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IRIS CITY GARDENS

Dear friends:

This is our third catalog and we are most grateful to those of you who placed orders with us last year. We have doubled the size of our beds again this year to approximately two acres, and have added substantially to our selection of beardless and antique bearded iris. In addition to Japanese, Siberian, Louisiana and species iris, this year we offer all of the Dykes medal winners from the inception of the award through 1950 (see Bearded Iris - Antiques). Unfortunately, our supply of some is very limited.

This is being written in very early January and the temperature is 70 today and Crocus are blooming. It looks like this year is again going to be very interesting weather-wise. Last year after the iris had grown about 6" we had a hard freeze that burned the foliage completely. Although the earlier-blooming varieties were set back some, no substantial damage was done and we lost almost no plants.

As we have expanded our catalog mailing we have made numerous new friends with other growers and iris enthusiasts. Our county road was completed last year and we were fortunate to be visited by many knowledgeable plant people from the middle Tennessee area. We also met several new friends willing to help us during the very busy dividing and shipping season and we are immensely grateful to them. During the busiest week we received 4" of rain which sometimes made conditions less than ideal, but they stuck right with us. Many thanks to them.

Beardless iris are easy to grow and are not very troubled by pests and disease. Their grass-like foliage is attractive all during the growing season and, of course, the blooms are fantastic. Most like a slightly acid soil and welcome the mulch that helps control weeds and holds in moisture. They are very good for use near, and in some cases in ponds and streams.

The antique and newer bearded iris prefer relatively dry conditions and a less rich soil. We have found the older iris to be much more disease resistant than many of the newer varieties.

Please order early as some of the plants listed are in very limited supply. We offer garden sales of all water pond plants and some potted varieties of iris. Some of our iris can be moved in the spring, but most prefer the fall.

Macey and Greg McCullough

CALL OR VISIT

We are pleased to have you come by on the weekend to visit. We are located approximately 45 minutes southwest of Nashville. We are generally available Saturday and Sunday, 10:00am until 4:00pm (Central time), April through September, but please call to let us know you want to visit and for directions. Our number at home is 615-386-3778 or 800-934-IRIS (4747) and at the farm is 615-799-2179. We are in and out but will return your calls as soon a possible and next to growing plants we like best to talk about them.

This year we want to encourage you to visit on three open-house weekends. We think the best bloom will be the weekends of May 17-18 (Siberian and Tall Bearded), May 31-June 1 (Louisiana) and June 14-15 (Japanese). Bring a picnic lunch and spend the day, we'll supply the tables and flowers. (Given the weird weather so far this year, please call to make sure we are still on this schedule).

ORDERING

A minimum plant order of \$20 is required, plus \$7 shipping and handling for each shipment, and we will accept orders from this catalog through September 1. Please mail the enclosed order form, or you may call your order in toll free at 800-934-IRIS (4747). Be sure to completely fill in information on the order blank, include a street address and telephone, and directions if you are hard for UPS to find. In lieu of a wholesale price list we offer the following discounts to all:

10% discount on orders over \$100 20% discount on orders over \$250 30% discount on orders over \$500

TERMS

Full payment by personal check or money order should be made in U.S. funds and should accompany your order. We accept Visa and Master Card if that is more convenient for you. We deposit your checks and process your credit cards when we receive your order.

SHIPPING

We send fine, large bare-root plants. Planting and care instructions specific to your order will be included. (See growing tips later on in this catalog). UPS 2-3 day express delivery is our method of choice, and we will use this for all shipments unless you are within the UPS 2 day ground delivery area.

We ship the majority of our orders in August and September, usually on a Monday or Tuesday. Water lilies can be shipped May through August. Those in colder areas should order to plant in time for the iris to become established, at least four weeks, before the ground freezes. Please add \$7 for each shipment your order requires. If you want water lilies in May and Siberians in September, shipping will be \$14; that's two shipments.

If you have a special time you desire your plants to be shipped, let us know and we will try to accommodate. Otherwise, our preference is to ship beardless plants the first week or two of September and bearded the first two weeks of August. All our plants are freshly dug, therefore we cannot ship out of season.

SUBSTITUTES

Some varieties are in short supply, in particular those with "Ltd Q" in the price column, and will sell out early. Please indicate a few acceptable substitutes, or allow us to substitute varieties of equal or greater value. We will substitute only with your permission.

GUARANTEES

We guarantee our plants to be true to name and to arrive in good condition. If they do not arrive in good condition, don't plant them. Return the plants immediately for a full refund. If we made a mistake in filling your order or you are not satisfied for any other reason, let us know as soon as possible and we will make amends. Our nursery is state inspected.

IRIS AWARDS

DM Dykes Medal - The highest award any iris may achieve.

PA Payne Award - The highest award given to Japanese Iris from 1966 to 1992 awarded to no more than one iris per year.

PM Payne Medal - Beginning in 1993 the Payne Award was revised and renamed.

MSD Mary Swords DeBallion award - The highest award given for a Louisiana Iris from 1948 to 1985.

MSDM Mary Swords DeBallion Medal - The award was changed to medal status in 1986.

MA Morgan Award - The top award for Siberian Irises from 1952 to 1984, awarded to no more than one iris per year.

MWM Morgan-Wood Medal - Highest award for Siberian Irises from 1986 to present.

AM Award of Merit - The next award that can be received after HM.

HM Honorable Mention - First garden award for introduced varieties. Prerequisite for an AM.

ABBREVIATIONS AND TERMINOLOGY

E Early season bloom.M Mid-season bloom.L Late season bloom.

RE Registered or reported to be a repeat bloomer.

Amoena White standards and colored falls.

Beard The fuzzy "caterpillar" extending from the base of the falls

Bicolor Standards and falls of different color.

Bitone Standards and falls different shades of same color.

Haft The area on each side of the beard.
Falls (F) The lower three petals of the flower.
Self Standards and falls same color.

Signal Colored blaze, patch, spot or line on falls in beard area or

in place of beard.

Standards (S) The upper three petals of the flower.
Styles The stiff covering over the beard.
Substance The thickness of the petals.

Tetraploid Each cell has four sets of chromosomes resulting in larger

flowers and a more vigorous plant.

JAPANESE IRISES

Japanese irises are a group of beardless irises (*I. ensata*, formerly *I. kaempferi*) which are the latest to bloom, about a month after the tall bearded and Siberian irises. The largest flowers of all irises with lovely forms, colors and patterns, they require full sun, a heavy, acid soil and ample water. Mulch will help hold in water and reduce weeds. JIs are heavy feeders and an azalea-type fertilizer in the spring and just after bloom is best. Keep the pH between 5.0 and 6.5. Japanese are generally prodigious growers so allow three or four feet between plants. Singles have three falls (3F), doubles have six (6F) and peony-type have nine or more (9F). The spectacular blooms are large, flat and four to eight inches across.

I. ensata Variegata 3F. Variegated form of the wild Japanese iris. The foliage is green and white and the flower is marod A very striking garden accent.	30" on.	EM	6.00
ACCLAIM (Marx 62) 6F. Rosy red-lavender self with lots of ruffles and tufted center. White petaloids with rose-lavender	48" tips.	M	5.00
BLUE MARLIN (Copeland 81) PA85 6F+. Tall, dark blue-violet with extra petaloids. Ruffled with a prominent signal.	28"	M-L	7.00 Ltd Q
BURBOT (Hazzard 80) 6F. Falls ruffled white with green glow in center; pale yellow styles, orange-yellow signal.	30"	M	10.00 Ltd Q
CAPRICIAN BUTTERFLY (Marx-Rogers 85)PM94, PA 6F. White with dark purple veins and purple style A beautiful flower.	A90 3 es.	6" M	7.00
CENTER OF ATTENTION (Rich 86) 6F. Ruffled pale lavender-violet with darker veining, edged silver. Yellow-orange signal. Very prolific plant and good bloomer.	36"	M	7.00
CHIYO-NO-HARU (Hirao R92) 3F. Red-violet standards with white rims. The fall are white, veined very pale red-violet. White stylearms veined red-violet and a yellow signal.	39" s	ML	15.00 Ltd Q

CRYSTAL HALO (Marx 59) 6F. Dark purple with wide white rim, dark purple stylearms. Purple veins extend in to white rim. Prolific.	48"	M 8.00 Ltd Q
DACE (Hazzard 80) HM85 6F. Pale blue buds open into ruffled, very pale violet-blue blooms with multiple styles.	26"	E-L 6.00 Ltd Q
DANCING WAVES (Payne 64) PA68 6F. Dark violet center blending to mulberry-purpl dark violet halo and veins, narrow white edging.	42" le,	M-L 8.00 Ltd Q
DANSEUR NOBLE (Payne 59) 3F. Standards and styles blue-violet with fine whi rims. Falls white with blue veins.	42" te	M 8.00 Ltd Q
DRAMATIC MOMENT (McEwen 82) 6F. Dark violet veining in light violet. Dark violet styles; yellow signal.	40"	M-L RE 8.00
EVENING TIDE (Ackerman 86) 6F. Violet with darker blue-violet halo around yellow signal; white styles with violet margins.	36"	VE 6.00
FLYING TIGER (Payne 50) 6F. Pale violet heavily veined dark violet. Dark mulberry-purple styles.	45"	M 10.00
FROSTBOUND (Rich 71) 3F. Standards deep plum violet with wire edging white. Falls deep plum-violet, veined deeper with distinct narrow edging of white.		M 8.00
FROSTED PLUM (Rich 96) 6F. Light colored ground with blue halo and veins out to white petal edges. Multiple dark blue-purple styles, crests and petaloids.	32"	M 20.00 Ltd Q
GALATEA MARX (Marx 61) 6F. Ruffled blue with white pencil veining, pure white styles and petaloids. Very prolific, one of our favorites.	40"	M 6.00 3 for \$15

GOLD BOUND	36"	M
6F. White with a very light lavender tint; large yellow signals and modern full form. Named by Hallock about 1885.		6.00 3 for \$15
GRAPE FIZZ (Ackerman 85) HM87 6F+. Ruffled purple-violet with white and light violet flecking. Yellow signal.	30"	M 8.00
HAGOROMO (SJI R92) 9F. White with lavender pattern, yellow signal. A very nice plant.	36"	M 8.00 3 for \$20
HAPPY FAUN (Hirao-Hager 78) 3F. Dark purple self, yellow signal with touches or blue.	30" of	ML 8.00
HATSU-KAGAMI (Hirao) 3F. Pink self, ruffled stylearms and standards. Yellow signal with veins radiating into falls.	36"	E 10.00 Ltd Q
INDIGO MAGIC (Rich 96) 6F. Blue violet with dark blue halo and veins, yellow signal; multiple deep indigo blue style arms with large crests.	36"	M 20.00 Ltd Q
IZO-NO-UMI (Hirao R93) 3F. Falls and standards blue-violet with white veins. Yellow signal with green at base, white styles edged violet-blue.	36"	M 6.00
JACIVA (Harris 92) HM95 6F. Falls sanded blue-lavender, white styles and petaloids edged lavender-blue. Ruffled with a ver fine white rim.		ML 15.00 Ltd Q
JAPANESE PINWHEEL (McEwen 88) PA92 3F. Tetraploid, dark wine-red with a distinctive white edging on all segments, medium yellow signal.	40"	E-L RE 15.00
JOY PETERS (Ackerman 90) AM95 3F. Lavender-pink standards; falls ruffled lavender-pink at edge fading to pale purple near yellow-green signal. Near white stylearms with pale purple margins and lips.	34"	M 12.00 Ltd Q

KALAMAZOO (Hazzard 89) PM96 3F. Standards blue-violet edged white; falls white with blue-violet center and veins, dark blue-violet halo. Dark purple stylearms tipped white; yellow		EM 10.00
LEAVE ME SIGHING (Maddocks 64) PA67 6F. Medium lilac-pink self, matching stylearms.	38"	M-L 8.00
LIGHT AT DAWN (Marx 57) 6F. White with narrow border of blue-violet, white styles touched violet at the tips.	34"	M 7.00 Ltd Q
MAIKO-NO-HAMA (Chugai 28) 6F. Startling white with prominent blue-violet ma	30" rgin.	M-L 6.00
MIDARE-ITO (Tomino R93) 3F. Very pale lilac self. White styles, lavender crests.	30"	VE 5.00 Ltd Q
MIDNIGHT STARS (Aitken 88) HM90 6F. Velvety, dark red-purple, bright yellow signal.	42"	ML 7.00
MISS COQUETTE (Payne 66) 6F. Red-violet with short white rays, white styles and crests with red-violet edging.	32"	EM 5.00 3 for \$12
MOUNTAIN GROTTO (Marx 53) 6F. Pastel blue-lavender, light styles with lavende crests.	48″ r	EE 6.00
NUMAZU (Hazzard 65) PA71 3F. Large blooms of pure white, medium yellow signal, short yellow rays.	30"	EM 6.00 Ltd Q
OCEAN MIST (Marx 53) 6F. Light blue with white halo, rays and styles. Very nice flower and quite prolific.	40"	M 6.00
ORIENTAL EYES (Vogt 84) 6F. Light violet shading to grey-white at edge; yellow signal surrounded by purple halo that extension as veining; dark violet styles with grey edge.		M 8.00 Ltd Q

PERSIAN RUG (Marx 61) 6F. Purple edged white with purple veins; yellow signal; purple stylearms.	57″	M	6.00
PRAIRIE BLUEBELL (Hazzard 70) 3F. light blue-violet bitone, darker at haft and center, edged white, light yellow halo, bright yellow signal; white stylearms.	32"	M	5.00
PRAIRIE FANTASY (Hazzard 81) 6F. Ruffled white with dark violet veining; greyed orange signal, white halo; violet stylearms tipped white.	36″ l	E	6.00
PRAIRIE GLORY (Hazzard 72) 3F. Very dark red-violet bicolor, dark red-violet veining; yellow signal with blue halo; dark red-violet stylearms with white tips.	30"	E 3 f	6.00 for \$15
PRAIRIE IVORY (Hazzard 74) 6F. Ruffled white and pale blue bicolor fading to white, pale yellow signal; self stylearms.	32"	ML	5.00
PRAIRIE MANTLE (Hazzard 76) 6F. Medium blue-violet bitone, white border, yellow-orange signal and halo; self stylearms with darker edges and tips.	28″ 1	M	5.00
ROSE ADAGIO (Payne 69) 9F. Ruffled, white centers with rose-violet margins, red-violet crests.	39"	M	12.00
ROSE CAVALIER (Payne 50) 3F. Standards dark red-violet, pure white rims; dared-violet styles; falls white, red-violet halo, red-violet veins and sanding at margins, white rim		EM	6.00
SAKURAJISHI (Tomino 52) 6F+. Heavily ruffled light pink, yellow signal. Name means Pink Lion.	26"	M-L	15.00
SHINKAI-NO-IRO (Hirao R93) 6F. Dark blue-violet with short white rays, yellow signals; off-white styles sanded, edged and tipped blue-violet.		ML	8.00 Ltd Q

SHINO-NO-OME (Shuho-En R93) 6F. Very pale blue-violet, yellow signal; ruffled falls. Introduced in Japan prior to 1887. Incorrectly called SHINO-NO-ME.	30"	ML 3 t	6.00 for \$15
SILENT THUNDER (Bauer-Coble 96) 9-12F. Medium rose-violet, multiple light violet styles, large dark violet crests, some forming extra petals.	40"	L	20.00 Ltd Q
SILVERBAND (Bauer-Coble 89) 3F. Dark red-violet bloom on white and cream variegated foliage. Very nice in the garden.	30"	M 3 f	8.00 for \$20
SPRINGTIME SNOW (Reid 84) 3F. White self with lemon yellow signal; pendant form.	29″	VE	6.00
STRUT AND FLOURISH (Payne 64) PA66 6F. Violet centers shade to blue-violet edges, darker veins; dark violet styles, edged light violet	45"	E-M	8.00 Ltd Q
SUMMER MOON (Rich 94) 6F. Full, ruffled white, yellow signals vein out over the falls, cream styles with white crests.	36"	M	7.00 Ltd Q
SUMMER STORM (Marx 55) 6F. Very dark, rich blackish purple with unusual tufted styles and orange signals.	42"	VL I	RE 6.00
WALK IN BEAUTY (Rich 68) 6F, Lavender self including stylearms, slight blue accent around signal.	38"	M	6.00
WIND DRIFT (Vogt-Stahly 84) 3F. Standards white, variably marbled light to heared-violet; falls ruffled white, small yellow signal		EM	6.00
WINGS AFLUTTER (Payne 69) 6F. Large white center with prominent border of pansy violet. Falls dashed and speckled violet, stylearms and falls white, tipped violet.	44"	M 3 f	6.00 for \$15

LOUISIANA IRISES

A hybrid of the series *Hexagone* which includes *I. hexagona*, *I. fulva*, *I. brevicaulis*, *I. nelsonii* and *I. giganticaerulea*. Louisianas will grow in standing water but are quite tolerant of regular garden conditions if the soil pH is 6.5 or lower. They bloom about two weeks after tall beardeds. Louisiana's require lots of water, rich acid soil and heavy feeding of a balanced fertilizer. They should be kept well mulched and can be moved in late summer to early fall. Set the plants at least 2 feet apart as they multiply and spread rapidly. The rhizome should be planted horizontally, about 2" deep, and must be kept well watered, particularly during the growing season.

I. fulva An easy to grow iris with numerous terra-cotta re to deep red flowers. Very vigorous.	30″ d	5.00 3 for \$12
I. fulva Dwarf Deep terra-cotta red.	12"	E 5.00
I. brevicaulis (Rafinesque 1817) Beautiful pale blue-violet, signal surrounded by white. Flowers born down in the foliage on zigzag stalks. Very cold-hardy.	10-14	4" L 5.00 3 for \$12
I. hexagona Bright blue flowers 4-4 3/4".	28"	L 5.00 3 for \$12
I. nelsonii (Randolph 66) Also known as Abbeville irises, native of the swar near Abbeville, Louisiana. More intensely colored red and larger in size than I. fulva. A rare stable hybrid.		M 5.00 3 for \$12
ACADIAN MISS (Arny R80) MSDM90 Ruffled white self with green signals and green st arms.	30″ yle	ML 4.00 3 for \$10
BAYOU SHORT STUFF (Faggard R86) Low, dark blue self with a slight sweet fragrance. Golden yellow crest and dark blue styles.	23"	M 4.00 3 for \$10
BAYOU SUNSET (MacMillan R45) MSD49 Soft rose with showy gold signals over half the length of the falls.	30"	ML 4.00 3 for \$10

BLACK GAMECOCK (Chowning R78) MSDM89 Blue-black with a narrow gold line signal and blue-green foliage.	24"	L 4.00 3 for \$10
BOB WARD (Morgan R82) HM88 White, falls flushed with violet; white styles.	36"	M 5.00
BRYCE LEIGH (Chowning R73) MSD81 Pale lavender self. Falls have a narrow gold signal bordered with a thin maroon line.	30″ I	M 5.00 Ltd Q
CLYDE REDMOND (Arny R70) MSD74 A very beautiful cornflower-blue self with yellow signal.	30"	M 4.00 3 for \$10
DECOY (Durio R81) Tetraploid. Pale pink standards; very light red-vio falls, with deeper veins. Light yellow-green signal on all segments.		M 7.00 Ltd Q
DELTA HONEY (Chowning-Rowlan R88) Violet-purple, yellow signal; self styles and crest; slight musky fragrance.	29″	M 4.00
FAENELIA HICKS (Arny R69) HM71 Medium rose self; yellow line crest.	42"	ML 4.00 Ltd Q
FROSTED MORN (Ostheimer R91) White open flat form with yellow-orange line sign	38″ al	VE-L 4.00 3 for \$10
GODZILLA (Durio R87) Very dark violet, bright full yellow signal; light violet style arms, edged light yellow.	36"	E 6.00 Ltd Q
GRACELAND (Dunn 79) HM82 Bright, deep blue with no signal. Slight reddish tint to styles.	32"	M 3.00 4 for \$10
HEATHER STREAM (Morgan R83) Light violet self with green line signal over white ray.	42"	ML 4.00

HURRICANE PARTY (Haymon R86) Lightly ruffled full red-violet, large triangular signal of yellow-gold, cream styles shading to full dark red-violet; slight fragrance.	39″	M 4.00
LAURA LOUISE (Mertzweiller-Ostheimer) 2 Bright yellow-orange, yellow-orange signal; heavy substance.	28"	M-L 5.00
MARY G (Ostheimer 91) Overlapping round, pinkish-lavender flowers.	34"	M-L 4.00 3 for \$10
MARY'S CHARLIE (Dunn 82) AM86 Plum red with yellow signals, slightly ruffled.	36"	M 6.00
MENTIDA (Norris 81) Rich cobalt blue with tiny yellow signal.	38″	M 4.00 Ltd Q
MRS. IRA NELSON (Arny 69) MSD73 Very large flat, mineral-violet self. Broad and overlapping.	36″	ML 4.00
NEWS BRIEF (Rowlan 83) Red with a lime line signal.	32 "	ML 4.00 3 for \$10
PERFECT MATCH (Taylor R89) Rosy magenta, green in heart, large yellow signal.	51 "	M 4.00
PRISTINE BEAUTY (Chowning R55) Ultramarine with royal blue shadings. Golden signal	16" als.	L 4.00 3 for \$10
PUTTYTAT (Arny 58) HM58 Monet blue self, near white styles, yellow line crest.	28″	M 4.00 Ltd Q
RED ECHO (Rowlan 84) AM90 Scarlet red with grey line signal.	36"	EL 4.00 3 for \$10
SEA KNIGHT (Morgan 86) Very dark blue self with an orange line signal.	24"	EM 4.00 3 for \$10

SEA WISP (Rowlan 84) Wisteria blue with yellow line signal.	HM87	36"	M 3 for	4.00 \$10
SINFONIETTA (Raabe 87) Compact, lightly ruffled, baby blue se Australia with bold yellow signals.	HM90 lf from	33"	EM 3 for	4.00 \$10
SUNNY EPISODE (Rowlan 84) Ruffled deep yellow with green-gold sweet fragrance.	AM89 signal, sligh	36" t	M	4.00
TEVEN (Raabe 83) Imperial purple self, vigorous.		33"	ML	4.00
TOWN COUNCIL (Morgan 83) Dark red with medium gold signal, sl	ightly ruffle	36" d.	M	4.00
VERMILION TREASURE (Haymon 88) Huge red-violet blooms veined darker serrated edges on the falls. Large yello		42"	M	6.00
VOODOO MUSIC (Rowlan 88) Deep violet-purple, large creamy yello	ow sunburst	28″ signa	ML al. 3 for	4.00 \$10
VOODOO RITE (Rowlan 89) Intense violet-red, yellow ray pattern and falls; violet styles and crest; slight fragrance.	on standard spicy	35" s	ML 3 for	5.00 \$12
VOODOO SONG (Rowlan 89) Violet with raised orange line signal be cream sunburst pattern.	oordering a	30"	ML	5.00
WHEELHORSE (Dormon 52) Beautiful rose bitone.	MSD58	36"	M 3 for	5.00 \$12
WINTER'S ENCORE (Rowlan 85) Very beautiful, creamy white ruffled for signal and styles.	lowers. Gree	37" en	ML 3 for	4.00 \$10

SIBERIAN IRISES

Siberian irises are excellent landscape plants and do very well as cut flowers. The graceful flowers are borne above an elegant clump of grasslike, blue-green foliage which is attractive all season. Siberians bloom just after the bearded iris and just before the Louisianas and Japanese. They can tolerate a wide range of soils, light exposures and moisture levels and are drought tolerant after they are established. They have almost no disease or pest problems. Ideal conditions are a sunny place with moist, rich, slightly acid soil. They grow well next to pools or marshes and after the first frost their foliage turns a rich reddish-brown. Siberians can remain in place for years without division. When necessary, they should be moved in April or September. Tetraploids have larger flowers and heavier foliage.

I. siberica Nana Alba (Perry 40) Tiny dwarf white Siberian.	12"	M	4.00
I. typhifolia A new Siberian species native to the wetlands of northeast China. The flowers are dainty blue-viol with a white signal area The foliage is very thin with a spiral twist.	18" et	VE	8.00
AQUA WHISPERS (Miller 88) MW95 Standards white, lavender at base, Falls lavender with blue-violet veins and white edges, styles white with aqua midribs.	36"	M	10.00 Ltd Q
BIRD FEEDER (Bellagamba 82) HM84 Medium blue self.	35″	EM	4.00
BUTTER AND SUGAR (McEwen 77) MA81 MW86 Yellow falls with green signal lines, creamy white standards held at 45 degrees.		M R	E 5.00 or \$12
CABERNET (Hager 82) Dark wine red, small white signal on falls.	34"	M 3 f	6.00 or \$15
CAESAR'S BROTHER (Morgan 32) MA53 One of the most popular Siberians. The flowers at medium blue with erect standards. The foliage remains beautiful until frost. It is very vigorous and easy to grow.	40" re	E 4 f	3.00 or \$10

COOL SPRING (Kellogg 39) MA66 Light blue self with white styles, yellow blaze.	37"	E 4.00
DANCE BALLERINA DANCE (Varner 83) MW89 Tet. Near white standards flushed pink, falls lavender-rose pink with lighter band at edge.	32"	E 5.00
DANCER'S FAN (Warburton 84) Deep violet-blue standards, lighter falls with deeper fans across the shoulders, surrounding the green haft centers.	40"	M-L 5.00
DARK CIRCLE (McEwen 76) Tetraploid. Large velvet bloom of dark blue-purp	27" le.	M 4.00 3 for \$10
DEWFUL (McGarvey 67) MA70 Large medium blue with light sky blue style arms	40″ s.	M 3.00
DRAGONFLY (Dykes 23) Bluish violet with a bronze throat.	46"	4.00 3 for \$10
EARLY BLUEBIRD (McEwen 70) Blue self with yellow-black-white blaze of medium size on the falls. One of the first to start blooming and one of the last to finish.	32" m	E-L RE 5.00
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EWEN (McEwen 70) HM78 Tetraploid. Wine red with slightly lighter styles, pale yellow and brown blaze.	<i>5</i> 2	4.00 Ltd Q
Tetraploid. Wine red with slightly lighter styles,	33"	4.00
Tetraploid. Wine red with slightly lighter styles, pale yellow and brown blaze. FLIGHT OF BUTTERFLIES (Witt 72) Medium violet-blue, falls white,		4.00 Ltd Q M 4.00

HARPSWELL HAZE (McEwen 77) HM78 35" Tetraploid. Light hazy blue with upright standards and dark, violet veining.	M-L 4.00 3 for \$10
INDY (Hollingworth 85) AM91 32" Standards are mid red-violet with a blue influence. Falls same with blue lines radiating downward. Flaring form with upright foliage. Blooms before most TB's.	VE RE 5.00 Ltd Q
JEWELLED CROWN (Hollingworth 87) MW93 24" Large, deep wine-red. Standards waved at the edge, falls ruffled with a large circular gold blaze.	M 7.00 Ltd Q
KING OF KINGS (Varner 83) MW90 33" A large wide white self with a faint green tinge.	ML 6.00 Ltd Q
LADY VANESSA (Hollingworth 86) MW92 36" Ruffled red-violet falls, standards and styles light wine-red. White signals.	M 5.00 3 for \$12
LLEWELLYN (Cleveland 29) 38" Violet blue; wide standards and semi-flared falls. Gold hafts.	M 4.00 3 for \$10
MANDY MORSE (Spofford 65) 40" Medium blue standards and lighter blue falls. White styles and a small white blaze. Very good foliage.	M 5.00 Ltd Q
MARANATHA (Varner 74) 40" Royal purple self with little signal showing.	ML 3.00 4 for \$10
MARILYN HOLMES (McEwen 72) HM73 27" Dark, rich violet-blue falls with lighter standards and styles. Nicely ruffled.	M 4.00 3 for \$10
MY LOVE (Scheffy 48) 42" Pale azure blue standards and falls with gold and white haft marks and reticulated dark violet lines.	EE RE 4.00
PANSY PURPLE (McEwen 69) 28" Beautiful purple, no blaze but 2-3 short white lines at base of midrib.	M-L 5.00 Ltd Q

ORDER FORM

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PINK HAZE (McGarvey 69) MA Opens pink, fading rapidly to very past best pink Siberian!	.84 MW88 tel pink. Th		M 6.00
PIROUETTE (Cassebeer 63) Pale blue standards and medium blue f		32"	ML 4.00 3 for \$10
ROARING JELLY (Schafer-Sacks 92) Falls dappled bright raspberry with pal standards also lightly dappled. Full, ros slightly recurved flowers.	le lavender	36"	M 15.00
ROSACE (Warburton 79) Very ruffled blend of three blues.	HM81	30"	L 6.00 Ltd Q
SEA GATE (Briscoe 78) Light blue with bright blue stylearms a hafts. Very vigorous.		32"	M 3.00 4 for \$10
SHAKER'S PRAYER (Warner 90) Violet standards with reddish styles. Fa solid violet edges surrounding a large veined lilac. Very vigorous with grass-l	alls with white center	34" r	E-L 7.00
SHIRLEY POPE (McEwen 79) Rich reddish purple with sharp contrassignal. Very ruffled.	AM86 sting white	28"	M-ML 4.00 3 for \$10
SNOW QUEEN (Barr) Crisp white collected form of I. sanguinea imported from Japan in 1900.		18"	M 4.00 3 for \$10
SNOWY EGRET (Cleveland 39) Large white bloom with frilled edge, no and standards.		36"	M 4.00 3 for \$10
STEVE VARNER (Briscoe 78) MA Lavender standards, falls same with lavender-blue veins. Ruffled bright blu stylearms.	A82 MW87 e	29″	M 4.00 Ltd Q
SULTAN'S RUBY (Hollingworth 88) Deep magenta, styles lighter with feath midribs and edges; full, round, ruffled		29″	M 8.00 Ltd Q

SWALLOWTAIL (Wadekamper 91) Ruffled flowers opening cream from bright yellow buds. Bright yellow hafts.	22″ w	LM 3	8.00 for \$20
TEALWOOD (Varner 60) MA64 Flaring velvet purple, narrow upright foliage.	27"	M	5.00
TEMPER TANTRUM (McGarvey 68) AM90 Deep purplish-red self with ruffled form.	38"	M	5.00 Ltd Q
TRI-BLUE (Johnson 88) Gentian blue standards with a darker overlay on falls. Blue signal veined white and a cobalt blue rib on the styles giving the effect of three shades of blue.	32" the	M	8.00 Ltd Q
TURQUOISE CUP (Cleveland 26) Beautiful light blue self with upright standards; outer part of signal is white, inner part gold.	34"	M	5.00 Ltd Q
TYCOON (Cleveland 38) MA51 Very large, deep violet-blue self.	36"	M	5.00 Ltd Q
VELVET NIGHT (Edwards 61) MA69 Dark violet-blue self with velvety sheen. Small upright standards.	30"	M	5.00 Ltd Q
WHITE TRIANGLES (Warburton 87) HM91 White with faint green hafts and pale yellow flush on midrib.	30″ 1	L	6.00
WINE WINGS (Varner 77) Light violet-red standards, darker falls.	32"	EL F	RE 4.00

CRESTED IRIS

These iris, members of the Evansia group, thrive in woodland conditions. They are very easy to grow and are among the few iris that will tolerate shady conditions. The flowers are dainty with a frilly crest on the falls.

<u>Iris cristata</u>. These small iris are native to the woods of the eastern U.S. They are perfectly hardy in northern gardens and like lightly shaded, well-drained woodsy soil. Once established they will spread and carpet the ground.

I. cristata 6" EM
Tiny woodland plant, light lavender-blue flower with 4.00 gold crest.

I. cristata alba 6" EM
White form with a yellow crest. 4.00

<u>Iris tectorum</u>. The "Japanese Roof Iris" has beautiful, broad fanshaped leaves and is one of our favorite iris. It is very hardy but should be fed often and transplanted every 3-5 years. The forms have comparatively large, flat, slightly ruffled flowers.

I. tectorum 10" M
 Japanese Roof Iris. Beautiful medium blue-lavender 4.00 flowers, speckled with darker purple, blooming in May-June.

I. tectorum Alba
Yellow-crested white form of I. tectorum.

10" M
4.00
3 for \$10

Iris japonica. Also native to moist woods, this iris is hardy to about 10 F so may need some protection.

I. japonica
Delicate sprays of white flowers with orange spots.
Prefer afternoon shade and a humusy soil. A woodland setting with dappled sunlight is perfect.

I. japonica VariegatedVariegated form with cream and green foliage.5.00

WATER GARDEN IRISES

<u>Iris laevigatae</u>. Grows in wet places but will do equally well in a garden setting if given moisture during dry summers. They like full sun, rich acid soil, lots of water and are very easy to grow. They are native to Japan and bloom a couple of weeks before the Japanese iris.

30" M

3.00

4 for 10

I. laevigata

Water iris. Attractive cobalt-blue flowers in May and smooth wide green foliage. Likes lots of mois and acid soil. Will also grow in water.	sture	141	5.00
I. laevigata Alba Double white form (6 petals) with lilac tracing on styles.	24"	M	6.00
I. laevigata Variegata Our favorite iris. Beautifully variegated with vertically striped green and white leaves and pret violet-blue flowers.	24" tty	M	10.00
ALBOPURPUREA COLCHESTERENSIS Beautiful flat-formed, deep blue with white Edge on the falls.	30"	M	12.00
ALBOPURPUREA MONSTROSA A taller form of COLCHESTERENSIS with lighter flowers and a broader white edging.	36″ r	M	10.00 Ltd Q
<u>Iris pseudacorus</u> . The water-garden iris with yellow equally well in shallow water or in the moist part of foliage is tall, stiff and brilliant green. They bloom on vertical for a long time with the Siberians.	of the	gard	den. The
I. pseudacorus	36"	M	

I. pseudacorus Dwarf	24"	M	
Grassy foliage, bright clear yellow blooms.			6.00
I. pseudacorus Flore-Plena	36	M"	
Day 1-1- (1			4.00

The common form of the species. Clear bright yellow

flowers with brown to black signal veining. Grows

in streams, bogs, ponds or in the garden.

Very vigorous.

Double flowered, clear bright yellow, extra petals in center. 4.00 3 for \$10

I. pseudacorus IVORY	30"	M	
Flowers open pale yellow and fade to pure white with silvery gray veins.			5.00 Ltd O
write with suvery gray vents.			Liu Q

I. pseudacorus Variegata 36" M

The normal yellow flowers of pseudacorus, but with yellow-green and dark green variegated spring foliage. Turns all green as the foliage matures in mid-summer.

<u>Iris versicolor</u>. The larger blue flag, this is the most common native iris of the northeastern U.S. It likes moisture and will grow well in any sun in ordinary garden conditions. Excellent branching and numerous graceful flowers ensure a fine display.

I. versicolor Purple waterside iris. Excellent branching with numerous beautiful flowers. Good plants for garden or landscape use.	30"	M 3	4.00 for \$10
I. versicolor Rosea Soft pale rose flowers with white signals.	30"	M	4.00
CAT MOUSAM (Warburton 85) Collected form, large flowers, mid violet-blue with tan and brown signal.	36"		5.00
CLARET CUP (Hilson 46) Medium dark red-violet with white and yellow signals.	26"]	M	5.00 Ltd Q
MYSTERIOUS MONIQUE (Knoepnadle 92) Dark red-violet standards, falls very dark violet. Violet styles with distinctive white side wings. Large white signal.	36"	M	12.00 Ltd Q
PARTY LINE (Warburton 88) HM93 The standards and falls are violet-rose with darker red-purple veining. The styles are pure white with narrow violet-rose midrib.		M	5.00

<u>Iris virginica</u>. Similar to *I. versicolor* but a more slender plant with long standards.

I. virginicaBlue water iris. 3-5" flowers. Vigorous and tolerates shade.	36"	E-M 4.00 3 for \$10
I. virginica Alba Vigorous white form, red stained base.	24"	L 5.00 3 for \$12
I. virginica Giant Blue Large blue flowers with excellent foliage, very vigorous.	30"	L 4.00 3 for \$10

For other plants for the Water Garden, see Louisiana Iris and Other Interesting Plants.

OTHER INTERESTING PLANTS

Acorus calamus Variegatus	30"	M	
Japanese Sweet Flag. Striking white, cream and g	reen		5.00
variegated iris-like foliage. The bruised leaves		3 fc	or \$12
are very aromatic. Bloom is an inconspicuous greenish yellow. Edible roots are cinnamon-scento Water loving plant, spreads rapidly.	ed.		
Acorus graminea Variegata	6"	M	
Dwarf Japanese sweet flag. Green and white variegated foliage in grassy clumps. Bloom is green spadix. Water loving plant,			4.00
will even grow in an aquarium.			
Tuberose	36-40)" M	

Beautiful white flower, wonderfully sweet scented.

Very long-lasting cut flower. Scents our entire garden in the evening. Hardy to zone 7, elsewhere should be dug and stored over winter. Likes full sun. Very prolific bulbs make good gifts for garden friends. Ship Dec-Jun, plant May-Jul.

DRY LAND BEARDLESS IRIS

These iris are not commonly available but are attractive, interesting garden plants. As opposed to their beardless brethren, perpetually wet soil is harmful to these plants. They do, however, need large amounts of water during growth and flowering periods.

I. chrysographes

24" M

Velvet, ebony black flowers up to 3 inches across on slender stems blooming late spring to early summer. The narrow gray-green leaves are attractive into the fall. From the high mountains of western China, it likes cooler areas and should not get dry in the summer.

I. foetidissima

24"

Flourishes in dense shade. This iris is known for its splendid seed pod which splits open in the fall to reveal reddish orange seeds which adhere to the pod until spring. This attractive display is very useful in dried flower arrangements. Bright sunshine degrades the beauty of the foliage.

4.00

6.00

I. prismatica

12" M

Dainty, Siberian-like flowers of violet and white, slender grass-like leaves. Prefers partially shady locations and sandy, clay soil that does not dry out in the summer. Very hardy but sensitive to lime.

5.00

I. unguicularis

24" VL

"Winter blooming" iris also known as *I. stylosa*. Lavender with slight white edge to falls. Yellow orange signal, pleasantly fragrant. Flowers late fall through early winter. A Mediterranean plant, it is hardy in zones 7 to 10.

4.00

BEARDED IRIS

Here are some of our favorite old and new bearded iris. A large number of the antiques were in Macey's grandfathers catalog in 1940 and for the most part we have used his descriptions. All are tall bearded except ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, an intermediate bearded iris that is a prolific rebloomer and one which we highly recommend.

Antiques:

I. pallida Variegata This ancestor of the tall bearded is southern Alps and the Adriatic. I strikingly variegated white. Lave are sweet scented. Likes southern very drought tolerant.	Light green leav nder blue flow	ers	M	5.00
BLUE RHYTHM (Whiting 45) A soft, medium cornflower blue. Great Lakes.	DM50 Offspring of	38"	M 3:	4.00 for \$10
CHIVALRY (Wills 44) Ruffled medium blue.	DM47		ML	6.00 Ltd Q
COPPER LUSTRE (Kirkland 34) A glowing copper and gold blend colors. A distinctive and unusual		36" escent	M	4.00
CORALIE (Ayers 32) Standards rose-pink flushed laver glowing shade of wine red. The peard enhances the beauty and adazzling effect.	oure golden	34"	M	6.00 Ltd Q
DAUNTLESS (Connell 29) Red self; falls appear darker beca velvety quality.	DM29 use of their	40"	M	4.00
ELEANOR ROOSEVELT (Sass-McDade 33) AM37 Dark purple, white beard. Very vigorous and a prolific rebloomer. Blooms late March to early April and again late October to November.				L RE 4.00 for \$10

ELMOHR (Loomis 42) Huge mulberry purple flower.	DM45		M Wi	ithheld
GOLDEN HIND (Chadburn 34) A rich deep buttercup yellow self. It height, large size and unusually hea	is of medium		M	6.00 Ltd Q
GREAT LAKES (Cousins 38) Quality pure light blue.	DM42	40"	M	6.00 Ltd Q
GUDRUN (K. Dykes 31) A top notch white. A massive flower snow white	BIS DM31 r of purest	36"	M	4.00
HELEN MCGREGOR (Graves 46) Superb light blue, blooms best in pa shade.	DM49 rtial		EM	6.00 Ltd Q
JEAN CAYEUX (Cayeux 31) A glistening self of pale Havana-bro with gold. A most unusual coloring.		38"	M	4.00
MARY GEDDES (Stahlman-Washington 31) DM36 38" The standards are salmon, falls the same shade overlaid with red. Eight to ten flowers of great substance on tall, widely branched stalks.				4.00
MISSOURI (Grinter 33) DM37 44" A most outstanding blue of medium tone and exceptionally pure coloring. Large flowers of wonderful substance and broad flaring form are perfectly spaced on tall, well-branched stalks.			M	4.00
OLA KALA (J. Sass 43) Tall, brilliant yellow.	DM48		M	4.00
PRAIRIE SUNSET (H. Sass 39) Light peach, apricot, buff and gold.	DM43		M	4.00
PRESIDENT PILKINGTON (Cayeux 31 A pale crystalline buff heavily infuse especially in the falls.		40"	ML 3:	4.00 for \$10

RAMESES (H. Sass 29) A blend of soft yellow and tourmaling the flower being suffused with a yellow at the center.	-		ML	4.00
ROSY WINGS (Gage 36) Rosy red with copper tones producin iridescence.	DM39 ng a pleasing	38"	M	4.00
SAN FRANCISCO (Mohr-Mitchell 27) Large white flower with a feather-stiredging of lavender-blue.	DM27 tch	44"	EM	6.00 Ltd Q
SIERRA BLUE (Essig 32) A smooth medium blue with broad, in unusual length.	DM35 flaring falls o	40″ f	L	6.00 Ltd Q
SPUN GOLD (Glutzbeck 40) The first velvety yellow.	DM44		M	6.00 Ltd Q
THE RED DOUGLAS (J. Sass 37) Tall, well branched, bright red-purple orange beard. Brown haft markings.	DM41 e with a shov	40″ vy	M	6.00 Ltd Q
TIFFANY (H.P. Sass 38) Deep rose stiching on a fine clear yell	AM43 low iris.	34"]	M	6.00 Ltd Q
WABASH (Williamson 36) DM40 36" M A beautiful amoena with snowy white standards and ultramarine falls with brighter margins.				
More recent introductions:				
BRIDAL CROWN White falls with a touch or bright yel yellow beard. Standards are ruffled a white with yellow centers. Vigorous	nd edged in	35"	L	6.00 Ltd Q
LACED COTTON (Schreiner 80) Heavily ruffled, pure cotton-white, the blooms are intensely laced. The clean falls are enhanced with a lovely white A prolific bloomer.	white	36"	ML	4.00

LADY FRIEND (Ghio 81) Accents of pink, peach, yellow and Brilliant orange beard falls graceful upright standards with colorful, nearly falls. Each plant produces several loaded with large blooms.	ully beneath the nulti-shaded	36" e	VE	4.00
RUFFLED BALLET (Roderick 75) This wonderfully ruffled iris has i and medium blue falls with a brig beard.			ML 3 f	4.00 For \$10
ST. LOUIS BLUES (Schreiner 79) Bright blue with a patch of white accenting the snowy beard. Well r		35"	L	6.00 Ltd Q
SCHIAPARELLI (Moldovan 72) 32" Named after the famed fashion designer who was known for the use of vivid pink. The clear, deep pink blooms are accented by a hot pink beard.				
SUPERSTITION (Schreiner 77) Blooms almost ebony black with a maroon.	AM81 hint of dark	36"	M	6.00 Ltd Q
VANITY (Hager 75) A delicate pink with a hint of crea of the falls. Sweet fragrance. One of the falls.		35"	EM	6.00 Ltd Q

pink TB's.

POND PLANTS

WATER LILIES:

These hardy water lilies are shipped during the spring and early summer. As the name suggests, they will tolerate very cold temperatures and come in various beautiful colors and sizes. They are shipped bare-root but will establish and bloom in four to six weeks.

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Very nice pink lily. Medium spread. 15.00

ATROPURPUREA

Deep red, very large blossom. Slightly fragrant. 15.00 Suited for medium to large pools.

ATTRACTION

Classic deep red lily blooms freely in water up to 3' deep. Will spread 6-12+ sqft, requires 3-6 hours of direct sunlight and has a slight fragrance.

CHRYSANTHA

Dwarf, changeable. Abundant salmon-colored flowers 18.00 with very attractive variegated leaves.

MARLIAC ALBIDA

Prolific white bloomer, good in small ponds. Medium spread (6-12 sqft), needs 5-6 hours of direct sunlight, is fragrant.

MT. SHASTA

Huge double white flowers, recently developed by Perry Slocum. 18.00

PERRY'S BABY RED

Deep red 3-4" flowers. For small to medium pools. 18.00

PERRY'S DOUBLE WHITE

Beautiful white with 6-7" double blooms. The new leaves are bronze maturing to green.

PERRY'S FIRE OPAL

Brilliant glowing pink double flower with 40-50 15.00 petals. Suitable for any size pool.

PETER SLOCUM Many petalled, large soft pink flowers. Very fragrant, spread 6-12+ sqft, requires 5-6 hours of direct sunlight. One of our favorites. TETRAGONA Small 2-3" white flowers. Cute and prolific. 15.00 YELLOW SENSATION Deep yellow 5-8" flower. Blooms are held high above water and stay open until late in the day. Good size for all ponds.

OTHER POND PLANTS:

Dwarf Cattail	36"
Ideal for small pools.	4.00

GROWING TIPS

BEARDLESS IRIS; SPECIES, JAPANESE SIBERIAN AND LOUISIANA

Beardless iris, species, Japanese, Siberian and Louisianas, must not be allowed to dry out during transplant. It is beneficial to soak them in water overnight before planting. Once planted, they should be kept well watered until they show signs of new growth. After they are established they will be very hardy.

Most beardless iris want a sunny location and a slightly acidic soil for best performance and bloom. The beds should be prepared with plenty of humus and the plants mulched well. Plant the Louisiana and Siberian iris about 1 inch deep and the Japanese 2 inches deep. Japanese and Siberians should be kept moist during the summer but do not like wet feet in the winter. The Louisianas will grow in standing water or in damp garden soil.

Fertilize with a balanced fertilizer, 8-8-8 for example, in the early spring and the Japanese again after bloom. Remove the bloom stalks after flowering and cut the foliage down to just a few inches in early winter. Transplanting should be done in the early fall to avoid the hot summer days.

OTHER BEARDLESS IRIS

I. virginica, I. versicolor, I. pseudacorus and *I. laevigata* should be treated similarly to Louisiana iris.

BEARDED IRIS

July and August are the best months to plant the bearded iris although they can be planted almost any time of the year except winter. They prefer sunny, well-drained locations and should be watered until the first new center leaf appears. Take care not to over water. Plant the rhizomes just below the surface of the soil so that after the first rain the top is exposed. A good low-nitrogen fertilizer such as 6-10-6 or 6-10-10 can be used at planting and again early in the spring.

WATER LILIES

Water lily rhizomes must not be allowed to dry out. You should unpack and place them in water immediately.

We think they do best in low profile pots, approximately 1' deep, with no holes. (If pots without holes are not available, line your pots with plastic garbage bags or similar plastic. This keeps the soil from escaping.) Use rich, heavy, loamy topsoil and fill up to approximately two inches from the top of the pot. Don't use commercial potting soils as they usually contain such things as perlite which will float to the top of the pond and make a mess. Plant the rhizome at a 30-45 degree angle with the crown uncovered. Add the manufacturer's recommended number of fertilizer tabs, 1/2" of sand to keep the dirt from seeping into the water, and a layer of pea gravel (still keeping the crown uncovered). Fill the pot with water and allow it to sit until all bubbling stops before you place it in your pond. Water should cover the pot to a depth of 6" to 18" and new growth will start in 2-3 weeks.

Water lilies can be divided each year or two in the spring just as new growth starts.

PLANT SOCIETIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Your enjoyment of irises will be enhanced by membership in the various Societies. As a member you receive quarterly bulletins full of interesting information and beautiful pictures.

We belong to:

American Iris Society
Society for Japanese Irises
Society for Louisiana Irises
Society for Siberian Irises
Historical Iris Preservation Society

For membership in the American Iris Society, write to Marilyn Harlow, P.O. Box 8455, San Jose, CA 95155-8455. Phone 408-971-0444.

For membership in The Society for Japanese Irises, write to Robert Bauer, 9823 E. Michigan Avenue, Galesburg, MI 49053. Phone 616-665-7500

For membership in The Society for Louisiana Irises, write to Elaine Bourque, 1812 Broussard Rd. E., Lafayette, LA 70508. Phone 318-856-5859.

For membership in The Society for Siberian Irises, write to Howard Brookins, N75 W14257, North Point Drive, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051. Phone 414-251-5292.

For membership in the Historical Iris Preservation Society, write to Ada Godfrey, 9 Bradford Street, Foxborough, MA 02035. Phone 508-543-2711.

We are also members of:

Tennessee Nurseryman's Association Tennessee Flower Growers Association

An article from the Nashville Banner newspaper, April 26, 1936:

"10 Hydridizers (sic) Win Nashville Iris City Fame

The growth of the iris movement in Nashville the past few years is not a "bubble" without reason foundation or purpose. Few of the people who will travel hundreds of miles for Nashville's fifth annual Iris Festival, May 3-9 will come because of mere curiosity or because they want to be going someplace.

There is reason for it all. Several reasons. The prominence and number of Nashville's iris hybridizers is steadily on the increase. Nashville has ten hybridizers with a national and international reputation. They are: Clarence P. Connell, Chancellor James H. Kirkland, T.M. Washington, Thomas Williams, Mrs. Edward C. Stahlman, Stanley Horn, Dudley Gale, Wentworth Caldwell, Geddes Douglas and Miss Era Emmons.

Another reason for recognition of Nashville as 'the Iris City of the World" is seventeen national and international awards to Nashville hybridizers in the past eight years for outstanding new varieties of the iris. And still another reason is that in the 1935 registrations listed in the February, 1936 bulletin of the American Iris Society there are listed 42 new irises from the gardens of Nashville hybridizers. The names and descriptions of these are registered with the society and those which prove to be of sufficient merit will be introduced to commerce.

Again last year, as in the past few years, the names of Nashville hybridizers were prominent on the iris award and honorable mention lists. Chancellor Kirkland's Black Wings was second in line for the Dykes medal, top prize in iris awards; Mr. Washington was given an award of merit for his new Jeb Stuart and on the honorable mention list were Chancellor Kirkland for his Copper Luster and Mr. Washington for his Maya and Sundust.

The seventeen awards in previous years were distributed among three Nashville hybridizers. Mr. Connell received four, one of which was the Dykes medal for his Dauntless; Chancellor Kirkland received seven and Mr. Washington received seven. One of the awards to Mr. Washington was the result of collaboration between Mr. Washington and Mrs. Stahlman on the iris they named the Mary Geddes."

HISTORY

In 1931 a group of iris growers and hybridizers formed the Nashville Iris Association to foster the planting and cultivation of irises, with the goal of having Nashville known as "The Iris City". It seems they succeeded, for by 1948 four Dykes medals, the top honor given to an iris, were won by Nashvillians. Those winners were DAUNTLESS (Connell in 1929), COPPER LUSTRE (Kirkland in 1934), MARY GEDDES (Stahlman-Washington in 1936) and CHIVALRY (Wills in 1945). Additionally, the American Iris Society held three of its annual conventions in Nashville in 1935, 1941 and 1948.

Macey's grandfather, Thomas A. Williams, was among the best known of those irisarians. In the 1930s and 40s he had a long-running CBS radio show on gardening and was known as the "Old Dirt Dobber". Mr. Williams wrote a book on gardening and published a catalog of iris under the name Iris City Gardens. He was an avid hybridizer of tall bearded iris until his death in 1949. Our logo is the frame that held Mr. Williams mailbox. We are pleased and honored to be able to carry on his garden name.

In 1993 we moved approximately 4,000 iris that had been in his gardens to our farm and are attempting to identify them with the help of the Historical Iris Preservation Society. We continue to search for introductions by Mr. Williams and other family members. If you know of any of the following iris please contact us:

CEDARWOOD (T.A. Williams 39) Deep coppery red-pink.

CHINOOK (T.A. Williams 36) Large waxy white with deep golden beard. GLEN ELLEN (Connell-Williams 39) Luminous golden tan, falls slightly flushed brown and plum. HM 39.

IRIS CITY (T.A. Williams 38) Glowing royal purple self.

JASPER AGATE (Mrs. T.A. Williams 41) Copper brown-red bicolor.

LA FERIA (T.A. Williams 37) Soft French gray and lavender.

ROSE QUARTZ (T.A. Williams 36) Beautiful pink with golden sheen.

STARWOOD (P.J. Williams 41) GOLDEN HIND X SUNDUST. Dark yellow.

TRAUMEREI (T.A. Williams 38) Two tones of light blue lavender, flaring. **WAVERLY** (T.A. Williams 36) Clear pure blue iris, flaring form. HM 37.

Due largely to the efforts of the Nashville Iris Association, the Tennessee Legislature named the iris the state flower in 1933. Although no color or variety was specified, a purple tall bearded is usually depicted.

During 1996 we found others in the Nashville area interested in the early irisarians, particularly those associated with Vanderbilt University in the 1930s through the 1950s. Many of those irisarians are mentioned in the article reprinted on the previous page.

Finally, thanks to those folks who had years ago visited Mr. Williams gardens and were kind enough to write or call and tell us of their experiences.

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