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2023 INTRODUCTIONS

CAPE COD GIRLS - SIBERIAN. Schafer/Sacks (Seedling No. S13- 4-,1), ML, 28".

It's time for the Cape Cod Girls to have their day. Brilliant yellow flowers are large and full with flaring shape. The standards and styles are medium yellow and the falls a deep, warm yellow. Buds are a lovely yellow-orange - five per stem. Makes a great clump with lots of strong, upright stalks. Cape Cod Girls is a wonderful breeder for yellow. Solar Energy X S10-22-13:(Butterscotch Fizz x Black Joker)...........\$35.00

JUST A WHIM - SIBERIAN. Schafer/Sacks (Seedling No. S15-97-10), L, 25".

We haven't introduced a white iris in a long time, but we couldn't resist this one. Very striking clean white flowers have dramatic deep yellow signals. The styles are strong and showy with curled tips – washed with light yellow and green. Late bloom and six buds per stalk extend the siberian bloom season.

MARGERY MAGIC - SIBERIAN. Schafer/Sacks (Seedling No. S16-33-13), M, 26".

My sister had a zest for life and this energetic iris is named for her (and her flaming red hair). The very full clump just glows with orangey-red flowers. The color holds well in hot weather. Vigorous with five buds per stalk. A beauty! S13-80-1:(Rubies On Tap x S10-22-13:(Butterscotch Fizz x Black Joker)) X Carlisle Caper......\$35.00

PIXELS AT DAWN - SIBERIAN. Schafer/Sacks (Seedling No. S14-17-11), M, 29".

RIDING THE WAVE - SIBERIAN. Schafer/Sacks (Seedling No. S16-39-17), M, 32".

Ho hum blue-violet standards and styles are blasted out of the water by the falls of this iris. Bright white centers are surrounded by wide periwinkle-blue "waves". It presents the most exuberant clump we have ever seen. A myriad of stalks hold flowers at varying heights and seven buds keep the bloom coming. S14-84-1:(Clear The Way x S11-22-10:(S07-62-10:(S03-40A-11:(S99-92-3:(S97-89A-1:(S94-42-1:(S90-58-3:(S87-9-4, sib to Pleasures Of May x Pleasures Of May) x S92-65-1, sib to Sarah Tiffney) x S92-75-11, sib to Book Of Secrets) x Just Cruising) x

SUN AND MIST - SIBERIAN. Schafer/Sacks (Seedling No. S15-82-10), M, 30".

FUTURE PLANS and ORDERING INFORMATION

We are pleased to offer six new Siberian Iris Introductions in 2023. We are offering both spring and late summer shipping this year as well as a special shipping date for Pardancandas.

Thank you to all our customers and their robust interest in the many varieties that we offered for the last time in 2022.

Please visit our website where you can see multiple photos of many irises including clump shots and color variations. Please note that the website <u>does not offer ordering on-line</u>. It is merely intended as a photo companion to this catalog, where you can find views of the clump habits of plants as well as the flowers. Please use the ORDER FORM when ordering.

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 larger. The potted plants will arrive in 2½ inch pots.

SHIPPING DATES: Please circle on the Order Form when you want shipment. There are three dates for Spring (April 10, 17, 24) and there are three dates for Late Summer (August 21, September 5, September 18). Those of you who live in the colder areas might want to plant in Spring or 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 summer when it is cooler. There is a SPECIAL DATE for Pardancandas either July 3 or July 10 depending on the season. This date will be our choice. Unfortunately we have also had to impose a \$15 surcharge on Pardancanda orders imposed by the USPS on the boxes we use to ship.

All shipping will be by Priority Mail. Please add \$11 for 1-5 plants, \$12 for 6-10 plants, \$13 for 11-15 plants, and \$15 for over 15 plants. (MA residents must add 6.25% sales tax.) We will no longer be shipping overseas and will only accept foreign orders from Canada. Canadian customers - please contact us about additional charges for postage and phytosanitary certificate.

Please note, we **do not take credit cards** for payment so we cannot take orders by e-mail or phone, please send a check or money order. If you wish to contact us with any questions, send us e-mail at: jpwflowers@aol.com or call us at 978-371-0173. We are rarely in the house during the day and will most likely answer calls after dark.

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

SCHAFER/SACKS SIBERIANS

ALL GOTHED UP – '20, M, 31". Edgy is beautiful. The falls are very dark red with dark veins. They would be hopelessly broody if not for the bright yellow signals, peach-rose standards, and the aqua blue stylearms! The clump presents dramatically with space for each flower in a mountain peak of bloom. Vigorous with two branches and six buds......\$20.00

ART IN BLOOM - '16, M, 29". Full of contrast, storm clouds and blue sky, together in a lovely clump. Selected by our friend Joanne Holtje, an abstract painter. Standards blue-violet, falls yellow overlaid with shades of violet, styles smooth yellow with wisps of blue. Yellow signals blend into falls. Strong grower, two branches for five buds. AM'22..................................\$15.00

CIRCLING THE MOON - '22, ML, 31". Bright white, spray signals are circled by both blue-violet and red-violet. Standards are deep red-violet. Pearly blue styles emphasize and complement the blue wash on the falls. Four to five buds per stalk and a strong clump. Repeat bloom is possible........\$30.00

DUSKY DAWN – '17, EM, 30". Large prominent pearly styles light up dusky tones of blue-violet, and sunbright signals spread their warmth through ruffled falls. Standards are pure violet with little or no yellow. Styles have blue-violet edging and a blue-green wash on the midrib. Excellent substance. A generous bloomer with five to six buds per stalk and two branches in a widely held clump leaving ample room for blooms\$12.00

FASHION-FORWARD - '16, M, 27". A new color for Siberians. How to describe it? Orange-brown bi-tone just isn't adequate – somewhere between red amber and a really ripe persimmon topped with shades of apricot. A good rich color. Well-shaped flaring flowers. Strong upright clump. Four buds with one to two branches. The color handles heat well. HM'21.................\$12.00

FIDDLES ON FIRE - '17, M, 20". A boisterous performance. The flashy yellow signals are large and adorn bright red falls. The standards and styles match the red of the falls on the first day, then take on a bluer hue, while the falls continue to burn red. Full sized flowers on a short plant with many strong and upright stalks. Four buds, one branch. HM'21\$15.00

HINT OF ROMANCE - '22, ML, 28". Similar blue- and red-violet coloring to its sibling Circling the Moon, but softer and more romantic. Largish, full flowers with gentle ruffles. Standards and styles are very pale blue and light up the top of the flower. Falls are blue-violet with a distinct red-violet rim. Four buds per stalk, held throughout the clump, nice long succession of bloom.

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HONEYCOMB ROCK - '16, M-L, 26". Powerful clump, solid as a rock, covered with speckled honey-butterscotch flowers. Standards and falls are ruffled, styles lightly feathered, form is flaring and lovely. Medium sized flowers, four buds per stalk on two branches. Blooms just above the foliage. HM'21...... \$12.00

MACLAN PATRICK - '19, M-L, 32. Showy styles on a blueviolet flower with a sweet white spray signal. The blue is a lovely foil for the large, long, ruffled white stylearms which have matching blue edges. A nicely spaced airy clump with stalks carrying four buds and some successive bloom. Named for our grand-nephew Mac whose favorite color is blue! 15.00

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 small flowered, this is the most vigorous iris we grow. Four buds per stalk. Morgan-Wood Medal '19.......\$10.00

PURRING TIGER - '17, M, 24". A flower of contrasts – soft purple edges with bold purple stripes on giant yellow signals. Mid-purple standards and violet shading on the styles unify the flower. Color holds well. Upright plant, five buds on one or two branches. A dramatic clump presentation. HM'21\$12.00

ROUNDING THIRD - '22, M, 28". We are getting closer and closer to orange in siberians – hence the name. It is a lively brownish orange that lights up in the sun. The flower is small, flaring and round, with gentle ruffles. All the colors are smooth, including the pale yellow standards and styles. Five buds, strong compact clump\$30.00

RUBIES ON TAP – '18, M, 30". Dark red with a bright gold signal veined deep red. Our "reddest" so far without being at all orangey. The fall color reads on the RHS chart at the reddest end of the red-purple group with highlights in the red group. A first for us. Standards are lighter and more veined. Style arms are distinctly bluer along the midrib with red trim. Pretty round flaring form with gentle ruffles. Four buds per stalk with a nice succession of bloom. HM'21.......\$18.00

SHOOT THE BREEZE – '20, M, 27". This soft blue flower draws you in. It has large standards and falls, with gently rolling ruffles. Refreshing yellow signals are large and slightly marked with dots and veins. There is a hint of yellow on the fall edges. Styles are simple with turquoise midribs. Strong stalks have five flowers each and the vigorous clump produces many stalks\$18.00

SUGAR SPRITE - '15, M-L, 18". A pure white dwarf with perfectly proportioned full, dainty flowers. Apple-green veining adds to the sweetness. One or two branches for up to five buds per stalk make a remarkable display for a little guy \$10.00

TOO CUTE - '16, ML, 13". Yes, it is! This is the most petite siberian we have grown that makes a typical siberian clump. Flowers are in shades of medium to light blue with sweet white signals. Simple flaring form with a few ruffles. Delicate foliage matches the scale of the plant. Not a shy grower, with ample increase. Three buds with one branch. HM'19.........................\$15.00

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. 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).

DOUBLY STYLISH - '10, 5.5", M-L, SPEC-cristata (Schmieder). Six light blue-violet falls and six to nine pearly blue styles. No standards! A lovely double flower with clean white signals, dark blue halos and yellow-orange crests tipped in white. A vigorous plant and very heavy bloomer. AM'15........Potted........\$15.00

LITTLE JAY - '01, 4.5", M, 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.......*Potted*........\$12.00

MERLE'S RUBY – '20, 6", M SPEC-cristata. An Iris cristata of a distinctly different color – it is a red-violet rather than the typical blue-violet. The bright white signals and crests shine on this flower. It is a heavy bloomer and vigorous. While we have registered this iris, it is not our origination. It was given to us many years ago. We uncovered some of the story of this iris, but not all of it, and it is complicated by the two Merles involved. A woman in North Carolina named Merle found this iris growing in the wild. She apparently gave it to a friend, also named Merle, who passed it on to Betty Ann Addison of Rice Creek Nurseries. It was offered by Rice Creek for a number of years in the 2000s, and many people around the country were able to buy it. So it is not a new iris, but deserves to be properly registered with the AIS. It will not be entered in the AIS Awards System.

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*......\$10.00

MOUNTAIN GIRL - '07, 5", M, SPEC-*cristata* (D.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.*.....\$10.00

Other LOPHIRIS

Iris gracilipes - This species is a dainty Japanese wildflower of mountains and forests. 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. Blooms here mid to late May.

WITHDRAWN TO INCREASE

I. gracilipes alba 'Buko' Form - A tiny form of gracilipes with white flowers discovered on Buko San (Mountain) in Japan. A real treasure.
WITHDRAWN TO INCREASE

COBBLEWOOD CHARM - '08, 8", M, SPEC-*gracilipes* (D.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. AM'16. **WITHDRAWN TO INCREASE**

CHINENSES:

These *Chinenses* irises are small plants, usually evergreen to some degree, and have a loosely clumping habit with thin wiry rhizomes. All grow best for us in semi-shade, in ordinary garden soil which is not wet. Until the late 20th century this series of irises from China and Korea was not known in US gardens. First came *I. minutoaurea*, the tiniest of them all. Then in 1997 Darrell Probst collected *I. koreana* and *I. odaesanensis* in Korea. Not long after, Darrell collected an iris in the Daba Mountains of Sichuan. It has been called *I. henryi* until recently but is now properly called *I. dabashanensis*. He then collected a new species which has now been named *Iris probstii* in honor of Darrell's work. See below.

In 2020 Carol Wilson published and described *I. probstii*. In that process it was discovered that the little iris Darrell collected in the Daba Mountains was not *I. henryi*, but rather a new species. It was given the name *I. dabashanensis*. It is always hard when an Iris species botanical name changes, but it is important to adapt to this new name. If you are growing an iris labeled *I. henryi*, including the named clone 'Mini Treasure', you should change the label to *I. dabashanensis*. The correct or "true" *I. henryi* is not currently in cultivation.

FIREFLY SHUFFLE - '11, M, 6-8", SPEC-koreana (D.Probst) *I. koreana* was collected along the west coast of S. Korea by Darrell Probst. This plant blooms in early to mid-May here. Darrell selected it for its heavy bloom every year and consistent increase. A typical yellow koreana with a sharp and distinct brown halo. Puts on a big show......Potted.......\$15.00

VERNAE:

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

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

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, 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......\$10.00

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.

INTER-SPECIES HYBRIDS

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

SPEC-X-Sibtata (Schafer/Sacks)

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

SPECX-Sibtosa (Schafer/Sacks).

Iris X NORRISII (formerly X PARDANCANDA)

In 2023 we will be shipping these plants in early July, either July 3 or July 10 depending on the earliness or lateness of the season. This will be just before bloom, a perfect time for them to be transplanted and root in. They will bloom for you in 2023.

Unfortunately we must charge a \$15 surcharge for Pardancanda orders as the USPS placed this surcharge on the box we use to ship them. See Order Form final tally.

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.

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.

BUTTERFLY MAGIC - '02, 44", L, SPEC-X (D.Probst).

Violet standards and falls with very showy large white signals decorated with darker violet spots. The styles are soft white with violet midribs. Intermediate. About 200 blooms per stalk. Open from 3pm until dark. Strong and reliable grower.............\$20.00

HEART OF DARKNESS - '02, 46", SPECX (Probst).

We are pleased to be able to offer this again after many years off the list. Royal purple self with redder highlights and very dark signals. The styles are light purple-violet with darker midribs. Thirty-five spathes with five to seven buds each. Closes at 6:30pm......\$20.00

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

A pretty violet flower with sparkling large white signals. Great plant qualities include branching which presents the flowers throughout, tall upright stalks, clean foliage, and good vigor. Over 300 blooms per stalks with 34 bud placements containing 9 or more flowers each. Open from 11am to 6:30pm. Flowers are more iris-type than intermediate. WITHDRAWN TO INCREASE

PINK LEOPARD - '08, 49", M, SPEC-X (D.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. Open 10am to 6:30pm. Intermediate to iris type. Over 300 blooms per stalk.

WITHDRAWN TO INCREASE

SOFT SPOT - '10, 33", E-L, SPEC-X (Schafer/Sacks).

Other Perennials

Sanguinaria canadensis (Bloodroot) 'Snow Cone' – 51/2" tall at bloom. Our first named *Sanguinaria* selection. Each flower is 3 or more inches across and has 18 to 25 petals. It makes a fabulous dense, mounded clump. It is fertile, produces seed, and still blooms for a long time. This is a superior selection of what we call "Tennessee Form" bloodroot.....*Potted.*...... \$15.00