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Cover Photo:

'CANDY BASKET' (Harris '16) MTB Early- season 22" (56 cm)

Description: Many Branches can carry 10 to 12 buds for a long bloom season. Domed and closed standards of rich caramel sitting atop of flared falls of white ground heavily overlaid with deep burgundy veins. This is a basket of warm caramels for early MTB season. Sibling to 'Black Cherry Sorbet'.

Photo courtesy of Salmon Creek Garden

President's Report

By Ed Jowett

Since our last bulletin we have had our annual meeting and I am pleased to announce we now have two new Directors for the Board. Elected as new Directors were **Jean Lederer** and **Betty Schnellinger**, both these ladies are life members. I would like to welcome both to the CIS Board of Directors. Jean is also a past president from a few years back.

I am late with this bulletin as I had a computer crash and lost about half of my data and have since acquired a new laptop. It is that time again when we are looking for your recommendations of those eligible for the "Walker Ross" award. This award is handed out for those promoting the great Iris flower and the Iris society and its affiliates.

My ladies have finished my fall cleanup and I must say the gardens look great ready for those winter months ahead, but some weeds have started to sprout. Today (Nov 13th) I will admit I just planted 2 Irises that have been in a pots for 2 years, they were almost pot bound, but lots of good root. I took the advice of one of our Hort. Society speakers who told us you do not grow anything in soil you use 100% compost. I hope she is right.

Our annual sales were quite well supported, thanks to those buyers who keep supporting us. We also only pay the Canadian growers for what we actually sell and not our forecast, which helps our cash flow. Thanks to those suppliers. We again are looking for this coming year and intend to buy Canadian as the American \$ plus duty just makes prices away too high. If anyone has any new ideas or suggestions for ways to make money for the Society let us know.



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

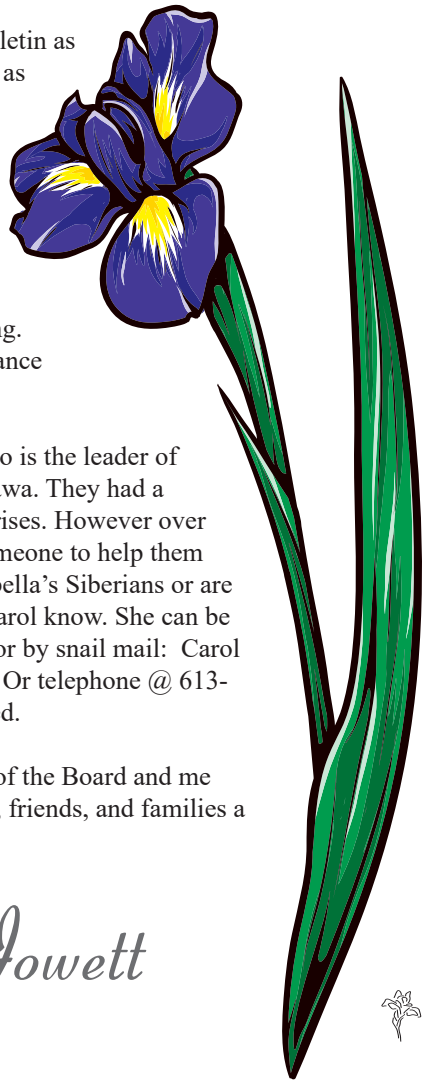
Don McQueen is changing his part to the bulletin as he is not getting any replies to his current pictures as to what they actually are, so in some cases I guess some of our members are disappointed not getting the proper name(s) for their Iris. See what Don has in our next issue.

I attended the regional meeting for the Ontario Region as the Southern Ontario Iris Society representative, and found it very interesting. But they have the same problem as us with attendance dropping.

I received an email from **Carol MacLeod** who is the leader of a team at the “Central Experimental Farm” in Ottawa. They had a real full collection of Isabella Preston’s Siberian irises. However over time they have lost some. They are looking for someone to help them find ones they are missing. If you have any of Isabella’s Siberians or are willing to try and help find her intro’s please let Carol know. She can be reached by email at carolmacleod@sympatico.ca or by snail mail: Carol MacLeod, #50 - 4th Ave, Ottawa, ON K1S 2L2. Or telephone @ 613-234-9572. Any info I am sure would be appreciated.

It is nearing the festive season, so on behalf of the Board and me personally—I would like to wish all our members, friends, and families a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year!

Ed Jowett



Canadian Iris Society:

You are invited to join the Canadian Iris Society. Membership in the CIS is open to all persons interested in irises regardless of skills or experience. New members are welcome. Official membership applications and other information is available on the official CIS website: www.cdn-iris.ca. One-year membership is \$20, Three-year membership is \$50. (cheque or money orders accepted)

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Musings From Manitoba



By: B. J. Jackson

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It is Autumn in Manitoba and as I write this, the leaves are still falling. I have a poplar tree in my backyard that refuses to drop its leaves until the first big snowfall and so far, its leaves are still green as are the lilacs. The neighbour's poplar (a different variety) is bare and its leaves are now the winter mulch for the iris garden.

This season has been one of the longest since I first became interested in gardening



in the early 90s. Our last frost in the spring was April 11th and my first killing frost in autumn was October 12th. That is an unprecedented 6 months between frosts! Given that long season, I expected (read hoped) to have a banner year for rebloom. But it was not to be. Not a single iris rebloomed in my gardens. But just because I didn't have any didn't mean other Can-West Iris Society members didn't. Reports were received from BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba of members' reblooming iris. Among those on the bearded side were SDBs *Forever Blue* (Chapman, 1997), *Blueberry Tart* (Chapman, 2002) and *Wizard of Hope* (Chapman, 2001); MDB *Forever Violet* (Chapman, 2002); and TB *Immortality* (Zurbrigg, 1982). On the beardless side, members reported rebloom on Siberians *Cape Cod Boys* (Schafer/Sacks, 2009),

Somebody Loves Me (Hollingworth, 1998) and *Judy, Judy, Judy* (Hollingworth, 2010). Indeed, I wasn't aware that the Siberians would rebloom here in Zone 2b so I was quite taken aback as the reports came in to me. Interesting, too, was that all the Siberian rebloom reports came from Saskatchewan. And one member, also from Saskatchewan, had a reblooming seedling out of TB *Diamond Blush* (Donald Spoon, 1997).

My excitement of late summer came in the form of increases on a TB seedling in its second year from seed obtained from the British Iris Society seed exchange in 2014. I have two seedlings from TB *Twilight Cloud* (Chapman, 2000) with two increases each and with fans that I am hoping will bloom next season. It is very exciting to see them doing so well since my ineptness with growing the modern TBS is well known.

In other CWIS news, 2017 will mark our 10th year of affiliation with the American Iris Society as well as our 10th annual show booked for June 2nd. With the early bloom seasons and smaller shows the past two years, the decision was made to move up the show a week. We are planning some special things to mark these milestones. We are also looking forward as well to the next AIS National in Des Moines, Iowa hosted by Region 21. I am hoping there will be some fellow CWIS members attending it along with me.

And right now I am busy compiling our members Top Performers of the 2016 iris season for the next CWIS newsletter. It is interesting to see how these change over time from one member to the next and in some cases how they stay the same. Several members have said that they use this list to plan their next year's purchases and it has become a valuable tool in doing so.

I hope everyone has a great holiday season as we rest up for iris season 2017!



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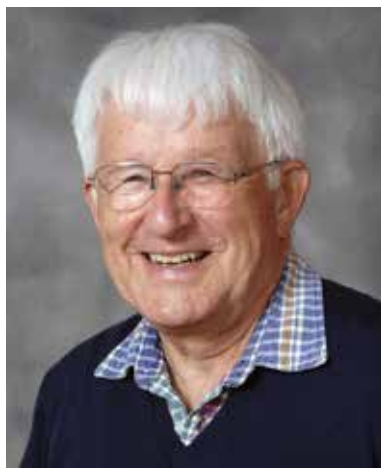
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HAVE YOU SEEN THIS

IRIS ? Part 6

Compiled by Don McQueen

This is the sixth and final instalment of the “mystery” iris series, illustrating varieties for which an owner had no name, or found the identity was incorrect. This series has been an attempt to identify these mystery blooms - or NoIDs (parlance for ‘no identification’) - by publishing photos in the Newsletter in anticipation another CIS member or members would recognize the variety.



If you can identify any of the NoIDs in Parts 1 through 6, please contact the CIS Newsletter editor, or Don at ddmcqueen@rogers.com. So far only one in this series has been identified, although another possible ID has occurred, but the final comparison will await the next bloom season. Despite the distinctive blooms of many of these mystery iris, it is surprising their identity hasn't been recognized by CIS Newsletter readers.



Mystery 6.1:

This blue Japanese iris appears to be near-species, or at best been introduced many years ago. It tends to have smaller blooms than most recent Ensata introductions, being similar in size to JI ROSE QUEEN. The photo was chosen to illustrate the intensifying of the blue in shadow, low or overcast light.



Mystery 6.2:

The owner thought this striking bloom belongs to a SDB, although the height is about 12-inches. Somewhat similar veining and colouring can be found in SDB COURT MAGICIAN, MISTER MISTOFFEELES, QUICKEN or even MTBs ACE and DAPPLED PONY.

Mystery 6.3:

This SDB has only been identified as ‘Growing Under the Maple Tree’ but the diamond-studded azure blue tinting is distinctive. One close look-a-like is SDB CANADIAN KISSES





Mystery 6.4:

This supposed TB should be distinctive enough for identification - if indeed it has been registered. Its current garden name is “Steve’s Gold and Purple” - the purple tinting appearing around the gold beard. But it shouldn’t be confused with ELEGANT ERA, FRINGED LACE, IRISH GOLD, LAST HALO or SPICED LEMON.



Iris innominata

Golden Iris

By John Moons



The *Iris innominata* is another *Iris* from the North Western region of North America. The *Iris* family has a subgenus that is called *Limniris* and in this subgenus is a section that is also called *Limniris*. Here you can find the *Californicae* series with 12 species. One of them is the *Iris innominata*.

The *Iris innominata* was not discovered until June, 1928. John and Lilla Leach found the plants near the Rogue River, north east of Gold Beach in Curry County in the extreme south-western corner of Oregon. The plant was named *Iris innominata* by Louis Henderson of the University of Oregon and the name was first published in *Rhodora* in 1930. In botanical books you will find it as *Iris innominata* L.F.Henderson. The most common colour is golden yellow, but there are many different colours. Initially the plants



Iris innominata

with purple flowers were believed to belong to a separate species, the *Iris thompsonii*. For a while this idea was set aside and everything was called *innominata*, but after studies at the chromosome level and a closer look at the form of the plant and the flowers and the habitat, it was decided that the purples were in fact a separate species: the *Iris thompsonii*.

The rhizomes are quite thin. The leaves are evergreen and they have a grass-like look. The plants without flowers can look like clumps of grass.



Iris thompsonii

The leaves can grow to about 35 cm long. They are only 5 mm wide. At the base they are sometimes a bit purplish. The top of the leaves is deep green and the underside paler. The leaves have parallel grooves and ridges from top to bottom. The older outer leaves are the longest and they bend outwards. The plant will be 15 – 25 cm high.

In Portland Oregon the plants bloom from mid May to mid June. The flower stems are up to 30 cm tall. In the first half of the season they have one or two flowers per stem. Later in the season some branching can appear. The flowers sit on pedicels that are from 3 to 12 mm long. The floral tube is funnel shaped and about 20 mm wide at the top and up to 30 mm long. Short broad spathes surround the ovary. The falls are lanceolate to oblanceolate and up to 60 mm long. The standards are slightly shorter. The flower is about 7.5 cm across. The falls spread outwards, but the ends bend down a bit. The plants can have an enormous number of flowers which make them attractive garden plants. The unopened flower buds are attractive looking with their spear-like form. The main colours are golden and yellow. There are also pale yellow and apricot colours and shades of brown and bronze, as well as white forms. A lot of flowers show dark veins. The flowers are fragrant. The purple colours belong to the *Iris thompsonii*, although for years the purple colours were considered to belong to the *innominata* species. The seed capsules are about 12 mm in diameter and 35 mm long. They contain a lot of brown seeds. The flowers are self-fertile.

The *Iris innominata* originates from the south-western corner of Oregon and the adjacent north-western corner of California. It is found a distance away from the ocean. ►

To me it is a bit of a puzzle why this plant was only found in 1928. Many Irises from the same area were found and named decades earlier. A lot of the innominatas seem to grow in very inaccessible places and this might explain their late discovery. This Iris is found in open places with well drained soils in pine and fir forests, on sunny meadows or well exposed sites on lightly shaded slopes. At some places they grow in huge numbers. They grow at elevations of 300 to 2,000 m. This Iris seems to like places that are dry and hot in the summer. The hardiness zones are rated as 6 – 9. The plant can withstand frost and cold temperatures, but good drainage is very important.

The garden varieties will grow in fertile well-drained soils that are slightly acidic. They grow in full sun or a bit of shade. Because the plants are compact, they do well in pots. Do not let the pots dry out between waterings. The growth rate of this Iris is moderate.

Propagation is by dividing or by seeding. Because there are a lot of hybrids, you



Iris innominata

have to use the dividing methods to propagate these hybrids. After dividing, the plants like to have a lot of space around them. Here in Ontario the Ontario Rock Garden and Hardy Plant Society has sometimes seeds available. They recommend to seed at 20C for 3 months and then stratify the seeds at 4 degrees C for 3 months. That cold period is very important.

In its native territory this Iris hybridizes easily with its neighbours, the Irises *tenax*, *douglasiana*, *chrysophylla* and *bracteata*. After the Iris *douglasiana*, the Iris *innominata* has contributed the most to the hybrids of the Pacific Coast Irises.

Dr. Matthew Riddle from Portland, Oregon has done a lot to promote this Iris. He collected a lot of seeds and was very generous with sharing his seeds with Iris growers.

The chromosome number is $2n = 40$.

There are a good number of cultivars available, such as: “Canyon Gold”, “Copper Tones”, “Gold River”, and “Wildwood Fantasy”.

Some of the crosses are:

- Iris *innominata* and Iris *douglasiana*: “Armida”, “Claret”, “Elfin Prince”, “Gold Angel”
- Iris *innominata* and Iris *tenax*: “Hot Cha”
- Iris *innominata* and Iris *sanguinea*: “Crimson Accent”
- Iris *innominata* and Iris *wilsonii*: “Golden Waves”

Books used:

The Gardener's Iris Book by William Shear,
The Taunton Press 1998

The Gardener's Guide to Growing Irises by Geoff Stebbings,
Timber Press 2001

Rare Wild Flowers of North America by Leonard Wiley,
published by author, Portland Oregon 1969

Magic Irises by Barbara Perry Lawton, Fulcrum Publishing 1998

Irises by Sidney Linnegar and Jennifer Hewitt, Cassell Illustrated,
The Royal Horticultural Society 2003



Famous Hybridizers:- Who was W. Arlie Payne of the Payne Medal

***The highest award given by the
American Iris Society strictly to
Japanese Irises***

Complied by Ann Granatier

It is named in honor of W. Arlie Payne (1881-1971).



W. Arlie Payne was born on a farm near Terre Haute, Indiana. He graduated from Central Normal Collage in Danville, Indiana, and studied pattern making. Payne worked as a lumberjack, photographer, real estate agent, and pattern maker until he established a landscaping business on sixteen acres of land south of Terre Haute. He was at first especially interested in peonies, but in the late 1920's, he "discovered" Japanese irises, purchasing his first 4 Japanese irises, including *Mahogany* and *Ichu*. In 1928 advised by **Franklin B. Mead** Director of the AIS, he obtained 6 Edo cultivars from Japan. He started hybridizing Japanese in irises in 1932. Payne kept meticulous records and made his charts available to anyone interested. Over the next three and a half decades, he raised many thousands of seedlings including many award winners. One of his greatest achievements was '*Immaculate Glitter*', a dark red-violet double with a distinct white edge.



During the 1930's and .1940's, there was a sharp decline in the popularity of Japanese irises in the United States, especially during the period of WW II. One of the few nurseries on the West Coast that continued to offer them for sale renamed them "*Pearl Harbor irises*." Arlie Payne continued his, extensive breeding program striving to produce "a race suitable for outdoor American plants." He sought a beautiful flower of symmetrical form and a plant that demonstrated exceptional vigor. One of the most exceptional aspects of his breeding program was that it was developed in the early years using only six cultivars of the Edo type. Payne took line breeding to a new level of intensity. A few



Higos entered his breeding pool in later years but the Payne cultivars are essentially of Edo origin.

Arlie Payne did not start introducing his irises until the early 1950's. When he did, it was apparent that he had developed a strain of wonderful new Japanese irises. He ultimately registered 170 cultivars, most of which were of exceptional quality. When his new cultivars were sent to Japan, the Japanese were astonished to see

their diversity and quality. The gigantic maroon, 3-fall cultivar '**The Great Mogul**' (1958) was especially admired by Japanese specialists. Payne cultivars took the Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals in the Internationale Garten Ausstellung in 1963. '**The Great Mogul**' won the Silver Medal at the Vienna Internationale Gartenschau in 1964, and '**Confetti Shower**' won the Bronze Medal at the same event.

The American Iris Society awarded Arlie Payne its coveted Hybridizers Medal in 1964. His '**Strut and Flourish**' and '**Dancing Wave**' both won the Paynes Medal in 1966 and 1968 respectively. When he died at the age of 90, in 1971, he was universally revered as the world's premier breeder of Japanese irises.

From the Society for Japanese Irises (SJI):

The Payne Medal (named for W. Arlie Payne) is the highest award given by the American Iris Society that a Japanese iris can receive in its class. Payne Medal winners are then eligible to win the Dykes Medal, which is the highest award an iris can receive from The American Iris Society. Prior to 1992 the highest award a Japanese Iris could receive was the Payne Award. This award has now been elevated to a medal status.



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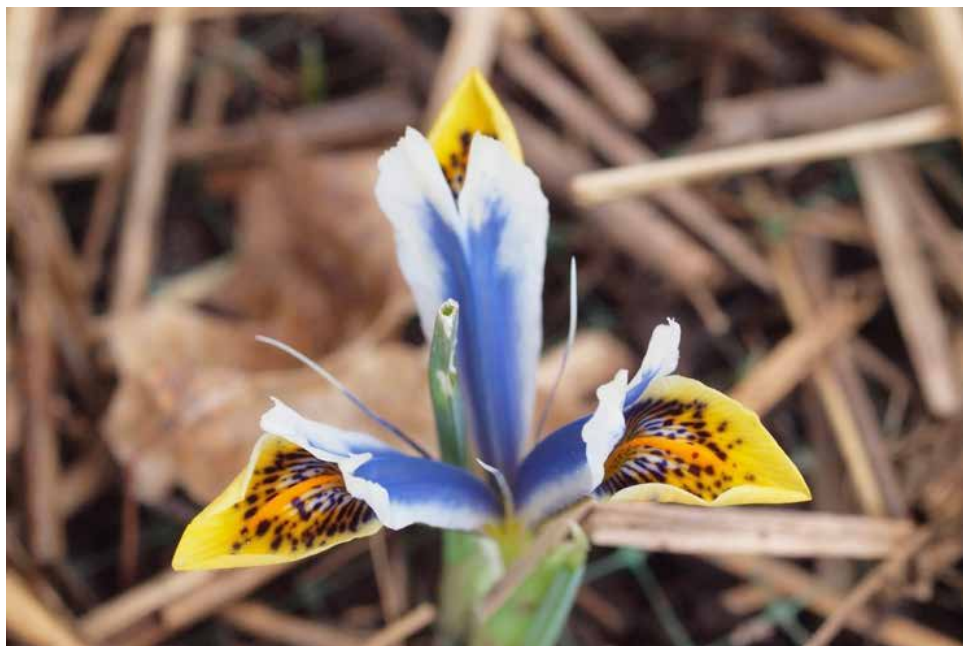
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Reticulata Iris – 2016

By Alan McMurtrie

This year's favorite new Reticulata is *Tequila Sunrise* (09-LE-2). As

you might imagine I was quite blown away when I first saw it. I never would have imagined anything like this was possible. In case you don't realize, this is an incredible colour break. It's almost like someone took parts from two different flowers and glued them together. I hope people like it as much as I do. The Catch-22 is it will be about 12 years before there are enough bulbs to start sales. The good news is it exists, and does reasonably well. It's a touch on the small side at 45mm tip-to-tip, but I have put it into a lab for conversion to polyploid, of which a tetraploid version could be 20-25% larger.



Tequila Sunrise

It's a 4th generation hybrid from *Iris danfordiae* (yellow), *sophenensis* (blue), and the Cat Retic ANMc2175 (purple). I just happened to hit on the right combination of recessive characteristics in one of the seeds to give this "expression." The smile is, the original Dutch grower I was working with would likely reject it because it doesn't have "proper standards." That same grower rejected *Orange Glow* (98-OO-1), and was set to reject *Pristine* (03-FQ-1) and *Smile* (03-CC-3). All three are being introduced. Tequila Sunrise's standards have been reduced to hairs due to *danfordiae*'s "bristle" standard. Most Reticulata Iris have standards that are 7-10 mm wide and about 45 mm long. As you will see in the pictures below, standards do return in some of my hybrids from *Iris danfordiae*.

Seeing Tequila Sunrise begs the question, "Where do 'we' go from here?" Or, to put it another way, "How can you top this...?"

That's the fun, the excitement, of hybridizing. You never know what you are going to get; especially now that the genes are starting to be well shook up.

The second highlight was *Dream Catcher* (10-AX-2). It's actually from spilled seed. A guess would be that It's Magic (05-HW-1) is one of the parents.



Dream Catcher

It's the same size as Tequila Sunrise, and was similarly put into the lab for conversion to polyploidy.

Other highlights were 10-CR-1 with its orange colouring, and 11-GN-3; both of which bloomed for the first time this year. True, long lasting orange, is a colour I'm trying to get. The very first "orange" was *Orange Glow* (98-OO-1)

that bloomed in 2003. It was more of an apricot colour, but unfortunately it fades rather quickly after opening (though it is still quite beautiful). My wife, who does watercolour painting, would say it's a warm yellow. It was last year, 2015 when 08-FW-2 bloomed for the first time. It has an orange ground that is truly orange. It stayed orange for two days before fading. Now all we need to do is get rid of the purple, and come up with a better flower shape.

Incidentally, 11-GN-3 is from *Orange Glow*. I hope one day to create a true pink Reticulata. That happened with bearded Iris, so there's no reason it can't happen with Reticulata Iris. It might just take a while.



10-CR-1



11-GN-3



08-FW-2



Pristine (03-FQ-1)

Back on February 16 & 17 I was in London England for the Royal Horticulture Society's Early Spring show. The firm Jacques Amand had quite a number of my hybrids on display, including some that haven't yet been introduced, such as *Pristine* (03-FQ-1). In order to be eligible for an award, the variety must be named.



RHS Early Spring Show, London England



Dunblane, Scotland

Several were presented to the Joint Rock Garden Plant Committee for award consideration.

Awards 2016

Pristine	Preliminary Commendation, Royal Horticultural Society Early Spring Show, London Feb 16
Scent•sational	Preliminary Commendation, Scottish Rock Garden Club, Dunblane Scotland Feb 20
Spot On	Award of Merit, Scottish Rock Garden Club, Dunblane Scotland Feb 20
Velvet Smile	Preliminary Commendation, Royal Horticultural Society Early Spring Show, London Feb 16
White Caucasus	Preliminary Commendation, Alpine Garden Society Loughborough Show, London Mar 5

After the London show, I travelled with John Amand and his wife to Dunblane, Scotland where I gave a talk to the Scottish Rock Garden Club. I also got two more awards with fresh pots of my hybrids.

After a stay with Anne Blanco-White in London, and a few days in Paris, I headed up to the Lentetuin (Spring Garden in Dutch) flower show, in Breezand Holland. Jan Ligthart, one of the growers of my hybrids had a lovely display of some of my hybrids (along with his Tulips which aren't in the photo).



Lentetuin, Breezand Holland



Two rows of my hybrids in Holland

Perhaps the second most amazing thing this year (after Tequila Sunrise) was finding a yellow sport of Eye Catcher. When I was walking the field of looking for stray bulbs of Amazing (00-KN-1) that had gotten mixed in (as a result of a previous grower), I thought to myself, I wonder if one day a sport will be discovered; and if it is, I wonder

what it will look like. Well now I know. Actually I discovered two bulbs. Perhaps it had sported a couple of years prior, and was only being noticed now. It had a chance to increase enough that there are now two bulbs, and possibly even a couple of smaller bulbs that are not yet big enough to bloom

So in this case, only the fall is a medium yellow.



Eye Catcher (98-NP-4)



Sport from Eye Catche

I am looking forward to seeing it again next year

I also found a plant in the process of sporting. Notice in the close-up that a portion of the standard is yellow. I am hoping a bulblet right at the point where the sporting is occurring will have yellow standards and falls. Its style arms would likely still be white with navy markings.

Send us your articles

The editor would appreciate contributions to the newsletter from the general membership. If you have news of an Iris event; or looking for a particular variety or type of Iris; growing or cultivation advice, let us know. If you have plants to sell or anything you would like to share, please do so. Send them to the editor for submission. This way we can make our newsletter bigger and of more interest to our readers. (For address see inside front cover.)



Notice in this case the yellow here, is bright yellow.



Eye Catcher in the Process of Sporting



Close-up Showing Yellow On the Standard

I've been so busy that I didn't have a chance to show off the new Reticulatas in 2015. In my opinion the top new variety was 10-BL-1. Below is a picture taken this year showing two flowers. One that was quite showy was 09-CZ-1, though it is somewhat similar to 05-GQ-1. 09-CZ-1 is a bit more stiking



10-BL-1



09-CZ-1

“Whites are easy.” Or, to be more precisely, “whites with blue accents are easy.” At a point, it can be said there are too many nice ones. However Fireworks (07-BQ-2) is beautiful, and it seems to be quite a good doer.

I was quite surprised when I first saw 09-OD-1. The fall pattern / markings seem quite unusual. I wonder what other interesting hybrids could be created from it. The colouring is also quite unusual. I'm curious to know what other people might think.



Fireworks (07-BQ-2)



09-OD-1

It's been a long uphill battle to get to this point. I won't go into the difficulties. The good news is my hybrids are starting to become available. *Eye Catcher* and *Spot On* are somewhat widely available, and can likely be purchased from your local nursery (if they haven't been sold out). Check online retailers such as Botanus.com, FlowerBulbsRus.com, and Veseys.com for those the two varieties as well as *Sea Breeze*, *Scent*sational*, *Splish Splash*, *Sunshine*, and *White Caucasus*.



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Alan has been awarded the British Iris Society's 2016 Hybridizer Award

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Coming Dates to Remember

2017 Board Meeting Dates

Sunday January 15, 2017	1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Sunday April 9, 2017	1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Sunday July 16, 2017	1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Sunday October 15, 2017	1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Sunday January 21, 2018	1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

2017 CIS Annual Meeting

Sunday October 15, 2017	2:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Royal Botanical Gardens Plains Road West, Burlington	

2017 Publication Dates

February 2017	Vol 61 No 1 Winter Issue
May 2017	Vol 61 No 2 Spring Issue
August 2017	Vol 61 No 3 Summer Issue
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Coming Events

CIS Show:	
Sunday June 4, 2017	Set up: 9:00 am – 10:45 am Judging: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Public: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
SOIS Rhizome Sale:	
Sunday August. 20, 2017	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

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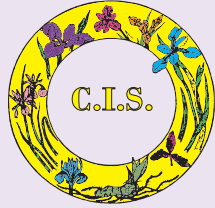
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cis website
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