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Cover Photo: *"All the Right Reasons"* TB (McMillen '18)

Style: Amoena, Standards: White, Falls: White ground with very wide edge of soft pastel orchid-violet, Beards: Yellow in throat; white at end

President's Report

By Ed Jowett

The weather still does not feel like spring even though we are in the latter part of April. I was talking with a farm lady on Thursday (Apr 12) and she thinks crops will be small yields this year as the weather is so cold and wet.

I have finished the catalogue of this year's sale, which is included in this bulletin. Our sale prices may seem a little high but we purchased in American Dollars this years and had shipping charges also in American Dollars, plus phydo cost and HST. Exchange was 35 cents on the dollar alone! We have tried to keep costs as low as possible for our members. Also in this bulletin is a update of gardens for tours. If you would like to offer your garden for a tour please advise us as to dates and conditions. The Southern Ontario show schedule is also in this issue.

I have seen an advertisement from one nursery using Irises in container gardening and I guess, pending the size of the container, this is possible. My own are sort of in containers as they are restricted in 2 out of 4 directions to 18 inches. I try to contain them to 18 inches any direction.

I had a reply from Pat Loy's suggestion from a member in B.C. (regarding 3 best choices) and she thought it was a good idea and suggested we run it in each issue but change to each type of iris per issue. If any one would care to send us your favorites please do so, and we will publish your favorites; and maybe some other members will have the same. It is interesting to see what other people grow with their irises. In my case it seems everything is taller than the iris. My wife use to tell me I wanted everything so d--- tall no one could reach it. (She was 5 foot and I am 6 ft 3").

I sent a number of Irises to my daughter in Northern Alberta a few years back and to my surprise most of them have survived and multiplied in her real cold climate.



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

I planted a number of seeds in those jiffy cubes and not one seed germinated. At the same time I planted some in potting soil in the peat pots and got a 100% germination. I'm just hoping I can keep them surviving until I can put them outside to see what I get. A clerk at the hardware store told me they were maybe last year's stock, and if not properly stored they become useless.

I do a presentation on raised gardens and got a surprise the other day while commenting on one to a person on my school run. It is a beautiful garden installed by a landscape company in her area; but she informed me they did it to cover the site of a retaining wall; so I had to come back and take a look and sure enough -- on the back side was a retaining wall, but I do not know why the wall was built that high above ground level unless it was for safety to keep people from walking over the drop-off behind it.

Some of the executive board have attended the Plant Faire show representing the society again this year. I find it real interesting at some of the local projects Society's have taken on: specialised plant sales, care of city gardens with their favorite flower as the mainstay, and on and on it gos...

I am looking for ideas for something that our members may like or may attract new members; so if you have any please forward to me. I have thought of a seed program but I don't think Canadians are into taking the time to find what they got. I collected 2 pods this year and one had 23 seeds in it -- the other none.



Ed Jowett

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.)



Musings From Manitoba



By: B. J. Jackson

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Spring is finally here! I say finally because Mother Nature has been seriously upset so far this year. A roller coaster winter, fake spring, major March storms, whatever extreme event could happen did happen.

The past few weeks, however, has seen warm temperatures and you can really feel the warmth of the sun, watch the snow retreat and see the garden start to come to life. Real spring has arrived. I have botanical and early tulips in bud, aliums and daffodils breaking ground and the garden is coming alive.

And not too far away, the much anticipated iris bloom season. But first, the shredded leaf mulch has to be removed a bit at a time and the periodic heave patrols, too. There are always a few from the seemingly incessant freeze-thaw cycles we experience. And this year, I anticipate having to reset several, both old and new.

I am very excited to see whether or not the new spurias planted last summer have survived. My track record with them is not good but I am hopeful. The anticipation of seeing seedlings bloom for the first time. Will last year's new purchases bloom this year or will I have to wait another year to see them? Spring is definitively a time of optimism and it has definitely been a long time coming!

In Can-West Iris Society news, in 2017 we celebrated the milestone of our 10th annual accredited show. In 2018, CWIS celebrates its 15th year of existence. To mark the occasion, Sandy Ives and Maureen Mark of Ottawa will be coming to Winnipeg as guest judges for the 11th annual show on June 3rd. They will also be providing both garden and classroom judges training while they are here. This is their second visit, the first being in 2008 as guest judges for our very first accredited show. With a somewhat later spring than the past several years, it will be interesting to see what there will be in bloom at show time. But whatever there is, CWIS members and friends will step up to make the show successful. They always do.

You will find this year's show schedule elsewhere in this newsletter. Should any CIS members find themselves in the area on the day, please drop by and join us. We would love to see you there!

I wish you all a wonderful bloom season.





CAN-WEST IRIS SOCIETY

11th Annual Iris Show

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

Sunday, June 3rd, 2018- 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Free Admission!!!

Show Chair: B.J. Jackson, jacksonb@mts.net



*Alene's New Love SDB
Photo: BJ Jackson*



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 are final.
2. All entries **MUST** be staged between 8:30 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 10:15 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.

Artistic Design

Please contact Jennifer Bishop at jennifer@dataways.com for more information. This is a display only class that will not be judged. Show attendees will vote on a People's Choice Award and a CWIS prize will be awarded.

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 1989)

- **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

DIVISION 2 - ARTISTIC DESIGN (Display 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 martyaddict@gmail.com.

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.

RVP Region 21 (Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, NWT, Nunavut, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba): Kelly Norris, e-mail: gardens@kellydnorris.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 Awards - 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.



Polyploid Reticulata Iris – Preliminary Results

By Alan McMurtrie

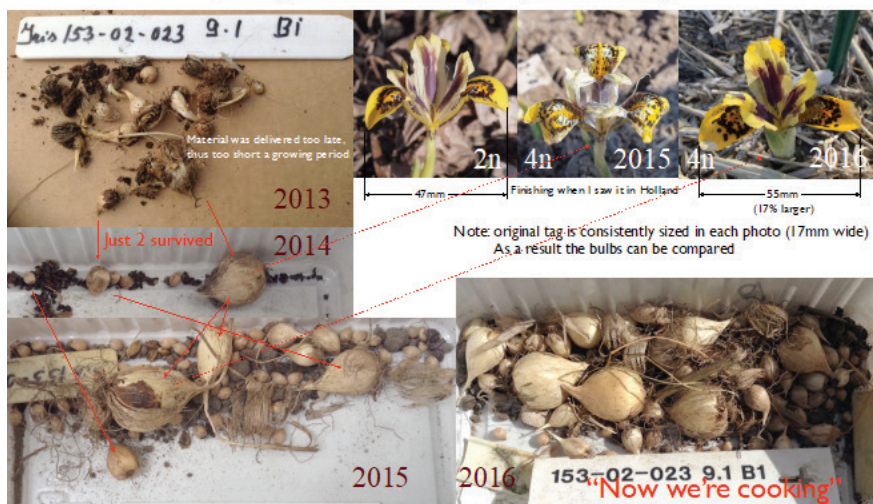
This is a preliminary report about my work with polyploidy Reticulata Iris. It was published in British Iris Society's The Group for Beardless Irises publication called The Review - Issue no. 13 Autumn 2016.



I have wanted to have a lab create polyploid Reticulata Iris since the early 2000s, however it is very expensive. On top of that, you really need to convert at least 3 or 4 to bring a range of genetic material up to the tetraploid (or higher) level. As you will see in the 2016 Year Book, I have in particular created some amazing hybrids by working with the currently known $2n=18$ species: *Iris danfordiae*, *sophenensis*, and the Çat Retic ANM2175. A Catch-22 is, two of the species are small, so their children tend to be medium in size. Since 70% of the market is for forcing, I really need larger hybrids in order to be successful, and not just be limited to the dry bulb market. My main goal though, is actually to cross *Iris reticulata* clones with my *danfordiae* based hybrids, and most importantly, maintain fertility (which means even more than just 3 or 4 clones will need to be converted)

My original plan was to use profits from the sale of my hybrids to fund the polyploidy conversions. Time is marching on. In 2011 I couldn't wait any longer and started 6, followed by another 6 in 2012. It was 2 years later, 2013, that the first plantlets were delivered. Problem is, they were delivered in early March when my hybrids were

Tetraploid **It's Magic** (05-HW-1)



already blooming in the field. The material was handled in a greenhouse, but the bottom line is, it didn't have enough time for root development and bulb regeneration. It would have been better if it had gone dormant, and then gone through a proper growing cycle the following year. As shown below, only 2 of the 40 plantlets of It's Magic (05-HW-1) survived – one just barely. The larger bulb then bloomed in 2015. However it was past its best when I saw it.

Fortunately *Orange Glow* (98-OO-1) flowers were in perfect condition, and diploid and tetraploid bulbs were close to one and another as you can see in the photo. The diploid flowers on the left are 40mm tip-to-tip. The tetraploids on the right are 50mm – a 25% increase – exactly what I had been hoping for! 50mm is not huge, but it is a nice size. Tetraploid versions of *Eyecatcher* (98-NP-4) and 05-GQ-1 also bloomed but I can't say for sure how much bigger they were since they too were past their best. One other thing to keep in mind: I think it is important to be measuring flowers from similar sized bulbs. The key point though, is the tetraploid flowers were definitely larger.



Orange Glow (98-OO-1)

Left – Diploid

Right - Tetraploid

surprised to see Jan Ligthart included two bulbs of *Lilac Beauty* (03-AN-3). One of it's "claims to fame," beside the unique colour, is large bulbs give 3 flowers, which should make it excellent for forcing.

In the photo of *Lilac Beauty* bulbs, the 2n bulb pair resulted from a bloom this past Spring. The bulbs on either side (both 11mm in diameter) are material that had been grown outside the lab for at least a year. The bulb on the left appears, from its coarse tunic, to be at least 8n, if not 16n.

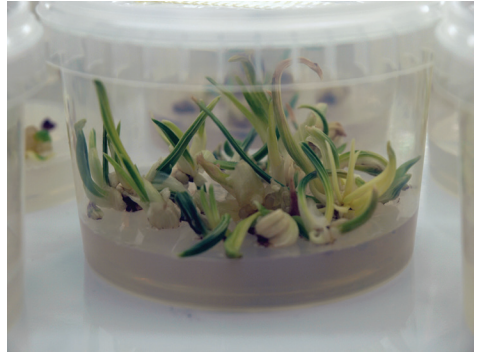


A question you might be asking is, would octaploid flowers be even larger?

At the moment the answer is up in the air. I have been warned octaploids could be slower growing, and consequently their flowers could in actual fact be smaller. Will that be the case with *Reticulatas*? We'll see!

I now have tetraploid bulbs here in Canada, and have taken measurements of the various bulbs for later comparison to flower size. I was pleasantly

Keep in mind that although tissue culture is being used to increase the polyploid stock, doing so is 1) expensive, and 2) not that effective (meaning you don't shave that many years off getting to market). It might be different if you had a variety that was going to be in high demand at good prices, and all the kinks were worked out of the delivery process such that 100 plantlets meant 100 bulbs at the end of the growing season. Or more logically, 10,000 plantlets meant you'd have 10,000 bulbs at the end of the growing season.



Something like this doesn't happen instantly. You first have to build interest (currently the Reticulata market is depressed). It then takes two or three years for the polyploid conversion. Followed by at least 2 years building up material in the lab, followed by another two, possibly 3 years in the field.

At the moment there are still significant kinks in plantlet delivery.

In an ideal world I would want to convert the original 6 clones, see the results including tetraploid, octoploid, and possibly hexadeciploid versions, then move forward with a concerted program. As with most things, the practical reality is trying a few, getting an idea that things are going at least reasonably. Then trying a few more, and "correcting problems as we go."

The 12 additional clones I started this year bring the total to 41 ["I'm not getting any younger"].

At the moment the aim is to have tetraploids of each. As many octoploids as possible, and perhaps a couple of hexadeciploids. Because an octoploid version of *It's Magic* was not originally created, I paid for an extra conversion to explicitly get an octoploid of it. At this point I have no idea of whether that's money well spent or not (certainly the tetraploid looks very nice). Assuming the Lilac Beauty bulbs bloom, I may have an initial answer next Spring.

I'm certainly not doing this "for the money" (hopefully in the long run I'll recover my investment costs). I'm doing this because I'm passionate, and because I'm amazed at what I've achieved. What drives me is my accomplishments e.g. this year's *Tequila Sunrise* (09-LE-2), and the wonder of nature's beauty. ►

92-FB-1 and 89-A-3 no longer exist, but were sterile diploid dead-ends. I did think 92-FB-1 was quite nice, and would have loved to have seen what hybrids could have been created using it at the tetraploid level.



92-FB-1
Cantab x winogradwii



89-A-3
hyrcana x danfordiae

We love pure species, but sometimes those species are very difficult to keep in our gardens. This is where a little hybridizing can help to make plants that are more robust. A few people are not happy. They want only plants that are found in nature. Everything else is an abomination! It may be that those people thrive on the challenge of growing things that are difficult. If the average person tries something and it does poorly, they're simply going to give up: case in point *Iris danfordiae* "shatters" after 2 years.

In a sense all I'm doing is giving Mother Nature a helping hand. If *Iris danfordiae* and *I. sophenensis* were to come together in the same valley in Turkey, then many of my hybrids would be the result. ...and especially so if the *Çat Retiç* drifted over as well.

It is fascinating to wonder how the various species and forms came into existence in the first place.

P.S. It would be nice to do some polyploidy work with Junos, for example to convert *magnifica* x *warleyensis* hybrids, and then see what further breeding the tetraploids would bring. My funds and time are tied up with *Reticulatas*, but an underlying stumbling block is the fact there was no interest by the Dutch in any of my *Juno* hybrids. A few have been sold by **Janis Ruksans**.



Wanted

Is there a Canadian who grows TB "Chianti Classic" (T Aitken 2010)?

If so Don McQueen would appreciate a reply.

He Can be reached at ddmcqueen@rogers.com

Iris pallida Sweet Iris Dalmatian Iris

By John Moons



The genus *Iris* is very large. There is a subgenus also called *Iris* and next is a section called *Iris*. In this article I use the classification that **Brian Mathew** uses in his book: *The Iris* (1981).

The section *Iris* is also called the bearded or pogon *Iris*. There is a long list of species that belong to this section *Iris*. All species in this section have thick rhizomes and fans of leaves.

The flowers sit usually on branched stems and the three falls have furry beards. This section is the only section in the subgenus *Iris* where the seeds have no fleshy arils. All the other plants in this subgenus do have fleshy arils. This section *Iris* has many species that make good garden plants. For our story we mention only *Iris pallida* and *Iris variegata*. *Iris variegata* was described in the Fall 2018 issue of the CIS Newsletter. The *Iris pallida* and the *Iris variegata* have made the greatest contributions to the enormous number of bearded hybrids we know today. For a lot of people the bearded Irises are the only Irises they can visualize. The name *pallida* in Latin means pale. It refers to the pale colour of the silvery papery bracts of the flowers. **J.B.A.P Monnet de Lamarck** (1744-1829) gave it the name *Iris pallida* in 1789. It had been in cultivation long before that date. Synonyms are : *I. glauca* (Salisbury), *I. odoratissima* (Jacq) and *I. pallido – coerulea* (Pars.). It has been cultivated around Florence in Italy for centuries for the rhizomes, which become fragrant when they are dried for a long time. This is the orris root of perfumery.

The *pallida* originates in Europe. It grows in the wild from South Tirol along the east coast of the Adriatic Sea to Southern Dalmatia. You can find 3 subspecies. They are *Iris pallida* ssp *cengialti*. This has deep purple flowers. It grows in Croatia, Slovenia and the adjacent parts of Italy. *Iris pallida* ssp *illyrica* comes from the north Dalmatian coast and the *Iris pallida* ssp *pseudopallida* from the south Dalmatian coast.

In its natural habitat it grows most often in places with a lot of rocks, but it can grow on any soil with good drainage.

The leaves are up to 60 cm long. They are sword-shaped and about 2-4 cm. wide. The colour is blue green with a bit of a silvery shine over them. The *Iris pallida* *cengialti* has leaves that are greener. The flowers grow on up to 120 cm high stalks. The branches are only 1-3 cm long and you might not even recognize them as branches. Per stalk there are 2 to 8 large flowers which are 9-11 cm in diameter. The colour is a soft lilac-

blue with a white tipped yellow beard. The spathes are silvery white and very thin. The perianth tube is about 12 mm long. The falls have an obovate shape and are 7 cm long. They point out sideways, but are not quite horizontal. They can have brown-purple veins. The standards have also an obovate shape and the colour is paler than the falls and a bit shorter. The capsule is oblong and has 3 corners lengthwise. The seeds are red brown and look angled. The flower has a strong fragrance.

This Iris grows on any soil as long as the location is sunny and has good drainage. It tolerates extreme dryness and is most happy on the south side of a steep embankment. It is an excellent garden plant.

The Irises *variegata* and *pallida* grow in the same area of Italy, Slovenia and Croatia. There are a lot of natural hybrids between the two. *Iris x germanica* is such a hybrid cross. Together they have supplied most of the genetic material for the thousands of hybrids of bearded Irises that we have now. The chromosome number is $2n=24$.

Strangely enough I cannot find many cultivars of the *pallida*. The cultivar *Dalmatica* has leaves that are wider than the species and the flowers are lavender, but for the rest it is not much different from the species. The best known cultivars are the two variegated *pallidas*. *Iris pallida* *Albo-variegata* has a white edge on the leaves. The variegation does not fade over the summer. The flowers are lavender-blue and fragrant. It is a bit more tender than the *Iris pallida* *Aurea-variegata* which has a yellow edge on the leaves. This cultivar also holds its variegation over the summer. The flowers are also lavender blue and fragrant. The variegation for both is very stable and it does not go back to green too often. Of course these variegated forms do not grow as fast as the original species, because they have less chlorophyll. The variegated cultivars are perfectly hardy here in Southern Ontario's zone 6. They are advertised as hardy in Zone 3. They give us a nice colour focal point in the garden all through the growing season.

Propagation is by seeds or by dividing. When you multiply them by seed you have to make sure that no hybridizing took place. If you are not sure, then you have to divide the plants after they have bloomed.



Books used:

- *Iris* by Fritz Koehlein, Timber Press 1987
- *The World of Irises*, Edited by Bee Warburton and Melba Hamblen, The American Iris Society 1978
- *Iris The classic Bearded Varieties* by Claire Austin, Quadrille Publishing 2001
- *The Genus Iris* by William Dykes, reprint from original 1913 edition, Dover Publications 1974
- *The Iris* by Brian Mathew, B.T. Batsford 1981
- *Hortus Third* by staff of Liberty Hyde Bailey Hortorium, MacMillan Publishing Co. 1976
- *The Gardener's Guide to Growing Irises* by Geoff Stebbings, Timber Press 2001

Canadian Iris Society

2018 Iris Purchase Program



TB *Hearts Afire* (T Aitken 2017)



TALL BEARDED



\$12



\$45



\$15

Alabaster Lacre

Aitken

2016

Very tall blue-white, heavily laced. Soft blue beards. Long bloom season

Black Cherry Blast

T Aitken

2018

Tall dark and handsome – dark cherry red with blueberry blue blaze surrounding a busy paprika beard, very different flower form and substance are excellent.

Cappuccino Lace

T Aitken

2016

Stately ruffled buff cream confection, heavily laced
A Vigorous grower

TALL BEARDED



\$9



\$9



\$12

Cotillion Gown

Keppel 2013
Beautifully ruffled lemon yellow with
red beards for contrast
HM15

Daring Deception

T Johnson 2012
white standards with light violet wash
up midrib; Style arms white; Falls
plush violet, wide white band, white
spray on either side of beard; Beards
tangerine, Slight fragrance

Football Hero

L Miller 2016
Bright yellow standards, plum-red falls
Popular at 2016 AIS Convention



TALL BEARDED



\$15



\$35



\$25

Gracious Me

T Aitken 2016
Smooth medium blue, beautifully
ruffled self
Very late bloomer

Hearts Afire

T Aitken 2017
Bright smooth. Rich orange self except
for a rim of chocolate on the round flat
falls, intense orange beard

Infidel

M Smith 2016
Apricot orange standards, violet black
falls with contrasty smoked red-orange
beards

Tall BEARDED



\$10



\$45



\$25

Kaibab

M smith 2016

Gold-apricot standards, red violet falls,
red beards.

Very ruffled

Lets Party

T Aitken 2018

This fancy plicata is all dressed up for partying in ruffles and shades of pink. Standards are a soft – apricot pink, falls have a white ground in the centres blending to apricot – pink with a wide band of rose – pink plicata dotting, becoming nearly solid at the edges; and a line of light rose – pink dotting down the centreline. Beards are bright coral red. Stalks are beautifully branched. Reliably hardy grower and bloomer In the toughest climates

Night Navigator

T Aitken 2016

Domed medium purple standards,
deep red-purple fall spot, lighter at
edges.



TALL BEARDED



\$9



\$35

Outside of Heaven

Ghio 2013
Light pink standards, creamy pink falls
HM 15

Red Triumph

T Aitken 2017
This plant has excellent branching and carries 8 buds. Flowers have closed standards and ruffled petals; flared and ruffled falls have no haft marks. Colour is smooth deep red, bright orange beards



Iris in bloom

TALL BEARDED



\$25



\$10

Rubio

M Smith 2016
Creamy white standards, dark ruby red falls with red orange beards

Visigoth

M Smith 2013
Nicely ruffled midnight black self
HM15



INTERMEDIATE BEARDED



\$15



\$18



\$8

Aquarian (RE)

M Smith

2017

Free flowering till freeze up; 4 or 5 buds in spring bloom. More on rebloom. Baby pink standards, green veined midrib. Inner base tinted lilac. Styles arm cream with pink rib & crest. Pink Falls have a cream area (More)

Cocoa Butter

M Smith

2018

Standards are pure butter yellow with slightly darker very ruffled style arms. Falls are rich chocolate with grayed orange shoulders and butter bastings beside the hot orange beard.

Lakota

M Smith

2014

Lavender with mulberry fall wash and orange hafts; Orange beards.
HM 16

Canadian Iris Society: 2018 Iris Purchase Program mini-catalogue

This year the Canadian Iris Society (CIS) again offers a selection of special high quality iris plants for your growing pleasure. This program helps support the activity and function of the CIS and its registered affiliates, a further plus is that you get yourself some very nice flowers at the same time too! Please take note that the CIS Purchase Program is reserved for current CIS members only. (if not a CIS member; see the note below on how you can still participate by joining at the same time as you order)

Here is how it works: Choose your special new irises from our 2017 listing, reserve them by prepaying for them now and then at the correct planting time later in the summer we ship them directly to your home. When your order is received the available plants are reserved for you. Order early for the best selection. All the plants are a limited supply and some of these will go fast so do not delay! With the help of our iris friends at a major commercial iris garden we have available a selection of recent iris introductions and they are at great bargain prices compared to what you would normally pay. These will be top quality rhizomes that will be shipped directly to you. The plants on offer are all American Iris Society (AIS) registered and named iris cultivars. Each will be clearly labeled and ready to pop into your garden. We will provide you with the info on the expected time of arrival once we have that information, but your delivery will likely be near the end of July.

The plants listed will be sold on a first come first served basis to CIS members. Place your order by e-mail, phone or postal mail. If a plant is sold out we will notify you by phone or e-mail so you have a chance to change your order or cancel. Payment must be received before any shipment will be made.

The sale opening /closing date: So that everyone has a fair and equal chance to review the listing and obtain the available plants, orders will only be received from June 1, 2017 onwards. The sale will end July 15, 2017. This will allow us to process the orders, ship them to you and therefore give you adequate time to plant the irises so that they become well established before cold weather/winter arrives. We suggest to place an order as soon as possible as the items are limited in quantity therefore your available selection will be greatly reduced as time progresses.

2018 Shipping Costs: Ontario: 1-10 rhizomes \$12.00 | 11-20 rhizomes \$20.00 | 21-30 rhizomes \$28.00 | 31-40 rhizomes \$36.00 | 41-50 rhizomes \$44.00 rest of Canada: 1-10 rhizomes \$20.00 | 11-20 rhizomes \$28.00 | 21-30 rhizomes \$36.00 | 31-40 rhizomes \$44.00 | 41-50 rhizomes \$52.00

Please send your order and payment by cheque or money order payable to the Canadian Iris Society. Send your order to the sale coordinator: Ed Jowett, 1960 Sideroad 15, RR#2 Tottenham, ON L0G 1W0 telephone: 905-936-9941 | email: jowettfarm@copper.net

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Cultivar	Hyb	Year	Price	Quantity	Amount
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Tall Bearded

Alabaster Lace	Aitken	2016	\$12.00		
Black Cherry Blast	Aitken	2018	\$45.00		
Cappuccino Lace	Aitken	2016	\$15.00		
Cotillion Gown	Keppel	2013	\$9.00		
Daring Deception	T Johnson	2012	\$9.00		
Football Hero	L Miller	2016	\$12.00		
Gracious Me	Aitken	2016	\$15.00		
Hearts Afire	Aitken	2017	\$35.00		
Infidel	M Smith	2016	\$25.00		
Kaibab	M Smith	2016	\$10.00		
Lets Party	Aitken	2018	\$45.00		
Night Navigator	Aitken	2016	\$25.00		
Outside of Heaven	Ghio	2013	\$9.00		
Red Triumph	Aitken	2017	\$35.00		
Rubio	M Smith	2016	\$25.00		
Visigoth	M Smith	2013	\$10.00		

Intermediate Bearded

Aquarian (RE)	M Smith	2017	\$15.00		
Cocoa Butter	M. Smith	2018	\$18.00		
Lakota	M Smith	2014	\$8.00		

Border Bearded

Buoyant Spirit	Aitken	2014	\$12.00		
Clearly Pink	Aitken	2017	\$20.00		
Papaya	Aitken	2018	\$25.00		
Signorina	M Smith	2017	\$20.00		

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Cultivar	Hyb	Year	Price	Quantity	Amount
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Minature Tall Bearded

At Last My Blue	Fisher	2015	\$8.00		
Chocolate Fountain	Fisher	2015	\$10.00		
No Regrets	Fisher	2016	\$12.00		
Syncopated Rhythm	S Markham	2016	\$10.00		

Minature Dwarf Bearded

Chocolate Chips	Aitken	2016	\$8.00		
Fairy Firefly	Aitken	2015	\$6.00		
Hot Coals	Aitken	2014	\$6.00		
Orange Squeeze	Aitken	2018	\$15.00		
Small Token	L Miller	2014	\$5.00		

Standard Dwarf Bearded

Blue Bauble	Aitken	2017	\$12.00		
Cameo Keepsake	L Miller	2015	\$6.00		
Dragnet	M Smith	2014	\$6.00		
Fairy Fireworks	Aitken	2014	\$5.00		
Island Sunrise	Aitken	2017	\$12.00		
Let it Snow (RE)	Aitken	2014	\$5.00		
Low Tide	M Smith	2015	\$9.00		
Luminaire	Aitken	2016	\$9.00		
Martian	M Smith	2015	\$8.00		
Menehune	M Smith	2016	\$9.00		
Starshot	M Smith	2018	\$18.00		

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ORDER SUMMARY

Please select the Shipping Charge for the size of your Order and your province

# Plants	Ontario	Other
1 -10	12.00	20.00
11 - 20	20.00	28.00
21 - 30	28.00	36.00
31 - 40	36.00	44.00
41 – 50	44.00	52.00

Total Page 2	
Total Page 3	
Freight	
Total Payable	

Instructions:

Bring forward totals from previous pages; See freight chart above for shipping cost.
Total and send order and payment to Canadian Iris Society. Mailing address below.

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Town/City:	
Province:	
Postal Code:	
Phone:	
Email:	

Make Cheque or Money Order payable to Canadian iris Society/Sale
Canadian Iris Society, 1960 side Road 15, Tottenham, ON L0G 1W0

BORDER BEARDED



\$12



\$20



\$25

Buoyant Spirit

T Aitken

2014

Light blue standards, creamy white falls, wide & ruffled, White tipped orange beards

Clearly Pink

T Aitken

2017

22" M; 8 buds. Well proportioned stem and flowers. Very clean. Solid pink self with bright coral orange beards. Domed standards and horizontally flared round falls with gentle ruffles. An all round excellent border bearded

Papaya

T Aitken

2018

Papaya peach standards blending to orchid lavender at the midribs, Round ruffled white falls rimmed in papaya orange. Beards are bright orange.



BORDER BEARDED



\$20

MINIATURE TALL BEARDED



\$8



\$10

Signorina

M Smith

2017

Grayed lilac standards, edges are tan-peach, wider at the base. Styles are tan/peach with smoky mauve tint on midrib and style crests. Falls have a cream area beside beard becoming smoky salmon toward fall edge. Falls are almost completely washed Russian violet with subtle veining radiating from the beard.

At Last My Blue

Fisher

2015

Mid lavender blue with white, flush
blue white beards

Chocolate Fountain

Fisher

2015

Rich dark chocolate standards; bright red violet falls, yellow beards Popular

MINIATURE TALL BEARDED



\$12



\$10

MINIATURE DWARF BEARDED



\$8

No Regrets

Fisher 2016
Bright yellow standards; peach falls,
veined yellow, Yellow beards

Syncopated Rhythm

S Markham 2016
Colour variations from year to year.
Well branched 9 – 10 buds

Chocolate Chips

T Aitken 2016
Dark chocolate standards, and cream
falls dotted chocolate.
Forms compact clump



MINIATURE DWARF BEARDED



\$6



\$6



\$15

Fairy Firefly

T Aitken 2015

Tiny bright orange with an orange/
brown fall spot & orange zonal

Hot Coals

T Aitken 2014

Apricot standards; Red-black falls
Apricot lines radiating from coral
beards

Orange Squeeze

T Aitken 2018

Bright orange standards and style
arms round darker orange falls
blending to lighter orange rims.
Glowing orange beards.

MINIATURE DWARF BEARDED



\$5

STANDARD DWARF BEARDED



\$12



\$6

Small Token

L Miller 2014
Garnet red with red-black fall spot,
light blue beards

Blue Bauble

T Aitken 2017
3 Buds, Nice smooth mid-blue flowers
with a blended green cast up the
middle of the closed standards and of
the hafts of the flared, wide flat falls

Cameo Keepsake

L Miller 2015
Clear peach pink, falls a bit lighter,
Baby blue beards
Round and lightly ruffled

STANDARD DWARF BEARDED



\$6



\$5



\$12

Dragnet

M Smith 2014
Red/ Black
With brassy gold beards
Vigorous growth

Fairy Fireworks

T Aitken 2014
Snowy white rimmed purple.
Extended bloom into TB season.

Island Sunrise

T Aitken 2017
Lemon yellow standards, Falls flat
round, ruffled, rimmed with yellow,
spot pattern is milk chocolate which
is overlaid with a yellow zonal spot
surrounding bright orange beards

STANDARD DWARF BEARDED



\$5



\$9



\$9

Let it Snow
(RE)

T Aitken 2014
White with hint of blue in falls.
Blooms again in TB season

Low Tide

M Smith 2015
Blue-violet standards, red violet falls,
with blue tipped orange-gold beards

Luminaire

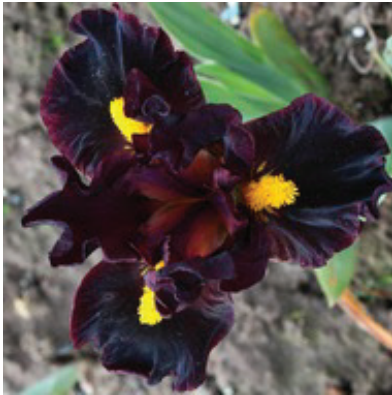
T Aitken 2016
Dark burgundy/black self with starchy
white beard and zonal spot



STANDARD DWARF BEARDED



\$8



\$9



\$18

Martian

M Smith 2015
Peach standards, white falls heavily lined and dotted purple. Fat orange beards.

Menehune

M Smith 2016
Dark brown-black standards, Velvety burnt umber black falls and gold orange beards

Starshot

M Smith 2018
Standards are pastel straw yellow, round ruffled cream – whit falls with brass – gold shoulder and some chocolate veins, ending in a soft orange rim. Tangerine beard in throat, tangerine tipped cream end. Plicata with pronounced sweet fragrance.



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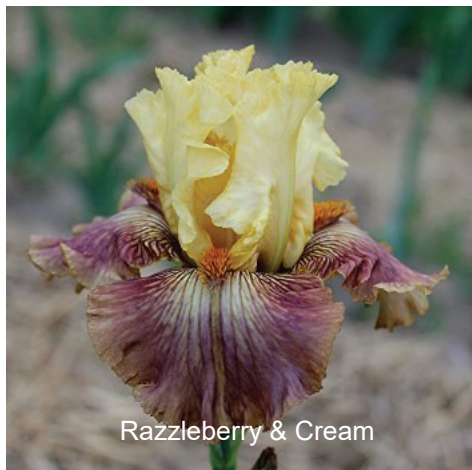


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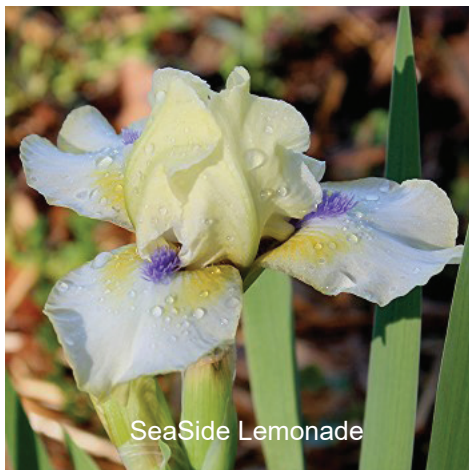


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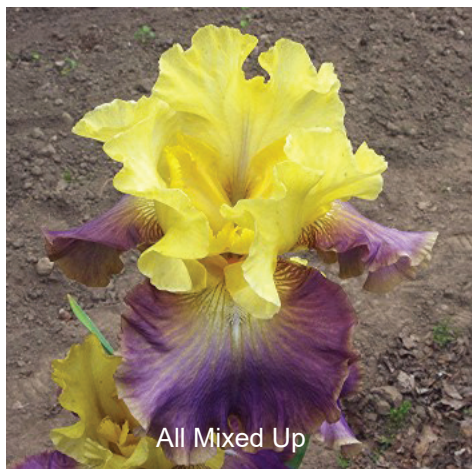


Razzeberry & Cream



SeaSide Lemonade

By John McMillen Trails End Iris (7):



All Mixed Up



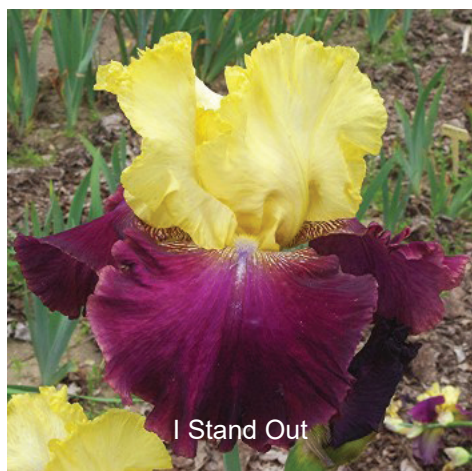
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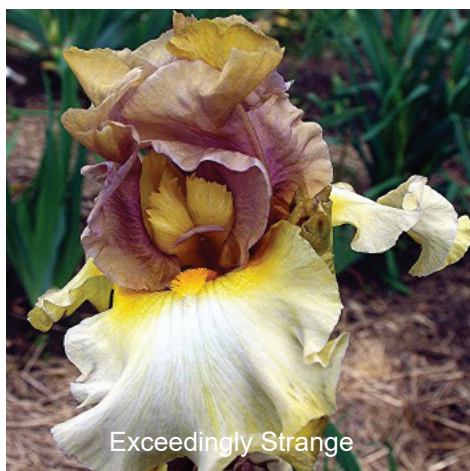
Challenging Harmony



Call To Worship



I Stand Out



Exceedingly Strange



Ultimate Desire

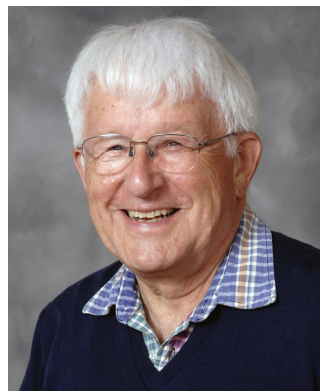
By Chuck Chapman (not available at time of publication)

Canadian Iris Society Newsletter



Iris Twins Part 4

Selected by Don McQueen



Here's a pair of Tall Bearded which, if blooming in the same garden, need closer inspection to confirm their identities. KONA COAST (Plough) was registered in 1971, and was followed later by SPRECKLES (Schreiners) in 1979.



Don McQueen digitals

KONA COAST: June 8, 2008

KONA COAST's hues are more of a honey brown than the copper-reddish shades of SPRECKLES. Intensity of the yellow grounds are stronger in SPRECKLES than the more muted hues of KONA COAST. The copperish edging of SPRECKLES's falls have plicata characteristics which differ from the stippled brown border of KONA COAST.

In addition to noticing the difference in flower form, the orange beards need inspection too: those on KONA COAST have heavier brown frosting than those of SPRECKLES. Bloom for both varieties usually occurs during early June in my garden in London.



SPRECKLES: June May 31,2017

TOP 20 Tall bearded iris

***selected by AIS members in
2017 symposium***

**Edited information from AIS Bulletin,
Winter 2018**

Additional Comments by Ann Granatier



Source: AIS newsletter articles/ AIS May 2018 symposium winners

Rank 2017	Cultivar	Votes 2017	Hybridizer	Intro year	
1	Dusky Challenger	135	Schreiner	1986	
2	Gypsy Lord	107	Keppel, K	2006	
3	Queen's Circle	107	Kerr, F	2000	
4	That's all Folks	99	Maryott, B	2005	
5	Jesse's Song	91	Williamson, B	1983	
6	Florentine Silk	84	Keppel, K	2005	
6	Thornbird	84	Byers, M	1989	
8	Immortality	83	Zurbrigg, L	1982	
9	Conjuration	80	Byers, M	1989	
10	Daughter of Stars	79	Spoon, D	2001	
10	Silverado	79	Schreiner	1987	
12	Stairway To Heaven	78	Lauer, L	1993	
13	Mesmerizer	73	Byers, M	1991	
14	Celebration Song	69	Schreiner	1993	
14	Golden Panther	69	Tasco, R	2000	
16	Montmartre	64	Keppel, K	2008	
16	Skating Party	64	Gaulter, L	1983	
18	Lady Friend	62	Ghio, J	1981	
19	Absolute Treasure	61	Tasco, R	2006	
20	Drama Queen	59	Keppel, K	2003	

21-96 | The rest of the 2017 Favourites are available on the AIS web-site

Officially known as the AIS Tall Bearded Iris Symposium, all American Iris Society members are eligible to vote for their favourite irises each year. The 2017 Symposium was the 77th annual. A total of 7,094 votes were cast. Of the 472 irises on the ballot, 459 or 97.2 % received at least one vote. The top iris Dusky Challenger received 135 votes remaining in the top position, which it has done almost every year since 1993.

This year’s 2018 criteria for an iris to be listed on the symposium ballot is:

- The top 100 varieties in the most recent (2017) TB Symposium
- Tall bearded irises eligible for 2018 Dykes Medal on official judges ballot
- Tall Bearded irises eligible for 2018 Wister Medal on official judges ballot
- Tall bearded irises eligible for 2018 Award of Merit on official judges ballot
- Tall Bearded irises that won 2017 Award of Merit
- Tall Bearded irises that won 2017 Honorable Mention

	Bloom Season	Height (Inches)	Brief Description
	ML	39	dark purple
	ML	40	s. white; f. violet w. white centre & red beard
	ML	32	white, blue border on f.
	M	40	s. gold; f. white w. gold band
	M	36	white & violet plicata
	ML	40	s. peach; f. violet w. pink edge
	M	35	ecru tan w. violet horns
	M & Re	30	white
	ML	36	white and violet & white w. horns
	EM & Re	35	purple luminata w. white edge
	M	38	light silver blue
	E-M	40	s. off white; f. medium blue
	M	36	white w. white flounces
	E-M-L	37	s. apricot pink; f. blue lavender
	M	34	gold/bronze
	E-M	33	s. purple w. yellow edge; f. purple w. white edge
	M-L	40	white
	VE-E	38	garnet - red
	M	42	sky-blue w. white beard
	E-M	38	cyclamen purple/cappuccino buff plicata

and in the Winter 2018 AIS bulletin.

► ... TOP 5 Tall bearded iris

Many iris fanciers consider this list to be a valuable tool for selecting from the myriad of tall bearded irises available for their gardens.

Although most Irises are hybridized and grown in America, many of the Irises listed in the symposium are good choices for Canadian gardens. Some caution needs to be taken when selecting irises from growers that are based in much warmer and dryer climates than Canadian zones. A good tip offered by **Paul Black** of Mid-America is to avoid early season TB's that can be damaged by late frosts. Surprisingly, some of our colder climates, ie Saskatchewan, have such a good and consistent snow cover, that growing irises is not a problem. For those Canadians without reliable snow cover, a light airy mulch can be beneficial, particularly for new plantings. Another good tip is to select irises from Canadian Growers.



1. Dusky Challenger



2. Gypsy Lord



3. Queen's Circle



4. That's all Folks



5. Jesse's Song

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Ed Jowett

President CIS



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Coming Dates to Remember

2018 Board Meeting Dates

Sunday July 15, 2018 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Sunday October 21, 2018 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

2018 CIS Annual Meeting

Sunday October 21, 2018 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Royal Botanical Gardens
Plains Road West, Burlington

2018 Publication Dates

August 2018 Vol 62 No 3 Summer Issue

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Coming Events

SOIS Show
RBG

Sunday June 4, 2018
2:30 pm

SOIS Rhizome Sale
RBG

Sunday August 19, 2018
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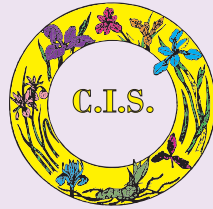
Check with the above sources to see if bloom season tours and times are available.

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