



# *Spuria News*

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## **'Line Dancing'**

**2019 Spuria Symposium Winner**

**Charles Jenkins by Comanche Acres - 2007**

(Andi Rivarola photo)

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For memberships that are expiring, the renewal due date is

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3. By mail sending the appropriate funds (check made out to "Spuria Iris Society") to the Membership Chair, include your name, mailing address and E-mail address if renewing as an E-Member (required).

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## President's Message

by Andi Rivarola



Dear friends,

It's been three years since I've become President of the Spuria Iris Society. My fellow officers and I have done a lot. In 2017, we held a mini-convention in Los Angeles. As a result, two well known gardens, The Huntington Gardens, and Descanso Gardens

now have collections of spuria irises. We sold quite a few spuria checklists for those spuria enthusiasts from around the world. We had fundraisers via new spuria irises. We had a presence at all AIS National Conventions. And, several of us have been giving presentations about spurias, nationally and internationally. And, I hope that many more will learn about the beauty of spuria irises in the future. Can we count on your help? Let us know what you need. Let us know what you'd like us to do. The doors are always open, and our ears alert to see what you want us to do. For now, we appreciate your support.

Somewhere else in this newsletter, I hope you enjoy my article about my trip to New Zealand in November of 2019. I had a wonderful time, and certainly met new friends. With your help I brought into New Zealand hundreds of spuria seeds for local NZ members to grow and enjoy. I also took thousands of pictures. Let me know what you think.

AIS is 100 years old, and all of us should celebrate this huge achievement. Are you coming to New Jersey? I hope many of you are. The Spuria Iris Society will have a program. We will also have spuria checklists, and an information table.

The Dallas Iris Society is putting together a Spuria Mini-Convention in conjunction with a Society for Louisiana Iris Mini-Convention in 2023. We're grateful to our friends in Texas for their invitation to join this event. Please stay tuned for the announcement to include dates and other details, coming up soon.

Sincerely,  
Andi Rivarola,  
President Spuria Iris Society

## New Members

The Spuria Iris Society welcomes the following new and returning members:

- Robin Kishbaugh, Albuquerque, NM
- Robert Faulkner, Dayton, OH

## Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Debbie James

Report date 09/01/2019 through 02/01/2020

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$7,263.85</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Spuria Checklist	
1 @ \$45	45.00
Membership:	
Single annual:	96.00
Single Triennial	390.00
3yr E-Membership:	45.00
1yr E-Membership:	<u>18.00</u>
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$594.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Newsletter costs:	186.55
Checklist shipping	8.30
PayPal Fees:	<u>8.12</u>
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$202.97</b>
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b>\$7654.88</b>
<b>CD Balance:</b>	<b>\$1,212.01</b>
<b>Total Assets:</b>	<b>\$8,866.89</b>

## Spuria News

### Board of Director Minutes

The following Board activity occurred since the 2019 fall edition of the Spuria News:

- Jan 1 - Feb 10, 2019 (conducted electronically through spuriaboard@googlegroups.com) - An issue was identified by President Andi Rivarola regarding the practice of publicizing home addresses of board members or members at large as it relates to individual safety and liability of the Spuria Iris Society from an individual that may have the intent to do harm.. A motion was made by Andi Rivarola to "Adopt the AIS rules regarding Safety & Security and remove physical addresses from our online and printed publications, unless the person signs the Physical



*Address Release. Owners of P.O. Boxes do not need the release.*" The motion was seconded by Darol Jurn. The following discussion included the ease at which an individual can find a home address by using the tools available on the internet including the need to post some addresses and or possibly the society paying for a PO box in the event a Board member did not want a home mailing address listed. A call for a vote was made, the motion passed with three (3) yes votes (Andi Rivarola, Anna Cadd, Jim Hedgecock), one (1) no vote (Darol Jurn), and one (1) non vote (Debbie James absent).

## Election of Spuria Iris Society Officers

The terms of the current Spuria Iris Society Board Members will expire in 2020. As required by Article VI of the bylaws a Nominating Committee (Jill Bonino, Claire Schneider, and Chairperson Anna Cadd) have made a recommendation of candidates to fill the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The proposed officers for the 2020-2023 term are:

President: Andi Rivarola  
Vice President: Anna Cadd  
Treasurer: Debbie James  
Secretary: Darol Jurn

If any Member at large is interested in running for a board position, they may submit nominations for an elected position per the Spuria Bylaws Article VI Section 3: "To make a nomination from the membership, one must obtain the written consent of the nominee and the signatures of five members in good standing (dues are current) as an endorsement. The Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, Anna Cadd, must receive the nomination with written consent and endorsements no later than March 15." Note: written consent and endorsements may be submitted by email. The nominated candidate must also be a member of the Spuria Iris Society (Spuria Bylaws Article III, Section 1, paragraph a). Anna Cadd, contact info listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

With no nominations by members, the proposed slate of Officers will assume their positions at the annual board meeting in 2020 or if not meeting then July 1 on the election year (Spuria Bylaws Article IV, Section 2).

If no candidates are found to fill a vacancy, the President may fill a vacancy per Article V, Section 3 of the Spuria Bylaws.

## Spuria News Archive

Historic editions of the Spuria News can be found in the AIS online Hager-DuBose Memorial Iris Library of Iris Literature located at: <http://wiki.irises.org/Hist/ArchiveSpuriaNews>

## Digital Program

The Spuria Iris Society is happy to bring you the 2013 Digital Presentation for your iris or garden club.

Please order the digital program via Paypal or send a check made to the Spuria Iris Society to our Treasurer:

Debbie James - Spuria Iris Society Treasurer  
6634 Gaviota St.  
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The current price is \$10.00.

Once the payment is received, an E-mail note will be sent to the buyer with information about downloading the program online via Goggle Drive. (If for some reason you do not have access to Goggle Drive, please let us know.)

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## Spuria Checklist

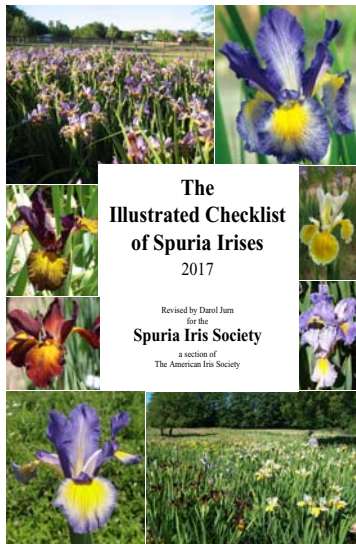
The Spuria Checklist has been revised for 2017 and is currently available. This checklist includes many *new* and *updated* photographs including registrations through 2017 for a total of 265 pages. The purchase price including postage is:

- \$45 for domestic orders,
- \$55 for Canada orders (US dollars),
- \$65 for International orders (US dollars)

Purchasing a checklist may be completed using ONE of the following methods:

- The Spuria website has the details for ordering at <http://www.spuriairissociety.org/tools.html> using PayPal.

• Or send a check made out to the Spuria Iris Society to the Treasurer, Debbie James.



Include the following information with your order: Name, Address, State, City (and country for international orders). Please include an e-mail address or phone number so that we may contact you if necessary.

Visit the Spuria Iris Society "store" where anyone can purchase spuria items such as clothing, coffee mugs, and various other items. Visit <https://www.cafepress.com/spuriairissociety> to view available items.

### Spuria Membership

Total Memberships = 175  
 Total Memberships last year = 175  
 Members who belong to AIS = 85  
 Life Members = 39  
 E-Memberships = 29

#### Complimentary Memberships:

New Zealand Iris Society - newsletter exchange  
 AIS Bulletin - Jane Milliman  
 AIS Library - Dave Silverberg  
 AIS President - Jody Nolin  
 Dave Niswonger - Honorary Life

#### Overseas Members:

Denmark = 1	France = 1
Hungary = 1	Italy = 1
Japan = 1	New Zealand = 2
Norway = 1	Poland = 1
Russia = 1	United Kingdom = 1

#### Domestic Membership by State:

AL = 1	AR = 2	AZ = 13	CA = 33
CO = 3	FL = 1	GA = 4	HI = 1
IA = 5	ID = 2	IL = 6	IN = 1
KS = 4	MA = 1	MI = 3	MN = 2

MO = 5	MT = 1	NC = 2	NE = 3
NJ = 1	NM = 6	NV = 3	NY = 2
OH = 5	OK = 1	OR = 8	SC = 3
SD = 2	TN = 3	TX = 23	UT = 1
VA = 1	WA = 7	WI = 1	
Canada: = 2			

## Spuria Symposium Results

By Darol Jurn

The 2019 symposium winner is 'Line Dancing' (B.C. Jenkins 2007). Line Dancing is a repeat winner taking first place in 2017 and appearing in the top ten in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2018.

New to the top ten are 'Belise', 'Elfin Sunshine', 'Ross Island', 'Blue Spiderweb', 'Blueberry Sundae', 'Caribbean Blue', 'Missouri Springs', 'Mister David', and 'Rhett's Surprise'.

Reoccurring visitors to the top ten for the last 3 years are 'Adriatic Blue' (Dave Niswonger - 1996), 'Red War Clouds' (L. Walker - 2010), my favorite 'Speeding Star' (A&D Cadd - 2002), 'Solar Fusion' (L. Walker - 2011), 'Kiss of Caramel' (A&D Cadd - 2002), and 'Castor River' (D. Niswonger - 2006).

Comments from the members include: The past two years the spuria have been prolific bloomers where many TB's were lost to rot (editor note: this says a lot for hardiness of the spuria), and another writes "If we could only grow three Spuria varieties they would be 'Missouri Springs', 'Archie Owen', and 'Adriatic Blue'." Another interesting comment "We would not be without the short spuria species *I. Graminea* with it's delightful plum scent."

The 2019 top ten Spuria irises as selected by our members are:

2017	2018	2019	Cultivar
1	2	1	'Line Dancing' (Charles Jenkins by Comanche Acres - 2007)
2	1	2 (tie)	'Adriatic Blue' (Dave Niswonger - 1996)
	5	2 (tie)	'Red War Clouds' (Lee Walker - 2010)
4	8 (tie)	4	'Speeding Star' (Anna & David Cadd - 2002)
	6	5	'Solar Fusion' (Lee Walker - 2011)



2017	2018	2019	Cultivar
		6 (tie)	'Belise' (Marc Simonet - 1967)
		6 (tie)	'Elfin Sunshine' (Charles Jenkins - 1998)
	4	8	'Kiss of Caramel' (Anna & David Cadd - 2002)
9 (tie)		9	'Castor River' (David Niswonger - 2006)
		10	'Ross Island' (Nancy Price - 2012)

2nd Place Tie



'Adriatic Blue' D. Niswonger - 1996

2nd Place Tie



'Red War Clouds' L. Walker - 2010

4th Place



'Speeding Star' A&D Cadd - 2002

5th Place



'Solar Fusion' L. Walker - 2011

6th Place Tie



'Belise' Marc Simonet - 1967



6th Place Tie



'Elfin Sunshine' B.C. Jenkins - 1998

8th Place



'Kiss of Caramel' A&D Cadd - 2002  
(Jan Lauritzen photo)

9th Place



'Castor River' D. Niswonger - 2006

10th Place



'Ross Island' N. Price - 2012  
(Jurn photo)

## New Zealand, New Zealanders and Irises

By Andi Rivarola

In November of 2019, I had the good fortune to be invited to attend the New Zealand Iris Society's Spring Convention, and to give a program on spuria irises. As it was explained to me, this time it was in the South Island, in Timaru to be precise, 165 km south of Christchurch. Conventions in New Zealand are alternately held in the North and South Islands. So, where should I start to relate this experience?



Convention attendees at Timaru Garden Tour

I need to start with this, New Zealanders are amazing people. They are open minded, kind, gener-



ous, and very interested in nature... my kind of people! I arrived in Auckland, via Hawaii very late on a Sunday evening, on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, I had no chance to visit Auckland because the very next day, Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> early in the morning, my traveling buddy, Gary White, and I took a train called the Northern Explorer to Wellington, the southernmost tip of the North Island — a ride that took 10 hours. It seems long, doesn't it? But, when there's so much to see and do, time just flies. The ride was wonderful, the views filled with green pastures, sheep, cows, green forests, meadows, rivers, and more sheep. The train took us through unexpected terrains, such as volcanic peaks, vast lakes, and always, and not far, the view of the coast and ocean. I will never forget the snow peaks of Tongariro National Park, the Gorges of Rangitikei, and the Kapiti Coast, where the train climbs up over rocky terrain and just before arriving to Wellington, the rider enjoys the beautiful view of the Tasman Sea; and, I was told that on a clear day, a view of the South Island.

Perhaps in another life we will see them as a single land mass.



Siberian iris and rhododendron at Timaru Garden tour

Next, we took a three and a half hour ferry ride from Wellington to Picton, located in the northern tip of the southern island — the boat was called the Interislander. The ride was smooth, although we could see the currents in the area were quite rough. But, since I was enjoying scones topped with boundless amounts of whipped cream, everything just seemed pleasurable and the views of both islands plus the blue ocean was really a dream.



TB irises at Timaru Garden tour

We stayed in Wellington for three days, visiting the Wellington Botanical Gardens, which included the beautiful Lady Norwood Rose Garden and a classic Victorian greenhouse called The Begonia House. The city turned out to be very lovely, with many parks, coffee houses, restaurants featuring yummy international foods, and because it's the site of New Zealand's government, it also included many prominent government buildings. While on the Mount Victoria Lookout, we discovered the beauty of the Wellington Harbour, and the naturally formed Fitzroy Bay. Did you know that the North and South Islands are moving closer together?



Prize Lady at Timaru Iris Show

Then came a ride on the Coastal Pacific; for six hours after departing Picton, the train hugged the coast, as we enjoyed the beautiful Southern Pacific Ocean on the east side, and the Kaikoura mountains to the west. What a delight to have



experienced this natural beauty! Our destination on this day was Christchurch. We only stayed in the city for one day as we were to return to Christchurch for three more days after the Convention in Timaru. The very next day we walked through the large and beautiful Christchurch Botanic Gardens, which was home to a gorgeous iris collection, and many trees and plants not only from New Zealand but from around the world. There, I discovered a plant that I added to my wish list, a member of the genus Iridaceae, from South America called *Libertia formosa*, also known as Chilean iris — with large sword-like leaves, resembling a mix of irises and New Zealand flax, topped with creamy flowers.



NOID Japanese Iris at Christchurch Bontannical Garden

The very next day, a two-hour bus ride brought us to our southernmost destination, Timaru; a coastal town that in many ways reminded me of the Southern California coastal areas of the 70s — tranquil, with fresh ocean breezes, green fields and hills, and country roads just fifteen minutes in the interior. The South Canterbury Iris Group and New Zealand Iris Society really know how to put together a nice convention. The meetings, iris show, the silent auction and plants for sale were fantastic; and the tour of local gardens were delightful. I hope you enjoy the pictures. There were many iris in bloom, including bearded, Siberian, Spuria and species irises. Besides the plants, the landscaping was very attractive, and people, so very friendly.



Holden Clough iris SPEC-X at Timaru Garden tour

On the last day in Timaru, Marilyn Rathgen, our wonderful host and President of the South Canterbury Iris Society gave us a ride to the Timaru Botanic Garden in the morning, and in the afternoon, said, "want to go for a ride?" Not knowing the ride was one and one half hours to Tekapo Lake, a gorgeous glacial lake in an Alpine-like area, with beautiful views — and freezing temperatures — located in the mountainous region called, Southern Alps. The idea was to visit Michael Midgley, the home of one of the iris society members who had built a rock garden, with huge boulders, stones and rocks, and yes, it included irises. This garden really blew my mind. So incredible.



Iris Japonica at Christchurch Botanic Garden

I wish I can visit New Zealand over and over again, to enjoy these new friendships, and also the beauty of their land.



Blue purple iris tectorum at Timaru Garden tour

Sorry, I can only write so much to describe the beauty of the places I visited, and the kind nature of the people I met. I'm putting together a digital program that captures more of what I'm talking about. And, now, bear with me as I give thanks, like at the Oscars:

- Thank you to those in the U.S. for sharing the spuria seeds that I brought with me to New Zealand. A big thank you to the NZ Customs inspector who let me through with the seeds (after some delays and discussion about the

nature of the seeds. Good thing I am the President of the society, for I was able to tell him all about spuria irises, including how they grow and propagate).

- A big thank you to the NZ Iris Society members who made me feel so much at home — their warmth and friendliness were like a bouquet of beautiful irises. (Also, I'm now addicted to afternoon tea!).

Lastly, gardeners everywhere share this lovely sense of proportion, outdoor adventures, and creativity beyond measure. I'm so very glad to be part of this most prestigious group.



Timaru iris show

### Missouri Ramblin

By Jim Hedgecock

Hello Spuria enthusiasts from all over this old rock. I hope this finds you all getting ready for the new spring. It is coming way too fast. I have a program scheduled for a huge Midwest Master Gardeners group next month in Kansas City. You can be assured spurias will be part of the program. If you are part of our group, are you promoting us every chance you get? It is no secret that memberships in national societies are falling. Our society gets hit hard in the membership funds because we have so many life members.

I want to bring up a subject that I have been seeing in spurias the last several years. I have no idea what happens, but in different years the blooms on a specific variety may vary quite substantially in form. In one year, a variety may have somewhat tailored narrow petals, and then in another year it



will have wide ruffled falls. I am sure you will say, why don't you fertilize them more? This has not been the case. I am certain that it takes more than a year or two for spurias to settle in and produce good blooms. I have had varieties not give their best blooms many times until at least the 3rd year. I am certain that cold climate spuria growers will see this more, due to shorter growing periods. If you grow spurias, I hope you will take note of this subject and take a good look at the different bloom forms this year. If you are one of the very few spuria hybridizers, I suggest that you watch the bloom form in new introductions closely. I seldom see it decline, but I often see it get totally better. I now feel like I definitely should not introduce a variety unless I have seen it bloom 3 to 4 years. We have enough trouble getting new spurias to the market, we can't afford to cull good new varieties.

I try to bring up the growing spurias from seeds in just about every iris program I can. I highly recommend saving seeds from better spuria varieties and planting them. A very high percentage of spuria introductions are from bee crosses. Here is a true story to back this up. I planted several spuria rows of seeds in open ground about 20 years ago. All of these were from bee crosses. It is now a patch 25 feet wide and over 30 feet long. The tags have long since disappeared. I pulled new different seedlings out of that area for introductions until 2 years ago. It is true I don't know the parents on either side anymore, but I am so glad I planted those seeds all those years ago.

So, here is my last subject for you in this newsletter. You can plant spuria seeds in containers or open ground. I just can't plant spuria seeds in containers. I get germination, but I never get good results when I line them out. That leaves the subject about what happens when you plant in open ground. The longest test we know of for how long spuria seeds could still germinate after planting was 15 years. I beat that by about 2 or 3 years. My mentor Charlie Jenkins believed that the older spuria seeds are, the better they would germinate. If you can plant in containers and have good luck, I am very happy for you. But remember, it takes longer for spuria seeds to germinate. Almost assuredly if you try to germinate spuria seeds in containers for one year, you will throw away seeds that have not germinated. On the other hand, if you plant in open ground, plan on getting seedlings

for more than one year. I will leave that choice to you.

Have a great spring, plant more spurias, you won't be sorry. God Bless you and your gardens.

Respectfully,  
Jim Hedgecock

## Editor's Corner

By Darol Jurn

The winter and spring in Sedona this year is much more normal than last year. Hopefully it will be a fantastic bloom as last year the bloom was unpredictable with many cultivars not producing blooms, so hopefully those rhizomes are loaded and ready for a magnificent bloom this year. I will see what the spring bloom brings.

I received an email last year from Andi Rivarola about an interesting Spuria introduction 'Spadille', introduced in 2019 by French Hybridizer Jean Claude Jacob. This is his first spuria introduction, his garden website: <http://iris-de-bretagne.ilingo.net/>. The registration info from the AIS Encyclopedia: "Seedling 14/66-1. SPU, early bloom. Standards violet-blue veined darker; falls cream-white veined darker, hint of violet-blue on edge; small golden yellow signal. 'Steely Don' X 'Speeding Star'.



Jean Claude Jacob photo

## A Blast From the Past

By Darol Jurn

This column is only possible with the support of the members and clubs who have provided historic Spuria newsletters to the Spuria Iris Society for electronic capture. With this being said here is the continuation of "A Blast from the Past."

*Sixty years ago (1960)* The spring edition makes note that one of the Spuria Iris Society founding members, Mrs. Margaret Perkins-Slaughter, was selected by the Houston press as Houston's outstanding gardner for 1959.

*Forty years ago (1980):* The spring edition lists the introductions 1974-1979, a total of 59 introductions. The hybridizers were quite busy during those 6 years averaging almost 10 introductions per year.

*Thirty years ago (1990):* Dave Niswonger contributed the article "Awards for Species?" Dave discusses the proposal originated by Bob Pries and considered by SIGNA. Dave notes that if awards have anything to do with the introduction of superior forms of various types of irises, then surely this action might encourage certain clones of species to be introduced and registered. Without such encouragement, at some point and time those species may be lost forever. Editor note: this award became a reality with the first award presented in 1994. For additional information visit the AIS website: <http://www.irises.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/FoundersSIGNAMedal.pdf>.

1989 was a busy year for spuria hybridizers with a total of 28 introductions and registrations.

*Ten years ago (2010):* The Spuria Iris Society published their revised edition (2009) of the Illustrated Checklist of Spuria Irises. The first illustrated checklist was issued for 2005 and was compiled by Bob Pries.

## A Lawn

by Walker Ferguson

(Reprinted from S.L.S. Newsletter Spring 1977 -

Editor note: I found this interesting poem worthy of reprint while researching information for A Blast From the Past)

A lawn to me is just a pain  
Here in this land of little rain.  
The work you do is so in vain--  
You grow it and you mow it.

You buy and plant expensive seed,  
You try to keep out every weed  
And fertilize? Oh, yes indeed--  
To grow it and to mow it.

All year, you have to irrigate;  
The blame thing will not hibernate.

So there's no time to hesitate  
With growing and the mowing

It must be watered once a week  
To keep it growing at its peak,  
And tho' the joints begin to creak  
You have to keep on mowing.

There's nothing you can sell or eat--  
It doesn't smell so very sweet,  
And still you strive to keep it neat.  
You grow it and you mow it.

It doesn't have a fragrant smell,  
There's nothing you can eat or sell.  
So what is there that does impel  
The growing and the mowing?

If those two verses may seem trite,  
I think they really are as bright  
As keeping up the steady fight  
Of growing and of mowing.

The better you can make it grow  
The oftener you have to mow  
You must admit this all is so  
But---go on with the mowing.

The remedy would seem to be  
A nice big houseboat on the sea.  
But ocean life is not for me,  
And so, I'll grow and mow it.

## 2020 Introductions



**Crepe Demeanor**  
(Jim Hedgecock -  
2020) Sdlg.  
#Unk-12, SPU 38"  
ML. Very unusual  
crepe paper like  
finish to petals.  
Ruffled crepe  
standards dark  
blue purple. Ruf-  
fled crepe and  
fluted falls dark  
blue purple with

velvety finish. Small dark gold splayed signals transition to slight dark purple halo around signals. Lost parentage. Available at Comanche Acres.



**Follow The Lines**

(Jim Hedgecock - 2020) Sdlg. # L-1-B, SPU 37" M. Ruffled standards are reddish brown with slight yellow rays at midribs. Ruffled falls are bright yellow signals that splay out to dark red rays to the edges of the petals. Parentage 'Sultan's Sash' X Unknown. Available at Comanche Acres.



**One Hundredth Anniversary** (Jim Hedgecock - 2020) Sdlg. JM-50-F, SPU 40" ML. Android is a full sib to last years Black Stetson. The wide dark, ruffled standards are dark navy blue. Ruffled, super wide falls are also dark navy blue

with striking rich gold splayed signals covering the upper half of the petals. Available at Comanche Acres.



**Glitters Like Gold** (Jim Hedgecock - 2020) Sdlg. #Unk-10, SPU 40" M. Glitters Like Gold is the very deepest, rich, gold self spuria, we have ever seen. Super growth. Lost parentage. Available at Comanche Acres.

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**Shenandoah Skies**

(Jim Hedgecock - 2020) Sdlg #M-1-E, SPU 40" M. Ruffled standards pale lavender blue. Ruffled falls base color of pale lavender blue with a small yellow signal transitioning to white rays that cover most of the petals and end in solid lavender blue edges. Parentage: 'Touch Of Lace' X Unknown. Available at Comanche Acres.



**Nebula Wind**

(Anna Cadd - 2020) Sdlg: XX-7, SPU, 40-41" (102-109 cm), M. Standards: Deep gold yellow. Style arms: soft gold yellow with creamy crest. Falls: deep gold yellow, darker light orange section in the middle of the falls; small 4-5 lines in the middle of the falls. Semi erect wide standards, huge wide, wavy falls, lightly folding under the falls. Signal: Darker light orange section in the middle of falls. Huge flowers, 6" across. Parentage: Unknown. Available at Cadd's Beehive.



**Sugar Plum Dreams**

(Jim Hedgecock - 2020) Sdlg: Sdlg. #JL-59-A, SPU 37", M. Heavily ruffled standards unusual plum purple. Heavily ruffled falls plum purple with lightly veined dark gold striations



at normal signal areas. Should be used for spurias in efforts to eliminate signals. Lost parentage. Available at Comanche Acres.

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