## Joe Pye Weed's Garden



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# 2015 INTRODUCTIONS

### CARNIVALITO - SIBERIAN. Schafer/Sacks (Seedling No. S08-16-10), 28", M.

## JOYOUS RUFFLES - SIBERIAN. Schafer/Sacks (Seedling No. S08-32-11A), 22", M-L.

## OLIVE EMERSON - SIBERIAN. Schafer/Sacks (Seedling No. S08-38-1), 16", EM.

### SUGAR SPRITE - SIBERIAN. Schafer/Sacks (Seedling No. S08-45-1), 18", M-L.

## THEME AND VARIATION - SIBERIAN. Schafer/Sacks (Seedling No. S07-41-14), 29", M.

The theme is blue overlaid on yellow, and the variation is larger, fuller flowers and stunning arrangement of colors. The bright yellow falls are edged with a blue wash and embellished with fine navy blue lines. Standards and styles are a play of soft blue and yellow. Stalks have two branches with a total of five buds. Flowers are held well above the foliage. Sib to Lime Street Blues. Tipped In Blue X Mission Bay......\$35.00

#### WYNNE MAGNOLIA - SIBERIAN. Schafer/Sacks (Seedling No. S08-95-10), 26", EM.

### I. odaesanensis

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A lavender tint on the usually white *I. odaesanensis*.

See description in the Species Section under *Chinenses*.......\$22.00

### I. xnomisii:

## AUGUST AFFAIR - '15, SPEC-X-pardancanda. Schafer/Sacks.

Our latest Pardancanda introduction.

#### SIBTOSA:

**HAPPY TRAVELER** – '15, SPEC-X-Siberian x setosa. Schafer/Sacks.

Great vigor in this interspecies hybrid.

See description in the Inter-Species Section .......\$25.00

## ORDERING INFORMATION

Thank you to all of our customers. Visitors are welcome to our garden during iris bloom, though in 2015 we will be away for the Siberian and Species Convention in Portland, Oregon from May 23 to May 26. Peak Siberian bloom varies from May 20 to June 10. You can contact us in early May to find out how this year is going. Pardancandas bloom from mid-July well into August. Remember to come in the mid to late afternoon for Pardancanda viewing. If you can't come to visit the garden, please visit our website where you can see multiple photos of many irises including clump shots and color variations.

Unless noted as "potted", all plants are freshly dug and **SHIPPED BARE ROOT**. These plants are from lined-out divisions. For siberians we guarantee to send a plant with at least three fans, though often they are larger. The potted plants will arrive in 2½ inch pots. Primroses will only be shipped in the Spring.

SHIPPING DATES: Please circle on the order form when you want shipment. There are three spring dates (April 13, 20, and 27) and three summer dates (August 17, August 31, September 14). 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. We do not recommend spring shipment for areas whose spring is much more advanced than ours, unless you have had good experience with this method. Primroses will only be shipped in the Spring.

All shipping (except foreign) will be by Priority Mail. Please add \$9 for 1-5 plants, \$10 for 6-10 plants, \$11 for 11-15 plants, and \$12 for over 15 plants. (MA residents must add 6.25% sales tax.) Foreign customers - please contact us about special handling as well as additional charges for postage and phytosanitary certificate.

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

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## SCHAFER/SACKS SIBERIANS

**BANISH MISFORTUNE** - '99, E-L, 45". Reminiscent of *I.sibirica* with fuller form and subtle coloring. Mid-lavender-blue with large yellow to cream signals, veined deep purple. Tailored form. Outstanding clump with tall strong stalks and six to seven buds per stalk. Morgan-Wood Medal'11.....\$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. Blooms early and long with five or more blooms per stalk. Vigorous. Forms a very large clump. HM'04 ......\$8.00

**BERRIES AND CREAM** - '08, M, 25". A reverse amoena! Blueviolet standards and styles contrast with creamy veined falls. Small flowers with simple form and flaring falls. Five to six buds per stalk which are held nicely above the foliage. AM'13 .\$12.00

**BRIGHT AND EASY** - '12, M & RE, 32". A large and blousy flower, washed and veined in shades of warm-violet with paler standards. The diamond shaped styles are ruffled, pale blue-violet with raised aqua-blue midribs and red-violet trim. Makes an easy growing, broad clump with stalks carrying five to eight buds. Bud count is especially high on repeat bloom.......\$18.00

**BUTTERSCOTCH FIZZ** -'13, 32", M. Like a fountain bubbling with light orange flowers. The standards are cream with hints of yellow, the styles and falls are gold with hints of orange – all with a few speckles. Harmonious signal. Vigorous like its red sibling Paprikash, yet taller and more full figured. Many flower stalks. One to two branches and up to six buds .......\$28.00

**CAPE COD BOYS** - '09, M & RE, 27". Large, wide, blousy flowers in dappled shades of blue-violet with charming yellow signals, often with darker rims around the falls. A long bloomer, from mid to late season and often repeating. Vigorous grower. HM'12......\$20.00

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 semi-upright styles with large curls; and lovely yellow sunrise signals. 3 to 4 buds per stalk and repeat bloom. Morgan-Wood Medal'03.......\$8.00

CHARMING BILLY - '04, M, 25". Strong, bold colors - deep redviolet 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. AM'11...\$12.00

**CINNAMON SUGAR** - '10, M, 24". Falls are smooth chocolate pink. Standards and styles are pale violet to cream, with a glow of yellow at the edges. Deep yellow signals. Prolific bloom, compact clump. Small to medium flowers, 4 to 6 buds per stalk. Strong neat foliage. HM'14......\$20.00

**COLONEL MUSTARD** -'13, 20", M. Falls open a rich mustard with light, warm yellow standards. The standards are held open to reveal lavender veining and a warm glow of haft markings in the heart of the flower. Not to be outdone, the styles are light yellow with wide purple bars along the midribs. The plant is short, and the flowers have great substance. There are three or four buds per stalk with a slow succession of bloom .........\$28.00

**COUNTESS CATHLEEN** - '97, M, 30". Pale blue falls blend into clean white signals with dark blue veining. Darker shoulders accentuate the veining. Pearly standards. Small frilly ruffles throughout. Four to five buds. HM'01 ......\$8.00

**CREAM OF TOMATO** - '11, E, 23". This is a small flower with light coral pink standards and darker falls. Signals are bright yellow and styles arms pale yellow. The fall color will be deeper in the north and likely paler in the south, as is true of many overlays. The form is simple, neither wide nor narrow, with soft ruffles. Upright stalks with one branch and four buds, reddish spathes, strong foliage. A good grower. HM'14.................\$30.00

**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, four buds. Good repeat ......\$8.00

**DROWSY MAGGIE** - '02, M, 26". Purple over yellow coloring creates a smoky look which has a sophisticated appeal. The signal appears as subtle yellow speckles. Medium sized clump, with three to four blooms per stalk ..................................\$8.00

- **HEAD START** '11, VE, 22". Very early. Light yellow flowers with bright yellow signals and a touch of brown speckling. A heavy bloomer with up to two branches and six buds per stalk, and delicate thrifty foliage. A good grower......\$15.00
- **HONEY CHIC** -'12, EM, 28". Yellow standards and styles shimmer above golden honey falls. Long slender hafts have orange trim. A lot of color, form and substance for a small, airy flower. Five buds per stalk and a sweet fragrance ...........\$22.00
- **HOT SKETCH** '08, M, 24". Unique color. Standards and styles are pale lavender with veins and washes of red-violet. Falls are a combination of yellow and red forming a glowing rich brick or deep coral color. Yellow signals and blue midribs on the styles jazz things up even more. Medium sized flowers are presented just above the foliage, three to four buds. HM'11 .............\$20.00.
- **HUMORS OF WHISKEY** -'07, M, 29". Yummy color. Pale violet standards sit above falls that open a pinky gold brown which lightens over time to a golden buff with pink undertones and gold rims. Hafts are reddish gold. Styles are light yellow with golden tips. Great clump, five to seven buds. AM'12. ......\$15.00
- **JERRY MURPHY** '08, E-M, 30.5". In honor of our friend Jerry Murphy. A brownish amoena. Falls have a pale apricot ground covered by various shades and amounts of red-violet stippling and blending. Standards and styles are creamy with light gold trim. The colors vary. Gorgeous green foliage lasts late into the Fall. Blooms a long time with four to five buds. HM'11 .... \$15.00
- JOLLY YOUNG MAN -'13, 29", M. This is a happy iris. Bright shades of blue are enriched by the clean white and yellow signals. Short styles and long hafts give the signals prominence. Aqua styles make the flower seem even bluer. Carefree ruffles give it boyish good looks. Medium flowers. One to two branches with four to six buds per stalk. Great upright foliage ........\$20.00
- **JUST CRUISING** '01, EM, 33". Generously ruffled light yellow bitone. Large decorated pearly styles have darker yellow curls and midribs. Sweet fragrance. An impressive clump, four buds per stalk. Blooms just above the foliage. HM'04.....\$8.00
- KISS THE GIRL '04, M, 27". A bright yellow bitone with deep yellow falls and lighter standards. Flowers have nice ruffles and sweet fragrance. The stalks have one to two branches carrying four lively flowers well above the foliage it blooms up a storm. The star of our garden every year. HM'07......\$8.00

- **MISTER PEACOCK** '03, M-L, 43". Vibrant blue with a veined white signal and a darker rim. 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 \$10.00
- MY LITTLE SUNSHINE '10, E-M, 15". Small but very bright yellow and white flowers make a big statement. Blooms a long time. Three to four buds per stalk. Often shorter than fifteen inches. Cute!......\$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. Three buds per stalk with repeat bloom ..............\$8.00

- **OVER THE RIVER** '01, M, 30". A beautiful clean mid-blue, enhanced by small neat white signals. Nicely proportioned flowers create a mass of bloom. The plant is vigorous and floriferous two branches, and four blooms per stalk.......\$8.00
- **PAPRIKASH** '12, M, 20". At their best the falls are glowing orangey red. At other times they are more red than orange, and at their palest they are dappled light red on pale buffy orange. Deep yellow signals are veined in red. Standards are paler with less dappling. Styles are light apricot with hints of red-violet. Though almost a dwarf and small flowered, this is the most vigorous iris we grow. Four buds per stalk .......\$25.00
- **PEACE OF SKY** '14, M, 29". Tranquility itself. Soft light blue flowers with white signals and gently rolling ruffles, presented in a harmonious clump. The flowers are displayed at multiple levels making it perfect in the landscape. Many stalks with two branches and four to five buds .......\$30.00
- **PENNYWHISTLE** '00, EM, 34". A lovely combination of old and new. Small, fluttery flowers with good substance and simple shape are blue and violet with delightful cream to gold signals. 7 blooms on tall airy stalks over short blue-green leaves......\$8.00
- POMEGRANATE PUNCH -'10, EM, 23". A richly colored iris which is a blend of yellow and red purple with orangey highlights on sunny days. The falls have a felty texture, nicely flaring with soft and rolling ruffles. The styles are ornamented with small ruffles and dark red picotee edges. Medium sized flowers are held just above the wide and erect foliage. Three buds present a nice succession of bloom. HM'13......\$28.00
- **PRETTY POLLY** -'07, EM, 30". Soft! A pale pink self with yellow signals and flashes of blue in the styles. Flaring form with large and small ruffles. Five or more buds per stalk with nice separation between flowers and foliage. Extremely robust grower and heavy bloomer......\$8.00
- 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. Plenty of stalks with four to five buds each. Morgan Wood Medal '06 ......\$8.00
- **ROARING JELLY** '92, M & RE, 36". A magnificent clump! Falls dappled bright raspberry on pale lavender. Standards paler and lightly dappled. Flowers full, round and slightly recurved. Strong repeat. Morgan-Wood Medal '99......\$8.00

- **SANDY RIVER BELLE** '11, EM, 36". Great display. Before bloom each spathe is washed with rose. The flowers open a warm yellowish pink, created by all over speckles of red-violet on a pale yellow ground. As the speckles lighten the color moves to a sandy pink. The paler standards and styles are a touch more purple. Large flowers with flaring form and a few nice ruffles. The plant is full and wide, many stalks presented in a succession of bloom with two branches and up to five buds. HM'14..\$22.00
- 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. A handsome clump with lots of bloom. Morgan-Wood Medal '07......\$8.00
- **SILVER GIRL** '12, M, 26". Full round ruffled flowers are a silvery lavender-blue with wispy periwinkle veins and a small white signal. The clump is great round and covered with bloom. Two branches, with four to five buds per stalk ..... \$25.00
- **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 show five buds. Morgan-Wood Medal'12....... \$15.00

- **SUNFISHER** '03, EM, 28". A good sunfast yellow in a lovely, well-shaped flower. A bitone with light yellow standards and deeper yellow falls. Great clump effect with two branches and up to seven flowers per stalk. Blooms nicely above the foliage\$8.00
- **SWEETS OF MAY** -'06, VE, 23". 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. Five buds ...... \$15.00

**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 five buds held well above the foliage. Slight fragrance. HM'11......\$15.00

**TIPPED IN BLUE** - '10, M-L, 23". A very happy flower-child of So Van Gogh. A yellow and light blue-violet bicolor. Small sweet flowers, very erect fine-textured foliage, four blooms per stalk which are held well above the foliage......\$20.00

**TREE OF SONGS** - '06, M, 31". Great garden plant with tall stems and a profusion of smallish bright yellow flowers. The form is charming with a touch of ruffling. Two branches with four buds per stalk. Morgan-Wood'14......\$10.00

**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 large flower is gently ruffled. AM'01, AGM from BIS'02.....\$8.00

**UNCORKED** - '02, E, 25". Not on the color wheel. Falls are yellow overlaid with blue and have large, round deep yellow signals. Standards are paler blue over yellow. Pale blue styles have yellow tips. Depending on conditions, flowers open in a range of tones. The vigorous clump has smallish flowers, four blooms per stalk and produces many stalks. AM'09 .........................\$10.00

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. Three or more buds per stalk. \$8.00

## 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 groundcover. A May bloomer here. It is easy to grow and blooms heavily forming glorious mats of color.

DASH IT ALL - '13, 5", M, SPEC-cristata (Schmieder).

**DICK REDFIELD** - '05, 4", L, SPEC-*cristata* (Redfield by Schafer/Sacks). Exceptional clone with six rich purple falls. Bright white signals have almost black halos. Frilly crests are yellow and white with lavender flecks on the side ridges. Quite compact at 4". HM'10 ..........Potted............\$15.00

**HIDDEN MYSTERY -** '09, 5", M, SPEC-*cristata* (Probst). Collected in S.Carolina. Unlike most *cristata*, the rhizomes of this plant spread below ground like *I. japonica*. Also like its kin *I. wattii*, the flowering fans have "canes", although on a very miniature scale. A new variation of *I. cristata* 

LITTLE JAY - '01, 4 1/2", SPEC-cristata (Schafer/Sacks) Lovely medium blue flowers are marked with clean white and blue signals and crests. No yellow in the crests strengthens the blue effect. Forms a large pool of color.................................\$8.00

#### MONTROSE WHITE - '10, 6", EM, SPEC-cristata

(Schafer/Sacks). Originally from Nancy Goodwin at Montrose Nursery. It is uniquely large among the many cristata albas we grow - almost 3 inches across. Strong plant...*Potted.......* \$8.00

**MOUNTAIN GIRL** – '07, 5", SPEC-*cristata* (Probst) Collected in the Blue Ridge Mts. A refreshing light blue self with a clean white signal (no yellow) and darker blue halo. The styles have lovely split curls on the tips. Vigorous......*Potted*.............\$8.00

**COBBLEWOOD CHARM** – '08, 8", M, SPEC-gracilipes (Probst) A fabulous clump of soft periwinkle flowers decorated with a diffused red-violet star in the center of the styles. The soft appearance comes from the falls which have a white ground covered with heavy periwinkle veining rather than the solid coloring of the typical form. HM'12.....Potted......\$12.00

#### CHINENSES:

FIREFLY SHUFFLE - '11, 6-8", M, SPEC-koreana (Probst) *I. koreana* was collected in 1997 along the west coast of South Korea by Darrell Probst. 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, preferring semi-shade, and ordinary to dry soil. Darrell selected this one for its heavy bloom every year and its consistent increase. A typical yellow koreana with a sharp and distinct brown halo.

*I. odaesanensis* 'Chollipo' – Another iris from Darrell's trip to Korea. This clone comes from the Chollipo Botanical Garden. Pure white flowers with neat yellow signals and narrow brown halos. The flowers bloom at 8" with 2 or 3 per stem with many bloomstalks Bright green semi-evergreen leaves here in Massachusetts. Grows and flowers best for us in semi-shade, in ordinary garden soil which is not too wet... *Potted.....* \$12.00

#### **VERNAE:**

*Iris verna* is a south-eastern U.S. native of woodlands, enjoying similar conditions to *Iris cristata*. It is perpectly hardy in Massachusetts. Low gowing with glossy green foliage.

I. verna 'Alba' - This plant has pure white flowers with gold spear-shaped signals, vigorous. It came to us from Dick Redfield......not available for 2015

#### **RUTHENICAE:**

*Iris ruthenica* is a charming, small plant native from Eastern Europe to China. Because of its wide range there is a lot of variation in the species. It has medium to dark green leaves, forming a nice clump as lovely as any small ornamental grass. Blooms here April to May.

CREVICE GEM - '12, 4", SPEC-ruthenica (D.Probst).

#### 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. In the garden we like to grow it among ground covers where it can wander happily. The typical color is medium blueviolet but it can also be white, lavender-pink, maroon, and light blue.

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

#### SPURIAE:

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

#### TRIPETALAE:

*Iris.* setosa – One of the most well traveled iris species – native to Alaska, China, Russia, and Japan. Also one of the most cold-tolerant iris species. Typically *I. setosa* has large and showy falls and only tiny bristles for standards. Clump forming. We grow them in ordinary garden soil in full sun

**TOURIST** - '03, M, 22", SPEC-*setosa*. (Schafer/Sacks). This fine selection has violet falls and yellow rather than white signals. Superb branching - seven to eight buds. Makes a great garden plant year after year. AM'12.....\$8.00

*Iris 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. We do not give it extra water, Bloom occurs here in early July. Typically *I. tridentata* has tiny standards. Plants are stoloniferous.

'John Wood clone' - This is the *I. tridentata* we have sold for many years. It came to us from Currier McEwen who got it from John Wood who collected seeds in N. Carolina. It has violet falls with white and yellow signal patches. The style crests curl back nicely upon the style arms. 12-18" slender stems.................................\$8.00

## SIBIRICAE:

#### LAEVIGATAE:

*Iris 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 SIGNA Medal '01 .................................\$8.00

**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.........................\$8.00

PARTY LINE - '88, 18" (Warburton). Superb garden plant! Smooth violet-rose self with darker veining. Styles are pure white with a narrow line of rose at the midrib. Signals are pale yellow and white with dark red-purple veining. AM'95, runner-up Founders of SIGNA Medal '02......\$8.00

## INTER-SPECIES HYBRIDS

#### EAST MEETS WEST - '14, 15", L.

SPEC-X-Sibtata (Schafer/Sacks)

#### **NEW FOR 2015:**

HAPPY TRAVELER- '15, 36", M-L.

SPECX-Sibtosa (Schafer/Sacks).

## <u>Iris X NORRISII (formerly X PARDANCANDA)</u>

Just when it seems the iris season is over, along come the Pardancandas. 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. Recent changes in the taxonomy of Pardancandas have been made and they are now classified as irises. Their new name is *Iris xnorrisii*.

Pardancandas bloom from July through August in New England, each variety for about three to four weeks. The flowers are small, open for only one day, and they can be produced in profusion.

The cultivars we offer are all from the breeding program of Darrell Probst and our own breeding with his material. These are not seed strains. All of these plants have been selected for hardiness (Zone 5), color, form of flower, branching and bud count, and for being outstanding garden plants. The tall strong stalks can have as many as 45 spathes (bud placements), with 6 to 10 buds in each of these.

Pardancandas 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 similar to bearded irises. We will send special cultural instructions.

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.

### **NEW FOR 2015:**

AUGUST AFFAIR - '15, 43", M, SPEC-X (Schafer Sacks).

#### PREVIOUS INTRODUCTIONS:

LOTS OF FUN - '14, 42", M, SPEC-X (Schafer Sacks).

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, and veined in orange giving the whole flower a peachy-pink appearance. Pale orange style arms add to this with a bright orange midrib. Clean blue-green foliage has a white line at the edge. Open 10am to 6:30pm. Intermediate to iris type. Over 300 blooms per stalk ....... \$15.00

**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. Iris-type. Wonderful branching. Open from 4 pm until dark

.....Limited supply.....\$20.00

## PRIMROSES SPRING SHIPPING ONLY

## Primula Section Primula

#### Primula xpolyantha

These are the familiar primroses of cottage gardens. Our introduction has been selected for hardiness, perenniality, sturdy stems and prolific bloom. It grows in the ground in Massachusetts, a cold zone 5, and has survived many open as well as snow-covered winters. It prefers well drained, somewhat moist soil in partial shade. Polyanthus primroses are hybrids involving several species. They bloom for us in May and are great companions to *Iris cristata* and even SDB's.

#### **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.

**'Ice Princess'** - In a *Primula sieboldii* world filled with magenta, this flower is called "blue". The lace-type flowers are a contrast between the lavender-blue-to-white face and the darker lavender-blue reverse. Very floriferous with many sturdy 10" stems carrying 14 or more flowers. Thrum.\*

**'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, 11 flowers per stem. Pin.\* Covers itself with bloom...... *Potted............*\$8.00

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 a pin and a thrum are needed to make seeds. Either form can be used as the pollen or pod parent.

## Other Perennials SPRING OR FALL SHIPPING

**Trillium pusillum 'Roadrunner'** - New spring leaves emerge dark purple as the small white tri-petaled flowers open. Each petal has a rosy reverse. As the foliage turns green, the petal fronts age to pink. A diminutive trillium - 6-8". Semi-shade. This cultivar was selected for exceptional vigor..........*Potted......* 15.00