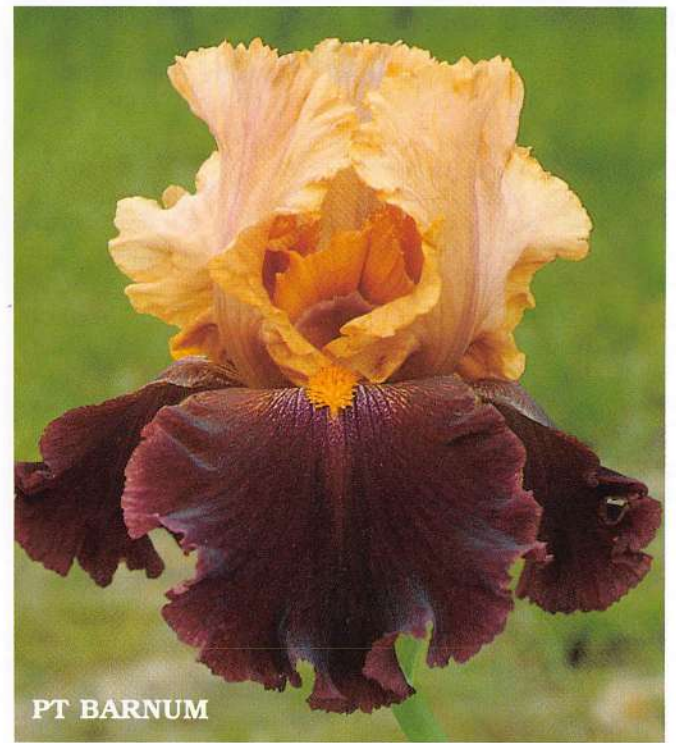




LUAU



PRANCING PONY



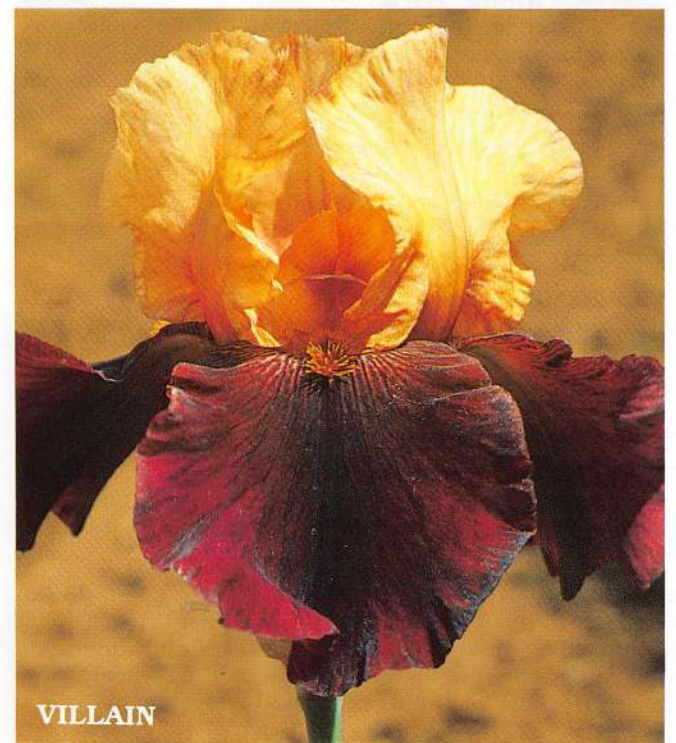
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LADY FRIEND



GOURMET TOUCH



VILLAIN

ADOBE ROSE (R. Ernst, '88) M. 35" \$5.00

Graceful falls are a rosy-red mauve. The standards are a peach-cream. Bright orange beards complete the look. Fine branching with eight buds. A very thrifty grower. Pictured on page 54.

CITY SLICKER (R. Ernst, '89) ML. 36" \$5.00

Bright yellow beards stand out against rich, mahogany falls. Pencil-line border is a fancy touch. The standards are a darker yellow. Beautifully fluted with heavy substance. Nine buds per stalk. Pictured on page 55.

QUICK THINKING (R. Ernst, '91) ML. 38" \$10.00

Rich, clean, striking colors in this variegata. Warm golden standards atop velvety falls with a silky sheen. Deep crimson-maroon coloring. Bright gold beard has a white base at the point. Fine branching and budcount. Pictured on page 55.

SUMMER'S SMILE (R. Ernst, '91) L. 35" \$15.00

Amber gold standards are fluted and edged with hint of red. Fine substance in this variegata. Gorgeous rich falls of a bright maroon having a 1/4" smoky amber rim. Beard is a brilliant red. Six to seven buds. Pictured on page 54.

SUPREME SULTAN (Schreiner, '87) ML. 40" \$10.00

Enormous flowers! This iris has the hint of royalty from the ancient Middle East with its Indian yellow standards and chrysanthemum crimson falls. A matched Indian yellow beard polishes this ruffled and laced treasure. HM '90, AM '92. Pictured on page 55.

SYNCOPATION (Gatty, '84) M. 38" \$4.00

Lively gold standards are rhythmic with brilliant violet purple falls. Cedarbark hafts and a blended tan edging complement the mood of this maestro's arrangement. HM '86; AM '88. See page 55.

TACO BELLE (N. Sexton, '78) M. 36" F \$3.00

This is a variegata. The standards are a brilliant bright yellow, and the falls a velvety red-brown. Some gentle fluting and flare. Beards are gold. A really "hot" coloring for your iris garden beds. See page 55.

TACO SUPREME (R. Ernst, '87) ML. 40" \$4.00

The falls are wider, the flowers bigger, and the colors more vibrant. Standards are a bright golden yellow, and the falls are a medium brick with an overlay of saucy tomato. Beards match the standards and the entire flower has gentle fluting. Shown on page 54.

TIGER BUTTER (R. Ernst, '86) M. 36" F \$4.00

Golden amber standards atop bright swami-red falls. The falls have a gold border, too. Ruffled, with an orange beard. Three branches, eight buds. Pictured on page 54.

TRACY TYRENE (R. Ernst, '88) M. 36" \$5.00

Very frilly and lacy, yet the standards are a bright lemon yellow infused white and the falls are a bold, outgoing blue-purple blend. A bright yellow beard, and a white vertical stripe and rim on the falls. Pictured on page 55.



ADOBE ROSE



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CITY SLICKER



SUPREME SULTAN

EDITH WOLFORD (Hager, '86) M. 40" \$4.00

Very ruffled, excellent form. Canary yellow standards with gorgeous blue-violet falls; deeper and richer color in the center. Blue beard is tipped orange. HM '88, AM '90, Dykes '93. See page 56.

HULA DANCER (Shoop, '85) M. 36" \$7.50

The new reverse color combination having darker standards of purple-brown and bitter orange flaring falls. Beard is tangerine. Good stalk and branching. Add this to your garden for variety. HM '88. See page 57.

LET'S DANCE (Nelson, '86) ML. 31" F \$5.00

Medium yellow standards. Falls are medium red-violet striped at center on light yellow ground with red-violet style arms, throat and orange-tan border on falls. This variety has a sweet fragrance. HM '88. Pictured on page 56.

MERRY MADRIGAL (Babson, '82) M. 37" \$3.00

Wavy fluted standards are a lemon cream. Soft lavender falls with cream wash on the edges. Very lovely, harmonious bitone. Excellent budcount and branching. HM '85. See page 57.

MOTHER EARTH (Hager, '87) EM. 37" \$15.00

Oyster cream standards are tinted lavender near their edges with a beige infused center. Falls are lavender, paler around beard, with beige on the hafts. Pale blue-white beards. Pictured on page 57.

PICTURE THIS (R. Ernst, '93) M. 38" \$25.00

Creamy standards with a mauve influence atop falls of a soft lavender-orchid. Ruffling with prominent lace. Shoulders are a reddish violet. Beards are orange in the throat, turn to yellow and then pale to a white on the tips. Expect seven to eight buds, good branching, excellent growth habits. See page 57.

RUFFLED SURPRISE (Rudolph, '81) E. 29" \$3.00

Full of surprises, the standards are purple at the base, blending to light purple, then flushed yellow at midribs and top. Antique white falls are awakened with a chartreuse edge. Lavender blue beards. See page 57.

SPRING SPLENDOR (R. Ernst, '91) M. 38" \$15.00

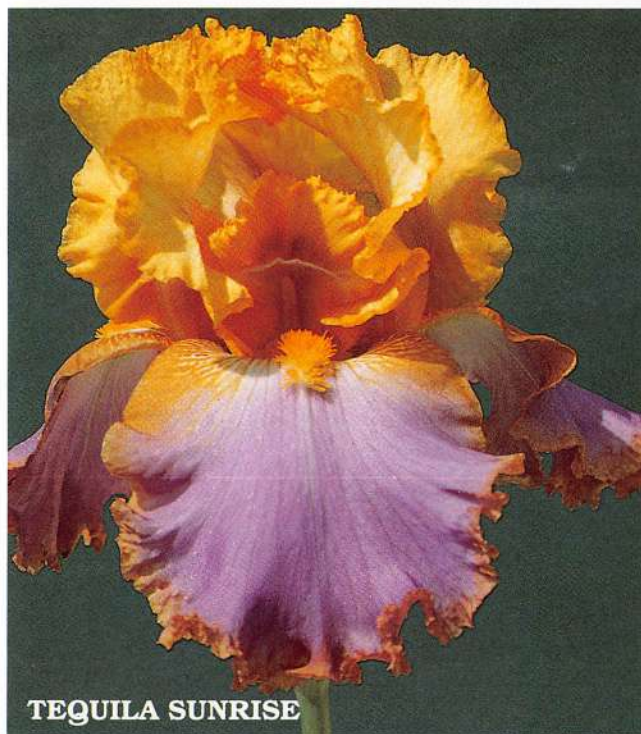
A swirling of lemon and lavender hues with a bright lemon rim both on the falls and standards. Style crests are also lemon with matching beards. Eight large flowers open on strong, well-branched stems. Wonderfully laced and ruffled. Pictured on page 57.

TEQUILA SUNRISE (McWhirter, '78) M. 38" F \$3.00

Popular bicolor having yellow-orange standards and falls of deep violet with a tan border. All petals edged with lace. HM '80. Shown on page 56.

THRILLSEEKER (R. Ernst, '93) M. 36" \$30.00

Bright yellow-gold standards burst out over medium blue-violet falls. Excellent form and branching accompany a strong bud count for this ruffled adventurer. Pictured on page 56.



TEQUILA SUNRISE



LET'S DANCE



THRILLSEEKER



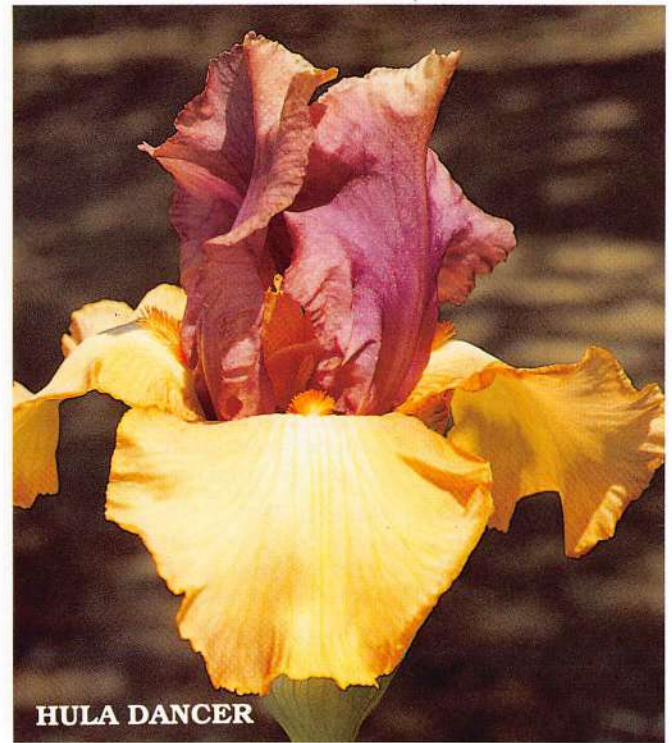
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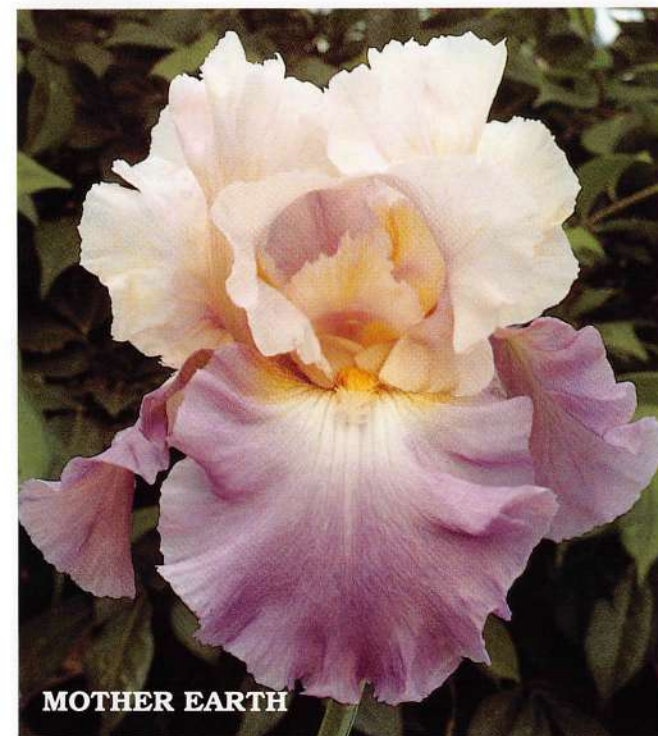
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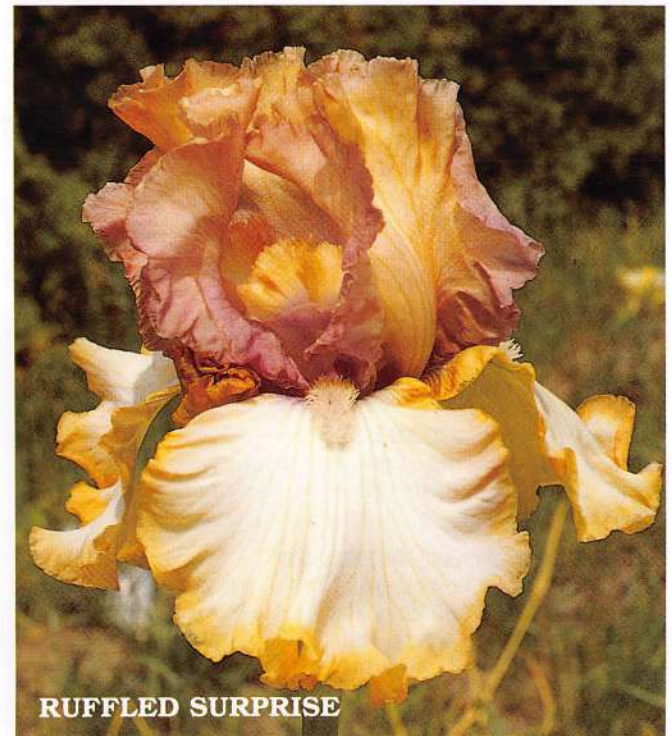
HULA DANCER



MOTHER EARTH



SPRING SPLENDOR



RUFFLED SURPRISE

AFTERNOON DELIGHT (R. Ernst, '85) ML. 32" F \$4.00

Inside of standards is a warm honey-tan which melts through the lavender on the outside. Falls are bright lavender sporting a honey-tan border. Beards are near-white to yellow in throat. Six flowers to the stalk. HM '89, AM '93. See page 59.

COMPETITIVE EDGE (R. Ernst, '91) M. 36" \$15.00

A true rimmed bicolor in a fascinating combination of reddish brown and bluish lavender with yellow beards. The brown rim is well defined in a 1/4" width around the entire fall. Coloring is clean and clear. Good substance and fine branching with seven buds. HM '93. See page 59.

DIFFERENT WORLD (R. Ernst, '91) ML. 35" \$15.00

Brown rims on blue lavender falls with golden brown shoulders. Identical standards, but reversed, with the rim *inside* the standards, the lavender glowing through in a swirling collage of color. Seven buds. Pictured on page 59.

GYPSY WOMAN (Schreiner, '84) EM. 35" \$4.00

Luminescent light yellow standards with creamy white falls edged in rose-orchid. The beards are mid-yellow, the blossoms ruffled. HM '87; AM '91. Pictured on page 58.

KNOCK 'EM DEAD (R. Ernst, '93) EM. 38" \$20.00

Butter yellow standards with the tiny edge of creamy-white. The lavender ruffled falls have golden brown border with yellow highlights. Beards are bright yellow and undersides of the falls are buff. Pictured on page 59.

MARRIAGE VOWS (Ghio, '87) ML. 38" \$10.00

Oyster cream standards are tinted lavender near their edges with a beige infused center. Falls are lavender, paler around beard, with beige on the hafts. Pale blue-white beards. HM '89. Pictured on page 59.

PARADISE FOUND (R. Ernst, '93) VL. 36" \$25.00

Very rich lavender infused copper standards. Identical copper edging graces the gently ruffled falls. Beards are yellow-orange and the centers on the falls are subtle lavender. Eleven buds and excellent branching. See page 58.

ROMANTIC MOOD (Ghio, '88) ML. 38" \$7.50

Romance is in the air with creamy pink standards. Falls are a clean white edged in pink. The lacing all around augments the romantic theme. Tangerine beard. HM '90. Pictured on page 59.

SATURNALIA (Hager, '82) ML. 39" \$3.00

Reminiscent of the "ringed planet". Bright yellow standards and orchid falls blending to yellow at the edges. Beards are yellow, too. See page 58.

SMILING GOLD (R. Ernst, '91) ML. 36" \$15.00

As each luminous flower unfolds, the bold golden band around each fall will smile gold at you. Brilliant golden yellow standards atop bright white falls. Deep gold shouldering. Beards are yellow-gold. Good branching, seven buds. Pictured on page 58.



SATURNALIA



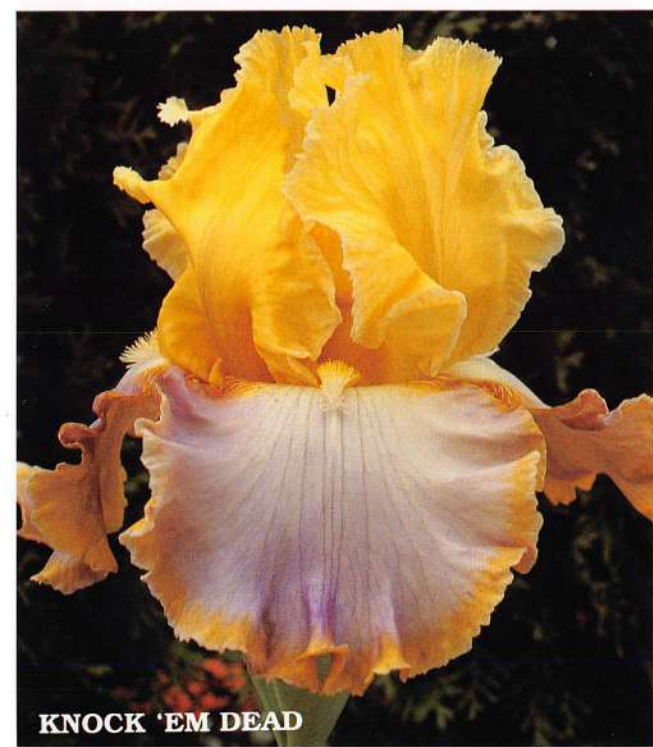
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SMILING GOLD



PARADISE FOUND



KNOCK 'EM DEAD



COMPETITIVE EDGE



ROMANTIC MOOD



AFTERNOON DELIGHT



DIFFERENT WORLD



MARRIAGE VOWS

ANNA BELLE BABSON (Hager, '85) M. 36" \$4.00

An impressive intense deep pink with very large flowers. A white flush surrounds the tangerine beard. The standards are the same deep pink. The entire flower is ripple-fluted. Good branching and bud count. HM '87; AM '89. See our picture on page 61.

BRIGHT FIRE (Shoop, '84) M. 36" \$3.00

Mid pink self. Flaring & ruffled falls sport a flaming pink beard. Standards are closed. Well branched stalks. Increases well. Pictured on page 61.

CHERRY LANE (Corlew, '93) M. 36" \$30.00

The maraschino cherry beards on this iris radiate color as though reflected in the standards of warm pink, the color deepening at the hafts. The falls are cream-pink and there are lacy ruffles on all edges of the flower. Pictured on page 61.

CONFECTIONERY (R. Ernst, '91) M. 38" \$15.00

Rich, creamy mint falls and deep pink standards. Beards are a bright coral. Indulge yourself with this wide, mildly laced iris. Seven buds on three branches. Pictured on page 61.

HEARTLIGHT (J. Nelson, '87) M. 38" \$5.00

Very smooth peach pink tones on the shoulders blush to creamy peach pink overall. Mild ruffling decorates the edges and a bright tangerine beard glows from the center. Fine form. Seven buds. Pictured on page 60.

INFINITE GRACE (Hamblen, '82) M. 36" \$4.00

Ruffled lace pale-pink standards. Flared medium pink falls with slight orange at shoulders. Pink beards have white tips. HC '81; HM '84; AM '86. See page 61.

ONE BETTER (R. Ernst, '86) M. 36" F \$4.00

Creamy falls with subtle pink edging and warm pink shoulders. A soft pink beard complements a pink infusion in the standards. Good substance. Three branches, eight buds. See page 60.

PARADISE (Gatty, '80) L. 33" F \$3.00

This iris is a heavily ruffled peach pink, decorated with lace. The falls are slightly creamy and are flared. Standards are closed and the beards are orange. Try this for something low and lovely at the edge of your iris bed. HM '82. Pictured on page 61.

PAULINE COOLEY (Gaulter, '88) ML. 36" \$5.00

Standards are a deep caramel-pink. The falls are a clean, brilliant white with caramel shouldering and border. Very tight lace abounds on the large flowers. A marvelous red beard crowns this First Lady. Classic branching, nine buds. See page 60.

PEACEKEEPING FORCE (Innerst, '93) M. 36" \$30.00

Ruffled standards of peach sherbet. Lighter peach shades encompass the horizontal falls. Darker orange-peach hafts. Bright orange beards. Heavy substance and billowing ruffles with a touch of lace. Pictured on page 60.



PAULINE COOLEY



PEACEKEEPING FORCE



ONE BETTER



HEARTLIGHT



Just a note and a few photo's to let you see how beautiful your iris grow in Vermont. When I look at those iris, the sight is so beautiful it almost takes your breath away.!

J. Aines, VT

BEVERLY SILLS (Hager, '79) EM. 36" \$3.00

A coral pink self of exquisite form, very lacy and very wide, this is a popular variety. It is a seedling of VANITY, the Dykes Medal winner for 1982. It is a most vigorous grower with extremely high budcount and perfect branching. HC '78; HM '81; AM '83. Dykes Medal '85. Pictured on page 62.

BUBBLE UP (Ghio, '88) EL. 36" \$15.00

Bubble ruffled flowers of a glorious salmon pink carry the Ghio line of ruffles to another color class. Bright red beards. Six buds on ample stems. HM '91. Pictured on page 63.

EDNA'S WISH (Gibson, '83) ML. 43" \$4.00

Very tall ruffled pink self, orange colored pink with violet undertones. Well branched and full 6" ruffled blooms catch every garden visitor's attention. Bright orange beard. Outstanding form. Great eye appeal. HM '85. See page 63.

FEMININE FIRE (R. Ernst, '91) EM. 35" \$15.00

Luscious deep pink coloring and a fiery red beard in the throat. Certainly a step up on growth and vigor for a pink. Early Gaulter pink lines were used in the development of this fine iris. Great ruffles. Three branches and six to eight buds. Beautiful color. Beautiful form. Pictured on page 63.

PINK SWAN (Gibson, '84) M. 35" \$5.00

No, not just another pink self, but a gorgeous fluted and ruffled specimen with outstanding form. The gently ruffled and lacy edges on the stands encompass the red beard and have a definite softening effect. See picture on page 63.

PRESENCE (Gatty '87) EM. 32" F \$10.00

Mauve-toned light pink flowers of impeccable form. Wide and well-ruffled flowers have salmon beards tipped lilac. Slight fragrance. HM '89. Pictured on page 62.

SKY HOOKS (Osborne, '80) M. 38" F \$3.00

One of the newer horned varieties - this one a soft champagne yellow with edging to match and a lighter yellow center fall. Most striking are the violet horns protruding from the gold beards. Three branches and six buds, very fluted and ruffled. HM '82; AM '86. See page 63.

VANITY (Hager, '75) EM. 35" F \$3.00

A very feminine flower of blush pink combined with a creamy overtone. You will find this a prolific bloomer with a most pleasing fragrance. The beards are brilliantly colored. HM '76; AM '78; Dykes Medal '82. See our picture on page 62.



VANITY



BEVERLY SILLS



PRESENCE

I enjoyed my iris I got from you all last year. My plants look great so hope they will bloom next spring for me. My order was in good condition and on time to plant. Thank you.

S. Brill, VA

The manner in which you do EVERYTHING, warrants a letter such as this. The packaging, etc., was excellent. It is no wonder you are so successful in your business. Your beautiful catalog and the wonder calendar you sent me are really enjoyed. Congratulations.

N. Mitchell, CA

I just wanted to let you know how much we have enjoyed having iris in our yard. My family is trying to spread them throughout the neighborhood. Everyone who sees them falls in love with them. The quality and quantity of the bloom has been tremendous.

S. Shivers, GA

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PINK SWAN



FEMININE FIRE



BUBBLE UP

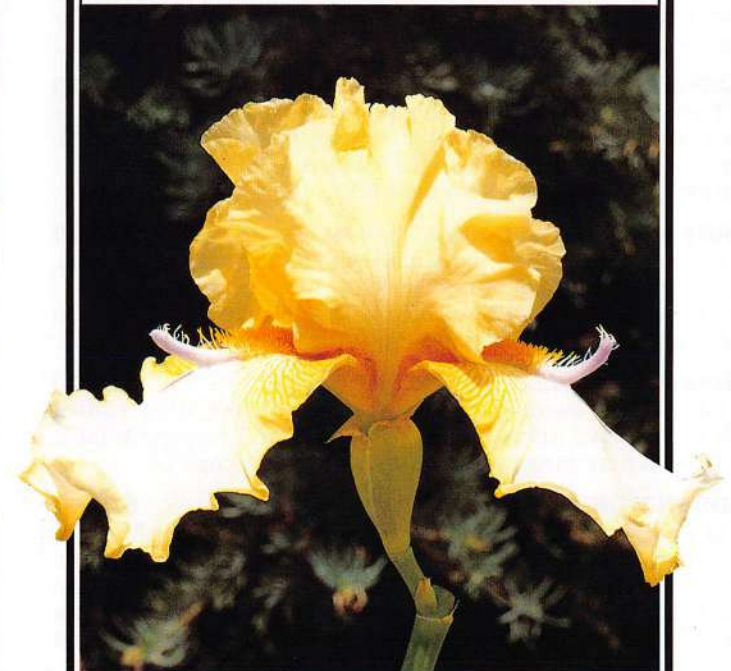


EDNA'S WISH

SPECIALTY IRIS

SKY HOOKS

A most unique 'horned' hybrid



ADD A WONDERFUL, NEW, FRAGRANT DIMENSION TO YOUR GARDEN!

Sky Hooks is an outstanding member of the horned iris family. Growing from the tips of its gold beards are striking violet 'horns' or 'spoons'. This trait is a genetic constant. In recent years, horned varieties have rapidly gained popularity but relatively few gardeners have them yet. If you do not now have some of the exciting horned iris in your garden, you should! Another horned variety from Cooley's is 'Snow Spoon' pictured on page 35 and "Thornbird" on page 66. A soft champagne yellow with edging to match, Sky Hooks has a beautiful creamy yellow centerfall. Six fluted and ruffled blooms will highlight three branches. Sky Hooks is also a fragrant variety, great for that special bouquet. Sky Hooks was an Award of Merit Winner in 1986.

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CHANTEUSE (Gatty, '80) M. 36" \$3.00

Opera pink with paler pink in center of the falls. Beards are Chinese orange. HM '82. Pictured on page 65.

CHRISTA (R. Nelson, '85) M. 36" \$15.00

Fine ruffled and laced pink self. Standards are a medium pink while the falls have a creamy influence. Red-orange beards are tipped red. HM '87. Pictured on page 64.

EARLY WISH (J. Gibson, '87) EM. 40" F \$7.50

A light coral orange self. It is excellently branched, usually twelve beautifully ruffled, long lasting blooms, sporting a brilliant red beard. An early bloomer lasting throughout the season. See page 64.

ELSIEMAE NICHOLSON (Corlew, '86) ML. 36" F. \$7.50

This lovely pink has become known as a winner in its color class. Ruffled bright pink with a warm peach glow about the hafts. Falls are lighter. Bright tangerine beard. Slight fragrance. HM '88 Pictures on page 65.

FIRST REUNION (L. Gaulter, '90) ML. 34" \$10.00

Unforgettable deep pink with slight lavender overtones. Faded honey shoulders and brilliant tangerine beard. Ultra-heavy substance and tight lace with mild ruffling. Seven to eight buds on three branches. See our picture on page 65.

FIRST WALTZ (Shoop, '86) M. 36" \$10.00

Like skirts swirling across the dance floor, this ruffled delight displays intense pink standards and rosy-pink falls. Beard is a fiery tangerine. See our picture on page 64.

HIDDEN WORLD (R. Ernst, '90) M. 34" \$15.00

Intense color in the lavender-pink class. Nice ruffles and lace. Good, solid coloration in the standards, with the falls being somewhat lighter near the centers, deepening at the edges. Brilliant orange beards. Even, smooth shouldering of a slight buff over the lavender-pink color. Seven buds. Pictured on page 65.

LUXURY LACE (Greenwood, '83) M. 30" F \$4.00

A very feminine version of the laciest you can imagine! The standards are a deep coral pink; the falls, a creamy pink with a pinkish tan in the haft. There is some lace on the falls. Nine buds to the stalk. See page 64.

OLYMPIC PINK (Gibson, '85) ML. 36" \$5.00

This is a fun cool pink. It has it all, ruffled, fluted and lacy. Pink but with a blue cast to class it a cool pink. Pictured on page 65.

SPRING PARASOL (R. Ernst, '92) M. 36" F \$20.00

Unusual deep violet veining in this bright lavender pink. Very clean color, the haft markings being lavender pink, too. Light orange beard. Wonderfully laced and ruffled with wax-like substance, sunshine intensifies the color. Eight buds on three branches. Pictured on page 65.



CHRISTA



FIRST WALTZ



EARLY WISH



LUXURY LACE

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ELISA RENEE (Gaulter, '83) ML. 40" F \$3.00

Three superb branches and eight buds. The flower is a delicate bright orchid-pink, with a bright tangerine-red beard. The fluting is beautifully distributed, and the falls have lots of flare. Pictured on page 66.

GAY PARASOL (Schreiner, '74) M. 35" F \$4.00

Gleaming silver white standards, lacy edged rose-purple falls. Trim and neat. HM '75; AM '77. Shown on page 67.

JENNIFER REBECCA (L. Zurbrigg, '85) M. 35" RE/F \$10.00

Very pleasing light rose pink self, slightly lighter around the tangerine pink beard. Dependable rebloomer with second bloom occurring in late summer. HM '89. Pictured on page 66.

PANAMA FLING (R. Ernst, '89) M. 36" \$7.50

Ruffles and lace on blended colors and hues. Buff pink standards with heavy violet infusion on midribs. The falls are bluish lavender blending to violet edges. Violet-brown shoulders around bright tangerine beards. See page 67.

ROSE PRINCESS (R. Ernst, '89) EM. 36" \$7.50

The standards are laced and ruffled, as are the falls. A subtle rose pink blushes to a paler shade near the haft. The deeper rosy-lavender of the falls is highlighted by a lighter stripe down the center and a well defined border. A brilliant orange beard. Commonly opens four flowers at once. Ten buds. See page 67.

SO RARE (Shoop, '80) M. 36" \$10.00

Rare coloring in irisdom. Deep peach standards with lavender and rose blended falls. Bright tangerine beard. Very attractive, very unusual. Five to seven buds. See picture on page 67.

SONG OF SPRING (Hamblen, '83) ML. 34" \$3.00

Beautiful lace and ruffles on this light blue-violet, the falls a bit deeper toned. Beards are tangerine-orange. Reflecting the airiness of a spring day and the brightness of birds singing. See page 67.

THORNBIRD (M. Byers, '89) M. 35" F \$15.00

This 1993 Award of Merit winner exhibits such striking, unusual color. The falls are a greenish tan, deeper at the hafts. Deep violet lines radiate from the beard and suffuse into the center. The standards are pale ecru. The beards are violet tipped mustard. Bold violet horns grow from the beard. Mild ruffling. HM '91; AM '93. Pictured on page 66.

TOP GUN (Gaulter, '88) M. 38" \$4.00

Creamy pink standards with mild lace. Fluted falls with lace are a cool rose-pink. Deep orange beards. Eight giant flowers on three branches "living on the edge" of perfection in form, color and growth habits. HM '90. Pictured on page 66.

TOUCH OF CLASS (Wagstaff, '75) EM. 36" \$3.00

Blended tan standards, midribs and style arms suffused with violet. Falls are violet with blue blaze at base of blue-violet beard tipped bronze. HM '77. See page 67.



ELISA RENEE



TOP GUN



JENNIFER REBECCA



THORNBIRD



PANAMA FLING



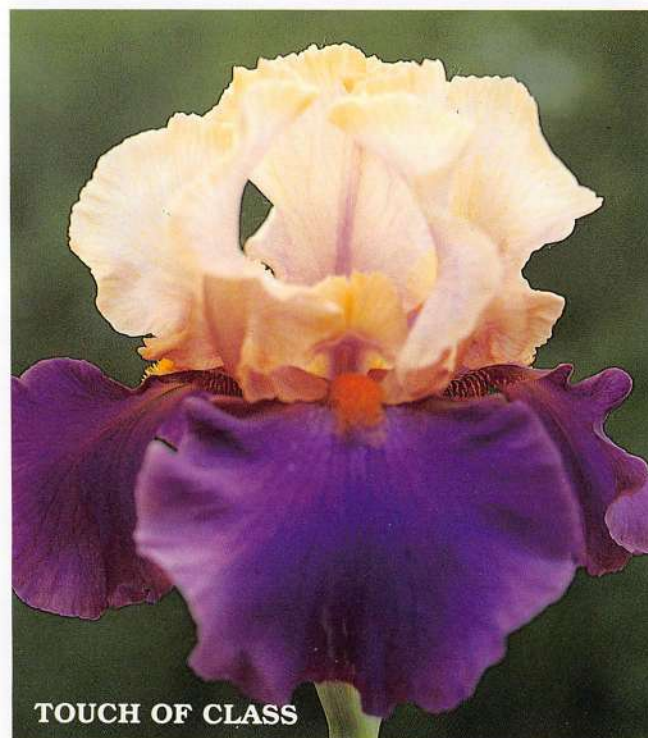
ROSE PRINCESS



GAY PARASOL



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TOUCH OF CLASS



SONG OF SPRING

CONGRATULATIONS (Keppel, '82) M. 35" F \$7.50

Pansy-violet falls, deeper in center, paling toward the edges, beneath blue standards flushed violet on the midribs. Blue beards tipped yellow. Slightly sweet fragrance. See page 69.

CRANBERRY CRUSH (J.T. Aitken, '86) ML. 37" \$10.00

Like skirts swirling across the dance floor, this ruffled delight displays intense pink standards and rosy-pink falls. Beard is a fiery tangerine. See picture on page 69.

GALLANT ROGUE (B. Blyth, '90) ML. 37" \$20.00

Lilac standards with midribs infused pink stand in sharp contrast to the wine-purple falls. A narrow violet rim encompasses each fall. The white lines surround the flaming red beard in a small crescent pattern. Well-ruffled. See picture on page 69.

LIAISON (Ghio, '86) M. 36" \$5.00

Lots of life in this luscious flower! The standards are pink with peach midribs -- a different touch -- and falls a rich deep velvety purple with a pronounced pink band around the edge. Slightly ruffled with orange beards. Extreme contrast not commonly found in irises. HM '88. Pictured on page 68.

MOOMBA (B. Blyth, '86) ML. 36" \$15.00

Delicate lilac standards have a blue-orchid infusion on the midribs. The falls are a velvety violet, quite pale at the edges and deepening toward the beard. Beard is a bright tangerine orange. HM '80. See picture on page 69.

MYSTIQUE (Ghio, '75) M. 36" F \$3.00

Falls of violet-purple blending up the midrib of pale blue, tightly closed, standards. Beard blue, some ruffles, vigorous grower, good budcount. HM '76; AM '78; Dykes Medal '80. See page 69.

PAINTED PICTURES (R. Ernst, '91) EML. 42" \$15.00

Great color contrast in an always popular combination. Royal purple falls and luscious blue standards both have terrific ruffles. Styles are tipped gold on the crests and beards are gold, too. Eight buds on three branches. Pictured on page 68.

RINGO (Shoop, '79) M. 36" \$3.00

Standards bright white, falls grape with quarter-inch white rim. Beards are tangerine. Flower lightly ruffled. HM '81; AM '83. Pictured on page 68.

RIVER HAWK (Plough, '79) EL. 34" \$3.00

Here we have flax-blue standards and royal purple to violet falls with slightly lighter blended edging. The beards are wisteria blue. See page 69.

SWEETER THAN WINE (Schreiner, '88) EM. 35" \$20.00

Paris fashion show elegance in a striking color combination. Unparalleled contrast with blush pink standards and falls that flaunt a rosy lavender rim around the deep wine-plum color. Well represented in our picture on page 68. HC '87; HM '90.



RINGO



SWEETER THAN WINE



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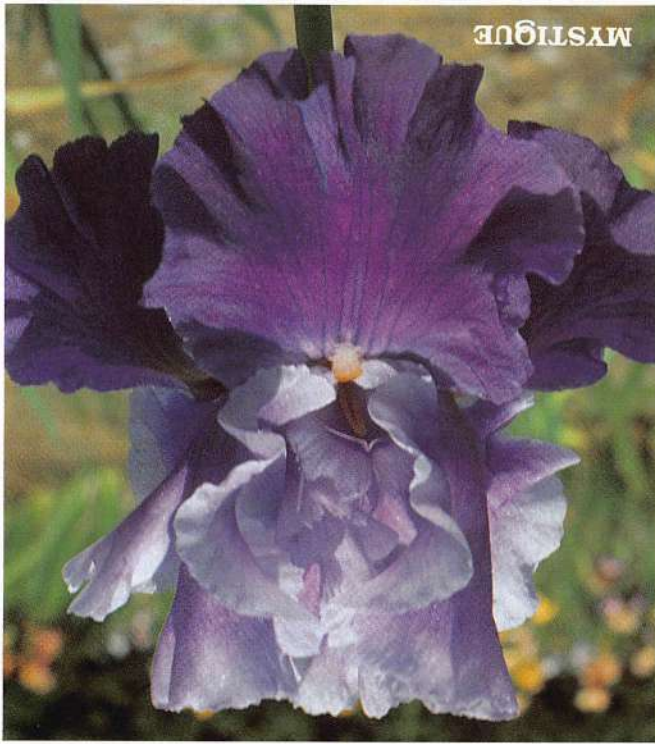
CONGRATULATIONS



MOOMBA



RIVER HAWK



MYSTIQUE



CRANBERRY CRUSH



GALLANT ROGUE

BLUE STACCATO (Gibson, '77) EM. 40" F \$3.00

A true blue plicata in a rich shade of blue with blue staccato markings on the sparkling white background of the falls. Blue beards. Flowers are fluted and ruffled. HM '78; AM '82. See page 71.

CREATIVE STITCHERY (Schreiner, '84) EM. 35" \$3.00

Fine, large flowers on well branched stalks. Precise blue stitched edges on a pure white ground. Beard is nearly white. HM '88. See our picture on page 71.

FINAL COUNTDOWN (R. Ernst, '88) M. 38" \$4.00

Lift-off to new heights with this ruffled blue bitone. Pale blue, near white standards with blue-lavender infused midribs. Great form and heavy substance. Blush white beards centered on wide, ruffled blue falls. Great branching with eleven buds. Pictured on page 70.

FORTUNE TELLER (Corlew, '86) E. 32" \$4.00

Here is a plicata with warm white standards and violet stippling on the falls. If you need an early-blooming variety, this will fill the bill. See page 71.

ISLAND FIESTA (Plough, '79) M. 35" \$3.00

Standards are solid bluebird blue, while the falls are white with a brushed overall pattern. Hafts are edged yellow like the beards. See our illustration on page 71.

PROUD TRADITION (Schreiner, '90) EM. 36" \$15.00

Fine form and substance in a unique blue bitone. Wide, ruffled falls are a deep hyacinth blue. Standards are a lighter silver-blue. Fine stems yield eight to ten buds. HM '92. See picture on page 70.

RUFFLED BALLET (Roderick, '75) ML. 30" F \$3.00

Standards are blue-white and falls, medium-blue, all heavily ruffled. HM '76; AM '79; Dykes Medal '83. Pictured on page 70.

SNOWBROOK (Keppel, '87) EM. 35" F \$10.00

One of the earliest irises to bloom, this perfect amoena-plicata boasts impeccable form. Crisp white standards are faintly edged in pale blue. The falls have a rich blue 1/4" plicata rim on a pristine white ground. White beard. HM '89; AM '91. Pictured on page 71.

VIOLET RINGS (J. Gibson, '86) M. 38" \$5.00

Here is a very clean and crisp flower. The standards are a blend of purple and white on a white ground - very ruffled. The falls have a purple band and specks 1/2" wide, on a clean white ground. Ruffled and fluted. The beards are yellow. See picture on page 71.

WORLD CLASS (Hager '88) M. 38" \$15.00

Truly a world class amoena. Tall and stately, its huge flowers have standards of a sparkling clean white and heavy-substantenced falls of bright violet-purple with fuchsia tones. Superior ruffling and a vigorous grower. Eight buds on well-branched stems. HM '92. Pictured on page 70.



RUFFLED BALLET



PROUD TRADITION



FINAL COUNTDOWN



WORLD CLASS



ISLAND FIESTA



FORTUNE TELLER



SNOWBROOK



VIOLET RINGS



BLUE STACCATO



CREATIVE STITCHERY

COZY CALICO (Schreiner, '80) EM. 34"

\$3.00

Unusual wine-red-purple coloring is reminiscent of Grandma's calico crazy-quilt. Contrasting falls of pure white background set off the huge flowers on strong stems. HM '83. Shown on page 73.

CYCLES (McWhirter, '85) EM. 38" F

\$4.00

Standards are a light to medium blue while the falls are stitched blue on the edges of the white ground. The beards are white. There is a slight fragrance to the flowers. HM '89. See page 73.

EVERYTHING PLUS (Niswonger, '84) M. 34"

\$7.50

If you need a short, fine iris for your border, this one will please you! The clean white of the center falls with contrasting wide, heavy dark purple border on the falls is a real attention-getter. The standards are an unusual light blue and the beards dark purple, tipped with gold. A prolific bloomer. HC '83, HM '86, AM '88, Dykes '91. Pictured on page 73.

GOING MY WAY (Gibson, '72) ML. 37"

\$3.00

A clean purple-rimmed plicata. Purple band on both standards and falls. Beard is orange to blue tip. Flowers are broad and heavily ruffled with good substance. HM '73; AM '75. Shown on page 72.

GRAPHIC ARTS (Hager, '78) EM. 32" F

\$3.00

Intense dark violet plicata markings on a background of pure white. The excellent form and superior branching of this iris make it a genuine asset to the most discerning gardener. HM '80. See page 72.

JESSE'S SONG (Williamson, '83) M. 36"

\$3.00

A white center on the falls is framed by a striking violet plicata border. The standards, too, have a clean white ground with a substantial plicata band. The beard is lemon, tipped blue-white. HM '85; AM '87; Dykes '90. See page 73.

MODERN CLASSIC (Knocke, '75) ML. 40"

\$3.00

White-ground plicata. Stitching violet in color, and pale yellow beard tipped in violet. Many buds, heavily fluted blossoms evenly spaced. HM '76; AM '79. See page 72.

RANCHO ROSE (Gibson, '75) M. 38"

\$3.00

Magenta rose standards, serrated. Falls, Daphne red markings on salmon rose ground. White beards, tipped with nasturtium red. HM '76; AM '78. See page 73.

RARE TREAT (Schreiner, '87) EM. 34"

\$5.00

Pure white ground plicata with strikingly perfect 1/4" cornflower blue stitching, edging the falls and standards. Expect good bud count and good branching. Blue beard. HM '89; AM '92. Pictured on page 72.

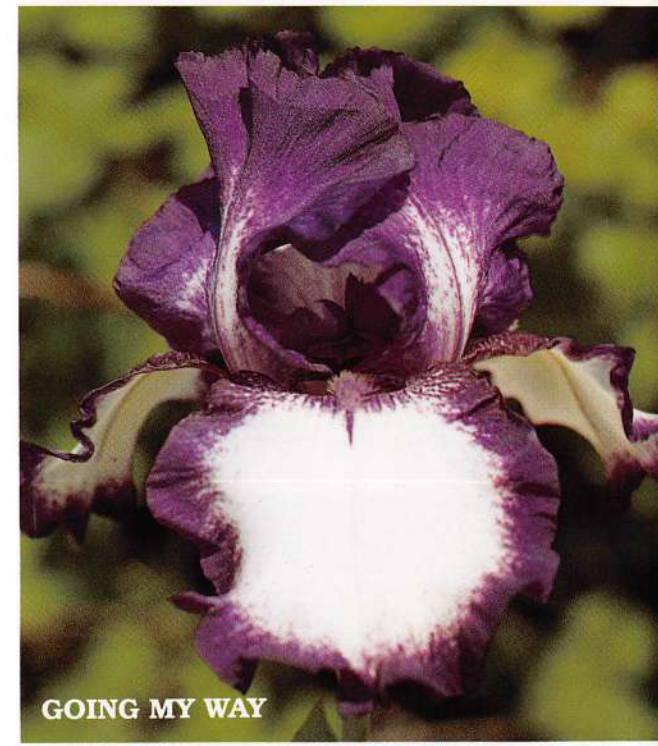
TOTAL ELEGANCE (J. Gibson, '85) M. 35 1/2" F

\$3.00

Light orange ground standards with stitching of purple-violet and brown on the rims. Falls are white ground with stitching of violet-purple, violet-blue center stripes, and brown hafts. Outer edges are violet. Beautifully ruffled and laced. Pictured on page 73.



MODERN CLASSIC



GOING MY WAY



RARE TREAT



GRAPHIC ARTS



EVERYTHING PLUS



JESSE'S SONG



RANCHO ROSE



CYCLES



COZY CALICO



TOTAL ELEGANCE

CAPRICIOUS (Hamblen, '81) EM. 34" F \$4.00

This is a large ruffly bicolor plicata. The standards are a salmon pink with creamy white falls and the markings are wide in a raspberry-violet shade. Beards are tangerine. Three branches and seven to eight buds. HM '83; AM '86. Illustrated on page 75.

CHUCKLES (J. Ghio, '87) EM. 36" \$15.00

Honey-suffused pink standards atop falls of berry-rose stitching on a white ground. Tangerine beard. Six buds. HM '89. Pictured on page 74.

COLORTART (Innerst, '83) M. 38" \$10.00

Very smart burgundy plicata on yellow ground falls. Attractive sanded and dotted patterns. Beards are golden bronze. Large flowers are well ruffled and are placed well on the tall stems. HM '85. Illustrated on page 75.

LIVING LEGACY (J. Gibson, '93) EM. 36" \$30.00

Violet-infused amber-yellow standards glow with richness atop violet-burgundy plicata markings on white ground falls. Pictured on page 75.

MOUNTAIN MELODY (Gibson, '84) EM. 36" \$5.00

Standards are a smoky mulberry and yellow-orange blend. Ringed falls have a rich yellow-orange ground enhanced by a white flush at the tip of the orange-red beard. Lovely ruffled plicata, lightly laced and serrated. HC '83. See page 74.

PINK FROTH (Keppel, '85) E. 34" \$5.00

Like a raspberry soda, the lavender-pink appears effervescent in the ruffled and lacy standards. The white falls are bordered with a 1/2" lavender pink margin. Excellent form. HM '89. See picture on page 74.

QUEEN IN CALICO (Gibson, '80) M. 33" \$3.00

Ruffled and heavily laced, this is a rosy-violet striped plicata. Beards are tangerine. Unusual background in the falls is not white, but a creamy champagne color, appearing again as a narrow border on all edges. HM '82; AM '84. Pictured on page 74.

SECRET MELODY (Schreiner, '88) M. 35" \$10.00

The principally apricot standards, fringed and laced at the top, hide a secret melody within the style arms and throats of the blossoms, bursting forth in the burgundy plicata markings on the falls. The beards are tangerine. Pictured on page 75.

SPYGLASS HILL (R. Gibson, '82) M. 37" \$3.00

Standards are tan with lavender midribs. Falls have a white ground with deep lavender-purple plicata border and a solid lavender-purple stripe from the base of the tan blend beard to the edge of the falls. See page 75.

THUNDER ECHO (J. Gibson, '87) E. 35" F \$4.00

Light brown standards with a light violet cast and violet veining. The contrasting falls have a one-inch reddish purple band and specks. Ground is orange-yellow with a white signal. An orange brown beard adds to this plicata. Eight buds. Pictured on page 75.



QUEEN IN CALICO



MOUNTAIN MELODY



PINK FROTH



CHUCKLES



THUNDER ECHO



LIVING LEGACY



SPYGLASS HILL



CAPRICIOUS



SECRET MELODY



COLORTART

BENGAL TIGER (Maryott, '81) EM. 37" \$3.00

A clean, bright yellow flower with maroon stripes and a yellow-banded edge. The beards are yellow, too. See page 77.

BROADWAY (Keppel, '81) EM. 34" \$3.00

Bright vivid gold standards will attract one's eye like a Broadway star. Center of falls are ivory with broad plicata bands of bright reddish-maroon. Three branches, seven buds. HM '83; AM '85. See page 76.

CHICKASAW SUE (J. Gibson, '83) M. 26" \$7.50

A lively ruffled plicata with a stark white ground on the falls that will draw your attention. Standards are an orange-red and violet blend. Falls are stitched orange, red, and brown on the edges and hafts. HM '85; AM '89. See picture on page 77.

CHIEF HEMATITE (Gibson, '83) M. 36" \$3.00

Standards are brick red. Ruffled, semi-flaring falls are a velvety oxblood red with a 1/2" band identical to the stands. Hafts are speckled with several colors. See page 77.

DAZZLING GOLD (Anderson, '81) M. 29" F \$3.00

Brightest of deep yellows! This is made even more evident being set off by the bright red veining on the ruffled-edged falls. Wonderful form, budcount and branching. HM '83; AM '85. See our illustration on page 77.

LADY FIRE (J. Gibson, '92) EM. 32" \$25.00

Richly colored standards of brick red atop falls of like coloring with even plicata markings, slightly violet in the haft. Markings intensify at the beard tip to form a vertical stripe blending to the fall's edge. Beards are orange. Well-branched with gorgeous ruffling. Pictured on page 77.

MAGIC HOPE (Gibson, '84) M. 36" \$5.00

A ruffled and laced plicata, yellow-orange ground, burgundy-purple stitching deeper on falls. Edged orange. Yellow tipped beard. See picture on page 76.

RUFFLED COPPER SUNSET (J. Gibson, '93) EM. 36" \$30.00

The full, ruffled standards are a copper red, with purple veining. The ruffled edging on the falls and plicata markings are the same copper red, but the shouldering and center stripe is a richer, reddish brown. Orange red beard. Pictured on page 76.

RUSTIC DANCE (Gibson, '80) M. 34" \$5.00

A plicata of yellow ground heavily marked and speckled with olive maroon. Lovely ruffles. Could be the whirling skirt of a peasant dancer with ruffled blouse and hair curled high. See page 76.

WILD JASMINE (Hamner, '83) M. 33" \$4.00

The falls feature a delightful gold rim, matching the standards. Wide and flaring falls are heavily stippled in golden brown. Gold beard. HM '85; AM '90. See page 77.



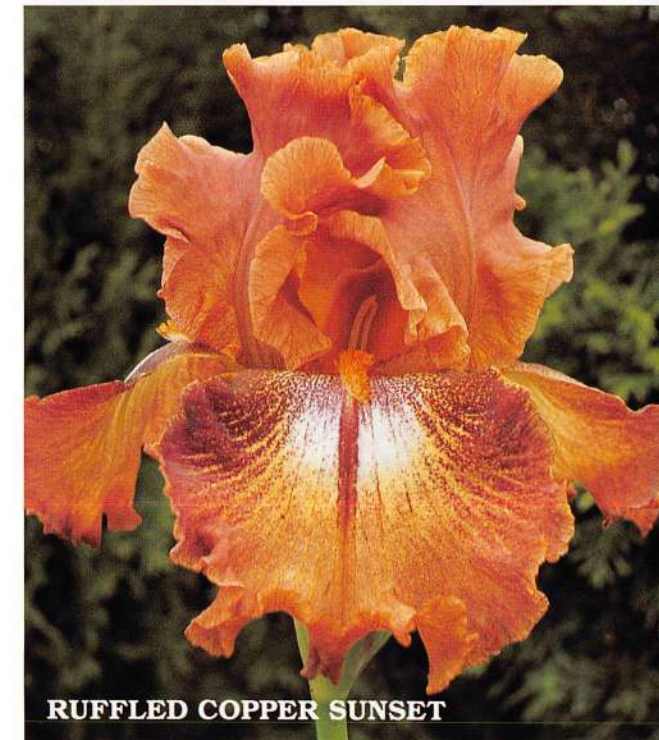
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BENGAL TIGER

CHIFFON RUFFLES (R. Ernst, '91) M. 40" \$15.00

Billowing ruffles, delicate and graceful, in a subtle coloring of lemon. Plicata sanded pattern of golden brown and pale blue. The entire flower radiates a bluish cast, accentuated by yellow beards. Unusual reddish bloomstalk has three branches and seven to eight buds. Pictured on page 78.

LEMON AND SPICE (Gibson, '85) M. 35" F \$4.00

Clear and ruffled lemon yellow standards. Yellow-orange crest. Falls are red-brown spice speckled on yellow ground, a beautiful plicata. Orange-brown beards and a white signal. See picture on page 78.

LIGHTNING STREAK (J. Gibson, '92) EM. 34" \$25.00

Glowing orange-yellow colors with red plicata markings on the falls. Yellow-orange beards. Standards are a caramel orange. Gentle ruffling. Good branching and budcount. Pictured on page 78.

SHOOTING STARS (R. Ernst, '92) M. 36" \$25.00

Bright gold colored standards and falls. A spatter-spray of amber brown on the falls with a white flush at the beard tip. Deep yellow beards. Six to seven buds on sturdy red stems with good branching. Pictured on page 78.

YELLOW BRICK ROAD (J. Gibson, '92) EM. 33" \$25.00

Bright, brilliant gold coloring. Plicata marked amber-brown shoulders with matching stripe at the beard tip. Golden laced edges blend to white near the beard. Dark brassy gold standards stand erect above matching styles. Seven to eight buds. Pictured on page 78.



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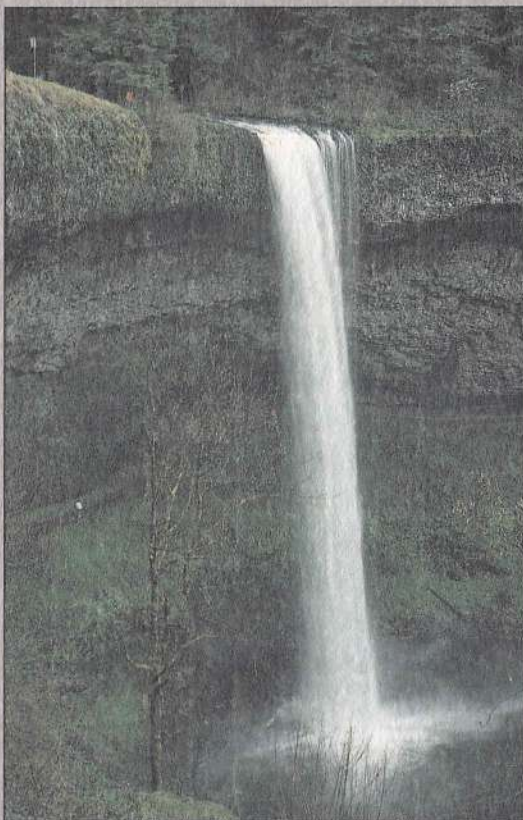


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