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2008 INTRODUCTIONS:

FROM SCHAFFER/SACKS

BERRIES AND CREAM - SIBERIAN. Schafer/Sacks (Seedling No. S00-16A-11), 25", M.

A sweet treat! This child of So Van Gogh is a reverse amoena! Blue-violet standards and styles contrast with creamy, lightly veined falls. Except for soft gold hafts there are no signals. The form is simple with flaring falls. Small flowered, like its papa, Berries and Cream also has a notch in the tip of the falls. The foliage is fine, the clump vigorous and each stem has five to six buds which extend well above the foliage. Raindrop Melody X So Van Gogh \$35.00

HOT SKETCH - SIBERIAN. Schafer/Sacks (Seedling No. S02-1-13), 24", M.

We couldn't believe our eyes when this one first bloomed and we still don't know how to describe its color. After looking in all the color charts, a dictionary of color names, and collections of painter's chips we are stumped. The standards and styles are the easy part – pale lavender warmed by veins and washes of red-violet. The falls are a combination of yellow and red forming a glowing rich brick or deep coral sort of color. Yellow signals and blue midribs on the styles jazz things up even more. The medium sized flowers hold their color well. Flowers are presented just above the foliage and each stalk has three to four buds. Lemon Veil X Four generations combining red over yellow seedlings originating from Careless Sally, Butter and Sugar, Percheron, Mad Magenta, and Purple Prose \$35.00

JERRY MURPHY - SIBERIAN. Schafer/Sacks (Seedling No. S01-55-10), 30.5", E-M.

A very special iris to honor our friend Jerry Murphy, an enthusiastic iris lover from the Hudson Valley. The simple description of this iris is a brown amoena. On close examination the falls have a pale apricot ground which shows on the rim and is covered by various shades and amounts of red-violet stippling and blending. The standards and styles are creamy with light gold trim. The depth of color varies and the flower lightens as it ages. Gorgeous green foliage lasts late into the fall. The clump effect is lovely with flowers held well above the foliage and it blooms a long time with four to five buds per stalk. Sib of On Her Toes (Strawberry Social x sib of Book of Secrets/Dawn Waltz/Off She Goes) X So Van Gogh \$35.00

NEW MOWN HAY - SIBERIAN. Schafer/Sacks (Seedling No. S00-21-1), 30", M.

Though "greyed-green" may not be the color of your iris dreams, in this flower the combination of greyed-green falls, clean yellow signals with green veins, and bright pearly standards and styles with turquoise trim is great fun. The flower has lovely form and makes an attractive clump with two branches and four to five buds carried nicely above the foliage. (Sib of Book of Secrets/Dawn Waltz/Off She Goes x Dandy's Hornpipe) X Uncorked \$35.00

SUGAR RUSH - SIBERIAN. Schafer/Sacks (Seedling No. S02-1-1), 27", M.

Yummy! We are having a hard time with the color description of this one too – not a surprise since it is a sibling of Hot Sketch. We've settled on a watermelon pink amoena with blue and purple wash on the styles, cheery yellow signals, and yellow highlights on the pearly standards. The color of the falls can open several shades darker than our photo or several shades lighter depending on the weather. The clump is compact, blooming just above the foliage and there are three buds per stalk. Sib to Hot Sketch. \$35.00

YANKEE INGENUITY - SIBERIAN. Schafer/Sacks (Seedling No. S01-4A-11), 26", M.

With Riverdance as a grandparent and a great grandparent and Lake Keuka as a grandparent it is no surprise that this is a wonderful blue flower. Unlike its darker ancestors, it is a lovely medium blue with hints of blue-green that enhance its color. Understandably it has white speckling on the shoulders and edges as well as a white rim. Nice full form with big rolling curves make a bold statement. The flowers bloom just above the foliage with three or more buds per stalk. Named as a tribute to all the hybridizers from the Northeast whose irises are in the background (with a little help from California and the Midwest). (Sib of Over The River x ((Young Lady x Harbor Mist) x (Kenabee x Alter Ego))) X (Lake Keuka x Riverdance) \$35.00

FROM BARBARA NICODEMUS :

CALVIN HELSLEY - SIBERIAN. (Seedling No. S-F13-02), 32", M.

A very wide and full flower in blends of lavender-pink and violet with a dash of turquoise. The standards are lavender-pink with darker veins and flush at the base. The falls are medium violet blending to a broad lavender edge. There are darker violet veins and red violet hafts plus a sweet signal lightly sprinkled with white. The style arms are a light turquoise with brighter midribs and lavender pink edges. Five to seven buds with two branches. Lady Walpole X Roaring Jelly \$35.00

FROM DARRELL PROBST :

COBBLEWOOD CHARM - SPEC-gracilipes. 8", M. The first *I. gracilipes* to be introduced in over 60 years. This species is a dainty Japanese wildflower of mountains and forests. It thrives in our garden in dappled shade from 50 foot tall pines. This plant comes from Darrell's garden, probably from a cross of the dwarf white 'Buko' form and a nearby blue-violet form. COBBLEWOOD CHARM makes a fabulous clump of soft periwinkle flowers decorated with a diffused red-violet star in the center of the styles. The softness of appearance comes from the falls which have a white ground covered with heavy periwinkle veining rather than the solid coloring of the typical form.....Potted.....\$15.00

Three new Pardancanda introductions: BOUNTIFUL BLUSH, CHERRY PIE, and PINK LEOPARD.

For these descriptions see the Pardancanda page of this catalog (next to last).

FROM TOMAS TAMBERG:

Four irises new to this catalog and the US, though not 2008 introductions. The three siberians, **BURGUNDERSAMT, ERSTE SAHNE, RAUCHBLAU**, are listed on the Tamberg Siberians page and **SAHNEHAEUBCHEN**, a Tetra Sibtosia, is listed on the Interpecies Hybrids page.

ORDERING INFORMATION

For 2008 we are introducing our first two children from So Van Gogh and are excited about the wave of new colors and patterns in siberian irises as well as improvements in the wonderful old blues. Marty has gone over the top and produced 10,000 seeds from his 2007 crosses – we don't know where we will put them all, but we're excited nonetheless. Hybridizing irises is a great adventure as well as a lot of hard work. We are honored to have been awarded the Hybridizer's Medal by the American Iris Society and wish to express our appreciation for this recognition.

We'd also like to thank Barbara Nicodemus for asking us to introduce her first Siberian named for Calvin Helsley, Tomas Tamberg for sharing his tetraploid siberians with us in the US as well as his interspecies innovations, and Darrell Probst for his contributions to the world of iris species and his ground breaking work on Pardancandas - *I. xNorrisii*. His three new introductions are fabulous and there are more coming.

Unless otherwise noted all plants are freshly dug and shipped bare root. Whatever your shipping date, it is imperative that the plants be planted or potted immediately upon arrival and kept moist until they strike substantial new roots. The plants we ship are from lined-out divisions. For siberians we guarantee to send at least a 3-fan division, though often they are larger.

SHIPPING DATES: Please mark on the order form when you would prefer shipment. There are three spring dates and three summer/fall dates. Those of you who live in the colder areas might want to plant in spring or mid-August to establish plants before the ground freezes (as we do), those of you in warmer areas might want to put off planting until later in the year when it is cooler. Please do not order spring shipment unless you are in a similar climate to New England. We do not recommend spring shipment for areas whose spring is much more advanced than ours, and cannot replace irises lost as a result.

All shipping (except foreign) will be by Priority Mail. Please add \$7 for 1-5 plants, \$8 for 6-10 plants, \$9 for 11-15 plants, and \$10 for over 15 plants. (MA residents must add 5% sales tax.)

Foreign orders will be billed the exact shipping amount. Shipment is usually by Express Mail to Europe. We must also charge a \$23 fee for a phytosanitary certificate on all foreign orders. In 2006 the UK and some EU countries added more stringent import requirements. We will make every effort to comply, but cannot dip plants in chemical pesticides other than insecticidal soap.

You can see photos of the irises in this catalog on-line at www.jpwflowers.com

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SCHAFFER/SACKS SIBERIANS

BANISH MISFORTUNE - '99, E-L, 45". Standards and falls are mid-lavender-blue with large smooth yellow to cream signals, veined deep purple. An outstanding clump with tall strong stalks each with 6 to 7 buds. AM'07..... \$8.00

BARBARA SCHMIEDER - '01, EML, 33". Small, delicate bright yellow buds lighten to cream when open while the signals and styles retain their warm yellow glow. Vigorous, blooming early and long with 5 or more blooms per stalk. HM'04..... \$8.00

BAREFOOT BOY - '05, M, 35". Gorgeous light blue. Greenish veins and highlights which make its overall appearance even more blue. White signal. Blooms well above the foliage with 3 to 4 buds per stalk with a good succession of bloom..... \$15.00

BELLS AND WHISTLES - '06, EM, 28". Big ruffled purple flowers have reddish purple styles with dark red-violet edges and curls and blue midribs. Excellent substance and vigor and 4 well-timed buds per stalk - it makes a great clump..... \$20.00

BLACKBERRY JUBILEE - '97, ML, 36". Large, wide, ruffled flowers are dappled and marbled in many shades of red-violet. Style arms are a lovely shade of sky blue, brushed and edged in red-violet. Strong stalks with 4 buds. HM '00..... \$6.00

BONNIE KATE - '06, M-L, 31". Falls are wide and round, pendant and ruffled, speckled and washed in pink, and edged in light yellow. Round palest pink standards are almost horizontal. Pearly styles are large, very wide and softly washed with yellow, blue, and pink. Long bloomer with 4 buds.....limited supply ... \$30.00

BOOK OF SECRETS - '00, M, 28". A subtle interplay of textured white with hints of yellow and lavender-pink. Wonderful form. Very vigorous. Upright foliage. HM'05 \$8.00

BRIDAL JIG - '93, M, 35". White flowers have small crescent shaped yellow signals and round falls which hang like a bridal gown in heavy soft ruffles. Beautiful airy clump, well branched stems, flowers high above the foliage..... \$8.00

CARELESS SALLY - '96, M & RE, 26". A palette of pastels blending rose, blue and yellow. Flowers have full, round and ruffled falls; pale, ruffled standards; ornate styles, semi-upright with large curls; and lovely yellow sunrise signals. 3 to 4 buds per stalk and repeat bloom. Morgan-Wood Medal'03 \$6.00

CHARMING BILLY - '04, M, 25". Strong, bold colors - deep red-violet falls and bright yellow signals with dark purple veining. Standards are dappled red-violet. Upright, wide, light-blue styles A very strong grower, with 3-4 blooms per stalk. HM'07... \$15.00

COLD FROSTY MORNING - '00, L, 27". A sparkling white self. Exquisite full form. Elegant style arms are upright with ornate ruffles and curls and a green flush. Blooms right above upright blue-green foliage with 4 to 6 buds, a very late bloomer.... \$15.00

COUNTESS CATHLEEN - '97, M, 30". Pearly standards. Pale blue falls blend into clean white signals with dark blue veining and a hint of yellow. Darker shoulders. Small frilly ruffles throughout. 4 to 5 buds. HC '96, HM'01..... \$6.00

CREME CARAMEL - '03, M, 29". Falls are caramel - smooth pink over yellow - with yellow signals. Standards are pale yellow, styles are white with yellow tips and midribs. Each flower lightens in the sun, creating a wonderful bitone effect. Loaded with flowers, up to 6 buds per stalk. HM'06..... \$15.00

DANCE AND SING - '02, M and RE, 32". Upright yellow petaloid style arms combine with pale yellow standards and darker yellow falls to make this large and luscious siberian. The form is wide with big soft ruffles. Flowers just above the foliage with up to 5 blooms per stalk. Strong repeat bloom..... \$20.00

DAWN WALTZ - '98, EM, 27". Floating just above lovely blue-green foliage are ruffled lavender-pink flowers adorned with fancy pearly white style arms and neat apple-green on white signals. Outstanding form. Repeat bloom \$6.00

DEVIL'S DREAM - '90, L & RE, 33". Highly saturated wine-red standards and falls are complemented by lighter styles and a purple blaze surrounding a hidden signal. Large flower, excellent substance, 4 buds. Good repeat..... \$8.00

DROPS OF BRANDY - '98, ML, 27". Ruffled blue-violet bitone with decorated style arms. Falls are dappled blue-violet over pale yellow. Wide light blue standards. Styles have aqua midribs, dark blue-violet edging and large floret curls. \$8.00

DROWSY MAGGIE - '02, M, 26". Purple over yellow coloring creates a smokey look which has a sophisticated appeal. The signal appears as subtle yellow speckles. It makes a medium sized clump, with 3 to 4 blooms per stalk..... \$8.00

ECHO THE WIND - '99, E-M, 31". Blue-violet over yellow falls, yellow signal, pale blue standards and pearly styles with yellow tips. Wide, arching, and ruffled. Great compact clump, many stalks, 5 buds..... limited supply \$12.00

ELEGANCE AND SIMPLICITY - '01, M, 43". Medium sized clean white flower with neat, lemon yellow signals. The shape is round, arching with recurved falls, softly held standards, and lovely curled styles - all with a touch of ruffling. Grand, tall, and upright - 2 branches with 5 buds. Withdrawn to Increase

FOND KISS - '99, M & RE, 33". A big extravagant flower and an even more extravagant display. Warm white with a large pink flush on the falls. Three buds open in slow succession followed by repeat. AM'04..... \$10.00

FRESH NOTES - '04, M, 25". Dark blue ruffled falls with pale edges are decorated with bright yellow signals, widely veined in navy blue. Standards are medium blue, veined darker; styles are light blue with blue-green midribs. Round, neat form. 5 buds per stalk with 2 branches..... \$18.00

GENTLE LASS - '03, M, 31". Pale lavender-pink with all-over speckling of deeper pink. Falls, full and round with soft ruffles. Style arms are pearly pale pink and the small signals are white with pink freckles and veins. 2 branches with 6 blooms per stem. Long bloom. Slight fragrance. \$12.00

HARMONY HILL - '04, EM, 36". A sweet flower and a great plant. Red-violet standards, lavender blue falls, and dark violet style arms. Upright form with full, round and lightly ruffled parts. Tall, branched stalks with upright dark green foliage \$8.00

HERE BE DRAGONS - '03, E/M, 28". Unusual yellow bitone overlaid with blue-violet wash and veining. Standards pale yellow with brighter highlights, warm yellow rims and pale blue-violet veins in the heart. Falls are a deeper yellow with a muted blue-violet wash out toward the edge and blue-violet veins at the throat. The styles are pale yellow and blue-violet. Two branches carry 5 to 6 buds. HM'06 \$15.00

HUMORS OF WHISKEY - '07, M, 29". A new combination resulting in an indescribable yummy color. The falls open a pinky golden brown with pale violet standards, and lighten over time to a golden buff with pinkish undertones and a gold rim. The hafts are deep reddish gold, and the styles are light yellow with golden tips and greenish midribs. Strong grower, with 5 to 7 buds. Flowers are held well above the foliage. \$30.00

IMPRESSION - '03, M, 24". Large and wide falls, short round standards, and long fancy styles. A dappled blend of violets - both blue and red - light on the standards and heavy on the falls with a pale rim on the falls. The styles are almost white with a blue-green wash and red-violet edge. 4 buds per stalk.....\$18.00

IN FULL SAIL - '99, L, 27". Makes a grand clump. Cream bitone with ample yellow signal. Gorgeous wide, ruffled form with stunning large upright styles which have showy, silky-smooth petal-like curls. Four to five buds. HM'04..... \$10.00

JACK'S HEALTH - '00, E, 30". Soft rosy pink flowers. A white line on each standard echoes narrow pearly white styles which gleam in the sun. Quiet white signal with rose veining. 4 to 5 buds per stalk with upright blue-green foliage \$8.00

JUNE TO REMEMBER - '06, M, 25". Lovely form with deep ruffles. Medium to dark blue-violet with a tiny white wire rim on the falls. Signals are white and showy surrounded by a bright blue halo and then a darker blue-violet band. The styles are short and cute with pale blue midribs. Five buds \$22.00

JUST BECAUSE - '94, M, 30". Smooth blue-violet self with outstanding form - falls are wide, round and ruffled and arch gracefully. The signal is white, neat, and tiny. Vigorous and long blooming with one branch and four buds..... \$6.00

JUST CRUISING - '01, EM, 33". Generously ruffled yellow bitone. Large decorated styles have darker curls and midribs. Sweet fragrance. Great clump, 4 bud per stalk. HM'04 ... \$12.00

KISS THE GIRL - '04, M, 27". Deep bright yellow bitone with nice ruffles and sweet fragrance. The stalks have one to two branches carrying four lively flowers above the foliage - it blooms up a storm. HM'07 \$15.00

LADY'S CHAIN - '05, M 24". An intense golden bi-tone. Medium flowers open bright yellow, standards lighten with a darker rim while the falls continue to hold their strong color. Styles are light yellow and simple. Blooms just above the foliage with 3 to 4 buds per stalk and many stalks in the clump..... \$20.00

LADY WALPOLE - '96, EM, 32". Blue-violet falls with diamond dusting and gentle ruffles. Pale blue standards appear white from a distance. Beautifully proportioned. Great vigor, 2 branches with 6 buds, and a long season of bloom..... \$6.00

MAGNETISM - '06, M, 25". A mysterious blue energized by a pattern of fine dappling and veining flowing into the center, and enhanced by an underlay of yellow and understated yellow signal. Wide flaring standards and falls, and long narrow styles. Blooming just above the foliage with 5 buds per stalk..... \$22.00

MAIRI'S WEDDING - '99, M, 24". Lovely white flowers with full form, delicate ruffles, and short, ornate upright styles. Yellow signal. Slight fragrance and 4 buds. A clean plant with beautiful, strong foliage \$8.00

MINSTREL'S WHIM - '07, EM, 26". A pale yellow flower is adorned with blue-green veins (where the signal usually is) and golden hafts. It blooms a long time with 4 to 5 buds held above the foliage and many stalks. Small flowers with nice flaring form and upright, narrow foliage \$25.00

MISTER PEACOCK - '03, M-L, 43". Vibrant blue with a veined white signal and a darker blue rim on both the standards and falls. It has pearly pale blue styles with an aqua wash and darker tips and edges. Tall upright stalks with 2 branches, 5 flowers, and a long period of bloom. HM'06 \$12.00

MISTRESS MOON - '06, M, 29". A small-flowered gem with silvery standards and smooth creamy-ochre falls. Yellow to gold signals are stitched in mauve and green, with a few blue-green to red-violet lines which flow onto the fall. Perfectly proportioned with good substance and simple lines. Lots of stalks \$20.00

NOT QUITE WHITE - '03, M and RE, 18". Full, round, ruffled form in a small flower with terrific substance. The flower appears white but is actually diamond dusted with pale lavender. White signals with pale green veining and tiny red-violet freckles near the hafts. 3 buds per stalk with repeat bloom..... \$8.00

OFF SHE GOES - '98, EM, '28. Large, lavender-pink flowers with a wide pale rim on the falls. It has ruffled style curls with a yellow glow and yellow and gold signals. Lots of big rolling ruffles. 3 or more buds and a long bloom time. \$6.00

ON HER TOES - '04, EM, 26". Gorgeous! Dappled lavender flowers with stunningly ruffled white edges. Full and flaring form. Flowers are just above the foliage, 1 to 2 branches with 4 buds. HM'07..... \$25.00

OVER THE RIVER - '01, M, 30". Nicely proportioned flowers create a gorgeous mass of bloom. A beautiful clean mid-blue, enhanced by small neat white signals. The plant is vigorous and floriferous - 2 branches, and 4 blooms per stalk \$10.00

PAINTED WOMAN - '07, EM, 27". The falls are red-violet in varying shades over yellow with lots of dappling and with heavily veined yellow signals that spread out onto the shoulders. Pearl standards are veined and washed in the fall color, and the fancy pearly styles are strongly underlaid with blue. A great bitone effect. 4 to 5 buds per stalk \$30.00

PENNYWHISTLE - '00, EM, 34". A lovely combination of old and new. Small, fluttery flowers with substance and simple shape. Blue and violet with delightful cream to gold signals. 7 blooms on tall airy stalks over short blue-green leaves. \$6.00

PLEASURES OF MAY - '95, E & RE, 30". Smooth lavender amoena of simple form with white signals and pearly white styles. Very early with repeat, extending the season. Vigorous, 4 to 6 buds. HM'99limited supply\$10.00

PLUM FROLIC - '01, M, 27". Color varies from red-violet through violet to blue-violet dappling and shading on a light blue ground. Decorative pale blue dappled styles are ruffled, curled and nearly upright. A powder blue flash illuminates the signal. Strong grower, 3 to 4 buds with repeat. HM'05..... \$8.00

PRETTY POLLY – '07, EM, 30". Soft! A pink self with yellow signals and flashes of blue in the styles. Flaring form with large and small ruffles. 5 or more buds per stalk, robust grower with nice separation between flowers and foliage \$28.00

RAINDROP MELODY - '03, M, 28". White to periwinkle with blue-violet freckles and dappling which is heaviest at the edge creating a plicata-like effect. Nicely ruffled flowers, good looking clump, 2 branches and 6 buds \$8.00

REEL CUTE - '07, M, 27". A profusion of bloom just above the foliage in shades of periwinkle blue – lighter in the standards and in the rims around the falls. Two-toned yellow signals are showy. The flower is lively with high shoulders and lovely curves and ruffles. 4 to 5 buds per stalk \$28.00

RIVERDANCE - '97, M, 40-45". Stunning rich blue flowers with large rolling ruffles, a sprinkling of white on the falls, and white wire edges on the falls and styles. Plentiful stalks with 4 to 5 buds each. Morgan Wood Medal '06..... \$10.00

ROARING JELLY - '92, M & RE, 36". Makes a magnificent clump! Falls dappled bright raspberry with pale lavender standards lightly dappled. Flowers full, round and slightly recurved. Strong repeat. Morgan-Wood Medal '99..... \$8.00

RUFFLED ROMP – '07, M, 30". Muted blue-violet flowers create an exuberant display with 7 well-ruffled flowers per stalk, held above the strong upright foliage. Light plays on pearly ornate styles and the pale edges of standards and falls making these flowers shine. Vigorous too..... \$25.00

ROLLING CLOUD - '00, E, 29". Large, wide, white flowers on a compact plant with 2 branches and 5 to 7 buds. Long season of bloom. Very early for a white. Heavy substance. Styles are upright with enlarged curls..... \$10.00

SAILOR'S FANCY - '91, M, 33". The falls are mid-blue-violet with somewhat lighter standards. It has lovely form with wide, flaring, softly ruffled falls \$6.00

SALAMANDER CROSSING - '99, E-L, 42". Small flowers are heavily speckled with lavender over pale yellow falls and whitish standards. It is tall with flowers held well above foliage, 7 blooms per stalk. AM '06..... \$8.00

SARAH TIFFNEY - '99, E-L, 36". Gently ruffled small flowers are washed and speckled with lavender rose over light yellow falls with golden yellow signals. Standards are pale lavender, simple styles are the same with buff yellow tips. 5 to 6 blooms per stalk. HM'03 \$8.00

SEA OF DREAMS - '00, EM and RE, 35". Light blue with diffused veining on the standards and darker veining on the falls which overlay a yellow wash. The signals are soft yellow. Style arms are light blue and aqua and semi-upright with very ruffled picotee edging. Tall and vigorous with 2 branches, 5 blooms per stalk and repeat bloom. HM'05..... \$10.00

SHIPS ARE SAILING - '98, M, 35". Nicely ruffled flowers in shades of blue. Pale blue standards and styles are matched by light rims on darker blue-violet falls. Handsome clumps, lots of bloom. Morgan-Wood Medal '07 \$10.00

SO VAN GOGH - '05, E, 30". The first bi-color siberian. Standards are blue-purple with darker veining. Falls are yellow, lighter at the edges and darker at the center, with purple veining. Styles are blue-purple with darker highlights. Small flowers with big clump performance - 5 buds..... \$20.00

SOUND AND SPIRIT – '07, M, 35". A statuesque plant with strongly vertical foliage. Standards are white, styles are soft yellow with darker tips, and falls have an orchid pink center with a diffused band of pale yellow around the edges. Yellow signals with deep golden hafts. Tailored form. 6 to 7 buds..... \$25.00

SPORTING CHANCE - '02, E-M, 26". A siberian with showy creamy/yellow variegation in the foliage. The variegation is unstable and changes from fan to fan. Very vigorous. Flowers are small, simple, blue-violet and white. Up to 6 blooms per stalk. Flowers are held above the decorative foliage..... \$15.00

SPRINGS BROOK - '88, M-L & RE, 40"(Warburton-Schafer/Sacks). Large attractive flowers. Standards and styles are pearly blue-violet. Dark blue-violet shoulders blend into light blue-violet falls. 7 buds, reliable repeat bloomer. AM'93 ... \$6.00

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL - '00, EM, 28". Yummy rose-pink with pale styles and unobtrusive white signals. The gently ruffled falls are slightly arched showing off the lovely color. Early, 4 to 5 buds per stalk, and a neat clump habit. HM'03. \$10.00

SUMMER REVELS - '99, M & RE, 28". Striking yellow bitone with good form. Blooms for a very long time either by extended bloom period or pause and repeat. Beautiful clump presentation. HM'03..... \$10.00

SUN COMES UP - '04, M, 25". A blending of soft blue and pale yellow with a warm sunrise signal. Full and round arching flowers on a full and round clump. Good grower, 1 to 2 branches, 4 flowers per stalk \$15.00

SUNFISHER - '03, EM, 28". A good yellow in a lovely, well-shaped flower. It is a bitone with light yellow standards and deeper yellow falls. Great clump effect with two branches and up to 7 flowers per stalk. Blooms nicely above the foliage \$15.00

SWEET LITTLE SUSIE - '01, EM, 22". Nice short habit makes it perfect for a smaller garden. Periwinkle blue flowers - lighter in the standards and deeper in the falls. Large cheerful white signals. Medium to small flowers have soft ruffles and arching form. 3 to 4 flowers per stalk \$8.00

SWEETS OF MAY – '06, VE, 23". Gorgeous red-orange spathes are followed by warm pink flowers with frilly light yellow and purple style arms. The color lightens after opening, but the spathes remain decorative during and after bloom. Yellow to gold signals with red veins. 5 buds \$30.00

TALL DARK AND HANDSOME – '07, M-L+RE, 43". Large rich purple flowers with ruby styles and large white and gold signals. The form is wide and open – the standards are almost horizontal. The fan shaped clump has very tall strong stalks with 5 buds held well above the foliage. Slight fragrance \$28.00

THREE HAND STAR - '01, M, 29". Elegant velvety deep purple falls have pale blue-violet edges and no signals. Pale purple standards and soft pearly blue styles light up the center of the flower. Flaring falls are full and wide. Blooms just above the foliage. 5 to 7 blooms per stalk..... \$10.00

TOM SCHAEFER - '00, M-L, 27". Fabulous bright yellow falls with pale yellow standards and styles. The form is simple and tailored. Four buds per stalk. AM'05.....\$8.00

TREE OF SONGS - '06, M, 31". Great garden plant with tall stems and a profusion of well-distributed smallish bright bitone yellow flowers. The shape is charming and simple with a touch of ruffling.....\$22.00

TRIM THE VELVET - '95, M, 40". Rich blue-purple self with velvety falls trimmed with a white edge. Tall and vigorous with four to six buds held high above the foliage. Each flower is gently ruffled. AM'01, AGM from BIS'02\$6.00

TURN A PHRASE - '00, E and RE, 36". Pale blue bitone with a wide dark blue rim on the falls. Standards are pale as are the styles which have a touch of dark blue edging. 6 to 7 buds and repeat bloom, one of our favorite garden plants \$12.00

UNCORKED - '02, E, 25". Not on the color wheel. The falls are yellow, overlaid with blue and have large, round deep yellow signals. Standards are paler blue over yellow. The pale blue styles have yellow tips. Depending on conditions, the flowers open in a range of tones. Usually the blue brightens as the flower ages. The vigorous clump has smallish flowers, 4 blooms per stalk, many stalks per clump. HM'05..... \$12.00

WATERFALL WALTZ - '06, M, 24". Luscious. Large, ruffled, bubbly blue self. Blue-green in the styles intensifies the blue. Green throat and white signal with thin blue lines. Four buds per stalk on a medium-sized plant..... \$22.00

WHITE AMBER - '01, E, 26". Wonderful unique coloring - pearly standards above yellow and pink blended falls which open pinker and finish more yellow. The nice petite flowers are held well above erect narrow foliage..... \$10.00

WORTH THE WAIT - '02, L and RE, 34". Like a blue Devil's Dream. The flowers are large, deeply saturated blue-violet with no visible signal except a bright blue flash. The flower has deep rolling curves. It blooms very late after many siberians have finished and then rewards your patience with substantial repeat bloom.....\$15.00

TOMAS TAMBERG SIBERIANS

*New this year.

AHRTALWEIN - '02, M, 35", Tetraploid. Light wine red with a white signal. Upright standards and semi-flaring falls contribute to the garden effect of this variety. Vigorous and fertile.... \$12.00

BERLINER OUVERTUERE - '01, E, 43", Tetraploid. This proud pale lavender siberian always flowers as the first named tetraploid variety in the Tamberg garden. The flowers are large with upright standards. Stems are held tall, strong and well-branched with up to five blooms per stalk..... \$10.00

BERLINER WELLE - '01, M, 32", Tetraploid. Extremely wide, ruffled falls and wide standards are presented in a flat flower of mid-blue and are accented by short, light blue stylearms. The falls show a diffused white signal and are edged with a white hairline. The stems have a branch and three blooms..... \$15.00

BERLIN PURPLE WINE - '93, M, 39", Tetraploid. Velvety deep wine-red flowers are large and well shaped. There is a bluish hue on the signal area. The stems are strong and upright and the plant is vigorous and floriferous. Fertile \$6.00

BERLIN RUFFLES - '93, M, 39", Tetraploid. Winner of the 1999 British Dykes Medal! Large, velvety and ruffled dark blue-violet flowers have a lovely hairline edge. Clean white signal with darker veining. Stems strong and upright, with 4 buds..... \$8.00

***BURGUNDERSAMT** - '07, M, 29.5", Tetraploid. Tomas' first introduction from the cross JEWELLED CROWN x SSTT315 (converted, a blackish wine red). Flowers are strongly ruffled with wider petals than those of the mother, and show a warm wine red color with a yellowish hue as well as a pronounced velvety surface. \$35.00

***ERSTE SAHNE** - SIB -Tetraploid, '05, 25.5", ML. Derived from a cross of VIEL CREME with a converted seedling from GELBE MÖVE x SILVER ILLUSION, these are the largest and widest flowers we have ever seen on a white Siberian iris. Strong stems can produce up to two side branches. In proportion to the size of the flowers the height is a bit short. However, planted in the foreground, this variety can produce an excellent clump effect. These flowers open with a cream white color and change to white in sunlight..... \$30.00

HELLBLAU IM ZENTRUM - '05, M, 28", Tetraploid. Very unusual patterning. The standards and wide falls are dark blue-violet with white mottling in the center of each. The appearance is of a very dark plicata with solid bands of color around the edges of each petal. Style arms are also pale blue. The name means "Light Blue in the Center" \$22.00

LUFTSCHLOSS - '01, M, 30", Tetraploid. Large sky blue flowers with a small white signal. The form is more flaring than many of Tomas' siberians. Vigorous and fertile, 1 branch \$12.00

NACHTGESANG - '01, M, 33", Tetraploid. NIGHT SONG. Large deep violet blue flowers with very dark veining and small white signals. Velvety texture and strong substance. Full and flaring form with upright standards. \$25.00

PRUSSIAN BLUE - '93, M, 34", Tetraploid. These beautiful wide and deeply ruffled flowers are a rich velvety blue. Strong well-branched stems. AM '93 (RHS)..... limited supply\$12.00

***RAUCHBLAU** - SIB -Tetraploid, '07, 35.5", M. A large flower derived from a cross between a mottled seedling, called "Milky Way seedling", and a pure white Tetra-Sibirica. Falls are ruffled and show a smoky blue color. Standards and style arms are of a lighter blue resulting in a special clump effect. The flower stems are strong and produce a branch. Vigorous and fertile. .. \$35.00

SILBERKANTE - '93, L, 29", Tetraploid. Dramatic flower - mid-blue, large, wide and ruffled with a white edge around each fall. Small greenish gold signal. Three flowers per stem; strong, upright, blue-green leaves..... \$8.00

SPACE FILLED - '97, M, 32", Tetraploid. Light to mid-blue flower of extra large size and good shape with upright standards. White and gold signal. Falls and standards are flushed with darker blue. Two branches on a strong plant..... \$6.00

STEPS IN BLUE - '00, M, 32", Tetraploid. A fresh color combination in a flaring tetraploid beauty. Mid-blue ruffled falls, light blue standards and blue-white style arms which sometimes have a turquoise hue. Upright stems..... \$8.00

TANZ NOCHMAL - '01, M & RE, 18-31", Tetraploid. Name means DANCE AGAIN. A large flowered medium blue with ruffled falls and standards. The form is particularly lovely. Flowers are held on many short, stout stems. Often produces reblooming spikes which are taller and better branched..... \$10.00

VIEL CREME - '01, M, 39", Tetraploid. This is Tomas' second light yellow/white tetraploid. The color of this large flowered and floriferous siberian makes a glamorous clump effect. Stems are tall and have 2 branches with up to 5 flowers..... \$10.00

VIEL SCHNEE - '90, M, 37", Tetraploid. Bright white with a small yellow signal. Upright standards and flaring falls. Strong and upright stems with up to two branches and four buds in the terminal. Vigorous and floriferous..... \$6.00

SPECIES

LOPHIRIS (The Crested Irises)

I. cristata - One of the few iris species that grow and bloom well in the shade. This native of eastern U.S. woodlands makes a great ground-cover. The height varies from 4" to 9". A May bloomer here. It is easy to grow and blooms heavily forming glorious mats of color. It appreciates a good mulch. After a hard frost in autumn, leaves turn brown and pull off easily.

'Alba' - A white selection of the species. A small, clean, and compact flower. The plant is quite vigorous and quickly forms large colonies. We grow it in the root zone of a large hemlock where it does very well.....Potted\$6.00

DICK REDFIELD - '05, 4", L, SPEC-*cristata* (Redfield by Schafer/Sacks). Exceptional clone with six falls ("double"). It appeared as a seedling in garden of Dick Redfield of CT. It is a rich purple with a bright white signal which has a very dark, almost black, halo. The frilly crests are yellow and white with lavender flecks on the side ridges. It is a vigorous grower, quite compact at four inches.....Potted \$20.00

'Edgar Anderson' - *I. cristata*. 6.5", E. Large flowered, tall and vigorous. A periwinkle blue self. The distinctive signal has a typical white area bordered by a darker blue-violet ring which diffuses into the falls. Crests are white with blue on the outside two crest tips and yellow in the valleys....Potted\$8.00

LITTLE JAY - '01, 4 1/2", SPEC-*cristata* (Schafer/ Sacks) Very blue, smallish flower. The usual yellow among the crests has been replaced by dark blue,. The crestring is heavy and deeply grooved.....Potted\$6.00

MOUNTAIN GIRL - Collected by Darrell Probst in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Different from most *cristatas* in that there is no yellow in the signal at all. A refreshing light blue-violet self with a clean white signal and blue-violet halo. The styles have lovely split curls on the tips. Vigorous.....Potted \$12.00

NAVY BLUE GEM - '98, 4", SPEC-*cristata* (Schafer/Sacks). Deep blue-violet with contrasting white signal area. Small flower with compact foliage, but vigorous. Covers itself with flowers in May. Previously sold by Laurie's Garden as *Cristata* 'Dark Violet' and by us as 'Navy Blue'. Our favorite *cristata*.....Potted\$6.00

POWDER BLUE GIANT - '97, 6-9", M, SPEC-*cristata* (Sam Norris). Collected by Sam Norris west of Litchfield, KY. Quite large for a *cristata* with flowers 3 1/2 inches across. A light blue-violet self which has deep crests with white tops and deep yellow underneath. Typical clean white signals with navy borders. Great grower. Founders of SIGNA Medal '05.....Potted.....\$6.00

SAM'S MINI - '06, 3.5", M, SPEC-*cristata* (Norris by Schafer/Sacks). Collected by Sam Norris in Olive Hill, Kentucky. Small flowers and diminutive foliage. Regardless of its size, it forms large dense mats with many bloomstalks. The flowers have a soft appearance. They are medium blue-violet with white signals and yellow and white crests with a slightly darker blue-violet halo.....Potted \$8.00

I. gracilipes - Requiring woodland conditions similar to *I. cristata*, this enchanting, delicate plant has lovely branching, foliage and bloom. Flowers are mid blue-violet with white signals striped violet and white crests, tipped orange. Taller than *I. cristata* with fine foliage that forms a tight clump. Native to Japan. Blooms here mid to late May...Potted\$10.00

***I. gracilipes alba* 'Buko' Form** - A tiny form of *gracilipes* with white flowers discovered on Buko San (Mountain) in Japan. A real treasure.....Potted.....\$8.00

I. lacustris - A diminutive relative of *I. cristata* from the Great Lakes. Its native soil is limestone, but it thrives in New England acid soil. Blue-violet with a yellow and white crest. It has good vigor in spite of its small size. Blooms a bit earlier than *Iris cristata*. On the CITES list and cannot be shipped overseas. Nursery propagated.....Potted.....\$8.00

I. lacustris alba - As above in white.....Potted.....\$8.00

CHINENSES:

I. koreana - *I. koreana* was collected along the west coast of South Korea by Darrell Probst in 1997. Until this collection, it had not been seen in the United States. This plant blooms in early to mid-May in Massachusetts. The foliage is semi-evergreen here. It thrives in a variety of garden situations, including full sun and semi-shade, ordinary to dry soil. For a small plant it has dramatic garden impact.

***I. koreana* #6** - The largest, tallest, and most vigorous clone we have. The glowing yellow flowers are 1 3/4" wide with a narrow brown halo on the falls surrounding three small ridges at the hafts. The stalks are 8 1/2" tall at bloom, with 2 flowers per stalk. After bloom the wide (1/2 inch) glossy foliage grows to an arching 12 inches.....Potted..... \$12.00

***I. koreana* #1** - Distinct from the clone above because it lacks the typical brown halo on the falls. It is pure yellow. Smaller than #6 in all respects.....limited supply.....Potted..... \$12.00

I. minutoaurea - Perfectly formed tiny yellow flowers grow at most 3" tall. While the species has a reputation for being reluctant to bloom, this clone from Barbara and David Schmieder is not. Slender glossy semi-evergreen foliage grows to 6" after blooming in May.....Potted..... \$12.00

***I. odaesanensis* 'Chollipo'** - Also from Darrell's 1997 trip to Korea. Pure white flowers, neat yellow signal with a narrow brown halo. The falls are horizontal and the standards are slightly raised. The flowers bloom at 8" with 2 or 3 per stem with many bloomstalks. Bright green semi-evergreen leaves here. Grows and flowers best for us in semi-shade, in ordinary garden soil which is not too wet.....Potted..... \$12.00

***I. odaesanensis* 'Chuwangsan #3'** - Another of Darrell's collections similar to the above, but without the typical brown signal halo. Very vigorous.....Potted..... \$10.00

VERNAE:

***I. verna* *smalliana* 'Alba'**- Native to southeastern U.S. woodlands. The glossy evergreen foliage is lovely and the plant is essentially clump forming. Blooms in May in New England. Similar in size and growing conditions to *I. cristata*. This plant has pure white flowers with gold spear-shaped signals, vigorous.....Potted.....\$8.00

BRUMBACK BLUE - '03, M, 4", SPEC-*verna* (Garden In The Woods by Schafer/Sacks). Named in honor of Bill Brumback - the long-time propagator at the New England Wildflower Society. A smooth light blue-violet self with a yellow-orange spear on white signal. It is lighter and bluer and more prolific than any other verna we grow.....Potted.....\$8.00

RUTHENICAE:

I. ruthenica is a charming, small plant native from Eastern Europe to China. It has medium to dark green leaves, forming a nice clump as lovely as any small ornamental grass. First iris to bloom after the reticulatas in spring.

'Red Form' - Blooms on 2 inch stalks with red-violet flowers and white signals veined in darker red-violet.....Potted.....\$8.00

GAMLIN BLUE - '98, 4-6", SPEC-*ruthenica* (Gamlin). Deep blue-violet self with a sparkling white signal, veined blue-violet. Can repeat bloom 2 or 3 weeks after the initial bloom and again later in the summer.....Potted.....\$8.00

TRIPETALAE:

TOURIST - '03, M, 22", SPEC-*setosa*. (Schafer/Sacks). One of the most well traveled species - native to Alaska, China, Russia, Japan and the coast of Maine. This fine selection has tiny bristles for standards, violet falls and yellow rather than white signals. Superb branching - 7 to 8 buds..... \$8.00

I. tridentata - A native of wetlands in the southeastern U.S. from Florida to North Carolina, yet it is thoroughly hardy in Massachusetts and grows in a wide variety of soil conditions. This species has very small standards, medium blue-violet falls with white and yellow signal patches, and style crests that curl back nicely upon the style arms. Bloom occurs here on 12-18" slender stems in July. Stoloniferous..... \$7.00

SIBIRICAE:

CAITLIN'S SMILE - '04, VE, 33", SPEC-*typhifolia* (Waddick by Morley). An outstanding clump with strong straight stems, narrow upright foliage and very early bloom. Flowers are blue-violet with darker veining. Upright standards, styles flat and simple. Good buds and branching..... \$10.00

FORWARD AND BACK - '02, M, 34", SPEC-*sibirica* (Schafer/Sacks). Small-flowered with periwinkle standards and mid-blue-violet falls. Large white signals are veined in dark blue. 6 to 9 blooms per stalk including 5 in the terminal and up to 3 branches. Flowers well above the delicate foliage..... \$8.00

LAEVIGATAE:

I. ensata is the species name of the famous Japanese Iris.

R. GISKARD - '00, 60", SPEC-*ensata* (Steve Smith). Outstandingly tall and vigorous. Broad violet falls and small, upright, nicely-formed standards. The narrow yellow signal begins with a blue flush. Good branching and bud count. An unbeatable garden specimen. HM'04..... \$7.00

I. versicolor is a North American wildflower found from SE Canada through the northern Midwest to North Carolina and throughout the NE United States. In the wild it grows in wet meadows, marshes, highway drainage ditches, and even on sandy beaches where there is running fresh water. Though it is a member of the series *Laevigatae* and is called a "water iris", it does not require constant moisture and can thrive in conditions similar to siberians. One of its best features is the generous amount of bloom on gracefully curved stems with charming bud placement. The foliage can be a bit coarse late in the season.

BETWEEN THE LINES - '91, 22", SPEC-*versicolor* (Schafer/Sacks). The flowers have a white ground with violet blue veining, but the overall effect is light blue. Yellow signal and prominent green throat. The pearly styles have a violet midrib. Founders of SIGMA Medal '01..... \$7.00

CANDYSTRIPER - '91, 25", SPEC-*versicolor* (Warburton). Delicate rose-pink lines and veins on a white ground. Styles are pearly with a pink stripe on the midribs and have rose highlights on the curls. Great clump. Founders of SIGMA Medal '02..... \$7.00

CAT MOUSAM - '85, 36" (Warburton). A collected *versicolor* from the Maine Turnpike at Cat Mousam overpass. Large flowers in the typical "blue flag" coloring. Warm violet falls and standards with darker veining, white signal with violet veins and a small spear of yellow. There are numerous flowers on a large, robust plant..... \$7.00

EPIC POEM - '04, 26", SPEC-*versicolor* (Schafer/Sacks). Blooms from one end of the season to the other. Extremely well branched. Lovely smooth pale blue flowers with white signals and stylearms. Medium sized flowers on a plant that is large and vigorous \$10.00

LIGHT VERSE - '04, 19", SPEC-*versicolor* (Schafer/Sacks) A petite plant with a small sweet flower - light blue-violet with darker all-over veining and neat white signals. Nicely proportioned with small standards and flared falls. Good stalk carriage and bud count. Long succession of bloom \$12.00

MINT FRESH - '83, 22" (Warburton). White ground with heavy magenta-red veining. The pearly styles are ribbed magenta and the crests are edged and veined in red. Strong grower and good sized plant..... \$7.00

MYSTERIOUS MONIQUE - '92, 36" (Knoepfadel). Outstanding! Falls very deep velvety violet, almost black. The signals have yellow spears surrounded generously with white. Standards are reddish violet, styles the same with white wings and violet curls \$12.00

PARTY LINE - '88, 18" (Warburton). Superb garden plant! Smooth violet-rose self with darker veining. Styles pure white with a narrow line of rose at the midrib. Signal pale yellow changing to white with dark red-purple veining. AM'95, runner-up Founders of SIGNA Medal '02 \$7.00

PINK PEAKS - '88, 14" (Schafer/Sacks). Lavender-pink. Each standard has a distinct "peak". Styles have white curls on each tip, white signals are veined dark pink. AM'95.. \$10.00

VERSICLE - '98, 15", SPEC-*versicolor* (Schafer/Sacks). Darling small white flowers. White styles have a yellow heart and small neat yellow signals have faint stitching. Wonderful form - round, flaring and arching. A nice clump with stalks carried inside and out. AM'07..... \$7.00

WHODUNIT - '87, 25" (Warburton). White flowers are heavily veined with medium blue-violet. More white shows through veining at signal area. Lovely flower. Long flowering..... \$7.00

PRISMATICAE: *Iris prismatica* is an eastern US native which is stoloniferous with delicate leaves, stems, and flowers. It prefers moist sandy soil, but manages in ordinary garden soil. Blooms here in mid-June. We like to grow it among ground covers where it can wander happily.

SUMMER AZURE - '01, 18", SPEC-*prismatica* (Schafer/Sacks). A unique powder blue self. White blended signals with undertones of green.....Potted.....\$8.00

SPURIAE: Advanced spuria cultivars do not bloom well in our garden. However, this species is a perfect plant for New England.

GEORGIAN DELICACY - '98, 30" SPEC-*spuria* ssp. *carthaliniae* (Schafer/Sacks). Light blue standards which are upright, quilled and ruffled. Paler blue falls have long (2"!), narrow hafts. Nice rose fragrance. It is vigorous and forms a large clump..... \$8.00

ENSATAE: The series for *I. lactea*, a very tough species from central and eastern Asia. Drought tolerant and salt resistant.

REDUNDANT - '02, M and RE, 22" SPEC-*lactea* (Schafer/Sacks) Covered with bloom in May for two to three weeks and then in June it blooms again. The blue-green foliage is lovely all season. Flower is lavender blue with lighter falls than standards, delicate white signal with self veining.....Potted.....\$10.00

TOUGH COOKIE - '06, M, 14" SPEC-*lactea* (Schafer/Sacks). A white *I. lactea* named for the toughness of its species. It has tough, deep roots and makes a clump which can be left in place to bloom year after year. The flowers are pure white with apple green markings. 4 buds in the terminal...Potted... \$12.00

INTER-SPECIES HYBRIDS

DREI QUELLEN - '05, 39", SPECX (Tamberg). A wine red tetraploid SIB crossed with a tetraploid *I. typhifolia*. Large flowers, dark violet blue with a white signal. Extremely vigorous. It has up to 5 flowers per stalk, is early flowering, and repeats ... \$20.00

FLOATING CANDLES - '03, 25", SPECX-sibirica hybrid (Schafer/Sacks). Small, delicate, yellow amoena with tiny red-violet dots and veins on its smooth gold signal. Classic form - tall white upright standards, small horizontal white styles, and pendant yellow falls. Narrow foliage topped by taller flower stems. HM'07 \$8.00

***SAHNEHAEBCHEN** - '05, 29.5", SPEC-X (Tamberg). Derived by back-crossing a lavender Tetra-Sibtosa to the lavender-pink siberian LADY LILAC. The contrast between the wide pink to lavender falls and the near white standards and style arms is especially strong. The falls are beautifully ruffled. Blooms mid-season with the siberians. Sterile \$30.00

SIBTOSA DUCHESS - '02, 36", SPECX (Tamberg). This 3/4-1/4 Sibtosa hybrid (Tetra-Sibtosa) has tall stems and up to 6 strong lavender-pink flowers. Standards and styles are near white. The intensity and the contrast of colors are unusual. The falls are full and nicely ruffled. Vigorous and floriferous \$10.00

SIBTOSA PRINCESS - '98, 36", SPECX (Tamberg). Also a Tetra Sibtosa. Vigorous and floriferous with handsome lavender-pink falls and pale standards. Nearly sterile. Striking clump. Randolph-Perry Medal '07 \$8.00

DARK AURA - '86, 42", SPECX *xrobusta* (Hewitt). This hybrid from *I. virginica* and *I. versicolor* has stunning dark purple foliage in the spring. Flowers are dark red-violet with light yellow signals edged white with darker veins. The bloom stalks are intense black. Worth growing for the foliage alone \$10.00

Iris X NORRISII (formerly X PARDANCANDA)

The changes we have been expecting in the taxonomy of Pardancandas have been made – they are now 100% irises! The new name is *Iris xnorrisii*. These are hybrids between *Iris dichotoma* (formerly *Pardanthopsis dichotoma* or The Vesper Iris) and *Iris domestica* (formerly *Belamcanda chinensis* or The Blackberry Lily). Sam Norris of Kentucky was the first to make this cross.

The cultivars we offer are all from the breeding program of Darrell Probst. All of his plants have been selected for hardiness (Zone 5), color, form of flower, branching and bud count, and for being outstanding garden plants. These are not seed strains.

These plants are quite different in appearance from most irises. Nevertheless, they have rhizomes and leaf fans and flowers in three parts. They like lots of sun, resent wet soil, and need regular dividing. They are drought tolerant and do not mind the extreme heat of the south. Their growing needs are very similar to bearded irises. We will send special cultural instructions.

Pardancandas bloom from July through August in Massachusetts, each variety for about three to four weeks. The flowers are small, open for only one day, and they are produced in profusion. The tall strong stalks can have as many as 45 spathes (bud placements), with 6 to 10 buds in each of these.

Some characteristics to take note of in the descriptions are flower form (some are "iris-type" and some "intermediate" between *I. dichotoma* and *Iris domestica*) and the time of day when flowers open. Some open in the morning like *I. domestica* and some open in the afternoon like *I. dichotoma*. If you work during the day the late openers are perfect for you, but if you're home all day you might want to try both.

THREE NEW INTRODUCTIONS *

***BOUNTIFUL BLUSH** – '08, 35", SPEC-X (Probst). Earliest in the season to bloom of all our pards. Pale pink standards have a darker wash in the center, pale pink falls are spotted, speckled and dashed with soft red-orange. Styles are cream with pale orange midribs. Open from 1:30pm to 7pm. Iris type. About 300 buds per stalk. Strong wide foliage..... \$20.00

BUTTERFLY MAGIC - '02, 44", SPEC-X (Probst). Red-purple self with showy white signals with dark violet dots. Intermediate. About 200 blooms per stalk. Open from 3pm until dark ... \$15.00

HEART OF DARKNESS - '02, 46", SPEC-X (Probst). Royal purple self with redder highlights and very dark signals. The styles are light purple-violet with darker midribs. Intermediate. 200-250 blooms per stalk. Open from 10am to 5:30pm .. \$15.00

***CHERRY PIE** – '08, 39", M, SPEC-X (Probst). Fabulous color. Standards are pink with a reddish flush up from yellowish hafts. The falls have a pink ground and pale yellow signal which are covered with cherry red markings. The styles are yellow with orange to red midribs and reddish-pink tips. Iris type. Opens at 2 pm and remains open until dark. Over 300 blooms per stalk. After the flower opens the falls tuck. A great breeder..... \$20.00

***PINK LEOPARD** – '08, 49", M, SPEC-X (Probst). Tall stems are loaded with flowers producing a great display. Standards and falls are pink. The falls have a large creamy yellow signal area which is heavily dotted, dashed, flecked and veined in orange giving the whole flower a peachy-pink appearance. The pale orange style arms add to this with a bright orange midrib. Clean blue-green foliage has a white line at the edge. Open from 10am to 6:30pm. Intermediate to iris type. Over 300 blooms per stalk..... \$20.00

SPOOKY WORLD - '02, 52", SPEC-X (Probst). The signals on this lavender flower give it the spooky appearance. Yellow underneath with dark purple to brown markings make you feel like the "eyes" are looking at you. Iris-type. Magnificent branching with about 400 blooms per stalk. Open from 4 pm until dark.....limited supply..... \$20.00

PRIMROSES

Primula Section Primula

Primula xpolyantha

These are the familiar primroses of English cottage gardens. Our introductions have been selected for hardiness, perennality, sturdy stems and prolific bloom. All are grown in the ground in Massachusetts, a cold zone 5, and have survived open as well as snow-covered winters. They prefer well drained, somewhat moist soil in partial shade. Our three listings are all polyanthus primroses, which are hybrids involving several species. They bloom for us in May and are great companions to *Iris cristata* and even SDB's.

'Cherry Pinwheel' - Large fluffy flowers on 8" stalks with at least 10 flowers per stalk. Each flower is deep cherry at the outer edge and lightens toward the center. The "eye" or "central patch" (or signal to an irisarian) is a five pointed bright yellow star surrounded by white. Thrum.* As a clump it glows.
.....Potted.....\$8.00

'Radical Red' - Deep rich velvety red flower with no signal or eye - just a narrow rim of yellow. (This type is called Cowichan.) The 7 inch stems and calyx are reddish, the foliage is deep green. Nine or more flowers per stalk. Thrum.* Blooms early in the poly season. Yum.....Potted.....\$8.00

'Spring Pastels' - Each flower opens cream to pale yellow, then deepens to a peachy pink and finishes rosy pink. The result is a pastel palette of many colors all blooming at once. The signal ties the clump together with a soft edged yellow star. Stalks are 9 inches with at least 7 flowers per stalk. Pin.* Lovely sweet fragrance.....Potted.....\$8.00

Primula Section Cortusoides

Primula sieboldii

These less well known primula are native to Siberia and Japan (These are not the water-loving candelabra types often called "Japanese Primroses"). *Primula sieboldii* are mat forming, producing large vigorous clumps which are covered with flowers here in May for three to four weeks. They are quite easy to grow. After bloom they often go completely dormant, and the foliage disappears. However they return dependably each spring. We grow them in both sun and shade. In warmer areas they would need more shade.

In Japan *P. sieboldii* are called Sakurasoh (Cherry Blossom plant) and there is a society devoted to them alone. The color patterns and petal forms vary tremendously. Two petal shapes are important to note - those with smooth edges which we call phlox-type, and those with notched edges which we call lace-type. Also important is the color of the reverse of the flower as this is often part of the show.

Please note: Heights of primroses vary as bloom progresses and depend on light conditions. These are mid-bloom estimates.

*The fertility of primroses is complicated (called heterostyly), but generally one needs a pin and a thrum to make a successful pollination. Either form can be used as the pollen or pod parent.

'Felicity' - A phlox-type with wonderful shading - the deeply sanded magenta star in the center diffuses onto the light petal lobes. The reverse is a smoother light pink magenta. Nine inches tall with 11 flowers per stem. Pin.* A charmer.
.....Potted.....\$8.00

'Glorious' - Large pure white flowers are wide and smooth-edged with an apple green glow inside the tube. Strong ten inch stems have 14 or more flowers. Thrum.* This plant is true to its name.....Potted.....\$8.00

'Ice Princess' - In a *Primula sieboldii* world filled with magenta, this flower is considered "blue". The heavily lace-edged flowers are a contrast between the light lavender-blue-to-white face and the darker lavender-blue reverse. Very floriferous with many sturdy ten inch stems carrying 14 or more flowers. Thrum.*
.....Potted.....\$8.00

'Lacy Lady' - Like a snowflake with a magenta picotee edge. The dark reverse is attractively displayed by the bowl shaped flowers. Stalks are nine inches tall with 14 to 15 flowers each. Pin.*.....Potted.....\$10.00

'Late Snow' - A nicely cut white lace-type with a white reverse and a dash of purple on the tube. Selected from a bevy of white laces for its superior strong stems. Nine inches tall, eleven flowers per stem. Pin.* Covers itself with bloom.
.....Potted.....\$8.00

'Peach Blossom' - This flower is "Umi-zaki" with very cupped petal edges. The petite flowers are shaded from inside out - with a faint white ring around the central star, followed by a wider band of soft magenta blending into the lighter, cupped petals. A compact plant with 10 or more flowers on strong seven inch stems. Pin.*Potted.....\$8.00

'Rock Candy' - Our first sieboldii introduction - rich carmine rose with a small white eye. The flowers have semi-frilly edges - a simple lace-type. Eight inches tall with 10 flowers per stalk. A compact clump with an abundance of stalks. Pin.* Its first garden spot was up against a large rock - hence the name.
.....Potted.....\$8.00

'Smooch' - Glows from across the garden - clean white and pink front with deeper reverse. Each phlox-type flower is semi-cupped (the Japanese call this Asagakae-zaki or dish type) creating a stunning clump with contrasting play of white and pink. Strong 9" stems with 12 or more flowers held all around the stem. Pin.*Potted.....\$8.00

'Sparkler' - Bright magenta lace-type flower with distinctive irregular white edges and stunning white central star. The flowers are smallish but plentiful. More than 12 per 10" stem and the pedicels are short and strong - holding up well in the rain. Thrum.* Jazzy.....Potted.....\$8.00