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## Canadian Iris Society:

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**Cover Photo:** *Join In* (SDB Paul Black 2015 - new introduction)

Photo courtesy: Mid-America Garden LLC

Canadian Iris Society Newsletter

# President's Report

By Ed Jowett

First we would like to give a big thanks to Barb Jackson of Brandon MB for her time and effort she gave on behalf of the Society. We got an invitation to attend a large flower exhibition show in Winnipeg as they had no Iris representation; explaining they knew it was a long way to come. I contacted B J and she agreed to take on the task. I contacted the board and all agreed it was a chance to live exposure outside of Ontario. So many thanks to Barb for promoting Canadian Iris Society and the Western Region Society. Her coloured display looked great.

I have pictures of Mid-Americas and Salmon Creek 2015 introductions which you will find some of later on in this bulletin. Terry has sent me the ones he feels will withstand our cold climate. If anyone wants pictures of all I can send them to you electronically.

The Southern Ontario iris Society show which was printed in the last bulletin has been approved with a few minor changes regarding AIS awards. These have been changed and reprinted in this bulletin.

As promised in the last bulletin the sale iris catalogue is included in this issue. Sale will start June 1<sup>st</sup>/15 and run till July 4<sup>th</sup>/15 (maybe extended due to lateness.) These are all grown right here in Ontario and we do not substitute.

I read an interesting article called the “Doddington System” of dividing Irises which is quite interesting that you do not miss a year of bloom. The dates are probably a little off as this is used in the UK. If anyone has used this method would they please let me know. The article is published in this bulletin.

If anyone is attending a Hort Society meetings or flower show and would like a few brochures to hand out please let me know.



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The comments and statements in this bulletin are those of the writers and not necessary those of the board or society.



I believe spring has finally arrived but I think we are going to have a weird growing season this year just by the way some plants have held back and others leaped when the few sunny days came along.

I finished my raised and teared bearded iris bed finally. It seems that all Iris are growing as some were real late December being placed in the ground. They were thrown into 12 inch pots in mid-August and left until the raised bed was completed. Some I have already transplanted directly to the bed but by the time you read this I hope all are transplanted and well on their way. My Siberians are not showing any sign of life yet (April 20) so I hope this is not a sign of loss. I am thinking of growing the Siberians in raised beds also. The reason for raised beds is to try and keep grass and weeds out or to a bare minimum. I am getting too old and lazy for a lot of work.



Local nursery sign for spring

I have a friend who has a 4 year old who last year wanted to plant flowers; so I gave her three Iris to plant. I offered to plant them for her but no way; so I showed her the proper way to plant them and at the moment they are not growing fast enough for her she thinks because the daffodils are blooming her Iris should be blooming. I have not in this day and age seen a child so excited to grow things. The other day she told me she was going to grow carrots for my horses.

Being a director of our local Hort Society and program director has led me to some interesting sessions and new methods of gardening wonderments. Today, April 25, I was at a two session seminar and heard a statement that was very disturbing. The speaker was an owner of a garden center but also a teacher of ecology and environmental protection and was surprised to hear him say that any commercial fertilizers that have high numbers (double digits) kill the natural nutrients in the soil so eventually you cannot grow anything without these commercial fertilizers. He suggested not to buy them but try and find those with chicken droppings added and it will also help deter insects and squirrels and chipmunks. He suggested numbers like 5 5 2 or 7 7 7 but no 10's.

If anyone is interested and would like species seed contact Carolyn Schaffner of the New York Iris Society at [dsnooks@tuc.com](mailto:dsnooks@tuc.com) for more information.

Don't forget to look at Don McQueen's new column and help us identify these irises correctly.

I apologize for the lateness but my good friend and our designer had a serious health problem and is now back and we hope his health keeps improving. Until things happen we don't think of what ifs.

I was talking with another mutual friend who said how much they relied on Vaughn's great actions and behind the scenes work he does for so many things. They had to cancel an event because he was not there to organize and follow up and attendance was down for another event because he was not there to remind people they had not paid yet. These are all volunteered things Vaughn does for the organizations he belongs to. He is forever working, and people don't realize what all he does. I worked with him in an organization for over 25 years so I know. He is like myself he believes if you belong to something contribute something, but I think we get to involved and don't know how much stress we are adding to our lives.

I was looking at the list of retired judges and it made me think, "Are we getting any new people who are interested in this?" It takes a special type of person. I know I could not do it. The reason being I have dislikes that of no fault to the plant but I could never place them strictly on their colour.

My Iris have all bloomed this year one week exactly ahead of last year. I also have 3 miss-named even though I thought I had taken extra caution on moving and tagging them. I checked the bloom against pictures as they bloom each year. Last year I renovated everything and I guess only 3 wrongs out of about 140 is not bad; but I am disgusted there are any at all.



*Ed Jowett*

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# Musings From Manitoba



By: B. J. Jackson

(jacksonb@mts.net)

I started writing this piece to a blast of winter with lots of snow falling and today the temperature hit 21 degrees. Ah yes, spring on the prairies! The first melt saw all of the winter accumulated snows gone by mid-March but the weather Gods weren't done with us quite yet. There were 4 large snow events to come with accompanying freezing temperatures and cold north winds. After each melt I would check parts of the iris patch that I could get into without sinking in the mud and each time found at least one iris that had heaved and required resetting. Other than that, they looked pretty good. Until this last melt last week that is. Since then I have been fluffing up the leaves that always seem to fall after the snow comes to stay and what I have found under the matted leaves is nasty. Split topped rhizomes with rot, smelly slimy rot and yes, even more heaved out of the ground rhizomes. Not many, but they always seem to be the ones I was most looking forward to seeing bloom for the first time or ones that had been making a recovery from previous years but couldn't take the stress of the temperature fluctuations. Oh well, this, too, shall pass and I am still looking forward to bloom season which should be starting in the next six weeks or so depending on what else Mother Nature has planned for us in the time between.

Of course, mixed up with the disappointments is the excitement of seeing new growth emerging and seeing significant increases since last summer. The ones that I made note of so far include IBS Orca (M. Smith, 2005), SDBs Extraterrestrial (M. Smith, 2006) I and Zooboomafoo (Black, 2007) as well as historic MTBs Parakeet (E. Roberts, 1958) and New Idea (B. Hager, 1970), and MDBs Tiny Beacon (T. Aitken, 2012) and Garnet Elf (M. Hamblen, 1976). And the seedling patch. It is always a treat to see them starting to grow. So far things look good in the seedling patch with no apparent losses and I am very pleased that the tiny first year from seed seedlings all seem to have made it through. In the past I had been keeping them inside for their first winter from seed but decided to give it a try after it was pointed out to me that we want them to be tough so what better way than to let them fend for themselves outdoors right away! So far so good although they won't bloom for a few years yet.



And with a new growing season comes the new year's activities. CWIS partnered with CIS at the Gardening Saturday event put on by the Friends of Gardens Manitoba in Winnipeg on March 28th where we handed out brochures for both groups. The Manitoba Regional Lily Society shared the table and it was a good day talking iris and lilies with interested members of the public. CWIS wishes to thank the CIS for the opportunity to share resources at the biggest gardening show in our province.

Other events planned by CWIS this year include an educational workshop at Carbery Gardens on June 6th, just down the road from Brandon, where I will be giving a talk and a hands on demonstration on digging iris. The Iris dug will be available at the sale table at our 8th annual show on June 14th.. Please see elsewhere in this newsletter for a copy of this year's show schedule.. An additional activity that was asked for by many at the Gardening Saturday event is also planned for the show this year. We received several queries as to whether there would be any designs on display at our show. After mulling it over since, the CWIS Organizing Committee has decided to hold a not for judging design display. Several CWIS members have also asked various times over the years for this. In their view it will bring more people to the show and demonstrate to them just how versatile the Iris can be in designing. Now I do not have the knack for designing and wouldn't know where to even start, but I totally admire those that can so I am very much looking forward to seeing what people come up with. Although not formally judged, we will be offering a prize for the design most voted on by show visitors, a People's Choice Award if you will. The thinking is that it just might get potential new members in the door and start them growing their own iris to either design with or exhibit at the shows. It is worth a shot!

So while I wait for the other shoe to drop weather wise here in South-western Manitoba, I will wish you a Happy Spring and a Happy 2015 iris bloom season to all!



## CIS Membership

Not sure of your Canadian Iris Society (CIS) membership term? Check your mailing label of the CIS newsletter for your current CIS membership term dates. If you receive the electronic version of the CIS Newsletter and you wish to know this information please e-mail the CIS membership chairman at [cdniris@gmail.com](mailto:cdniris@gmail.com) and we will be pleased to advise you.

Early renewals are always appreciated.



## **CAN-WEST IRIS SOCIETY**

### **8th Annual Iris Show**

**Bourkevale Community Centre  
100 Ferry Road  
Winnipeg, Manitoba**

**Sunday, June 14th, 2015- 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

**Free Admission!!!**

**Show Chair: B.J. Jackson, [jacksonb@mts.net](mailto:jacksonb@mts.net)**





## **Show Rules and Regulations**

1. This accredited show is being held and judged under the rules and regulations of the American Iris Society (AIS). Official rules and regulations of the AIS cannot be violated. Judges' decisions will be final.
2. All entries **MUST** be staged between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Late entries will be accepted for display purposes only.
3. Exhibition privileges are open to all, including judges.
4. This is a cultivar show. All entries must have been grown and entered in person by the exhibitor whose name appears on the entry tag with the correct cultivar name and placed in the appropriate class. Each exhibitor is limited to one entry per cultivar; otherwise the number of entries by an exhibitor is not restricted.

Containers are provided by the Society.

The Placement Committee will aid exhibitors to correctly identify the appropriate section and class.

Seedlings must be entered under seedling name or number and in the name of the originator.

5. Judging will begin at 10 a.m. The show is open to the public from 1 to 4 p.m. Exhibitors may not remove entries prior to 4 p.m. Unclaimed entries will be disposed of as deemed appropriate by the Show Committee.
6. The Show Committee will exercise all possible care but cannot be responsible for loss or damage to exhibits.
7. Exhibits entered in the "Unidentified" and "Collections" sections are not eligible for AIS Awards or Best in Show but are eligible for CWIS ribbons and awards.

## **Show Schedule**

### **DIVISION 1 - HORTICULTURE**

#### **Section A - Miniature Dwarf Bearded**

#### **Section B - Standard Dwarf Bearded**

#### **Section C - Intermediate Bearded**

#### **Section D - Miniature Tall Bearded**

#### **Section E - Border Bearded**

#### **Section F - Tall Bearded**

#### **Section G - Other**

Class 1 - Species or Species X (bearded or non-bearded)

Class 2 - Siberian

Class 3 - Spuria

#### **Section H - Collections**

Class 4 - Collection of three of the same bearded cultivar

Class 5 - Collection of three different bearded cultivars

Class 6 - Collection of three of the same non-bearded cultivar

Class 7 - Collection of three different non-bearded cultivars

Collections are Eligible for CWIS Ribbons and Awards Only

#### **Section I - Seedlings**

- Any Named or Numbered Seedling, any classification

#### **Section J - Historic Iris, (introduced before 1986)**

- **Variety and year of introduction must be indicated.**

#### **Section K - Unidentified (no variety name known)**

- Judged on condition and grooming - eligible for CWIS ribbons only

**The Show Committee reserves the right to add any classes deemed appropriate to include all entries.**

## **Can-West Iris Society**

The Can-West Iris Society is a not for profit organization with affiliate status in the American Iris Society.

Membership is open to all persons interested in iris regardless of skill or experience.

For membership information, please contact Deborah Petrie at [petrie@mymts.net](mailto:petrie@mymts.net).

## **American Iris Society**

The American Iris Society is a not for profit institution incorporated in 1927. The Corporation exists for the sole purpose of promoting the culture and improvement of the iris and is the official registrar for all but bulbous iris (ie. Dutch and Juno iris).

You are invited to join the American Iris Society. Official applications and additional information will be available at the show or can be obtained from the official AIS website: [www.irises.org](http://www.irises.org).

RVP Region 21 (Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, NWT, Nunavut, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba): Linda Wilke ([lrwilkie@gmail.com](mailto:lrwilkie@gmail.com)).

## **Awards**

AIS Best Specimen in Show Certificate/Trails End Iris Gardens Prize Horticultural Sweepstakes:

- AIS Silver Medal and Certificate - highest number of first place ribbons)
- AIS Bronze Medal and Certificate - second highest number of first place ribbons

Best Historic Stem in Show - Sponsored by Can-West Iris Society

Best Canadian Hybridized Stem in Show - Sponsored by Chapman Iris

CWIS People's Choice Award - Voted by those attending the Show

Exhibition Certificates are awarded to the outstanding seedling, plus any seedling that obtains at least five (5) votes from certified AIS judges.

*All AIS judges are asked to contact the Show Chair in order to pick up seedling ballots.*



# 2015 Salmon Creek Gardens

By Terry Aitken

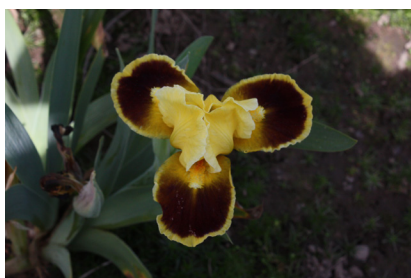
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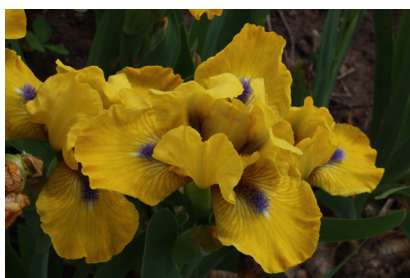
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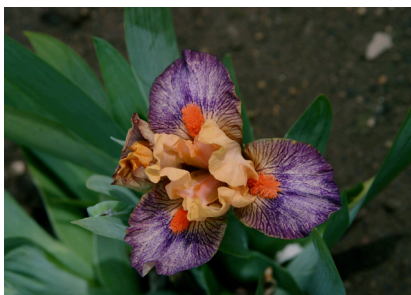
Cameo Keepsake SDB



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Pacific Sea Hawk Sib

## Terry sent me a little note

In sharp contrast to the eastern North America, the west coast has had a 100 year mild climate winter where even the Dwarf irises were not happy. They respond best to a cold winter. In talking with Tom Johnson, from Edmonton, and themselves from Winnipeg they sure agree that a cold winter suits the little irises. They see this in “Bleeding Heart” perennials as well. These are his introductions for this year he feels will survive colder climate



**Editors note** It is surprising how many Canadian hybridizers have gone to the US for the growing seasons and warmer weather.

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# Southern Ontario Iris Society

(show schedule)

**Sunday, June 7, 2015**

**1 p.m. through 3:30 p.m.**

**Location: Royal Botanical Gardens  
680 Plains Road West, Burlington, ON**

## **Southern Ontario Iris Society**

You are invited to join the Southern Ontario Iris Society (SOIS). New members are welcome. The Southern Ontario Iris Society (SOIS) is an affiliate of the Canadian iris Society and also the American Iris Society.

Join us at our next regular event, the annual iris rhizome sale on Sunday, August 9, 2015 at the Royal Botanical Gardens, 680 Plains Road West, Burlington, ON. Visitors (non-members) are very welcome at this sale/auction event. This is an opportunity to obtain some of the same beautiful iris on display here today for your own garden. We look forward to seeing you again. Event and membership details are available on the SOIS website: [www.cdn-iris.ca/sois](http://www.cdn-iris.ca/sois)

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## **CIS Awards**

### **F.A. Garrity Trophy**

- best iris stalk exhibited in the show

### **W.J. Moffat Trophy**

- best stalk of an unnamed tall bearded iris seedling.

### **Les Richardson Award**

- best stalk of an unnamed iris seedling other than tall bearded.

### **O.A. Kummer Cup**

- best stalk of a named iris of Canadian origin.

### **Novice Cup**

- awarded to exhibitor winning most points in novice section

### **Junior Trophy**

- awarded to exhibitor winning most points in junior section.

## **AIS Awards**

### **AIS Silver Medal and certificate**

- Most red ribbons Division 1 Sections A-D

### **AIS Bronze Medal and certificate**

- 2nd most red ribbons Division 1 Sections A-D & F-H

The individual ribbons awarded to the entries are provided by the Southern Ontario Iris Society:

Red - First

Blue - Second

White - Third

Pink - Honorable Mention

### **Exhibition Certificates**

- best seedling and any other seedling receiving five or more votes from qualified judges.

## **Show Committee**

Chair: Chris Hollinshead

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## Show Rules

1. The judging standard will be that of the American Iris Society's Judge's Handbook and cannot be violated. The decision of the judges shall be final.

2. Exhibition privileges are open to all, including judges.

3. All horticultural exhibits must have been grown and entered in person by the exhibitor whose name appears on the entry tag.

4. All entries MUST be staged between 8am and 11am to allow judging to conclude by 1pm. Late entries will be accepted for display purposes only.

5. All entries must be entered under name and in class number specified in the show schedule.

- Containers are furnished by the Society.
- The number of entries by an exhibitor is not restricted, but they may enter only one specimen of each cultivar per division.
- The placement committee will aid the exhibitors correctly identify the appropriate section.
- Cultivars are to be arranged alphabetically in each class to facilitate staging and judging.

6. The show area is open to the public only upon completion of the judging ( approx. 1pm). No one is allowed in the exhibit area excepting the judges, the clerks and the show chairman.

\* Special arrangements can be made for photographers before the show is open to the public, please contact the show chairman.

7. Exhibitors may not remove entries prior to 3:30 pm. Unclaimed entries will be disposed of.

8. The Show Committee will exercise all possible care but cannot be responsible for loss or damage to exhibits.



The major awards are perpetual and remain the property of the Canadian Iris Society (CIS).

All judges are asked to contact the show chairman in order to pick up seedling ballots.

## **Classification**

### **Division One: Iris Species**

Section A: An iris cultivar introduced by a Canadian hybridizer.

Class 1 Tall Bearded

Class 2 Other Bearded iris

Class 3 Other Iris

Section B: Historic Iris (introduced 30+ years ago)

Class 4 Tall Bearded

Class 5 other bearded Iris

Class 6 other Iris

Section C: Bearded Iris

Class 7 Tall Bearded

Class 8 MDB Miniature Dwarf Bearded

Class 9 SDB Standard Dwarf Bearded

Class 10 IB Intermediate Bearded

Class 11 BB Border Bearded

Class 12 MTB Miniature Tall Bearded

Class 13 other Bearded Iris

Section D: Beardless Iris

Class 14 Siberian iris

Class 15 Japanese iris

Class 16 other beardless iris

Section E: Seedlings

Class 17 Tall Bearded

Class 18 Other Bearded

Class 19 Other Iris

Section F: Novice

Class 20 Tall Bearded

Class 21 Other Bearded

Class 22 Other Iris

Section G: Junior

Class 23 Tall Bearded

Class 24 Other Bearded

Class 25 Other Iris

## **Division Two: Exhibitions**

### **Section H: Collections**

Class 26 Collection of three named Tall Bearded cultivars

Class 27 Collection of three named Siberian cultivars

Class 28 Three blooms or stalks as appropriate, all same species or cultivar.

Not covered in classes 26/27

### **Section I:**

Class 29 Herbaceous perennials and biennials as companions for iris.

Notes: Bulbous irises entered in Class 16 and Class 29 are eligible to receive award ribbons and special section awards. Award ribbons are included in the tally for Silver and Bronze Medal/Certificates, but these entries are not eligible for the “Best Specimen of Show” award.

To determine the Novice Cup and the Junior Trophy, decided by total points, points are awarded as follows:

- **Major Trophy Awards** 10 points
- **Court of Honour** 10 points
- **1st prize (red ribbon)** 5 points
- **2nd prize (blue ribbon)** 3 points
- **3rd prize (white ribbon)** 2 points

\*points are not allocated for any other purpose.

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# HAVE YOU SEEN THIS IRIS ? (Part 1)

By Don McQueen

I have yet to visit an iris patch in which there haven't been at least two or three "mystery" iris in bloom – that is, varieties for which the owner has no name, or found the identity was incorrect. In an attempt to unravel these mystery blooms – or noids (parlance for 'no identification') as they are beginning to be referred to – the CIS Newsletter will publish a series of photos in anticipation a member or members will recognize the variety.



If readers need other images than the ones chosen for publication to further help identification, they should contact Don at [ddmcqueen@rogers.com](mailto:ddmcqueen@rogers.com) .

And if you have a 'noid' which has been frustrating you, why not take several digital photos of it and send them to Don for a future instalment of mysteries.

If you can identify any or all of these three noids, be sure to let the editor and/or Don know of your solution to the mystery !

## Mystery 1.1:

This TB was labelled Delphi; but the real DELPHI is in the lower right !



## Mystery 1.2

Surely someone will recognize those wild space-age beards on pink bloom ! It's not Lurid.



## Mystery 1.3

For some decades now, these purple oldies have been mislabelled in the RBG Laking Garden as Mount Royal.





# Iris douglasiana

## Douglas Iris

By John Moons

**T**he Douglas Iris is a North American Iris and it belongs to the Subgenus *Limniris*. This Subgenus has a section also called *Limniris*.

There are 16 series in this section and one of them is the *Californicae*. They grow on the west coast of the continent and are also called the Pacific Coast Irises. In this series there are 11 species and here we find the *Iris douglasiana* or the Douglas Iris.



The Englishman William Herbert published in 1841 the still officially accepted name *Iris douglasiana*. The name honours David Douglas (1799-1834). He was sent to the west coast of North America by the Royal Horticultural Society to look for plants. The first European person to see this Iris was Archibald Menzies. He found the Iris in 1792 in Humboldt County. Menzies was the surgeon and naturalist with the Lord Vancouver Expedition from 1790 to 1795. This Iris is only found along the Pacific Coast in a strip of about 1,000 km long from south-western Oregon into north-western California. Usually it is found up to a few kilometers from the coast. It always is within the summer fog belt. You will find it mostly at lower elevations but at a few places it will grow at heights of up to 1,000 m. At places it can be very abundant and you can see many hectares of these plants.

The Douglas Iris is very adaptable to the soil. It will grow in a wide variety of soils, from poor sandy soils to clay soils. You will find it on disturbed soils where the forest has been cleared. It prefers acid or neutral soils and needs good drainage. It likes full sun or light shade. It is a very vigorous grower and can make clumps up to 100 cm across.

The rhizomes are not more than 10 mm thick but the plants have a lot of evergreen leaves that are less than 20 mm wide and up to 80 cm long. The leaves taper to a sharp tip. The leaves are reddish at the base. The leaf colour is bright glossy green above and paler underneath. They are finely grooved and ridged the entire length.

The flowering stems are 30 to 60 cm long. They are flat and have two or three leaves that are about 6 mm wide and 30 cm long. The flowering stems are equal to or much shorter than the height of the leaves. In strong growing plants the flower stems can be branched and they carry up to eight flowers per stem. One plant 30 cm across can carry up to eighty flowers and buds. The flowers are up to 9 cm across. The colours are mostly lilac, lavender or mauve. Pure white ones have been found as well as yellow flowers but ►

they are not common. The colours might vary, but the shape of the flowers is constant. The plants can bloom over quite a long time. When they start blooming depends on the elevation.

The flowers produce a good number of seeds. The seeds sit in capsules that are 25 to 50 mm long and 12 to 20 mm across. The seeds can be nearly spherical or somewhat flattened and angled and then they look like Brazil nuts.

Propagation is by seeding or divisions. Plant the seeds as soon as they are ripe. Do not let the seeds dry out. Germination is good. They can bloom the second or third year after seeding. The plants can be divided in late fall or early spring.

This Iris is very easy to grow. They do best in sandy humus that is fertile. They need good drainage. The Douglas Iris is hardy in USDA zones 5 – 10. It is hardy on the southern part of Vancouver Island.

It is very strange that it is very hard to find named cultivars. I like to believe that an Iris that is easy to grow and can have a lot of flowers will have a lot of named cultivars but that is not the case with this Iris. A few named cultivars are: Agnes James which is white and the soft lilac Amiguita. Canyon Snow is white with golden patches on the falls.

The Iris douglasiana crosses easily with a lot of other Irises. Several hybrids between the douglasiana and the Iris innominata have been made. Some names are:

- Banbury Beauty, lavender and purple
- Banbury Butterfly, cream and maroon
- Elfin Motley, chrome and ruby-red
- Ivory Maiden, ivory and rose
- Woodmont Rose, cream-white and fuchsia

One last interesting fact about Iris douglasiana is that the native people that lived in the area of the douglasiana used the leaves to make strong fibers. This was not easy. They took one or two single fibers from each margin of each leaf to make very strong silky fibers for fishing nets, ropes and snares for catching animals. For this they had to harvest huge amounts of leaves. Making ropes like this involved a lot of work.

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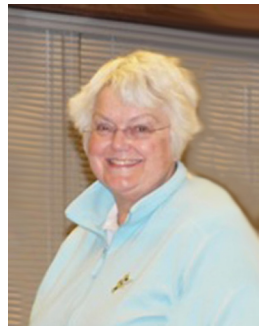
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# Cook-Douglas Medal for SDB Iris

By Ann Granatier



**T**his medal is restricted to standard dwarf bearded (SDB) irises. It is named in honor of **Paul Cook** (1891-1963) and **Geddes Douglas** (1902-1993).

Paul Cook was born in Indiana in 1891, and began hybridizing small fruits and sweet peas when he was a teenager. He soon was attracted to iris hybridizing, but his work was interrupted by Army service in France in WW I. Cook was a highly literate man, unpretentious but brilliant.

When he returned from a tour of duty in World War I, he and **Bruce Williamson** found a mutual interest in irises that developed into a stimulating friendship and business partnership. **Mary Williamson** continued the Longfield Iris Gardens after her father's death, and it was through this famous garden that Cook's originations were released. He worked as rural mail carrier, an occupation that allowed him to have his afternoons free to work in the garden. He collected as many iris species as he could obtain and made extensive crosses to learn about iris genetics.

Cook's approach to plant breeding was one of carefully planned practical experimentation. He began by exploring in depth the genetic constitution of his basic plants and of testing the combining ability of any new species he was able to obtain by crossing it with his test plants and raising as many second generation seedlings as possible.

He was one of the first to recognise the importance of tetraploidy and to make conscious efforts to produce new tetraploids to improve and diversify his tall bearded lines.

Although he worked with various sections of the iris family, Paul Cook will perhaps be best remembered for his work in three directions—amongst the dwarfs, in black tall bearded, and in the group of tall bearded amoenas made famous by **WHOLE CLOTH**.

## Dwarf bearded irises

Paul Cook's work with dwarf irises was truly pioneering. His early breeding of dwarf irises led to a series of *I. arenaria* hybrids, the most notable being **KEEPSAKE**, **TAMPA** and **PROMISE**. He was the first to use the *I. pumila* in his breeding programs and this resulted in the introduction of the first of the great stud irises is the standard dwarf class—**BARIA**, **FAIRY FLAX** and **GREEN SPOT**. When the British Iris Society awarded Cook the Foster Memorial Plaque in 1957, **Dr. L.F. Randolph** wrote of him, "...his major contributions have been in the improvement of dwarf irises and in the ►

utilization of species to produce a wide range of color variations, in heights and blooming periods ranging from the very early miniature dwarfs through the medians to very late blooming Talls.”

### Black Tall Bearded

Among the so-called black irises Paul Cook gave us *SABLE*, *SABLE NIGHT* and others of equal merit in their day.

### Tall Bearded Amoebas

Because of the popularity of tall bearded irises, Paul Cook is probably best known for his revolutionary breeding, of that class of irises, and particularly for his ‘Progenitor’ line that is behind all of our modern dominant amoeba irises and the ‘Emma Cook’ pattern.

His most dramatic piece of work was when he raised *PROGENITOR*, a poor looking seedling which many of us would have destroyed at first sight but which he had the genius to realise would have great possibilities in breeding. From that indifferent seedling he eventually raised *MELODRAMA*, *WHOLE CLOTH*, *MISS INDIANA* and others of immense worth.



**Flower: ALLEGIANCE (Cook 1958)**

Standards violet-ultramarine; falls Roslyn blue, beards medium blue tipped yellow.

But, then he left that avenue and started on another in the hope of raising irises with yellow standards and blue falls. He was once asked why he had not continued with the Whole Cloth series, to which he replied, with a twinkle in his eye, that as they had been widely distributed the competition would be far too hot for him. Certain it is, that variations of and improvements on *MELODRAMA* and *WHOLE CLOTH* are now appearing in different countries and the possibility of further experiment and improvement is immense.

Three of his irises won the Dykes Memorial Medal: *SABLE NIGHT* (1955), *WHOLE CLOTH* (1962) and *ALLEGIANCE* (1964). His first tall bearded iris introduction, *E. B. WILLIAMSON*, won the Roman Gold Medal from the Concorso Intemazionale in Rome in 1938.

In a letter written shortly before his death he expressed the view that *ALLEGIANCE* was probably the finest iris he ever raised.

As a man Paul Cook was modest, friendly and generous, widely read, with a keen sense of humour and a profound knowledge of genetics. Had he lived in a great city, with opportunities for entering big business, he might easily have risen to a position of wealth and power; and then he might never have grown irises. But he lived in a rural community and was far more interested in his home and his books, his garden and his irises than in the acquisition of money. He had a wide circle of friends in different countries, including Britain, and he loved to correspond with them and to see them, particularly in iris time, so that he could discuss their achievements and his own.

Paul Cook, one of the great hybridizers of the iris world, died suddenly in Indiana in November, 1963. His work on irises, planned with care and vision, achieved remarkable success in his lifetime, but the full benefit of that work will probably not be felt for some years to come. He experimented, he ventured, at times he failed; but in the end he was able to open up fresh fields in which his friends and successors can, in their turn, strive for still further improvement of the genus iris.

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## Editors Note

Because of the lateness I have some of the show results but more will be in next issue. At the show we had 7 exhibitors, 69 entries with 68 cultivars including the 10 seedlings. I have reprinted the show schedule although it has past as there were changes and is reprinted as was used. It was the rules for awards. I have also updated the sale section for the sold outs.

# 2015 Mid-America Introductions — Tom Johnson



Among the Clouds



Bad Attitude





Born This Way



Circa



King's Reign



Oh Canada



Puzzled



Still The One

# 2015 Mid-America Introductions — Paul Black



Bubblicious



Elf Esteem





Hipster



Join In



Mordor



Praise



Spring IS Here



Venus Blush



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### **Birds of a Feather**

Hybridizer Year John McMillen 2014  
 Season Early to Mid  
 Style Bi-tone  
 Standards Dark blue edged  
 greenish yellow; style arms lavender-  
 blue with gold tips  
 Falls Lavender centre fading to  
 light lavender-blue with ruffled,  
 gleaming gold edges and shoulders  
 Beards White; orange in throat  
 Substance  
 Comments Fascinating blend of  
 blues, greens, lavender and gold.  
 Very distinctive!!  
 Awards/Year Canadian new  
 introduction in 2014  
 \$20.50



### **Black is Back**

Hybridizer Year Schreiner 2010  
 Season Mid  
 Style Self  
 Standards Dark, purple - black  
 Falls Black  
 Beards Black  
 Substance  
 Comments New introduction in 2010.  
 Awards/Year HM '12, AM '14.  
 Eligible for a Wister Medal (JW) in  
 2016  
 \$11.25



### **Dakota Smoke**

Hybridizer Year Schreiner 2008

Season Mid to Late

Style Bi-Tone

Standards Violet with claret infusion at midribs

Falls Gradations of magenta, violet and purple

Beards Smoky blue - violet

Substance

Comments

Awards/Year HM '10

\$7.50



### **Dance the Night Away**

Hybridizer Year Schreiner, 2010

Season Mid to Late

Style Bi-Tone

Standards Rose

Falls Burnt copper - watermelon

Beards Gold

Substance Strong iris; excellent grower!

\$11.25

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**The 2015 mini catalogue showing all the irises in full color along with a written description for each is provided as a separate item.**

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<b>Tall Bearded (TB)</b>					
Birds of a Feather	2014	\$20.50			
Black is Back	2010	\$11.25			
Dakota Smoke	2008	\$7.50			
Dance the Night Away	2010	\$11.25			
Dangerous Di	2013	\$14.25			
Florentine Silk	2005	\$6.50			
Full Figured	2005	\$6.50			
Guatemala	2005	\$6.50			
Gypsy Lady	2012	\$14.25			
High Chaparral	2006	\$6.75			
Hold and Behold	2013	\$14.25			
I'm Back	2007	\$7.50			
Insaniac	2012	\$15.00			
Island Pearl	2008	\$7.50			
Jamaican Dream	2010	\$11.25			
Jazz Band	2006	\$8.25			
Lavender Twist	2013	\$14.25			
Lost in Love	2009	\$11.25			
Other Voices	2005	\$7.00			
Power Point	2005	\$7.00			
Rhinelanders	2006	\$7.50			
Spring Madness	2009	\$9.00			
<b>Border Bearded (BB)</b>					
Angel Di	2013	\$9.00			
Be my Baby	2004	\$5.25			
Bundle of Love	2007	\$6.00			
Shout to the World	2013	\$9.00			
<b>Intermediate Bearded (IB)</b>					
It's Amazing	2012	\$9.00			
Nickel	2006	\$5.25			
Petite Charm	2009	\$6.00			
Rimaround	2007	\$6.00			
<b>Subtotal page 1</b>				<b>\$</b>	

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<b>Standard Dwarf Bearded (SDB)</b>						
Absolute Joy		2006	\$5.00			
Autumn Jester		2000	\$4.25			
Being Busy		1993	\$3.50			
Black Lightning		2009	\$4.50			
Bourgeois		2003	\$3.75			
Burn Notice		2014	\$9.00			
Canadian Kisses		2006	\$5.00			
Crystal Carpet		2004	\$6.50			
Didgeridoo		2005	\$5.00			
Eramosa OJ		2014	\$9.00			
Extraterrestrial		2008	\$5.75			
Forever Blue		1997	\$3.75			
Gummy Bear		2007	\$5.75			
Heather Carpet		1999	\$3.75			
In the Zone		2014	\$9.00			
Jeweler's Art		1993	\$3.75			
Juiced Up		2003	\$4.50			
Lookout Sunshine		2009	\$4.25			
Magneto		2014	\$9.00			
Ruth's Choice		2013	\$7.50			
Spock		2011	\$5.75			
Sulu-ST		2014	\$9.00			
Sugar Maple		2003	\$5.00			
Summer Recall		2003	\$4.50			
Urban Myth		2011	\$5.75			
Yellow Hornet		2012	\$6.75			
<b>Subtotal page 2</b>					\$	

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## **Dangerous Di**

Hybridizer Year John McMillen '13

Season Mid

Style Self

Standards Very ruffled medium royal purple

Falls Deep royal purple; lighter around beard

Beards Gold tips, light blue at end

Substance Well branched, good bud count, tall and strong!

Comments Canadian new introduction in 2013

Awards/Year

\$14.25



## **Florentine Silk**

Hybridizer Year Keppel 2005

Season Mid to Late

Style Bi-Colour

Standards Peach - pink

Falls Medium violet, narrow pinkish buff edge

Beards Light blue at end; lavender white then carrot red in throat

Comments Child of Poem of Ecstasy

Awards/Year Walther Cup and HM

'07, AM 09. JW '11. Dykes Medal

winner in 2012

\$6.50



### **Full Figured**

Hybridizer Year T. Johnson 2005

Season Late

Style Amoena

Standards White infused lilac

Falls Deep plush violet deepening toward edge

Beards Tangerine

Awards/Year HM '07

\$6.50



### **Guatemala**

Hybridizer Year T. Johnson, 2005

Season Early

Style Amoena

Standards Blue - white, deep red - purple spot at base

Falls Brown - ecru, slightly darker veins, russet hafts

Beards Russet

Awards/Year HM '07; AM '10

Midseason-Late

\$6.50



### **Gypsy Lady**

Hybridizer Year T. Johnson 2012

Season Mid to Late

Style Bi-Colour

Standards Lemon yellow,  
deeper in center

Falls Light lavender, deeper below  
beards, dark red-purple shoulder,  
light yellow rim

Beards Yellow-orange

Comments New introduction in  
2012

Awards/Year HM '14. Eligible for  
an Award of Merit (AM) in 2016  
\$14.25



### **High Chaparral**

Hybridizer Year Schreiner 2006

Season Mid to Late

Style Bi-Colour

Standards Ruffled, pastel straw  
yellow

Falls Buff tan blended with papaya  
rose

Beards Gold

Comments Beautiful, big flowers

Awards/Year HM '08; AM '10  
\$6.75





## Hold and Behold

Hybridizer Year John McMillen 2013

Season Mid

Style Bi-tone

Standards Very light icy bluish mauve

Falls Pansy red-purple, 1/4" white band and blue mid rib streak

Beards Orange with white end

Substance Well branched and high bud count

Comments Canadian new introduction in 2013

Awards/Year

\$14.25



## I'm Back

Hybridizer Year T. Johnson 2007

Season Mid

Style Bi-Tone

Standards Medium lilac; dusty rose centre

Falls Velvety dark cherry red with paler cherry red rim

Beards Dark root beer

Substance Very hardy

Comments Occasional re-bloom

Awards/Year HM '09; AM '11.

Eligible for a Wister Medal (JW) in 2014

\$7.50



## **Insaniac**

Hybridizer Year T. Johnson 2012

Season Mid

Style Plicata

Standards White

Falls White with burgundy plicata striping

Beards Gold

Substance

Comments New introduction in 2012

Awards/Year HM '14. Eligible for an Award of Merit (AM) in 2016  
\$15.00



## **Island Pearl**

Hybridizer Year Aitken 2008

Season Mid to Late

Style Self

Standards Reddish - purple, deeper at midribs

Falls Ocean blue deepening to reddish - purple rim

Beards Orange; white at end

Substance

Comments

Awards/Year HM '12. Eligible for an Award of Merit (AM) in 2015  
\$7.50



### **Jamaican Dream**

Hybridizer Year Schreiner 2010

Season Mid

Style Bi-Colour

Standards Yellow

Falls Heliotrope purple

Beards Yellow

Substance

Comments

Awards/Year Eligible for an Honourable Mention (HM) award in 2015

\$11.25



**SOLD OUT**

### **Jazz Band**

Hybridizer Year Keppel 2006

Season Mid

Style Bi-Tone

Standards Apricot

Falls Lighter apricot with very wide wine-red band

Beards Red

Substance

Comments

Awards/Year HM '08; AM '10. Eligible for a Wister Medal (JW) in 2014

\$8.25





### **Lavender Twist**

Hybridizer Year John McMillen 2013

Season Mid

Style Bi-tone

Standards Medium lavender with red-purple veining fading to lighter edges

Falls Lighter toned lavender with deeper rosy lavender haft markings and red blaze

Beards Orange tipped white-lavender

Substance

Comments Canadian new introduction in 2013

Awards/Year

\$14.25



### **Lost in Love**

Hybridizer Year T. Johnson 2009

Season Mid to Late

Style Self

Standards Soft white blushed pale pink

Falls Ruffled and laced palest pink

Beards White brushed red

Substance

Comments

Awards/Year

\$11.25





## Other Voices

Hybridizer Year L. Markham, 2005

Season Mid

Style Self

Standards Green tinged ivory shading to light gold edges

Falls Cream tinged green shading to bright gold hafts and petal edges

Beards Deep gold

Substance

Comments

Awards/Year HM '08

\$7.00



## Power Point

Hybridizer Year T. Johnson 2005

Season Mid

Style Self

Standards Pale lavender - pink

Falls Pink wash over white

Beards Tangerine; lavender tip

Substance

Comments Space - Age iris

Awards/Year HM '07; AM '09

\$7.00



## **Rhineland**

Hybridizer Year Schreiner 2006

Season Very late

Style Self

Standards Bouncy, very ruffled mauve - grape

Falls Bouncy, very ruffled mauve - grape

Beards Mauve - grape

Substance

Comments Very late bloomer

Awards/Year HM '08; AM '10

\$7.50



## **Spring Madness**

Hybridizer Year T. Johnson 2009

Season Mid to Late

Style Bi-Tone

Standards Ruffled bright White with Yellow veins

Falls Ruffled white heavily overlaid sand with brown veins

Beards Bright yellow - orange

Substance A great grower and strong stems

Comments New introduction in 2009

Awards/Year HM '12. Eligible for an Award of Merit (AM) in 2015  
\$9.00



## Angel Di

Hybridizer Year John McMillen 2013  
 Season Late  
 Style Self  
 Standards White with very soft bluish cast  
 Falls White with greenish veining fading through from petal bottoms  
 Beards White  
 Substance  
 Comments Canadian new introduction in 2013  
 Awards/Year  
 \$9.00



## Be my Baby

Hybridizer Year Black 2004  
 Season Mid to Late  
 Style Self  
 Standards Ruffled opalescent pale pink  
 Falls Ruffled opalescent pale pink blending to white near beard  
 Beards Tangerine  
 Substance  
 Comments  
 Awards/Year HM '06; AM '08  
 \$5.25





## Bundle of Love

Hybridizer Year Black, 2007

Season Early

Style Self

Standards Peach-pink standards; narrowly banded in gold

Falls White, blending to ivory; a bit darker toward margins

Beards Tangerine

Substance

Comments Won Walther Cup

(WC) '09 for highest score of all

Honourable Mention awards

Awards/Year HM '09, AM '11; KM

'13. Eligible for the Dykes Medal

(DM) in 2015

\$6.00



## Shout to the World

Mc Millen 2013 E\_M

Bi Tone Robust ruffled and frilled

royal-grape purple. Deeper dark

purple, fall edges same tone as

standards. Bright red-orange beard.

Excellent form, lots of ruffles and

frills.

\$9.00

## Intermediate Bearded (IB) Listing



### It's Amazing

Hybridizer Year Black 2012

Season Early to Mid

Style Self

Standards Pink

Falls Pink

Beards Light blue

Substance

Comments New introduction in 2012. A short Intermediate Iris.

Awards/Year Eligible for an Honourable Mention (HM) award in 2015

\$9.00



### Nickel

Hybridizer Year Black 2006

Season Mid

Style Plicata

Standards Butter with wide violet plicata bands

Falls White with narrow blue-grape picata bands

Beards Bright Yellow

Substance

Comments

Awards/Year HM '08; AM '10, SM '12. Eligible for the Dykes Medal in 2015

\$5.25



### **Petite Charm**

Hybridizer Year Black 2009

Season Mid to late

Style Plicata

Standards White with wide violet-blue plicata band

Falls White with light violet-blue plicata band

Beards White tipped yellow-gold  
\$6.00



### **Rimaround**

Hybridizer Year Aitken 2007

Season Mid to Late

Style Plicata

Standards dark blue against stark white, falls dark blue against stark white, beards white with blue tips . Substance. .

Comments Nicely ruffled plant; 3 branches, vigorous growth!!

Awards/Year HM '09; AM '11; SM '13. Eligible for the Dykes Medal (DM) in 2015  
\$6.00



## Standard Dwarf Bearded (SDB) Listing



### Absolute Joy

Hybridizer Year Aitken 2006

Season Mid to very late

Style Self

Standards Domed, bright pink

Falls Bright pink with large fuchsia spot accenting beard

Beards Intense coral pink

Quickly forms dense clumps

Comments Absolutely stunning!

Awards/Year HM '08, AM '10

\$5.00



### Autumn Jester

Chapman 2000 Early , 13"

A purple self, including beard.

Reblooms enthusiastically over a long period. Can start as soon as spring bloom is finished. Reblooms in Winnipeg (Zone 3 Canadian).

When it reblooms it is consistently of IB height.

\$4.25



### **Being Busy**

1993 Hager ML 14"

Yellow standards; Falls are maroon edged mauve; Blue bd. HM  
\$3.50



### **Black Lightning**

2009 Chapman M 14" Dark purple-black; striking violet beard. Rare rebloom. A gorgeous and hardy ruffled black iris with a contrasting violet beard. It has four flowers per stalk and remains in bloom for a long time. It has put up extra flower stalks in July, like its pod parent Ruby Eruption, but not enough for me to be sure it will rebloom regularly. Some more southerly growers will need to try this and let us know if it is a rebloomer. A far better grower than other black SDB that have been tried here. Quickly forms clumps. It appears to have four plicata genes, in spite of its solid black colour. Slightly sweet fragrance  
\$4.50



### **Bourgeois**

2003 Paul Black M 14"

Claret purple with darker center and veins; lavender beard HM AM

\$3.75



### **Burn Notice**

2014 Chapman EM 13"

Toffee brown plicata markings on intense ground. Heavier on standards. Intense orange beard is very striking. Shouts for attention.

\$9.00



## Canadian Kisses

Hybridizer Year Black 2006

Season Early to Mid

Style Plicata

Standards Pale blue-white;  
azure-blue plicata marks in center,  
wide plicata band

Falls White ground, clear medium  
azure-blue plicata band

Beards Bright yellow-gold

Substance

Awards/Year HM '08, AM '10  
\$5.00



## Crystal Carpet

2004 Chapman EM 12" light blue  
self; dark blue violet crescent spot  
below beard; black at base of  
crescent; beards yellow, orange in  
throat; pronounced sweet spicy  
fragrance  
\$6.50





### **Didgeridoo**

2005 Chapman M 13" Dark red on bright yellow plicata, near solid standards, bright orange beard. This plant quickly forms an eye catching clump that draws visitors from across the garden. The intense yellow ground and wide orange beard contrast sharply with the dark red-black standards and rim. The fall rim has veins that extend towards the centre of the falls. Dark purple based foliage.  
\$5.00



### **Eramosa OJ**

2013 Chapman M 11.5" Cheerful yellow-orange flowers with perky, orange zest beards.  
\$9.00



## Extraterrestrial

2008 Smith M

11" S pastel orange, violet inner petal base; F white ground heavily veined very dark violet, midline veins full length of petal, orange area surrounds vermillion beard-Unique HM 2010 AM 2012  
\$5.75



## Forever Blue

Hybridizer Year Chapman 1997

E & RE 12" A tailored smooth light blue-violet self, contrasting dark violet-blue beard. Rebloom can start only days after TBs finish. An everbloomer here. Rebloom reported in zone 3. HM '00 AM '02 Canadian introduction.  
\$3.75





### **Gummy Bear**

2007 Chapman M 12" Honey orange self, Big bushy orange beard.  
This iris quickly forms a bright clump in the garden. The big bushy tangerine orange beard provides a focal point on this flower. Honey orange falls with honey yellow standards. Slight sweet Fragrance.  
\$5.75



### **Heather Carpet**

1999 Chapman M 12" Rosy purple with darker veins and darker center; beards pastel lilac  
\$3.75



### **In the Zone**

2014 Chapman M 16" Very nicely formed luminata-plicata from Summoned Spirit. Washed lilac-pink on white ground. Narrow yellow-tan rim on falls and hint on standards. Pastel yellow style arms lip. Beard lavender-white, yellow in throat. Strong grower, masses of flowers \$9.00



### **Jeweler's Art**

1993 Lankow M 12" S amethyst violet, F red bleeding to black at hafts, Beards amethyst, slight fragrance. HM 1995 AM 1997 \$3.75



### **Juiced Up**

2003 Chapman E 14" Intense orange-yellow, falls darker, orange beard. Colour! Gold standards with small red spot at base. Falls and beard intense orange-juice yellow. Blooms for three to four weeks. Can rebloom in warmer climates.

\$4.50



### **Lookout Sunshine**

2009 Chapman EM 12" Yellow tinted and lightly veined green; fringed rims, light yellow beard. A wide horizontal flaring flower with lots of substance. A bright light yellow with darker spot that has olive veining in spot area. Lots of small ruffles and just a touch of lace. A real spot of bright colour in the garden. Typical Chapman hardiness.

\$4.25





### **Magneto**

2014 Chapman E 11.5" Dramatic colours in this Paradigm Shift Child. Another variation on ringed plicata in SDBs. Reddish purple standards. Falls a blend of purplish red and reddish purple; Tan haft lines and narrow rim. White veins around light lavender beard tipped tan.  
\$9.00



### **Ruth's Choice**

2013 Chapman M 13" and reblooms: Standards blue-violet, darker at base; style arms blue-violet; Falls olive, blue lines at hafts; beards blue-violet, hairs tipped olive  
\$7.50



## Spock

2011 Chapman EML 14"

Where Captain Kirk goes, Spock is not far behind. Violet centres on standards and falls with dusty olive-yellow rims. Striking white beards. extended bloom time.

\$5.75



## Sulu ST

2014 Chapman EM 12"

Continuing Star Trek theme. A companion for Spock and Captain Kirk. A yellow on white plicata with no anthocyanin markings. Standards nearly solid yellow. Beard white, yellow in throat. Very prolific growth and flowering. A garden asset.

\$9.00





## **Sugar Maple**

2003 G Sutton VE & rebloom 12"  
Standards are apricot, Falls are orange buff and veined tangerine, beards burnt orange. Pronounced sweet fragrance HM 2007  
\$5.00



## **Summer Recall**

2003 Chapman E & reblooms 12"  
Standards light blue, midrib light yellow; style arms light blue; Falls light olive yellow, edge lighter, light blue blaze and around beard; beards dark blue violet, hairs tipped light blue:  
\$4.50



### **Urban Myth**

2011 Chapman EM 14" Dark Purple:  
with white area around beards.  
Dramatic presence with white area  
around white beard. White dart at  
end of beard. Quickly forms clumps.  
\$5.75



### **Yellow Hornet**

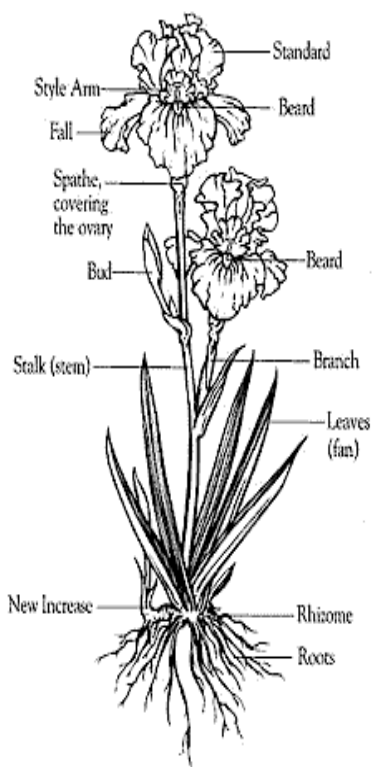
2012 Chapman M 12"  
Standards medium yellow. Falls are  
yellow with light brown wash. Large  
paler centre area. Falls have many  
light brown veins extending out to  
edge of falls. Beards are white with  
pronounced tangerine tips.  
\$6.75

We hope that you find yourself some nice new irises in our sale catalogue.  
Thank you for your participation and kind support of the Canadian Iris Society.

The following segment shows some helpful information on irises:

- Basic components/parts of an iris plant
- Information on the different iris categories.

#### Basic components/parts of an iris plant:



**Falls:** the lower three petals of the iris flower.

**Standards:** the upright top three petals of the iris flower.

**Beards:** the fuzzy, caterpillar like hairs on the falls, may be thick or thin, self colors or contrasting.

**Hafts:** the parts of the iris falls to either side of the tops of the beards, also called shoulders.

**Anther:** stiff, tiny stem like aperture under the style arm

**Style arm:** the three style arms rest above the anthers. They may be the same color as the iris or may be contrasting colors.

**Spathe:** the papery, eventually brown, covering of the emerging bud. This papery covering eventually covers the ovary of the iris as the flower emerges from bud stage.

**Spur:** a short side stem which may or may not be near the top of the stem or stalk

**Branch:** any branch which appears off the side of the main stem or stalk.

**Stalk/Stem:** that which holds the flower upright. May be straight or gently S-curved.

**Leaves/Fan:** grouping of leaves, growing from the iris rhizome underneath that fan of leaves.

**Increase:** new plants which begin as white waxy looking pointed buds on the sides of the rhizome. Increases provide an exact clone of the original mother plant.

**Rhizome:** brownish, potato-looking, fleshy portion of the plant that grows at or just below the surface of the soil.

**Roots:** The true roots that feed and nourish the plant grow downward into the soil from the rhizome.

## Information on the different iris categories:

Bearded Irises are identified by thick, bushy "beards" on each of the falls (lower petals) of the blossoms. Originally, most of these were native to central and southern Europe. The (AIS) American Iris Society has divided the bearded irises into six groups for garden judging awards. The term **median irises** refers to all the bearded irises except the miniature dwarfs and the tall bearded; that is the SDBs, IBs, BBs and the MTBs.

**1. Miniature Dwarf Bearded (MDB)** -- the tiniest of bearded irises, with height of up to 20 cm (8 inches). They are also the earliest to bloom. They are most effective in rock gardens or planted in drifts where they make a "carpet of color."

**2. Standard Dwarf Bearded (SDB)** -- some of the most useful garden plants, ranging in height from 20 cm (8 inches) to 41 cm (16 inches). They begin their bloom as the MDBs are ending, still quite early in the iris season. They are best displayed in clumps where they give the effect of a "cushion" of individual blooms. The colors are nearly unlimited since the SDBs show all the different "spot patterns" of the miniatures, as well as the plicatas and pinks seen in the TBs.

**3. Intermediate Bearded (IB)** -- stand from 41 cm (16 inches) to 70 cm (27 1/2 inches) high, with their bloom season overlapping the SDBs and the TBs. Although the IBs show their dwarf ancestry in early bloom season and very interesting color patterns, they are large enough that their individual stalks may be nicely branched, forming an elegant bouquet. Some varieties are nicest in clumps, where they present a large amount of color (like the SDBs), while others are showiest in specimen plantings, where the stalks and individual blooms may be seen to best advantage.

**4. Border Bearded (BB)** -- essentially small versions of the TBs in the same height range and bloom size as the intermediates, but blooming with the tall bearded. Good BBs have round, ruffled petals that complement their small size.

**5. Miniature Tall Bearded (MTB)** -- this class is distinguished by daintiness and delicacy. Height from 41 cm (16 inches) to 70 cm (27 1/2 inches). The blooms are smaller than on a BB and the stems are thin and wiry. A clump of MTB iris in bloom looks like a mini-cloud of butterflies. They are often called "table irises" because they are so well suited for arrangements.

**6. Tall Bearded (TB)** -- have stalks with a height of 70 cm (27 1/2 inches) and above, with branching and many buds. Each stalk, in itself, makes a stately arrangement in the garden or in a vase. In addition to a wide variety of colors and patterns, the TBs display other qualities (such as ruffling and lacing) more frequently than do the other classes.

*Thanks again and enjoy your new plants.*



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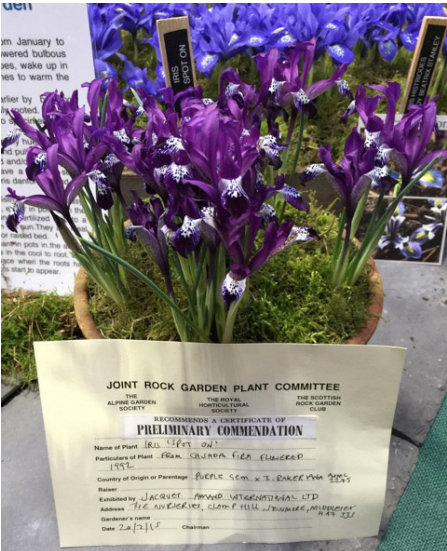
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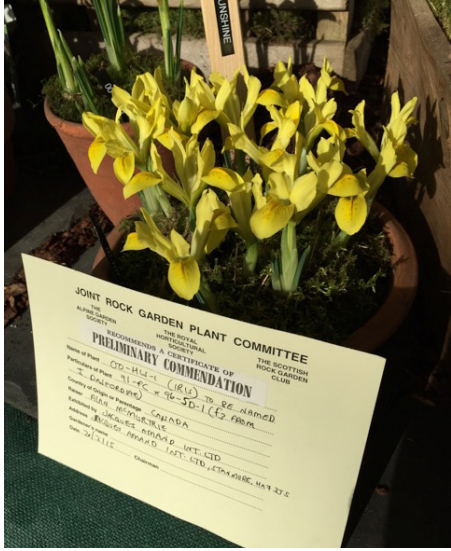
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## 2015 Publication Dates

August 2015	Vol 59 No 3 Summer Issue
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## Coming Events

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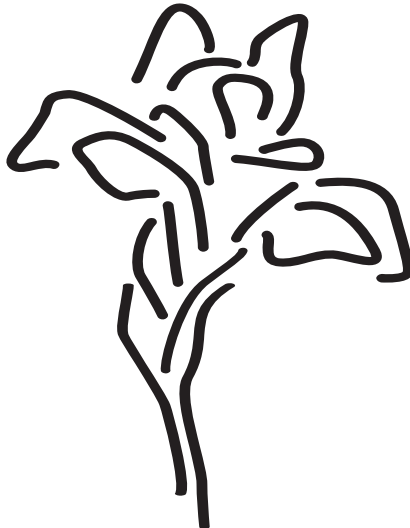
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