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President's Message

I can't believe it is almost three years since I was asked to fill this position. It has been very interesting and sometimes frustrating. During the next year our nominating committee will have to find us a new slate of officers. We will have to have a new President, Vice-President, Secretary, and one new Director for the southern area. This year at the AIS convention, we will appoint a nominating committee to help with this. If you are interested in filling any of these positions, please contact us.

This last year, we have acquired a new Editor, Seann Perry from Plano, Texas. He is working on this issue and we hope you are reading this before the AIS convention. After the last issue of the Recorder, I received about 15 returns and 3 with no forwarding address. If you know of someone in the society, please remind them to send change of addresses to the membership secretary.

I am pleading now, please sit down for a few minutes and write a small article about your experiences with reblooming irises. We need input from every where and that is what makes the Recorder more interesting. We have over 600 members and I would be overjoyed if I received that many articles. It would make publishing the Recorder so much easier and much less work on the editor. It does not have to be perfect or typed. If Seann finds any errors, he will be able to correct them. Even several paragraphs will help.

I hope that by the time you are reading this, our web-site is up and running. I have recruited my son in Florida to put the web-site together and we have purchased our domain name. The web address is: www.rebloomingiris.org. It will probably still be in the construction stage, but there will be some information there.

I am looking forward to the AIS convention in May. We will have our business meeting on Tuesday, 22 May at noon. The general Meeting is scheduled for noon on Wednesday the 23rd. Dr. Zurbrigg has agreed to be our speaker. It should be an interesting program.

I am late again with this so the Recorder will not be to you by mid-April, but it will still be spring.

Charlie Brown

Year End Report

By: Dr. Lloyd Zurbrigg

The year 2000 brought no hurricane to Durham, N.C. , but a great deal of rain to Region 4 AIS. The two-fold result of all this summer moisture was much rot and heavy losses on the negative side, but much rebloom on the positive side. This made for some very exciting results in the bed assigned to me in Friendship Gardens, and the plantings of reblooming irises. These will be on display at the National Convention of AIS this May. Whether similar results can be had in a drier year remains to be seen, but the millennium display was certainly exciting.

Two years ago I had maiden bloom on a very lovely blue, PP 38-1-3. Its parentage is St.Petersburg X Clarence. This gave excellent rebloom in Friendship Gardens in July and August. It seemed odd to get a blue from this cross, and a better one than from any of my previous blue breeding. Another seedling that bloomed this summer and really caught Joan Roberts' eye is a sharply contrasting bicolor in blue-violet. Its parentage is ICELAND X (Best Bet x Mother Earth). The branching on this one is especially effective in displaying the light/dark blossoms.

A long period of summer rebloom was given by DURHAM DREAM, a recent introduction, and a Space-Ager. This violet blend is highlighted with more of the yellow coloring at the haft. It also has the stalk

and branching for exhibitions. There are short spoons at the end of the beards. Parentage is unusual, being Moonlit X Anew. A Space-Age seedling giving good summer rebloom was RR 102, a flounced orchid. The parentage on this is Set Sail X 00 23-1-4. The pollen parent is a flounced light orchid-pink from a Mesmerizer X Pagan Pink sdlg. This was another that Joan favored highly.

For those of you who can make the trip to York PA next May, there will be some single-flowering seedlings of mine that will, hopefully, be of interest. Almost all of these have at least some remontan inheritance. One of my great favorites is SS 58 "Chartres", which has been named CHAR-TREUSE PLUS. The "plus" is the violet coloring of the beards, which is quite startling. Those iris lovers who favor heavy lacing will like PP 13-4-4, with brownish standards topping lavender-pink falls. This comes from my remontan GRACE THOMAS by pollen of a MALAGUENA seedling. There is a great deal of remontan in the pedigree, but so far this has bloomed in the spring only. PP 56 W.P. is proving to be a great grower and bloomer, and is a white with giant white flounces. This comes from a seedling of mine crossed to Mesmerizer. This one really shouts for attention.

For novelty it would be difficult to surpass RR 124 "LOU", which manages to look considerably like a Louisiana iris. It is a vivid rose color, with the entire center

section bright yellow. The standards are wide open and partly "bent back". Oddly enough, the parentage is: (pastel pink SA sdlg. x Sunny Disposition) X Mesmerizer! This is very new here, so there is very little of it. I do hope it will bloom in Friendship Gardens so those of you who go can see it.

BABY'S NOOK is named but not introduced. It is a pink with pink flounces, and is the very last bearded iris to bloom here in Durham NC. Its pod parent is doubly out of Anne Boleyn, while the pollen parent is Godsend. A little slow of growth and a little on the short side, this iris is proving itself a superb parent, and it and some of its offspring will be on display. I do hope many of you can come to the national convention and see these interesting and 'cutting edge' iris.

Dues		
	Single	Family
Annual	\$7.00	\$8.00
Triennial	\$18.00	\$21.00
Life	\$120.00	\$150.00

Region 18 Rebloom Show

Cindy Rust - Show Chair

Region 18's first Rebloom Show was held at the Presbyterian Church of Washington in Washington, MO. It was hosted by the Washington Iris Club and was held the evening of October 6, 2000, in conjunction with the Region 18 Fall Board Meeting.

By holding it during the Fall Board Meeting, we had hoped for many entries from the Kansas City and Kansas crowd, but it did not turn out as we had planned. I believe we made a mistake by holding the show on Friday evening when nothing else was going on but a slide show. The meeting did not begin until Saturday morning. In retrospect, I believe the show would have been better supported if it had been held during the meetings. Oh well: live and learn.

We did have enough entries to qualify as a show, with a total of sixteen. Six of the entries were YOUTH Division, and without their entries our show would have been dismally small. (Yes, this is a plug for youth membership...you never know when they will save the day for you and your show!!) Even though the numbers were small, everyone really enjoyed seeing nice show specimens in October and many comments were heard.

Queen of Show: BROTHER CARL; TB exhibited by youth member Stephanie

Rust. BC was also Youth Queen of Show. BC had three open blooms on a well-balanced stalk. The snowy white flowers contrasted nicely with the deep blue of the wine bottle and many people remarked that the white and the blue were a particularly pleasing combination.

First Runner-Up: LADY EMMA; MTB exhibited by Stephanie Rust. Second Runner-Up: ROSALIE FIGGE; TB exhibited by Jim Loveland.

Adult Silver Medal; Cindy Rust. This is most embarrassing; the only reason I won the Silver Medal is because I was desperate to qualify our exhibit as a show. As it became apparent in the last 20 minutes before the show that we were going to be two entries short to qualify the adult section, I began robbing irises out of the arrangements and stuffing them into bottles! I am sure the very competent judges wondered why I had cut off a few of the spathes, etc.

Youth Silver Medal: Christopher Rust with three blues out of three specimens. Youth Bronze Medal: Stephanie Rust with two blues out of three specimens.

We had entries of TB, MTB, SDB and historic irises. Some of the nicest ones besides the winners already mentioned were QUEEN DOROTHY, RED REVIVAL, OCTOBER, BABY BLESSED, FOREVER BLUE and the historic POLAR KING. The collection was small, but nice and everyone very much enjoyed the show.

The experience was nerve wracking and I learned that when planning a reblooming show in conjunction with a Fall Board Meeting, to hold it on the day that the meetings are being held. You will have more entries!

Letter From a New Reblooming Iris Enthusiast

I thought you might like to know about my experiences with reblooming irises! In 1991 I went to a Utah Iris Society Show in Salt Lake City (where I had lived since 1959): After the show a friend and I went to a little ice cream shop and shortly one of the exhibitors came in and I asked her to sit with us. We discussed the show and as she was leaving she gave me a very small rhizome which I planted in my Salt Lake garden. It grew and grew! I had blooms most of the summer and fall...I believe I had Sugar Blues. I transplanted and had quite a bed!

Then I saw an ad for reblooming irises in a magazine and wrote for a catalog which was sent in 1993. I ordered four irises, Blessed Again, Corn Harvest, Feed Back, and Orange Harvest. They all bloomed and rebloomed in the fall. Such a joy!

In the fall of 1998 I came to Iowa to visit my son and ended up purchasing a home. I had brought a rhizome of a couple of iris with me for my grandson and after I purchased the home I decided to plant them here in Rockford, Iowa. The first year (1999) Feed Back, the beautiful purple, bloomed in the spring and again in the fall. The other rhizome is growing but has not bloomed yet. In 2000 Feed Back really put on a show...both spring and fall. Last fall there were eleven buds on one stalk!!! I am enclosing a picture of it and had taken off several flowers before I took the picture.

I had mailed my daughter some rhizomes in 1996. ..she sent me some last spring (2000). I am anxious to see what they do here in Iowa. My daughter lives in Grand Junction, Colorado. Right now my small garden is under a foot of snow and ice (February 20th). We've had a very harsh and cold winter. I can't wait until spring and "garden time!"

Gardening in Iowa is much different than in Salt Lake City. I didn't have to water much all last year. I feed the iris bonemeal and I worked some into the soil before I planted the rhizomes my daughter sent me from Colorado. I do hope I will have Orange Harvest out there and that it will bloom this year .

I hope that you enjoy hearing that rebloomers are truly rebloomers in Salt Lake City (USDA hardiness zone 5) and now in Rockford, Iowa (USDA zone 4) . A new catalog and more plants are in order .

Sincerely,
DeAlda Swegle

Shades of Purple By Betty Wilkerson

Charlie asked me to write about my seedlings. We may as well call this what it is -a "brag" sheet! When I moved in 1998, I left most of my seedlings behind, but I brought about 55 with me. These were divided between the ones I liked best and those I thought had the best rebloom potential. Thirty-five were seedlings from 1995 that had not bloomed due to neglect. My theory was that the strongest seedlings from these crosses would carry the trait I was breeding for - rebloom.

My first cross was made early in the spring of 1986 using borrowed pollen from Roman Lover. I put the pollen on Autumn Encore which was the only iris blooming in my garden and the only rebloomer I owned. A1-1Re was the only seedling I kept from this cross and it bloomed the fall after it's maiden spring bloom.

Then came my one and only successful fall cross. A1-1Re X Feedback became CF2-1Re, a very reliable rebloomer with rough hafts and slightly open standards. In another direction, I'd crossed Orbiter with Feedback then crossed the seedling with Violet Classic. The resulting seedling was 9218-1Re, which rebloomed. Cross 9502 is the result of crossing these two reblooming seedlings.

I kept the three strongest seedlings from 9502 ((Autumn Encore x Roman Lover) x Feedback) X ((Orbiter x Feedback) x Violet Classic) and they have all rebloomed. 9502-1Re is bitone purple with a slight rim of the standard color on the falls. It is one of the strongest rebloom seedlings I've raised. It was one of the first to rebloom from that year and in 2000 it gave several fall stalks.

9502-2Re is much like it's sibling, but in different shades of purple. The form is a little better, but it's rebloom is not as prolific. This one was seen at Region 7's fall meeting and several members requested it's introduction and offered names. The third sibling to rebloom, a bit late, is a different type of purple self with a bluish purple beard. Very pretty but lacking in other qualities so far.

9225-1Re blooms well in both spring and fall. The cross was Feedback X Violet Miracle. It is a pretty, medium to dark purple bloom with white lines around the beard. There are other rebloomers with a similar pattern, but they don't rebloom as well here. It was lined out in Alvaton, but grass overtook the row and I only brought a small clump with me.

Another strong rebloomer in shades of purple is 9425-1Re. The parentage is (Her Royal Highness x Inferno) X Feedback. This one has greyed beetroot purple stan-

dards and wide fall rim, but the center of the fall is bright blue purple, much like the color of Feedback. It has good form and adequate ruffling.

The ones mentioned here will probably be introduced in a couple of years. 9502-1Re, 9225-1Re, 9425-1Re, and others can be seen at the Memphis convention gardens in 2002. Others I've kept are viewed as stepping stones. They're too good to throw away, but not good enough to introduce. Many will be taken another generation.

Report of Nominating Committee

James L Ennenga, Chairman

The nominating committee, consisting of Florence Wheat, Mike Lowe, and Jim Ennenga examined the status of officers in the Reblooming Iris Society, with the following findings:

The Western Area, under director Barbara Aitken, has been divided into two areas; namely the Southwestern Area under George Sutton and Northwestern Area under Barbara Aitken, whose term of office expires this year.

Florence Wheat, having served two consecutive terms as treasurer, must be replaced as treasurer.

Larry Harder's term as Director of the Midwestern Area expires this year, and he must be replaced.

Your nominating committee has contacted capable persons and received their permission to be nominated to the respective positions. Therefor, the following slate of officers is recommended:

Treasurer:	Margaret Sutton
Northwestern Director:	Florence Wheat
Midwestern Director:	Timothy Stanek

Reblooming Irises Stage a Comeback

Carefully tend remontant varieties to enjoy more than one
burst of floral splendor.

by William A. Shear

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IRISES for Christmas? Yes, and I'm not talking about cut flowers ordered from the local florist. I'm talking about tall bearded irises blooming in our southern Virginia garden along with chrysanthemums and late asters. Last year, a big bouquet of the buff-yellow variety 'Buckwheat' adorned our table for Christmas dinner. And this was no freak occurrence. There are about 700 varieties of tall bearded iris that flower along with other irises in the spring and then, under the right conditions, put on a second act sometime between July and December.

These iris are known as remontant varieties, and some bloom continuously for two or even three months. In fact, in the mild climate of southern California, some varieties have been reported to bear blooms for 11 months of the year. About 300 varieties will rebloom in temperate climates.

The reblooming trait is an attractive characteristic in tall bearded iris, but for some reason it seems to be a well-kept secret. It may be that folks familiar with irises still cling to the outmoded idea that the rebloomers are generally of lesser quality, with flowers that look like old varieties no

longer considered gardenworthy. This is far from true. A quick glance through catalogs of the major iris growers will show that those varieties marked as rebloomers can now compete with the best of the showbench types.

While there are various theories about what causes remontant irises to rebloom, the theory that makes most sense to me is that these varieties are faster-growing than traditional tall bearded irises and put out their flower buds sooner. Then, if they are kept from going dormant, they will start another bloom cycle. I'd always been skeptical about reblooming irises, until grower Diana Nicholls convinced me to plant some. I tried five varieties that Diana insisted would rebloom in fall or early winter in my USDA Hardiness Zone 7 garden. Sure enough, it worked. Now, I'm hooked on rebloomers.

GIVE THEM SUN, GOOD SOIL, CIRCULATION, AND DRAINAGE

When selecting remontant varieties, be sure to get ones that are known to rebloom in your climate, not just ones that are hardy enough to grow there. Growers of reblooming irises often list this information

in their catalogs. Reblooming irises have the same basic cultural needs as spring-blooming tall bearded irises, but they require more vigilance. All bearded irises do best with sun, good air circulation, modestly rich soil, and perfect drainage. To encourage reblooming in remontant varieties, pay particular attention to these factors.

Select a site that gets at least six hours of direct sun a day, avoiding low spots where water might accumulate after heavy rains. Tall bearded irises prefer a neutral soil, so I added ground dolomitic limestone to my normally acidic soil. Since phosphate is the nutrient most essential to good iris health, I also added rock phosphate.

PLANT RHIZOMES AT OR JUST BELOW THE SOIL'S SURFACE

Rhizomes of reblooming irises are available in summer and fall and can be planted just like traditional irises, with the roots well spread out and the rhizomes at or just below the soil's surface. Give each new plant about 4 square feet of growing space, or plant three rhizomes of the same variety in a triangle about two feet on a side. I water newly set plants well for the first few weeks, until they're firmly anchored.

Don't be surprised if a few of your new acquisitions shoot up bloom stalks the first fall. If this happens, remove the stalks as soon as they're done flowering. If the stalks are allowed to freeze on the plant, rot-causing bacteria may get down into the rhizome and destroy it.

In colder climates where snow cover is erratic, some gardeners swear by the practice of covering newly set iris plants with a light, airy mulch. This is not to protect them from freezing, but rather from the deadly freeze-and-thaw cycle that can push the rhizomes out of the soil, where they might be damaged by hard freezes and be ruined by rot in the spring. If stalks freeze with flower buds on them, cut off the stalks close to the rhizome.

AFTER THE SPRING BLOOM, KEEP THEM ACTIVELY GROWING

That first year, my irises made it through the winter unscathed and produced a delightful spring bloom season. Then I kept them well watered, but not soggy, to make sure that dry weather and summer heat did not stop their growth. I gave them a bit of extra 10-10-10 fertilizer in midsummer. The major threats to all tall bearded irises are fungal disease and a pest called the iris borer. Careful maintenance is critical to prevent these problems. Clean up and destroy all old iris foliage in late fall and again in early spring. During spring and summer, pull off and destroy any outer leaves that wither. Also keep iris beds free of weeds. Since overcrowding can cause nutrient depletion and poor air circulation and can encourage the rapid spread of diseases or pests, make sure you divide reblooming irises every two to three years.

In my garden, the second bloom cycle for reblooming irises begins in July and peaks in October, with some varieties

continuing on as late as Christmas, if frosts and freezes hold off. While there are many wonderful bloomers, I'm partial to a few varieties, all of which are known to rebloom at least to Zone 5. 'Clarence', considered by many a contender for the American Iris Society's top iris award, blooms in white, heavily brushed with blue-violet. It's an extremely reliable rebloomer. 'Silver Dividends' bears beautiful, silvery-white blooms, with excellent branching. It's a frequent winner at iris shows. 'Redelta' has upper petals flushed with violet and lower petals with purple veins and a blue beard. 'Violet Music' is one of the most reliable of all rebloomers, with flowers of violet blazed with white. 'Lady Essex' shows the plicata pattern white with all petals lightly bordered in violet. It's known for early rebloom and is an excellent choice for northern gardens. 'Autumn Tryst' is another plicata, this time in rosy lavender. This variety has rebloomed as far north as Zone 4. By carefully growing the right varieties for your climate, and with a little luck, you too might be able to surprise your Christmas dinner guests with an arrangement of bearded irises.

Remontant Irises

Allan Ensminger

I write this because it's interesting and someone should follow up on these experiences of mine because at my age, I no longer have the time nor can expend the effort to work with remontant iris.

But first, some background information: 1. I live in zone 5. Most years we have a killing frost on or about October 10th.

2. I have never made any effort to hybridize for remontancy, nor have I given my irises the special culture that might induce fall blooming. The few seedlings that consistently bloomed in the fall, most likely, share STEPPING OUT as a common ancestor.

3. In 1990. Region 21 sponsored the AIS Spring Convention. Ours was one of the gardens that hosted the convention irises. We had a 50-foot long double row in a raised bed that was planted with remontant irises. There were about 50 remontants in this row, which could be viewed from both sides. The irises for this row were planted the summer of 1988. Three or four bloomed that fall, but that was the extent of the fall bloom.

4. Sometimes in the past, there was an article in the AIS Bulletin about this lady in California who had almost full bloom in the late fall or early winter in her front yard

iris patch. It was thought that the irises might have responded to the light from a street lamp that was directly over the iris patch.

Now to go on with the story. This bed holding the remontants remained there year after year and never rebloomed. It had a low priority so it was kept clean of weeds but never divided. One summer, I was about

to destroy the patch to make room for something else when I recalled the lady in California who's front yard iris patch was under the street lamp and had such phenomenal fall bloom. So I put together a crude extension cord with a fixture to hold a 75-watt light bulb every 48 inches. This cord was strung the length of the row about one foot above the foliage.

Beginning the first of September, the lights were timer controlled to go on at 8 P.M. and go off at 10 P.M. That year there were seven or eight plants that had bloomstalks when killing frosts came in the fall. So I reasoned that daylight hours did have something to do with fall bloom, but perhaps I must begin earlier with the extended day.

The next year the timer was set to turn the lights on starting August 1st and they were on from 7 P.M. to 10 P.M. That fall, almost every iris in the bed was in flower or had bloomstalks when the killing frosts came in mid October. The next spring there was extensive rot damage in the bed but most of the plants survived.

So I am sure that the amount of daylight hours has something to do with fall bloom. We need some hybridizers to work on this. Certainly there are some remontants that require less daylight hours than others. Eventually will come along irises that don't care how many daylight hours they are exposed to. These true remontants will shoot bloomstalks whenever they are mature enough to have seven or eight leaves and two increases.

Happy Day.

Remotant Bearded Irises

The Oklahoma and Texas Connection

Hooker T Nichols

There has never been a time that I can remember since I even knew what Irises were that remotant bearded irises did not play a part in the various iris gardens I have been associated with in Texas and Oklahoma. We always had several irises which RELIABLY rebloomed for us in September and October in Northwest Oklahoma after our drought ridden summers.

Notice that I emphasized the word RELIABLY because every year we have all these Irises introduced into the commercial world and gardens which are supposed to be reliable rebloomers. If the iris only reblooms for you in your particular section of the country and world, how can we as iris breeders and judges truly tell the public that these Irises are indeed reliable rebloomers.

I won't go into the different categories of reblooming irises, but instead will tell you about my personal experiences with the iris I have introduced which somehow fall into the various categories of so called rebloomers. One must remember that I do not set out to make a large number of crosses each year which will result in producing offspring which may or may not rebloom. Our hot summers in Texas and Oklahoma send the rebloomers into dormancy and it takes nearly all their strength just to survive, let alone rebloom for any of us.

The iris mentioned in their article will be listed in various categories according to classification. The Tall Bearded introductions will be listed first and then the medians will follow the comments about the tall bearded releases from Hillcrest Iris Gardens.

One must remember that I am a naturalized Texan by virtue of marriage to another avid native born Texas iris grower and hybridizer, Bonnie Nichols. We hybridize in the same garden and go our separate directions.

Aegean Storm (H. Nichols) was hybridized in Oklahoma coming from Blyth, Keppel, and Hamblen lines, it is a very late season rebloomer, but is well worth the wait when it does rebloom for anyone. Ruffled standards are blue violet with darker midribs. The broad ruffled flaring falls are deep violet with chestnut hafts. Beards are blue and bronze. This lovely iris makes a commanding performance in the garden and is well branched with multiple branches and buds. Produces huge plants and is a good increaser. While being grown in Oklahoma prior to 1992, it never rebloomed for me, but is very reliable on the West coast and in the South.

Circus Jewel (H. Nichols-Don Albers) This somewhat short iris being about 30" in height came from seed sent to Donovan Albers several years ago. Don grew and bloomed the seedlings and insisted that both our names be on the registration when it was released. The parentage is truly coastal because it came from Ghio's Mystique and Zurbrigg's Earl of Essex. Certainly one that is well worth growing and one that won't be forgotten when you see it blooming. A strong grower with many buds and well branched. Ruffled flowers have white standards stitched purple on the edges with purple midribs and a purple center line on the standards. Broad falls are white widely banded purple on the edges with much darker purple hafts. Bronze and purple beards complete the delightful arrangement on this beautiful iris. An added bonus is a very sweet fragrance with this beauty. Reports on this one have come from many sections of the country.

Lady Juliet (H. Nichols) This is considered by many people to be one of the most beautiful irises which we have introduced and probably the most beautiful rebloomer that any of them

have seen. The breeding endeavors of Blyth and Fay lines are directly responsible for this absolutely stunning iris. One of my most enjoyable early morning seedling strolls found this among the seedlings several years ago. Ruffled flowers have tan beards and an interesting accent to this flower and make you remember standards with mother of pearl pink violet falls. The sienna-beige-gold hafts with yellow beards and an interesting accent to this flower and make you remember it. A very heavy blooming iris which always sends up many increases after blooming from the mother rhizomes and also produces multiple stalks from the same rhizomes. The parentage was Glory Days X Francis Anderson. Pod fertile only. This iris will rebloom in most sections of the country where there is a long growing period.

Latin Hideaway (H. Nichols) came to us from seed sent by Barry Blyth. Trace elements in your area soil will make this one change colors like the rainbow. Close to being a red amoena, this iris grows well over the whole country. Reblooming reports come from the West coast. Well branched with multiple branches and buds. The proud parents are Taj Ram X In Tempo.

Magic Memories (Theda Clark by Hooker Nichols) This beautiful rebloomer showed up in my late aunt's seedling patch in 1968. Crinkled Ivory X Rainbow Gold were responsible for its creation. Magic Memories has medium yellow flowers which are deeply ruffled and fluted with orange and white beards. Well branched and one of the parents of Harvest of Memories. Crinkled Ivory has produced several reblooming children.

Sooner Serenade (Kenneth Shaver by Hooker Nichols) There is only one way to describe this iris-HUGE! A ruffled red bitone with a distinct border on the falls makes this iris a must for every garden even if you did not grow many rebloomers. The parentage is ((Melodrama X Wine and Roses) x (Silver Peak x Storm Warning)) X ((Edenite x Picora Pink) X (Major-ette X Memphis Lass)). Well branched with many buds, but this one is a very dominant parent with almost all children looking just like Sooner Serenade. Has produced a number of reblooming seedlings. It reblooms in Oklahoma, Texas, and on the West coast.

The Remotant Nichols Medians

Lenora Pearl (H. Nichols) BB This lovely border bearded iris was named in honor of my maternal Grandmother who passed away in 1917. A delightful salmon pink flower with hot orange beards surprised everyone the year that it was introduced because it rebloomed for many people that fall after being mailed to people all over the country. It has not bloomed for me in the fall prior to that in Oklahoma. Lenora Pearl has well branched stalks with many

buds. This fine iris came from Anna Glitsch X Elizabeth Marrison.

Bottled Sunshine (H. Nichols) LB 22" Bottled Sunshine was described by Jean Morris when she first saw it blooming in our former garden in Garland, Texas as one of the brightest medians she had ever seen blooming. It comes from our (Highborn Kinsman X Joyce Terry). It might be described as a better formed LB version of Joyce Terry. The nice stalks display the multiple flowers to perfection. It smells great too! Bottle Sunshine was named by Peggy Lamb, former Region 17 RVP. It reblooms over a vast area of our country.

Emerald City (H. Nichols) LB 22" This iris is not widely grown and was introduced several years ago. It will throw some rebloom on the West coast. A soft chartreuse bitone with orange beards. Good branching can be found on this fine iris. It comes from Brizendine's Joy Bringer X Bayberry Candle.

Glorious Day (H. Nichols) LB 22" The reblooming sibling to Helga's Hat. One of our most reliable rebloomers even' year because it could care less that the summer was hot. The standards are medium Dresden yellow with lighter colored falls with white centers and beards. The reblooming trait comes from Sky Hooks with the other parent being Bridal Ballad. Well branched and it grows like a weed.

Oklahoma Bandit LB 22" (H. Nichols) Gives good rebloom in some parts of the country, but it has never rebloomed here in Texas nor in Oklahoma to my knowledge. The standards are bright tawny gold with claret midribs. The rounded falls are tawny gold with a claret wash. The beards are orange-bronze in color. Raspberry Ripples X Cherry Garden produced this uniquely colored iris.

On Demand (H. Nichols) This rather plain looking flower had three distinct bloom season in Oklahoma. It bloomed in April, July, and September. The ruffled flowers had creamy-yellow beige standards with ivory colored falls with beige hafts. The gold and white beards complimented the plain flowers, It came from Pioneer Spirit X Shampoo. Shampoo is a reliable rebloomer in Texas.

Business Tycoon (H. Nichols) SDB 12" A heavy blooming flower having chartreuse gold standards and yellow-brown falls which are edged chartreuse gold. The beards on this little guy are a blend of violet, gold and white. Dreams Adrift and Irish Temper produced this iris.

Comeback Trail (H. Nichols) SDB 12" I rescued this iris after I gave it to my neighbor across the street when he took it as a discarded seedling. It rebloomed that fall and I asked

him to give it back. He gladly did in return for a bushel of turnips from my garden. Simply sensational flowers have yellow standards with a creamy white undertone. The cream colored fall; are edged yellow with gold hafts and yellow beards tipped orange. The flowers are delightfully ruffled. Fairy Godmother X Dreams Adrift gave us this charmer.

Cimarron Rose (H. Nichols) SDB 14" This odd colored iris will give sporadic rebloom throughout the country. The ruffled flowers have gray-red blended standards and tan-gray-red falls with deeper colored spots. The beards are brown tipped blue. This rascal comes from Bright Buttons X Cherry Cherry).

Ghost Gossip (H. Nichols) SDB 12" This autumn beauty should have been an TB, but turned Out to be a 5DB instead. Another little flower which will rebloom for anyone who grows it. A ruffled white ground stitched gray-violet plicata with gold and white beards. Very fine formed iris with personality. It comes from Court Magician X ((Pink Kitten ~ (Happy Mood x Kiss)).

Highborn Kinsman (H. Nichols) SOB 14" An iris which has given a lot of rebloom on the West coast. One of the parents of Lauer's popular Lemon Pop proves that this fine ins is an outstanding parent. Its other well known child, Bottled Sunshine, was previous mentioned in this article. The flowers have ruffled deep lemon color with gold halos and orange and gold beards. It is fertile both ways. It comes from Cleo Palmets 7259: ((Wilma V x Unknown)) x Little Titan X Cleo Palmer 7403 (Wilma V x Unknown)) X Nichols 7911A (Oliver X Marinka).

Irish Temper (Kenneth Shaver by H. Nichols) SDB 12" The ruffled medium red bitone flowers with the lighter edge on the falls and orange beards create a bright spot in the garden. It will give rebloom sporadically. (((Cherry Garden x Bloodspot) x self) x Chartreuse Babe) X (((Merry Orchid x Rippling Waters) x (Mademoiselle x Wine and Roses)) X Latin Lover).

Jazz Man (H. Nichols) SDB 14" A large flowered SDB having ruffled lemon gold coloring with deeper gold hafts and orange beads tipped blue, it comes from (Cotton Blossom X Soft Air). This one had produced many rebloom seedlings, but non have been introduced. It is fertile both ways.

This article tells you about the irises introduced by Hillcrest Iris Gardens which have some reblooming traits. It might be of some interest to those who breed remontant irises and want to use the Nichols cultivars in your breeding programs.

Rebloom Report 2000

Richard C. Richards

This annual rebloom report covers the off-season bloom in two gardens in southern California from the periods January 1, 2000 until March 15, 2000, and June 15 until December 31, 2000. I consider the period from March 16 through June 15 to be normal spring bloom season. To irisarians in less mild climates, this may seem like a long spring bloom season, but I think it is accurate for this climate.

The bloom here in southern California may peak sometime in April, but the peak is not so much a dramatic spike in my garden as a gradually increasing and decreasing season. The presence of large numbers of rebloomers in my garden probably contributes to this long bloom season, since they bloom pretty much when they feel like it and are not much influenced by calendar dates. This makes it somewhat arbitrary to decide when the spring bloom season starts or ends and the off-season or rebloom season begins, but I have used the indicated dates for some time now, and they are the most useful I can come up with.

I do fudge a bit in that if an iris blooms in early March and then not again until after June 15, I consider that early spring bloom and do not count it as rebloom. The same is true of irises that bloom in late June but did not bloom during the normal spring season.

Off-season bloom is listed below by months. My procedure is not scientific. I simply go out into the garden several times each month and record what is in bloom. So an iris may be listed for two months, e.g., October and November, and it may be in bloom for most of those two months. On the other hand it simply may have bloomed for part of the last week in October and part of the first week in November. This procedure does not yield the precise information that some might desire, but for my purpose, which is to identify reblooming irises as potential parents for hybridizing, it is sufficient, and simplifies record keeping.

Every year I select an iris or irises that are extraordinary performers for any number of reasons. Criteria include such factors as length of bloom, quality of stalks or any number of other factors. I usually indicate which factors influence me to judge that an iris was an outstanding rebloomer when I talk about that iris.

Here is the listing of off-season bloom by month. Most are tall bearded irises, but a few intermediates will be marked.

January 2000:

Autumn Clouds, Bernice's Legacy, Blast (IB), Blatant, Buckwheat, Cease-Fire, Dance Hall Dolly, Dante's Inferno, Earl of Essex, Eggnog, Feminine Wiles, Genteel, Grace Thomas, Green and Gifted, Heavenly Bliss, I Repeat, Key Lime, Lichen, Luminosity, My Friend Jonathan, Olive Reflection, Pearls of Autumn, Remember Spring, Sister Miriam Sings, Soap Opera, Solstice, Splash O'Wine, Whoop 'Em Up (IB), and Winterland.

February 2000:

Aspen, Bernice's Legacy, Billionaire, Blast (IB). Dante's Inferno, Earl of Essex, Eggnog, Floorshow, Green and Gifted, Grace Thomas, Heavenly Bliss, I Repeat, Irish Tune, Lichen, My Friend Jonathan, Peals of Autumn, Pure as Gold, Red Rider, Reiterate, Remember Spring, Skookumchuck, Soap Opera, Solstice, Whoop 'Em Up.

March 1 through March 15, 2000:

Aspen, Bernice's Legacy, Edith P. Wheeler, Green and Gifted, Irish Tune, Lichen, My Friend Jonathan, My Valentine, Pearls of Autumn, Pure As Gold, Red Rider, Soap Opera, Whoop 'Em Up (still an IB), Winds of Change, Winterland.

June 15 through June 30, 2000:

Artistic Gold, Bernice's Legacy, Chimera (IB), Dante's Inferno, Double Praise, Edith P. Wheeler, Feminine Wiles, Hand Painted, Jurassic Park, Lichen, My Valentine, Pure as Gold, Radiant Angel, Remember Spring, Renown, St. Petersburg, Total Recall, Victoria Falls.

July 2000:

Artistic Gold, Bernice's Legacy, Dante's Inferno, Double Praise, Earl of Essex, Edith P. Wheeler, Hand Painted, Jurassic Park, My Valentine, Pure as Gold, Reiterate, Remember Spring, Sea Fluff, Sea World, Silver Dividends, Solstice, Victoria Falls.

August 2000:

Bernice's Legacy, Blatant, Competition, Dante's Inferno, Earl of Essex, Lichen, Misty Twilight, Priscilla of Corinth, Recurring Delight, Reiterate, Renown. Sea Fluff, Sea World, Tea Leaves, Total Recall, Victoria Falls, Zurich.

September 2000:

Bernice's Legacy, Blatant, Cease-Fire, Competition, Lichen, Misty Twilight, Priscilla of Corinth, Pure as Gold, Renown, Sea World, Second Act, Solstice, Tea Leaves, Zurich.

October 2000:

Bernice's Legacy, Blatant, Buckwheat, Cease-Fire, Lichen, Misty Twilight, Priscilla of Corinth, Pure as Gold, Renown, Sea World, Second Act, Solstice, Splash O' Wine, Tea Leaves.

November 2000:

Bernice's Legacy, Blatant, Buckwheat, Cease-Fire, Competition, Curtain Up, Dante's Inferno, Dune Sea, I Repeat, Lemon Reflection, Misty Twilight, Priscilla of Corinth, Pure as Gold, Sea Fluff, Solstice, Splash O' Wine.

December 2000:

Blatant, Buckwheat, Cease-Fire, Competition, Eggnog, Heart of Ice, I Repeat, Lemon Reflection, Pure as Gold, Renown, Silver Dividends, Solstice, Zurich.

There were quite a few outstanding irises this year, many of which I selected as outstanding in previous years. This year I have chosen two irises. The first is I Repeat. This eastern-bred iris produced a spectacular off-season bloom period last fall. It bloomed only once in the off-season, but on a one-year plant it almost covered itself with blue flowers in November. Most off-season bloomers in this climate throw up a stalk now and then, but I Repeat put up all its stalks at once. Yes, they were short, as are the spring stalks, but it was an impressive show, and that endeared I Repeat to me. Rhizomes were left for this spring's bloom.

The other outstanding iris this last season was Bernice's Legacy, an iris I introduced but did not hybridize. It was a guest seedling sent me by Bernice Miller, who never reclaimed it. Failing to contact her after many tries, and finding the iris to be an almost constant bloomer in this climate, I registered it and it was introduced as a breeder's and landscaping iris. The form is not modern by any means. The color, in the reddish range, is a color class that can use quality rebloomers. Its outrageous vigor convinced me to make it available to the iris trade and the hybridizers and landscapers who can use such an iris.

That is the off-season bloom report for this mild climate. Who can guess what new irises will emerge as good off-season bloomers in the next year.

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Tall Bearded Iris

AARON'S DREAM	5					1	4	
AGAIN AND AGAIN	2			1			1	
ALL AMERICAN	9			1		3	2	3
ALL LIT UP	3		1	1			1	
AMANDA ERIN	3			1			2	
AMETHYST WINTER	6					1	3	2
ANGELIC WINGS	1			1				
ANXIOUS	13	2	2	2	2		4	1
AUNT MARY	3	2				1		
AUTUMN BUGLER	12	5	2	2	3			
AUTUMN CIRCUS	29	4	3	1	5	3	10	3
AUTUMN CLOUDS	2						2	
AUTUMN ECHO	1				1			
AUTUMN ENCORE	6	1	1	1	1		2	
AUTUMN GRANDEUR	1						1	
AUTUMN HARBOR	4			1			3	
AUTUMN MISTS	4	2			2			
AUTUMN THUNDER	2						2	
AUTUMN TRYST	26	3	4	5	5	3	5	1
BARN DANCE	9		1	1	1	1	5	
BELVI CLOUD	6	1	3	1	1			
BELVI QUEEN	8	1	2	2	2	1		
BEST BET	8		1	1	1		4	1
BILLIONAIRE	16		2	3	2		8	1
BLATANT	8				2	1	5	
BLAZING SUNRISE	7				1	1	3	2
BLUE ANEW	2	2						
BLUE FIN	1						1	
BLUE MOONLIGHT	7		2	1	3		1	
BLUE REVIEW	2			2				
BONUS LITE	5			1			3	1
BONUS MAMA	14	3		3	2	1	2	3
BOOMERANG	4					2		2
BOUNTIFUL HARVEST	38	4	6	4	4	4	12	4
BRASS HORN	2				1		1	
BRIDGE IN TIME	5		1	2	2			
BROTHER CARL	12		4	2	3		1	2
BROWN DUET	1		1					
BUCKWHEAT	25	1	2	5	4	1	11	1
CANNINGTON BLUEBIRD	4						4	
CANTINA	16	3	1	1	3	1	5	2

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CAROLINE GIBBS	3						3	
CAYENNE CAPERS	5				2		3	
CEASE-FIRE	4						2	2
CEE CEE	2			1	1			
CELESTIAL HAPPINESS	2			1	1			
CELESTIAL SUNSHINE	3				1		2	
CERTAINLY CERTAINLY	4			1	2		1	
CHAMPAGNE ELEGANCE	19	1	5	6	2	4	1	
CHINESE EMPRESS	1				1			
CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS	6		1	2			3	
CIRCUS JEWEL	2					2		
CITY LIGHTS 5	1		1	2	1			
CLARENCE	42	3	5	8	8	5	9	4
CLOUDLESS SUNRISE	5		3	1	1			
COBRAS EYE	2			2				
COLORWATCH	9		1		4		4	
COME WHAT MAY	2							2
COMPETITION	2				2			
CORAL CHALICE	7			3	2	1	1	
CORAL CHARMER	13	5	2	1	1		2	2
CORN HARVEST	20	2	4	1	5	1	7	
CRYSTAL HONEY	2			2				
DANCE FOR JOY	6						3	3
DANTES INFERNO	5				1	2	2	
DARK PASSAGE	2			2				
DASHING	5						5	
DAWN OF FALL	1		1					
DESTRY RIDES AGAIN	6			1	3		2	
DIAMOND BLUSH	4			2	2			
DORCAS LIVES AGAIN	5	1	1	1			2	
DOUBLE CHARM	1						1	
DOUBLE OH SEVEN	5					1	3	1
DOUBLE SCOOP	2						2	
DOUBLE SHOT	11		1	3	3		5	
DUKE OF EARL	2			2				
EARL OF ESSEX	28	2	5	4	5	3	7	2
EGGNOG	6					1	5	
ELAINEALOPE	4			1	2		1	
ENGLISH COTTAGE	11	3	2	2	3		1	
ENGLISH KNIGHT	1						1	
ENTERTAINER	2						2	
ETERNAL BLISS	14	1	2	4	5		2	
ETERNAL WALTZ	3				2		1	

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FAITHFUL AND TRUE	2			2				
FALL PRIMROSE	2	2						
FEEDBACK	35	3	5	4	7	1	11	4
FIRE ON ICE	1						1	
FLOORSHOW	6				1		5	
FOREVER YOURS	3			2		1		
FORT BRAGG	2						2	
FRAPPE	4			1	1		2	
FREQUENT FLYER	6		1	1			2	2
FROST ECHO	6	1		2	1	2		
GENTEEL	5	1			1		3	
GIBSON GIRL	4	2					2	
GILDED	1					1		
GLACER KING	3				1		2	
GOLDEN ENCORE	6	3	1		1		1	
GOLDEN IMMORTAL	6			1			5	
GOLDEN GALAXY	2							2
GOOD FAIRY	2						1	1
GRACE THOMAS	3		1		1		1	
GRAPE ADVENTURE	7	2	1	2	2			
GREEN AND GIFTED	3			1			1	1
HALLOWED THOUGHT	2	1		1				
HALLOWEEN HALO	11		1		2	2	4	2
HAND PAINTED	7		1	3	2		1	
HAPPY NEW YEAR	15			3	3	3	4	2
HARVEST OF MEMORIES	28	1	4	5	6	3	8	1
HEART OF ICE	2	1						1
HEMSTITCHED	5				1		4	
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS	2		1				1	
HIGH HO SILVER	8	1	1	1			3	2
HIGH IMPACT	2						2	
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS	6				1	1	3	1
HOLY NIGHT 11	1	1	1	2	4	2		
I DO	17	4	1	4	4	1	1	2
ICELAND	5			1			2	2
IMMORTALITY	37	5	6	7	7	3	7	2
INNOCENT STAR	2						2	
IN RETROSPECT	1				1			
INVITATION	2		1				1	
I REPEAT	3			1			2	
IRON EAGLE	2						2	
ISTANBUL	15			4	4	1	6	
JEAN GUYMER	6	5	1					

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JENNIFER REBECCA	20		1	5	3	2	6	3
JESSE S EDITION	2						2	
JUICY FRUIT	10	1	1	2	1	1	4	
JULY SUNSHINE	2			2				
JUNGLE CAT	2				1		1	
LADY ESSEX	7	1	1	4	1			
LADY JEAN	2						1	1
LAS VEGAS	4	1		1		1	1	
LATE LILAC	9	2	2	1	2	2		
LEDGENS OF FALL	2						2	
LEMON DUET	3			1		1	1	
LEMON REFLECTION	3			1			2	
LICHEN	12	2	2	3	2	1	2	
LIGHTNING STRIKE	3			1			2	
LIGHT REBUFF	2		1	1				
LILLA LILLA'S GLOVES	2		2					
LILLA'S STRIPES	2		2					
LILTING	3		1	2				
LUMINOSITY	8			1	1	1	3	2
MAGICAL ENCOUNTER	2							2
MAGIC MEMORIES	2					2		
MANY HAPPY RETURNS	8	1		2	1		4	
MARIPOSA AUTUMN	7					1	6	
MARIPOSA SKIES	9			1		1	5	2
MATRIX	17	4	3	1	3		5	1
MESMERIZER	7						7	
MIDNIGHT CALLER	5	1	1	2	1			
MIL BYERS	2			1		1		
MISS PORTERVILLE	3						3	
MISTY LADY	5			2		3		
MISTY TWILIGHT	17	4	1	2	4	1	5	
MOTHER EARTH	20	4	1	2	2	2	6	3
MT SINAI AFLAME	1			1				
MY FRIEND JOHNATHON	7		1	2	1	1	2	
NORTHERN FLAME	3		2	1				
NORTHWARD HO	7	2	1	2	2			
NOW AND LATER	7			2	4			1
OCEAN PACIFIC	2						2	
OCTOBER	5	1	1	1	1		1	
OLYMPIC RINGS	1						1	
ONCE AGAIN	1			1				
ORANGE HARVEST	9		1	2	2		2	2
ORCHID CLOUD	2				1		1	

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PAGAN GODDESS	2				1	1		
PEACH JAM	10	1	3	1	2		3	
PEARLS OF AUTUMN	4			2	1		1	
PEPPER BLEND	2						2	
PERFUME COUNTER	5	1	1	1	1		1	
PINK ATTRACTION	32	3	4	11	5	3	4	2
PINKNESS	13	2		2	1		6	2
PLATINUM	6			1			3	2
PORCELAIN FRILLS	3				1	1	1	
PRECIOUS HARVEST	2			2				
PRICILLA OF CORINTH	5				1	2	2	
PRINCESS PITY PAT	2			2				
PROGRESSIVE ATTITUDE	2			1	1			
PURE AS GOLD	17			1		6	8	2
PURPLE MAGIC	4			2	1		1	
QUEEN DOROTHY	29	4	7	4	5	1	5	3
RAFA	2			2				
RAVENWOOD	7				1		6	
REBOUND	3		1	2				
RECURRING DREAM	9	2	1	1	1	1	1	2
RECURRING RUFFLES	6				2		2	2
REDELTA	4	2			2			
RED REVIVAL	5		2	2	1			
REINCARNATION	12			1	1		6	4
REMARKABLE	1				1			
REMEMBER SPRING	7		1	2		1	1	2
RENOWN	7	1	1	1			4	
RETURNING CAMELEON	1		1					
ROCK STAR	10				1		6	3
ROMANTIC EVENING	1				1			
RONEYS ENCORE	2			2				
ROSALIE FIGGE	35	1	4	6	5	6	12	1
ROSE TEALL	5						2	3
ROTUNDA	4			1			1	2
ROYAL SUMMER	4	1	1				1	
SAXON	6			3			1	2
SCANDIA DELIGHT	1						1	
SEA FLUFF	2				1		1	
SEA WORLD	3						3	
SEASONS	2			1				1
SECOND ACT	2	2						
SECOND LOOK	3	2			1			
SECOND WIND	3		1	1	1			

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SEPTEMBER FROST	5			1			4	
SEPTEMBER REPLAY	3			1	2			
SIGN OF LEO	7	1	1	3	2			
SIGN OF VIRGO	4	1	1		1		1	
SILVER DIVIDENDS	7			3	1	1	2	
SISTER MIRIAM SINGS	1						1	
SKOOKUMCHUCK	3							3
SNOW PARASOL	5			4	1			
SOAP OPERA	2							2
SOLSTICE	5			1	1		3	
SONATA IN BLUE	2				2			
SPEED LIMIT	16	1		1	1	1	7	5
SPIRIT OF MEMPHIS	6		2	2				2
ST. PETERSBURG	6		1	2			3	
STARSHIP	1						1	
STELLAR LIGHTS	8		2		1	1	2	2
STINGRAY	6				2		2	2
STONE WASHED	2		2					
SUGAR BLUES	16	1	3	4	4	2		2
SUKY	10			1	2		5	2
SUMMER HOLIDAY	5		3	1	1			
SUMMER OLYMPICS	11	1	4	3	1		1	1
SUNMASTER	2							2
SUNNY DISPOSITION	9		1	3	4		1	
SUNNY SHOULDERS	7			1	2		22	
SWEETHEART RING	2			2				
SYLVAN	2							2
TANG FIZZ	3				2		1	
TEA LEAVES	10		2	1	1		6	
TENDERLY	2			2				
TENNISON RIDGE	12				1	2	5	4
THEN AGAIN	4		1	1	1		1	
THREE SEASONS	2						2	
TIME AND AGAIN	3						3	
TOTAL RECALL	28	4	3	5	4	3	8	1
TOUCH OF SPRING	3		1	1			1	
TRICK OR TREAT	5						2	3
TWICE DELIGHTFUL	1						1	
TWICE TOLD	2				1		1	
VICTORIA FALLS	10		2		2		6	
VIOLET CLASSIC	2			1			1	
VIOLET MIRACLE	4	1		1	1		1	
VIOLET MUSIC	13		1	2	5	2	3	

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VIOLET REPRISE	1		1					
VIOLET RETURNS	9	3	3	1	2			
WALTZ ACROSS TEXAS	4				2		2	
WAVES OF GRAIN	4						4	
WINDS OF CHANGE	3						3	
WINESAP	21		1	4	2	1	8	5
WINTERLAND	14		1	2	4		3	4
WINTER QUEEN	3						1	2
WITCH OF ENDOR	5			1	4			
ZURICH	18	1	2	1	4	1	7	2

BORDER BEARDED

APRICOT FROSTY	2			1	1			
AUTUMN ORANGELITE	2	2						
BABY BENGAL	3							3
BROADWAY DOLL	2							2
CAMEO BLUSH	4					3	1	
CHAMPAGNE JUNIOR	1	1						
COLOR BRITE	12	2	2	2	3	1		2
DOUBLE UP	2		1				1	
FAUX PAS	6			1	1		3	1
LENORA PEARL	7	1	1		1	2		2
LITTLE SUSIE	2							2
LUCIE ANDRY	2			2				
MIDSUMMERS EVE	2			2				
MINI CHAMPAGNE	2						2	
MISS SCARLET	3					2	1	
OCTOBER SPLENDOR	5			2		3		
PEACH PARASOL	4		1	2	1			
PERSIMMON PIE	2			2				
PINK REPRISE	3			1	2			
RIELLE	2			2				
SHEBA S FLAME	2			2				
SONJAH S SELAH	5				1			4
STANZA	2		1		1			
ULTRA ECHO	2				1		1	
WHOOPEM UP	5			1			2	2

INTERMEDIATE BEARDED

ABBAY CHANT	2						2	
ANGEL HEART	4				1	2	1	
BLACK MAGIC	2		1	1				
BLESSED AGAIN	10	1	2	2	2		3	

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BLESSED ASSURANCE	1			1				
BRIGHT EYES	1						1	
CHAMPAGNE ENCORE	7			2	2	3		
CHERRY SUPREME	1				1			
CONCOCTION	1		1					
CONSTANT COMPANION	13	3	3	1	1	2	1	2
ELEANOR ROOSEVELT	10	2	2		2	3	1	
ERECT	3				1		2	
FOND REMEMBRANCE	2			1			1	
GLORIOUS DAY	2					2		
HALLOWEEN RAINBOW	1					1		
HI	5				1		2	2
HISSY-FIT	1						1	
HONEY GLAZED	12		2		2	1	3	4
I BLESS	14	1	3	7	3			
LIKE A CHARM	1					1		
LOW HO SILVER	32	2	6	4	6	2	9	3
MIDSUMMER NIGHTS DREAM(7)				2	1	2	2	
PALM SPRINGS	2					1	1	
PINK KITTEN	5						1	4
PRECIOUS LITTLE PINK	11	2	1	1		1	3	3
PROMISES PROMISES	3			1	1			1
SANGREAL	3	2			1			
SEASON TICKET	5			1			2	2
SIXTEEN CANDLES	8				1		5	2
TAWNY	1				1			

MINIATURE TALL BEARDED

CLAIRE DOODLE	2			2				
EMMA DOODLE	4		1	3				
LADY EMMA 25	4	3	2	5	1	7	3	
MERIT	3			1		2		
OZARK EVENING	1				1			

MINIATURE DWARF BEARDED

DITTO	11	2	1	2	1	1	4	
GNUZ SPREAD	4		2	2				
GRAPELET	6		1	1	1	2	1	
VELVET TOY	3		1	2				

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STANDARD DWARF BEARDED

ALENE S OTHER LOVE	4		1	1				
AURORALITA	3						3	
AUTUMN EMBER	2	1				1		
AUTUMN MAPLE	10	2	1	4	1		2	
BABY BLESSED	36	3	7	6	9	4	4	3
BABY BOOM	2					1		1
BABY PRINCE	7	1		3	3			
BE HAPPY	3	1				2		
BLITZ	9			1	2	1	2	3
CIMARRON ROSE	2					2		
CAUTION SIGN	2						2	
CINDERS	1							1
COMEBACK TRAIL	6				3	2		1
CORNHUSKER AUTUMN	3	2		1				
CRY BABY	2	1			1			
DARK CRYSTAL	15		2	3	1	3	6	
DARKLING	4			1	1		2	
DOUBLE BYTE	4					1	3	
EVER READY	1	1						
EXTRA CHARM	4			1			1	2
FLOWER SHOWER	21	2	2	2	4		8	3
FOREVER BLUE	7	1		2		4		
FRANKINCENSE	2	1					1	
GLITTER BIT	6	2		1	1	1	1	
GOLDEN CHILD	11	1	2	4	2		2	
GOLDEN VIOLET	5		1				3	1
GRAY POUPON	4	1			1		4	
HOT	8	2	1	1	1		3	
INDIAN BEAUTY	1						1	
INKLING	1						1	
JEWEL BABY	14		1	1	4	6	1	1
KIWI SLICES	1							1
LITTLE BISHOP	1			1				
LITTLE BLUETS	7		1	1	1	2	1	1
LITTLE BLUE EYES	4				1		1	2
LITTLE SHOWOFF	12			3	2	2	5	
LITTLE VIOLET CHARM	1			1				
MARITA	4	2			2			
MILANO	1					1		
MINI BUSY	3				1		2	
MINI MIGHT	1			1				

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PINK FAWN	3						2	1
PLUM WINE	20	2	2	1	5	1	7	2
PRETTY AGAIN	3			1			2	
PRINCESS BLUE EYES	2						2	
RAINBOW SHERBERT	7			1	1		2	3
REFINED	4			2			1	1
REHASH	2						2	
SERENITY PRAYER	1			1				
SILK AND VELVET	1			1				
SMELL THE ROSES	16		3	1	2	2	7	1
SPARK PLUG	5				1		2	2
SUNDOLL	2			1				1
SUNSTRIP	5			1	1	1	2	
THIRD CHARM	7	2		1			3	1
THIRD WORLD	4			1	1		2	
THRICE BLESSED	7		2	1			3	1
TU TU TURQUOISE	1			1				
TWICE BLESSED	5						5	
WHAT AGAIN	23	1	2	3	3	4	8	2
WILLOW MIST	3	2	1					
WIZARDS RETURN	4					2	2	

JAPANESE

BLUEBERRY RIMMED	2						2	
CRYSTAL HALO	1			1				
EXUBERANT CHANTEY	2					2		
ROYAL CROWN	1						1	
SOUTHERN SON	2					2		
STAR AT MIDNIGHT	1			1				
TAFFETA AND VELVET	1						1	

LOUISIANA

KITTY DYER	2					2		
REDECHO	2				1	1		

SPECIES/CALIFORNIAE

CHIEF SEQUOIA	3						3	
SAN ANDREAS	1						1	

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SIBERIANS

CARELESS SALLY	2					2		
CHARTRUSE BOUNTY	2		1				1	
CRÉME CHANTILLY	2			2				
DEVILS DREAM	2					2		
EVER AGAIN	2					2		
JUST BECAUSE	2		2					
MY LOVE	1			1				
PINK HAZE	2							2
PLEASURES OF MAY	1				1			
PURPLE PROSE	1				1			
REPRISE	3	1	1		1			
SPRING BROOK	1				1			

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2001 INTRODUCTIONS

CHRISTIANE ELIZABETH (Mahan 2001) Sdlg. IDS-15R. TB, 36" E. & RE. This exquisite iris, frilled and ruffled, is light to medium blue-violet with emphasis on blue. It has a large, solid white blaze on the falls and a white blaze extending up from the base of the standards, a pattern inherited from its pollen parent. It often appears to glisten with "diamond dust". Nice branching, with seven or more buds, strong spicy fragrance, good substance, and white beards tipped yellow are other distinguishing hallmarks. It reblooms in September and October in the mid-Atlantic area, and does so quite dependably. This iris is named for the hybridizer's daughter, who produced the famed "fruit pizza" at the 1991 National Convention, and who promises to prepare it again for the 2003 convention in Virginia. (I Do X Suky). \$35.00

LADY CLAIRE (Joan Roberts 2001) Sdlg. 960-2. TB, 36" M-ML. This lovely iris has been named to honor Claire Barr, a past president of the American Iris Society. The name is appropriate for Claire Barr as she is truly a lady.

A unique and different color for a pink iris, it is a rose pink blend with bubble ruffling, good branching and eight buds. Although I have never taken it to an iris show, it did win a silver cup at a spring regional meeting for the best seedling seen in a garden. (Pink Rose X Romantic Mood). This is not a reblooming iris. \$50.00

MASTERWORK (Zurbrigg 2001) Sdlg. OO 33-4-1. TB, 39" M & Re. Standards are white tinted pale violet. White styles shaded violet; Falls are medium to light violet-blue. Beards, red-tangerine, deeper in the throat which end in bluish horns. Excellent branching and bud placement. Each bloom lasts a long time giving an extended bloom period. The iris is an excellent parent with especially fertile pollen. (Renown X Mesmerizer). RE: NC, PA. \$35.00

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