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RAINBOW HYBRIDIZING GARDENS

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WORLD'S ONLY COMPLETE AND UP-TO-DATE OFFERINGS IN IRIS FOR YEAR-ROUND BLOOM

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To reward you for ordering EARLY, I offer entirely FREE the valuable PREMIUMS listed below if your order is mailed within 30 days after this catalog reaches you. If you are short of cash during this period, see "YOU MAY ORDER IRIS ON CREDIT" on opposite page, and still take full advantage of this great offer.

As you will see at a glance below, the larger your order, the finer the PREMIUM, and the more PREMIUMS you get, but not more than 1 of a kind. You'll be amazed how fast the number goes up. For example, on a \$20.00 order you get 4 times as many Premiums as a \$12.50 order. And on a \$25.00 order—Oh, my! Take a look! Never before have I made an offer like this:

Order This Amount Or More	Choose Number of Premiums in Any One Column, According to Size of Your Order				
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	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class D	Class E
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25.00 1 PLUMED DELIGHT or 1 CLEMENTINA or 2 in Class A, or 3 in Class B, or 4 in Class C.

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100.00 1 Plumed Delight AND 1 Clementina AND 5 Premiums in ANY class.

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This year my list of free PREMIUM varieties has been greatly enlarged to give you even wider choice. There are no less than 121 Premium varieties in 11 different types of Iris. All are listed below and you'll find them EASY to spot, all thru the catalog, too, as the variety NAME is always printed in RED. You'll have a joyous time hunting up a list of really choice ones you can get FREE; and then arranging your order to make your dreams come true. You may even include on your order certain items your friends or relatives want in order to build up for those extra generous Premiums on the larger orders.

To help you get up to \$25.00 or more and get Free my \$25.00 horned Iris Plumed Delight (pages 4 and 5) you may even include a friend's separate order in same envelope with yours. And if the two total \$35.00 or more, you may have PLUMED DELIGHT free, and your friend may add to his order a choice, fertile Horned Iris Seedling, also free. Or, your own \$35.00 order alone will entitle you to BOTH Plumed Delight and the choice Horned Iris Seedling. Don't pass up this GREATEST OFFER IN THE CATALOG!

CHOOSE YOUR PREMIUM IRIS HERE

According to table above—Not more than one of a kind, please.

CLASS A—Tail Bearded: Arabi Pasha, Bermuda Blue, Caroline Jane, Gussie, Memphis Belle, Palomino, Rose Delight. **Autumn:** Autumn Orchid. **Oncobreds:** Cerulean, Fancywork, Magic Light, Olive Orchid, Stick Chick, Viveza. Or any variety in Classes B to E.

CLASS B—Tail Bearded: Abbie Collett, Banner Bright, Benton Ophelia, Black Hills, Bronze Symphony, Elise Werner, Good and Plenty, Marsala, Rio Valley, Tensleep, Veiled in Mystery, White Peacock. **Autumn:** Autumn Delight. **Oncobreds:** Conquest, Damascus Blade, Engraved, Frances Craig. **Regeliabreds:** Golden Butterfly, Saffron Charm. Or any variety in Classes C to E.

CLASS C—Tail Bearded: Ali Baba, Apricot Glory, Big Time, Bluebird Blue, Criterion, Dreamy, Happy Birthday, June Bride, Lady Albright, Thotmes III, Trail Blazer, Vandabath, Wings of Song, Yellow Organdy. **Oncobreds:** Blumohr, Gold of Ophir, Kalifa Fatima, Purissamohr, Real Gold, Valganza. **Oddity:** Rhythm. **Winters:** December Royalty, Pink Pinafore. Or any variety in Classes D or E.

CLASS D—Tail Bearded: Black Mischief, Canadaway, Castle Rock, Char Maize, Cherie, Crepe Suzette, Garnet Glow, Lottie Lembrich, Maytime, Mystic Melody, Norah, Placerita, Pretty Quadroon, Raspberry Ribbon, Spotlight, Surrender, The Mad Hatter, The Tanner. **Autumn:** September Sparkler. **Dwarf:** Little Mohee. **Oncobreds:** Blue Abalone, 2 rhizomes of Gold Smoke, Mohr Majesty. **Oncogelia:** Allegría. Or any variety in Class E.

CLASS E—Tail Bearded: Aunt Amoret, Blue Parakeet, Cherry Flip, Clasmont, Fancy Velvet, Goud Measure, Midcontinent, Pathfinder, Pinnacle, Royal Sovereign, Spring Romance, Star Shine, Summit, Tangerine Cream, The Knockout, Tranquility, Utah Sunset, Weirdie, Whispers, Woodmont Plume, Yellow Eagle. **Autumn:** Mishawaka. **Dwarfs:** Blazon, Blue Spot, Whitone. **Lilliput:** Garnet Treasure. **Oncobreds:** Hurricane, Mohr Beauty, Mohresque, New Look, Parachute #2, Sespe. **Table:** Lodestar. **Winter:** California Pink. **Oncogelia:** Parthenope. **Regelia:** Hoogiana Bronze Beauty, Korolkowi Brown & Green, Korolkowi Pink.

Many catalogs give no premiums on collections, but my Premium offer above is based on the TOTAL value of your order, including all discounted Collections and all specially-priced group offers, as well as individual varieties. Thus you get MORE FOR YOUR MONEY.

If your first 1957 order is mailed within the 30 day period, you may send additional orders at any time in 1957 up to October 10 and be entitled to free PREMIUMS on each.

IMPORTANT: Premiums are free only if WRITTEN ON YOUR ORDER. Should you overlook premiums in your initial order, they may be included in your 2nd or 3rd order sent this year.

You Get 2 or 3 for the Price of 1 in My

SECRET VARIETY GAME

44 Choice Varieties in Virtually All Price Classes

Again in 1956 my SECRET VARIETY GAME proved to be the most popular of my many money-saving offers, partly because everyone can win, and partly because the cash savings mount up so rapidly as to be unbelievable.

In this catalog, for YOU to find, are 38 hidden Secret Varieties, five hidden SUPER SECRET VARIETIES and one ANNOUNCED SUPER SECRET VARIETY, as explained below, making a total of 44. Each hidden Secret Variety is easily identified by the fact that one word (of 3 letters or more) in the variety description has only the last letter as a capital letter. For example, the word "glitterinG."

If you find some or all of these varieties and include any or all of them on your order, each followed by "Secret Variety" (or the word with the final capital), you may list each at two for the price of one. You can either plant both for beauty and hybridizing, or go in with your neighbor and order two of each Secret Variety, so you will each have one at what amounts to half price.

I do not send the extra rhizome unless your order calls for 2. Also, note that this sensational offer of 2 for the price of 1 applies, obviously, only where you pay full catalog price for 1, and not to any reduced prices for 3, nor to varieties secured in collections or free offers.

5 HIDDEN SUPER SECRET VARIETIES

Last year people everywhere went wild with excitement over the 3 Super Secret Varieties that I offered 3 for the price of 1. I like to make sure that EVERY year ordering from this catalog is exciting fun for you. So, for 1957 I present no less than FIVE hidden SUPER SECRET VARIETIES, 4 Tail Bearded and 1 other. They range in price from \$2.00 to \$15.00. Each is clearly identified by the fact that its description contains two separate words, instead of one, each with only a final capital letter. When you find any or all of these varieties you may list them on your order at 3 for the price of one. Unbelievable? Yes, but true!

REAL GOLD—ANNOUNCED SUPER SECRET VARIETY

A paradox? Yes, my new, yet already world-famous Oncobred variety, REAL GOLD, heralded and made known, yet it is a secret as to how it can be secured at three for the price of one. Just to make sure that YOU read all of my special offers and other helpful material in this catalog, I have purposely put the two secret words, each with a final capital, in the same sentence, in a portion of the text that is not a variety description. As soon as you find these two words, you may list REAL GOLD on your order at 3 for the price of 1. Good hunting to you! But first, see REAL GOLD in glorious full color on page 33.

7 CLUES TO HELP YOU FIND THE HIDDEN SECRET VARIETIES

You'll have the time of your life finding ALL 44 of the Secret Varieties. You will hardly believe your eyes when you find that the varieties that you can get at these prices include many of the most outstanding and popular Iris in this entire catalog, to-wit:

1. Three Award of Merit Iris, 6 Honorable Mention Iris, and 3 British Iris Society award winners. Don't miss any of these.
2. 13 illustrated in FULL COLOR. You can see just what you will get.
3. 12 distinct types of Iris, including my widely sought HORNED Iris.
4. 12 varieties of exotic Arils. See further clues on page 20.
5. At least 25 kinds eagerly sought by hybridizers.
6. Prices to fit every pocketbook, 75¢ up to \$25.
7. The largest of all Flamingo pinks, a real beauty and the seedparent of 3 of my 1957 introductions.

IMPORTANT TO ORDER SECRET VARIETIES PROMPTLY

I have large stocks of all Secret Varieties and hope they will all last through the entire shipping season. But naturally I cannot be sure of this. So I must reserve the right, if sold out when your order reaches me, to send you other Iris equal in value to twice the amount you have paid for the Secret Variety. Send your order by Air Mail, and AT ONCE; get it to me while I still have all 44 Secret Varieties available.

Iris Lovers' SWEEPSTAKES

3 GRAND PRIZES, each consisting of a selection of choice Iris regularly worth TWICE the total value of your 1957 order, or orders, no matter how large the total may be. Only orders postmarked up to and including June 30, 1957, will count.

HOW TO ENTER: All who order and pay for their Iris before July 1, 1957, may enter by merely filling out the form at the bottom of either order blank, and showing this Catalog-guidebook to a flower-loving friend, either before or after the order is mailed.

DRAWING will be on July 15, 1957, and will be conducted by Harvey McGee, of the famous Hangtown Press in Placerville. The 3 winners will be notified at once by mail as explained on back of order blank, and will be listed in my 1958 catalog.

Don't Miss These

VERY SPECIAL OFFERS ON OTHER PAGES

SAVE 20% to 30%—On my new DO-IT-YOURSELF Collections, pages 31, 37, 43. **My 10 Super DOLLAR Values**—Not to be overlooked, see page 28.

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Look for symbol ➤—Points to best bargains for 3 of a kind, throughout catalog.

FREE SEEDS or IRIS for YOUR HELP—In showing this catalog to your friends, page 18.

"Your Secret Variety game is fun and I study the catalog for days—not giving up until I have found every one. Your Premium gifts are wonderful and I thank you for those you have sent me. You are very generous!"—Miss N. D. Bright, Baltimore, Md.

*I Invite You to Use This Catalog-Guidebook
As Your "DO-IT-YOURSELF" GUIDE To The World's Bountiful Array of IRIS*

Experience The Thrills of Year-Round IRIS Bloom by Growing and Hybridizing the Newest Creations and Rare and Exotic Iris from Distant Lands

Get the Habit of Ordering New Iris Each Year and You Will Always Have Excitement in Store for You

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How You Gain By Ordering REAL EARLY

1. By ordering in the spring or early summer you are practically certain of getting all of those choice varieties that you particularly want, and that may be sold out if you wait. I have large stocks now, but by midsummer I am likely to be entirely out of several dozen varieties.
2. You get very generous "Premiums for Early Ordering" by ordering within 30 days, even including a FREE Plumed Delight with any order of \$25.00 or more. (See page 2.)
3. You may take advantage of my exclusive "2 for 1" and "3 for 1" Secret Variety offers before my stocks of these 44 choice varieties are exhausted. You just can't beat this game of fun and profit. (See page 2.)
4. By ordering before July 1 you may take part in my great 1957 IRIS LOVERS' SWEEPSTAKES, in which you may win twice as many Iris as you are ordering. (See page 2 and bottom of order blanks.)
5. By getting your order in real early, you get delivery at the very beginning of our shipping season. This insures well-established plants in your garden for the very finest bloom next spring.

SO DON'T DELAY—IT WILL PAY YOU WELL TO MAIL THAT ORDER TODAY

YOU MAY ORDER IRIS ON CREDIT

If you do not have sufficient ready cash available during the spring months to enable you to order as much as you really want and to enjoy all the very substantial benefits outlined above of early ordering, send in your full order right away, anyway. I want to help you get all that is coming to you, in line with my policy: "MORE FOR YOUR MONEY." Your early order will qualify you for all of the advantages to be gained by early ordering, and you may send payment as your funds become available, any time before July 1.

IRIS from 'ROUND the WORLD

—"Distance lends enchantment"

Yes, this catalog contains many Iris that I have imported for you from the uttermost parts of the earth to enable YOU to create, in your own surroundings, and with very little effort, an almost everblooming floral fairyland of infinite beauty and unexpected interest. No great gardening skill is required. Just follow the simple directions in this catalog, and in my MANUAL, and the plants themselves, that I have assembled for you from the wilds of distant lands, and from Iris hybridizers everywhere, will do the rest. Here are just a few examples of the far away places from which some of these Iris immigrants have come. You will find many others in the pages that follow.

1. I import my rare, true Oncos (page 20) mostly from the Holy Land, near Jerusalem, and from remote mountains of Turkey.
2. The delightful, little-known Regelias (page 23) come from Turkestan, Bokhara and surrounding slopes of the lofty Himalayan Ranges.
3. My exclusive collection of winter-flowering Stylosas (page 32) has developed from Iris native to Algeria, Greece and the islands of the Archipelago.
4. From the Orient, principally China and Japan, come the bog Iris, Laevigata, and also Tectorum, one of the parents of Paltec, offered among the Rarities on page 40.

THE RAINBOW IRIS CALENDAR

Blooming time varies with latitude, elevation, weather and other factors.

	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEP.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
Best to send 1st order soon after catalog reaches you.												
Main Ordering Period (Before my stocks run low & to qualify for Sweepstakes.)												
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There is absolutely no need to be content with the VERY SHORT Tall Bearded blooming season shown in BLUE. Plan your Iris order to get as nearly year-round Iris bloom as your climate will permit, taking full advantage of the various extended blooming periods of other types of Iris, as shown in RED. Send your orders as early as you can, and not later than Oct. 10, for delivery this year.

I have enthusiastic customers in every state and many foreign countries. Read some of their comments on page 28

My 16 New Introductions for 1957

World's First Series of Named TRUE ONCO HYBRIDS

Just as modern hybrid Tall Bearded Iris are greatly improved from the original native forms from which they have descended, these superb new Onco hybrids surpass, in both color and form, any of the wild species imported from the Near East.

JUDEAN BRONZE (Austin '57) VE-12"\$25.00

Illustrated Nearly Life-size and in Full Color on Front Cover

A huge and striking mahogany-bronze self, with intricate veining, superb form and a most amazing intensely black signal spot, topped by a very broad golden-yellow beard. No other known Iris displays the remarkable contrast between signal spot and beard possessed by this new beauty. Like many of my other new Onco hybrids, this comes from Auranitica pollen. Even the Auranitica itself is golden, its pollen generally gives bronze offspring when crossed with varieties containing purple coloring. Already I have found that Judean Bronze, when used as a seed parent, produces the most vigorous Onco seedlings of any of my Onco hybrids to date. Has fertile pollen. [Haynei X Auranitica].

REAL EBONY (Austin '57) VE-8"\$20.00

I present Real Ebony as the blackest Iris in existence today. It is much blacker than any Tall Bearded Iris, and greatly surpasses, in this respect, the usual forms of Nigricans, which is the species from which this variant was selected. Unlike my other three 1957 Onco introductions, this one is not a hybrid, but a superior clone selected from variable imports over a period of many years. An Iris that will create a sensation wherever it is shown, and will be sought by every Iris breeder and fancier in the country. Pollen plentiful. Rhizomes small.

**JUDEAN CHARMER (Austin '57) } See page 20 for descriptions and color
JUDEAN SILVER (Austin '57) } plates of these two and the culture of Oncos**

NEWEST IN REGELIAS

(Other Regelias on page 23)

RED, WHITE & BLUE (Austin '57) E-20" I have long sought an Iris in patriotic colors. At last it appeared as a variant in the very variable imports of Stoloni-fera. Falls rich dark velvety red with light red border. Standards in contrasting white, strongly edged and veined in chocolate brown. Beard lilac-blue. Style crests mahogany rose. Resembles my Decorated Giant, but has redder standards and a bluer beard. Keep in mind this, and next, are Arils, and need Aril culture as on page 20.\$6.00

DECORATED BLUE BEARD (Austin '57) E-20" Blue bearded Iris always have a very special appeal, so I am certain this selection of Stoloni-fera will prove very popular. Has attractive sharp russet-brown margins of the standards like Stoloni-fera leichtlini, but beard is a lovely light blue, not the common yellow. Falls more spreading, less pinched than in typical Stoloni-fera; much superior to it. Very heavy bloomer. Latest form of Stoloni-fera, blooming 10 days later than Stoloni-fera leichtlini, hence one of very best of Regelias for crossing with Bearded Iris.\$3.00; 3 for \$8.25

DELIGHTFUL NEW HORNED IRIS

HORNED SKYLARK (Austin '57) ML-52" The first horned Iris in clear yellow tones. Towers above all ordinary Iris, usually reaching at least 4'. Standards clear light yellow, beautifully waved. Falls flaring, nearly horizontal, cream with light yellow edge and a very prominent, fully bearded, horn, usually about an inch long. Below the horn is a most unusual decorative feature—a brilliant yellow band, extending almost to bottom of falls. Beard bright yellow, a full 3/8" wide. Wonderful for breeding, an excellent seed-setter—gave several pods full of seed on each plant last year. Branching good. [JS-M-176 x 638] X Twilight Sky]\$25.00

WINGS OF FLIGHT (Austin '57) M-42" A new horned Iris with falls so heavily subtended and so flaring the flower seems ready to take off in flight. Standards closed and heavily ruffled. Soft pearly mauve with a pale yellow ground color. Falls pure white with a one-half inch margin of pearly mauve. Beard light yellow ending in a prominent lavender-white horn, usually one-half to one inch long, and sometimes spooned. The wonderful flare of the falls makes the horns very effective. Nearly a foot taller than its relative, Plumed Delight. Has good branching, vigor and increase. Fragrant. [JS-M-176B X 638]\$10.00 > 3 for \$19.95

**UNICORN (1954) World's First Horned Iris } Alphabetically with
MULBERRY SNOW (1955)—Famed Sister of Unicorn } Tall Bearded Iris**

PLUMED DELIGHT (Austin '55) M-32" A bewitching yellow cream, washed and veined in greyish lilac, bordered in pale yellow. Falls beautifully rippled, stiffly horizontal, much more flaring than those of its sister seedling Unicorn. Horns are usually more pronounced, somewhat more constant. Beards are yellow and white, extend out along deep violet horns, which usually project a full half inch from the falls. A violet center line on each fall, under the horn, completes the strange fascination with which this unique flower holds every observer. A very heavy bloomer, frequently producing two or three stalks from a single rhizome. No pollen, but a very heavy seed-setter. Unsurpassed as a promising parent for really new and startling creations. Be the first to get started! See Ektachrome on opposite page. [JS-M-176B X 638]\$25.00

Available FREE with every order of \$25.00 or more. See Premium list on page 2

COMMENT BY FORMER A.I.S. PRESIDENT: "Plumed Delight, a white ground picata with dark markings had the longest 'horn' I have ever seen. At the base of the beard a long tongue stood out with a spoon at the tip. Most remarkable!" H. Knowlton, Mass.

For the hybridizing possibilities of my Horned Iris see page 28

NEW TANGERINE-BEARDED IRIS

During 1952 and 1953 I sowed around 5,000 seeds of over 100 different crosses of the very newest and finest Flamingo pink and apricot parents. Over 3,000 seedlings resulted, and from all of these only the following 7 have been chosen for naming and perpetuation. As always, you get the very cream of the crop.

YELLOW

The One You've Been Waiting For

FLAMING GOLD (Austin '57) ML-L-42" Ever since the heyday of Flora Zenor and Spindrift, Iris hybridizers and fanciers alike have envisioned a yellow Iris with a tangerine beard. I have bloomed quite a few seedlings of this general coloration but only this one stands out as being eminently worthy of dissemination. It will be enjoyed, marveled at, by people everywhere. Standards creamy yellow, with vaguest hint of pink. Falls glistening light yellow with deep yellow hafts, a large brilliant orange-tangerine beard. The tangerine beard seems even more striking and effective against the yellow ground than against the customary pink ground. Standards nicely closed, falls semi-flaring, gently waved. Branching excellent. Will stop your neighbors in their tracks. [Cloudcap X Hi-Time]\$25.00

WHITE

Yes, Pure White With Tangerine Beard

TANGERINE SNOW (Austin '57) M-36" A number of "whites" appeared among my thousands of tangerine-bearded seedlings but most were dull or creamy-toned. I selected this as the only one worthy of introduction. A white as pure as drifted snow, with bright tangerine beard, setting it apart from older whites with beards in yellow or white. Nicely formed flower of good substance. I have many requests for a white with a tangerine beard, so this will be very popular. While it is a sensational new color combination, flower is of only medium size so I am introducing it at an exceedingly moderate price. Note parentage where you will see genes for both size and ruffling. [Cloudcap X Party Dress]\$10.00

FUCHSIA COLORED

Everyone Wants to See New Flamingo Pinks in Brighter Colors. Here They Are.

WINGED FUCHSIA (Austin '57) ML-42" A bright fuchsia-pink self with a red-tangerine beard. Falls so heavily subtended they flare out like the wings of a bird in flight, giving the flower a six inch spread. A clump of Winged Fuchsia is so bright and colorful that it stands out across the garden and attracts everyone's attention. The horizontal falls are beautifully waved and have a quaint dip in the center. You'll love this one! Pollen very abundant. [Radiation X Pink Formal]\$20.00

BRIGHT FUCHSIA (Austin '57) ML-40" Brightest of my fuchsia colored pinks, of extra large size. Flowers copiously formed. Standards arched, meeting, having an embossed pebbled effect around edges. Might be called a very much improved Fuchsia, with a much smoother, brighter flower and a redder beard. Whereas Fuchsia is usually only 24" to 30" high, this new one is up to 42", makes a much brighter display. Plenty of pollen for hybridizing. [Cherie X Pink Formal]\$20.00

ROSE DELIGHT (Austin '57) EM-40" An attractive bright fuchsia-pink characterized by falls with pale yellow hafts decorated with soft golden brown veins. Standards nicely cupped and closed. Falls semi-flaring, held stiffly in position by very good substance. Beard red-tangerine. Good pollen. Superb pedigree. [Cloudcap X Courtier]\$10.00

PINK

Both Pink, But So Different!

PINK SYMPHONY (Austin '57) M-38" The very best of all of my softly colored flamingo seedlings. By comparison, surpasses most flamingos in both effectiveness and size, being 5 1/2" high. Like a greatly improved Strathmore. Imagine a flower nearly twice the size, with a scarlet-tangerine beard that is much brighter, larger and more prominent as it curves well out onto the fall much farther than in most varieties. Like Strathmore it has yellow hafts, but with the yellow intensified on both sides of the brilliant beard. Substance very good, retaining the precise styling for a long period. Stems tall, with two or three branches and terminal flowers. Pollen abundant. [Pink Sensation X Nelson No. 47]\$15.00 > 3 for \$29.95

TANGERINE CARNIVAL (Austin '57) ML-34" Here we have a flower much resembling the ever-popular Marquita, but in a modern version with a bright tangerine beard. Standards and falls light pink. Falls almost completely covered with purple veins, giving a highly distinctive effect. When you note the seed parent you will see where the veins come from. Branching good, plenty of pollen. [Color Carnival X Clasmont]\$15.00 > 3 for \$33.75

SOMETHING DIFFERENT IN BLUE

One That Takes the Weather

BLUE SURPRISE (Austin '57) EM-ML-36" I believe Blue Surprise to be the heaviest-subtended blue on the market today—even when compared to all of the very new blues listed in this catalog. Its weather-resistance was dramatically demonstrated last spring when we had a very heavy hailstorm. I went into the garden immediately after and found most of the blues and other Iris had been riddled by hail. But the surprise was this seedling that stood there almost unaffected, so I named it Blue Surprise. If any one factor keynotes the best of modern Iris it would seem to be substance. This one surely has it. Every breeder of blues will want this to add substance to his line. When other blues wilt in hot sun or are tattered by storms Blue Surprise comes through with flying colors. So at last we have a real approach to a weather-proof Iris that will give a fine garden display almost regardless of the vagaries of the weather. A bright light blue, with a white flash around the cream beard. Branching quite good. [Berkeley Blue X Chivalry]\$20.00

The Iris Rainbow

PINKS - FLAMINGO PINKS - ORCHID PINKS - PASTEL PINKS - PEACH PINKS - ROSE PINKS - PINK BITONES - PINK BITONES AND BICOLORS - PINK PLOCATAS
 REDS - VIVID RED PLOCATAS - CRIMSON AND BLUE BLENDS - CRIMSON SELFS - SCARLET SELFS - RED BITONES - RED BITONES AND BICOLORS - CONTRASTING BICOLORS
 ORANGE - VARYING HUES OF ORANGE - BITONES AND BICOLORS - SALMON AND APRICOT BLENDS - BUFF AND BROWN BITONES - BICOLORS - BRONZE AND COPPER
 YELLOWS - ENRICHED WITH BROWN - BRIGHT AND DEEP - SOFT AND LIGHT - CREAM AND IVORY TONES - YELLOW BITONES AND BICOLORS - YELLOW PLOCATAS
 GREENS - SEA-FOAM GREEN OR CHARTREUSE - THE GREENISH WHITES - OLIVE AND CRESS GREENS - BITONES AND BICOLORS - EMERALD AND FOREST GREENS
 BLUES - PALE BLUES - SKYBLUE TONES - BLUE PLOCATAS - BRIGHT AND DEEP BLUES - BITONES AND BICOLORS - BICOLORS - YELLOW PLOCATAS
 VIOLETS - BLUE-VIOLETS AND ROYAL PURPLES - THE NEAR BLACKS - THE BLACK BICOLORS - VIOLET BITONES AND BICOLORS
 LAVENDERS - IRIS IN LAVENDER AND ORCHID - BITONES AND BICOLORS - LAVENDER FANCIES - GREY AND SILVER BEAUTIES
 WHITES - WHITE PLOCATAS AND BICOLORS - WITH LAVENDER OR YELLOW INFLUENCE - PURE WHITES

OVER 400

TALL BEARDED IRIS

Alphabetical Listing Preceded by a Guide to Season of Bloom; Followed by a Comprehensive Guide to Color

SEE MY FULL COLOR GUIDE TO TALL BEARDED IRIS ON PAGE 19

Varieties arranged there to form a Living Spectrum in rhythmic transition from color to color

USES: Tall Bearded Iris are adapted by height, size of flowers, and by the wide range of colors, for your main colorful displays in late spring. My Supplement gives many detailed suggestions on utilizing these and other Iris.

CULTURE AND HARDINESS: All Bearded Iris are of the easiest culture and will thrive in almost any garden bed. Select a well-drained spot that is at least partially sunny, and preferably in full sun. Well in advance of planting thoroughly mix in some well-rotted manure or complete commercial fertilizer. If soil is at all inclined to be soggy, plant on raised beds or ridges. Space the rhizomes 12" to 15" apart. Cover the rhizome (bulb-like portion) only about one-half inch, but set the slender roots deeply and well spread out. Water thoroughly. Keep moderately moist at least

until new growth starts. Best kept moderately moist all summer, but where summers are dry and water is scarce, all Bearded Iris may be left dry all summer. Most varieties are hardy to winter cold. But in cold climates it is advisable to mulch well with straw at least the first winter to prevent frost heaving. If you want the largest flowers, the tallest stalks and the most abundant bloom from well-established clumps be sure NOT to disturb your new plantings for at least three years. But when the clumps become overcrowded dig them up in the summer and break apart, saving the best of the young new rhizomes for replanting. Many additional suggestions in my Manual.

SHIPPING & PLANTING TIMES: July to October for all types of Bearded Iris. (See chart, page 3.)

For Bloom in MAY and JUNE — Season Guide To Tall Bearded

BLOOMING TIMES: The peak of Tall Bearded bloom is usually around April 1 in the South, May 1 on much of the Pacific Coast, and June 1 in most of the East. However, the earliest varieties come out 4 to 5 weeks before the latest ones; hence a careful selection of varieties will greatly lengthen your blooming season. See page 27 for my season abbreviations.

MY NEW SEASON GUIDES: Aside from color, the most important factor in selecting IRIS varieties is Season of Bloom. Since the great majority of Iris varieties bloom at or near mid-season, most people have plenty of these, and are not searching for midseason bloomers. Hence I have not attempted to list the hordes of these, either here or in my Season Guides to the other types of Iris. Instead, I present these lists to guide you quickly to the early and late kinds that will serve so well to greatly lengthen your blooming season, particularly if you use Iris of various types.

Plans for harmonious color groupings are sometimes of little avail unless one also considers season of bloom, since the desired effect can be achieved only if the selected varieties bloom together. Hybridizers, also, will find these season lists very helpful in obtaining varieties that will tend to bloom simultaneously for crossing. Still another use for such lists is in choosing varieties to grow for exhibition. Thus, if your garden happens to be in a situation where your bloom tends to come too late for local flower shows, plant more of the very early kinds, which should be just in their prime for your next show. Or, if your season tends to be too early, order chiefly the late bloomers.

For VERY EARLY Bloom Try: Char-Maize, Cherie, Cherry Flip, Fancyancy, Spring Romance, Strathmore, Trail Blazer and White Ruffles.

For EARLY Bloom Try: Blue Drapes, Cascadian, Clasmont, Gold Sovereign, Oriental Glory, Pagan Princess, Pink Sensation, Rosabella and Yellow Eagle.

For EARLY MIDSEASON Try: Apache Chief, Azure Lake, Blue Flurry, Celestia, Flamingo Bay, Gay

Paree, Gold Cup, Orchid Ruffles, Ruffled Taffeta, Sierra Skies, Ultra Violet, White Cinderella.
For LATE Bloom Try: Autumn Brown, Bang, Black Michael, Butterfly Blue, Halolight, Pretty Quadrant, Rosy Ripples, Royal Garnet, Solar Maid, The Laughing Cavalier, Yellow Organdy and Ylem.
For VERY LATE Bloom Try: Briar Rose, Gaylord, Late Snow, Mulberry Snow, Oedipus Rex, Silver Sunlight and Truly Yours.

ABBIE COLLET (Williams '55) M-32" A very smooth deep cornflower blue that has been a great favorite in the garden. The flowers are large, fluted and flaring and there is a slight intensification of the color in the falls. The substance is excellent and Abbie Collet is reported from Sacramento as being the only blue that stood up against both hail and high winds. Stalks stout and straight. Flowers well spaced on beautifully balanced branches **\$5.00 > 3 for \$9.95**

ANTHEA (Corey '53) M-36" A ruffled semi-flaring flower in a most interesting shade of salmon pink, having excellent color value in the garden and making an outstanding clump. Blooms of good size, substance and quantity. Particularly useful since it has a long period of bloom. HC'51 - [Pink Salmon X Pink Formal] **\$5.00**

AL BORAK (DeForest '52) M-36" A sensational Iris that is in great demand among the Iris fanciers. The largest of all the horizontal-fall browns. Imagine falls 3½" to 4" across by 3½" long, with hafts a full 2" wide. Standards glowing copper with a gold undertone. Falls lively brown-russet. Already demonstrated to pass its remarkable broad form on to its offspring. You could pick no finer variety to use as a parent to work along this line. HC'49; HM'53 - [(Her Grace x Prairie Sunset) X Copper River] **\$4.00**

ALI BABA (Lyon '52) M-L-40" A sister seedling to The Mad Hatter whose deep maroon coloring contrasts with the bright red of Ali Baba. The standards are flushed with garnet-brown and the falls are deep brownish-garnet-red. Hafts particularly broad. Does not fade in the hot sun. Flower very large and impressive. Best garden effect obtained when planted where the afternoon sun filters through the blossoms. Pleasing fragrance. [Ranger X Cordovan] **\$3.50 > 3 for \$6.95**

ANNETTE (Hall '55) ☉ Tawny deep rose, center aglow with intense red beads. **\$7.50**

APACHE CHIEF (Brown '55) ☉ Pearly grey-brown, large lilac blaze. **\$7.50**

APRICOT GLORY (Muhlestein '51) M-L-36" A smooth clear rich apricot, deepening at the heart of the flower. The color is the purest imaginable and devoid of markings to mar the beauty. Substance heavy, falls nicely flaring. Proving to be an excellent parent. Its seedlings range in color from white with red beards to various shades of pink, salmon, apricot with orchid undertones and the real break—pure oranges. It is the pollen parent of the new Orange Creamo. HM'51; AM'53 - [(Golden Eagle x Hall's 40-24) X Gay Orchid] **\$3.00; 3 for \$8.25**

APRICOT SUPREME (Tompkins '51) M-40" A large self in rich gleaming apricot-pink; full beard of deep Geranium pink. Well formed, broad full petals. Stalks tall, strong, extra fine branching. Fully hardy, luxuriant foliage. Very fertile pollen, sets seed readily, even crossing with Arils. Complete pedigree on request with order for Apricot Supreme. HC'50; HM'51 - [(Spring Maid x Far West) x (SQ73 x Hall 42-05)] X Pink Salmon] **\$2.00**

AUNT AMORET (Craig '50) M-35" As unusual and distinctive as the name, is this lovely ruffled fancy done in bright light violet brushed on a white ground. Elegant. CC'47; HM'53 - [Advance Guard X Mitchell 0-50] **\$2.00; 3 for \$5.50**

PLUMED DELIGHT — World's Second Horned Iris — \$25.00



I have enthusiastic customers in every state and many foreign countries. Read some of their comments on page 28



ARGUS PHEASANT — 1952 Dykes Medal — \$1.50

ARGUS PHEASANT (DeForest '48) EM-38" An exceptionally large flower in bright golden Argus brown that has taken people's fancy. From President of The Iris Society of England, H. Randall: "The highest praise can be given to this smooth brown Iris. It seems to have every virtue, and I stake my reputation that it will be eagerly sought after in this country." Dykes Medal '52 — [Casa Morena X Tobacco Road] **See in color above** \$1.50

APRIL SHOWERS (Craig '54) M-38" A tall, ruffled yellow that is a real novelty. Might be termed a fancy plicata. Standards clear light yellow; falls have a silvery quality with the sunlight yellow showered on the surface with greatest intensity at the margins, haft and beard. Has a copious brushing of white and pale lilac in the center of the falls. Tall and nicely branched. Fine vigor and increase. Sets seed with both **Oncobred** and **Tall Bearded** pollen. [Mariposa Mia x (Tiffany x Los Angeles) x Belle Brunett] X Joseph's Mantle] \$8.00; 3 for \$21.95

ARABI PASHA (Anley '53) M-ML-36" This is the rich, deep, cornflower blue with a blue beard, that won the English Dykes Medal in '53. A smooth finished, nicely tailored flower that has been receiving high praise from all quarters. Wonderful substance and the most velvety falls of any blue to date. The beard is a unique feature, very long and prominent, yet harmonizing in color, violet blue lightly tipped in yellow. Likely to remain the best deep blue for a long time to come. English Dykes '53. [(Blue Ensign x Windermere) X Blue Ensign] \$5.00; 3 for \$13.75

AUTUMN BROWN (Lowry '52) L-38" A brilliant dark brown Iris of unusual beauty. Not an autumn blooming Iris but it gives a splendid performance late in the spring blooming period. A blend of rich brown with an underlay of red-purple and burnished gold, giving an effect of glowing chestnut brown with a lustrous sheen. Reported as a top flight Iris in A.I.S. and regional bulletins. Flower lightly fluted with closed cup standards and broad falls with a delightful twist at the tips. Strong, well branched stalks. Fertile both ways. HM'52 — [Aberdeen X Bryce Canyon]... \$7.00

AZURE LAKE (Muhlestein '52) EM-36" A light blue with large ruffled flowers. Standards beautifully domed. Falls flare horizontally. Reported by originator to have the heaviest ruffling of any blue Iris. Unusual and appealing. CC'51; HM'54 — [Azure Skies X Mirror Lake]... \$3.00

BANG (Craig '55) Ⓝ Widely acclaimed, much coveted rich bright red. \$25.00

BANNER BRIGHT (Crosby '54) M-L-36" A focal point in any planting will be this novel and distinct new color—a rich orange-yellow buff self of large size and very wide parts. Vigorous and fast growing. A color highlight in the garden and should be of value as a breeder. HC'53; HM'54 — [(Mellowglow x Sunset Serenade) X Cascade Splendor] \$5.00; 3 for \$13.75

BEACON HILL (Corey '55) M-38" As would be expected from the parentage, a clean light blue, smooth and ruffled, holding its color well. Color deeper than its famous seed parent, Helen McGregor. Much admired wherever grown. Completely hardy, originating in Massachusetts. Proving a good parent. HC'50, HM'54 — [Helen McGregor X Bay State] \$10.00 ➤ 3 for \$19.95

BENTON BEATRICE (Morris '51) ML-40" An immense flower in soft pleasing mauve with enticing pearly overlay, set off by the apricot-tangerine beard. Beautiful form, domed standards, semi-flaring falls. Tall, nicely branched. Once this giant is seen it is never to be forgotten. Pollen abundant \$5.00

BENTON OBERON—Stunning—See in full color on Novelty page, 44 \$12.50

BENTON OPHELIA (Morris '51) ML-36" The very latest release from the breeder of the renowned Strathmore. A delicately lovely flower of fine size and form. Light, rosy flesh pink deepening at the throat. Falls highlighted by bright apricot beard. Falls semi-flaring, of great substance; no venations or shading to mar the beauty of this flower. Bronze Medal '50 \$5.00 ➤ 3 for \$9.95

The Newest and Finest in BLACKS

The greatest country-wide advances in Tall Bearded Iris in the last few years seem to have been in the blacks, so I have assembled here for you, from 7 hybridizers, the choicest of the very new and the fairly new, to fit every pocketbook. As you will note by the symbol Ⓝ, most of the newest are still in very short supply and you will have to hurry.

BLACK DIAMOND (Schreiner '51) ML-35" A descendant of the renowned Black Forest that is fully 75% larger. A copiously formed, heavily substanced ebony-blue-black. Domes simply glisten with a lustrous black sheen. It creates a very sumptuous effect. Truly a black diamond to radiate a beauty all its own among the varied jewel tones of the modern Iris garden. HM'52 — [(Sister of Black Forest) X Down East] \$2.00

BLACK HILLS (Fay '51) M-38" A much-heralded new black. In the past most of the good blacks, such as Black Forest, have had rather short stems, but Black Hills, which is a shade blacker than Black Forest, produces splendid 38" stalks. A full petaled and nicely proportioned flower with a smooth blue-black color but no haft markings. Wonderful velvety black falls. A great achievement for Mr. Fay. HM'51; AM'54 — [(Black Valor x Gulf Stream) X Black Forest] \$4.00 ➤ 3 for \$8.95

APPRAISAL IN OCT. '56 A.I.S. BUL.: "Black Hills has not been topped. . . performs in all gardens, and above all it has garden value—for it holds its head up with the best of them. Now that the price is down, no garden should be without it." Mrs. G. Roach Sr.

BLACK MICHAEL (Morris '49) L-42" Most good blacks are short, but this is very tall, about twice the height of Black Forest. A black of noble proportions from England, of tremendous weather-resisting substance. Standards domed, rich very dark blue-violet; falls very flaring, of deepest velvety violet black. Well branched. Silver Medal Eng. Iris Soc. '48 — [Persephone X Blue Ensign] . . \$3

BLACK MISCHIEF (Schreiner '53) EM-36" Early blooming descendant of Black Forest that is taller than its famous parent. Intensely colored near-black, as rich and deep a midnight hue as can be imagined. Very free flowering. [Black Forest X Cameroun] \$3.00 ➤ 3 for \$5.95

BLACK SATIN (Nesmith '51) M-36" The darkest in the blue-black class. Of satiny texture and a self even to the beard. Has a very satiny finish and is of the color that always attracts the visitors. Standards closely held by strong mid-ribs. Falls very flaring and seem as if dusted with black crystals. Does not fade under the most trying weather conditions. Combines height, size, depth of color and finish to a degree seldom seen in one Iris. Considerably darker than Black Forest. HC'49; HM'51 — [(The Bishop x Sable) X Black Forest] \$2.50

BOLD ADVENTURE (Wells '55) M-L-48" Introduced in 1955 as "the tallest, largest, most beautiful black." Imagine a black growing to the height of 4 feet with immense, bold flowers creating a "new look" for black Iris. The black color has a slight maroon undercast and is accented by an exotic brown-black beard. If you want something excitingly different try Bold Adventure. So recently introduced it will be new to almost anyone who visits your garden. [(Acropolis X Destiny) x Starless Night) X Captain Wells] \$15.00 ➤ 3 for \$33.75

SABLE NIGHT (Cook '52) Ⓝ Sensational black, '55 Dykes, coveted everywhere. \$12.00

SWAGGER (Lothrop '53) Big, bold, jaunty blue-black with broad flaring falls and a yellow beard tipped white. Said to be very fine. Produces stalks of good height with excellent branching. [Esquire X 44-9] \$5.00; 3 for \$13.75

TABU (Schreiner '54) Ⓝ Unmatched black self. Schreiner's blackest. \$7.50

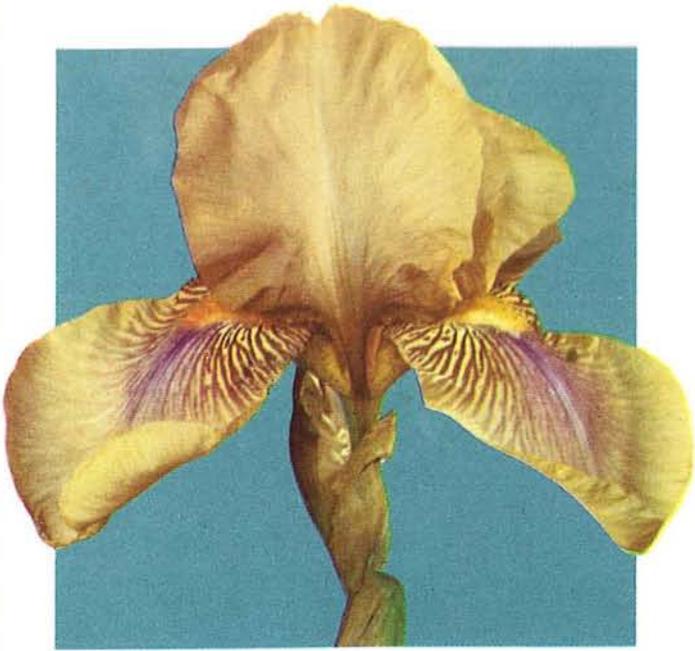
TOP HAT (Schreiner '54) Ⓝ Schreiner's largest & tallest black \$7.50

For still blacker Iris, see Oncos, REAL EBONY, page 4, and NIGRICANS, page 22.

BALLET DANCER (Kleinsorge '49) EM-38" A delightful golden apricot buff that has such wonderful horizontally-flaring falls it is at once a focal point of attention of all Iris fans within sight of it. Falls stand out like the swirling skirt of a ballet dancer. HM'49; AM'52 — [Chamois x Cascade Splendor] **See Ektachrome** \$1.00

BALLET DANCER — Captivating — \$1.00





BENTON OLIVE — *Green-tinged* — \$3.00

BENTON OLIVE (Morris '49) E-M-36" With the present swing to near-greens, this novelty in **silvery olive-buff** is destined to be popular. I imported this from England as there are none like it in this country. A subtle new coloring that will prove **very useful to arrangers**. There is **enough green in its makeup to cause it to be used by every hybridizer working toward greens**. Has very good pollen. I will be using this in my hybridizing for greens. Sometimes blooms in Autumn. **Color plate above** \$3.00

BERMUDA BLUE (Lothrop '54) M to L-40" A near self in medium blue class, with such intensity of color that even **Sierra Blue and Blue Rhythm look pale by contrast**. Good form, substance and tall nicely branched stalks. Standards conical, falls semi-flaring, satiny, exquisitely rounded. Rich grape fragrance. Loads of pollen. . . \$7.50 ➤ 3 for \$14.95

BIG GAME (Fay '54) Ⓝ Long season, large, beautiful, rich deep violet. . . \$12.50

BIG TIME (Lapham '51) M-39" A splendid demonstration of what can be accomplished by planned breeding. From crossing Lapham's highly inbred line with Cook's brilliant red seedling from another long inbred line. An immense flower with bronzy red standards, falls of rosy red with a blackish overlay and lustrous finish. Beard heavy reddish-yellow. Very impressive for its breeding potentialities. Full pedigree chart on request with every order for Big Time. Pollen abundant. [Red Waves X (Redward x Copper Rose)] \$3.00; 3 for \$8.25

BIG UTE (Wallace '54) M-37" A rich glowing red blend of classic quality that enjoyed much popularity among the A.I.S. convention visitors at Salt Lake City. There is a suggestion of a violet-blue sheen below the beard, and this gives it much the appearance of a greatly improved Grand Canyon. A huge flower with wide, flaring falls and closed standards. Stalks sturdy, well branched. A good grower. HM'55; JC'56 — [Grand Canyon X (Lancaster x Three Oaks)] \$15.00 ➤ 3 for \$33.75

BLUEBIRD BLUE (Fay '53) M-36" A large, non-fading, hardy, very clear shade of medium blue. Beard white, tipped lemon. Flowers full, round, nicely tailored. Has withstood temperatures of 25° below zero. A beauty from two great parents. A good seed parent as Orville Fay has already used its pollen on Butterfly Blue to produce his new Galilee. HM'54; JC'55 — [Helen McGregor X Cahokia] \$4.00; 3 for \$10.95

BLUE BLOOD (Schirmer '53) M-36" A well named deep blue-violet self of real quality. Beard yellow. Hafts decorated with chocolate veins, giving a **very distinctive appearance**. from two great parents. [Deep Velvet X Great Lakes] \$3.00

BLUE DEBUT—First blue with Chantilly-lace, page 44. . . \$10.00

BLUE DRAPES (Tharp '53) ML-38" A larger, finer flower in ever-popular pattern of Amigo. Yields no pollen and is a difficult parent, so it may have an upset number of chromosomes. If it can be induced to set seeds, should give some splendid new blood for neglectas and amoenas. Light blue standards contrasting with deep, velvety purple falls. [Amigo X ((Lord of June x Esplendido) x Persia)] \$2.00; 3 for \$5.50

BLUE FLURRY (Brown '55) EM-40" A lovely light wistaria-blue with all the grace and charm of its illustrious seed parent, Snow Flurry. A large ruffled broad-petaled Iris with white beard and throat. Tall, heavy, nicely branched stalks. Fragrant. Produces plenty of pollen, something unusual for a descendant of Snow Flurry. [Snow Flurry X Hall pink sdg.] \$5.00

BLUE PARAKEET (Waters '50) M-L-42" A charming chicory blue very different from other blues. Hafts have a very decided **greenish gold area extending nearly an inch down the fall**. This feature not only produces a stunning flower, but also places Blue Parakeet among the various approaches to green now sought by every hybridizer. Even the standards have a flush of greenish gold at the base. Perfumed flowers. HM'53 — [Bandmaster X Azure Skies] \$2.00 ➤ 3 for \$4.50

BLUE SERENE (Wills '53) M-35" Everyone is familiar with the Dykes Medal-winning Blue Rhythm. Here is a wonderful descendant of it that is **even bluer and in a lighter tone**. A clear light blue that is aptly described by its name, and is certainly one of the aspirants for the "truest to blue." Lightly and informally waved, and with a nicety of finish and form. Reportedly hardy and has proved to be a good bloomer both in the North and South. **Hard to beat for hybridizers seeking a top parent for blues**. HC'52; HM'53 — [Blue Rhythm X St. Regis] \$7.00

BLUE VALLEY M to L-38" Leslie Cave states: "Blue Valley was entrancing. Nothing in Mr. Randall's garden could approach it for blueness." Beautifully ruffled, large in size. A single rhizome has been known to produce 7 flower stalks. **Enticingly fragrant**. Bloomed in June, again in July, in addition to May bloom. [Lake George X Great Lakes]. See Ektachrome. . . \$1.00

BOLD CONTRAST (Linse '54) Ⓝ Stunning gold & red variegata; a crowd stopper. . . \$12.50

BOLD COPPER (Sass '50) L-38" Lovely brownish-copper well displayed on exceptionally fine low branched stalks. Slightly ruffled, very pleasing. Color enlivened by a **sparkling glow**. Pollen abundant. [(Golden Age x Prairie Sunset) x Ola Kala] X Tobacco Road] \$2.00; 3 for \$5.50

BRIAR ROSE (Hall '55) Ⓝ Deep raspberry with blue blaze, geranium-red beard. . . \$10.00

BRIGHT GEM (DeForest '53) M-36" A new one from DeForest that I can unhesitatingly recommend as the **finest brown Iris I have seen to date**. A rich velvet brown of remarkable brilliance and having a glowing reddish-brown or mahogany hue. Color intensified by a dark brown beard. Hafts practically devoid of reticulations. An immense flower with a 7-inch spread, nearly horizontal falls and the heaviest substance of any brown Iris. **One of the 3 finest new Iris to bloom for us in '56**. The others are Caroline Jane and Celestia. [Argus Pheasant X Garden Glory] \$10.00

BRIGHT HOUR (Douglas '52) Ⓝ Most stunning of all the new amoenas. . . \$5.00

BROADRIPPLE (Buss '52) M-36" Impressive for its size and substance and particularly for its form. It is nobly proportioned with falls fully 3/4" across center and 2" at the haft. A lovely self, colored in **soft aster-blue** without a discordant note. Good branching and plenty of strength to support these huge blooms. Has been described as "positively epochal." Pollen viable and sets seed readily. [Violet Symphony X Vista Veronica] \$3.00

BRONZE SYMPHONY (Pattison '52) M-37" A large brilliant golden copper-brown with color more intense, more vivid than Argus Pheasant. Has created quite a sensation due to its color and to the excellent form with broad waved petals of very heavy substance. May yield bright yellow plicatas as well as browns. HM'53 — [Copper River X Patrice] \$5.00 ➤ 3 for \$9.95

BUTTERFLY BLUE (Fay '52) L-36" A frosty clear light blue, semi-flaring and fluted. Beard of pale lemon. No haft markings. Stalks strong, well branched. Already used by Orville Fay as the seed parent for his new Galilee. **Now you try it**. HM'53; RU-AM'56 — [47-34 X Cahokia] \$4.00

BUTTERHORN (Sass '55) M-38" A new lemon ice that will take your breath away. Ground color like **icy white velvet**, petals edged with broad band of pure lemon-gold. Petals broad, perfectly proportioned, delicately ruffled. Has domed standards and well extended falls. Perfectly branched and of extremely vigorous growth. Has a wax-like clarity and purity that makes it the **most beautiful of this type that I have ever seen**. Destined to become very popular. HM'55 — [White and pink plicata sdg. X soft pastel plicata sdg.] \$20.00

BY-LINE (DeForest '54) M-40" A sensational and very colorful new yellow plicata like a larger and darker Fire Dance. Among the largest of Iris, with standards in soft burgundy red with a creamy flush in the center; falls bright yellow with a wide border of heavily stippled dark burgundy red. Beard yellowish-orange with a tiny black signal line at its end. Excellent branching. A dandy! [(Tiffanja x Firecracker) X Rodeo] \$10.00 ➤ 3 for \$19.95

CAHOKIA (Faught '48) ML-42" An exquisitely formed light butterfly blue delicately veined in deeper blue, with a distinct greenish midrib. If it proves possible to breed a turquoise Iris, it may well come from Cahokia. Superb parent for blues and whites; turquoise colorings may appear. RU Dykes '53 \$1.50

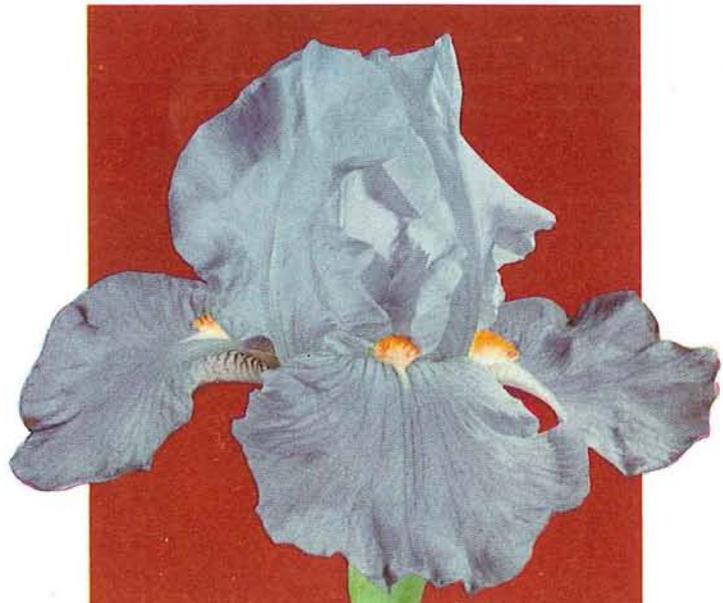
CALYPSO (Douglas '55) M-37" Here we have the Iris that is "tall, dark and handsome." A true self in deep, dark violet. In spite of its great depth of color, it has a remarkable lustrous sheen which gives it great garden value. There are no venations and the deep color extends to the very heart of the flower; even the styles and full beard are of the same tone. A profuse bloomer that is well branched and fully hardy. [Barbara Adams X Gulf Stream] \$8.00 ➤ 3 for \$17.95

CANADAWAY (Cousins '53) M-40" A strong contender for top honors in whites is this grand new one that has by far the heaviest substance of any white I know. A standout for ruffling, substance and quality. A pure white self with a yellow beard and yellow reticulations at the hafts. Tall, well branched with leathery substance. Its great beauty may well carry Canadaway to heights equalling Mr. Cousins' earlier introduction, Great Lakes. A fine parent that will prove very popular with the hybridizers. HC'52; HM'53 \$3.00; 3 for \$8.25

CANDY KID—Forerunner of new type of Iris coloring. See description, page 44. . . \$5

CARAMEL (Lowry '54) M-36" A lovely and distinctive Iris in rich butter-caramel tones. It has brown shoulders and a faint blue blaze at tip of beard. Standards conic. Falls wide, flaring. Flowers firm substanced, borne on well branched sturdy stalks. Perfectly hardy. **Nothing else quite like it**. HM'54; JC'55 — [Mexico X (Mexico x (Old Parchment x Katherine Larmon))] \$12.00

BLUE VALLEY — *Entrancing* — \$1.00



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CAROLINE JANE (DeForest '51) M-38" At last a white plicata, with violet-blue stitchings and dots, to top them all. A great improvement over previous Iris of this type. The flowers are enormous and the glistening white ground has a beautiful pattern of delicate blue markings. Wide in both standards and falls; falls flaring, ruffled. Seems to be a favorite wherever it is grown. One of the two Iris that stopped our 1956 A.I.S. convention visitors in their tracks. The other was CELESTIA. The 2 are "MUSTS" for every up-to-date Iris garden. HM'51; AM'55 - [Her Grace x Tiffany] X New Hope] **\$5.00** ➤ **3 for \$9.95**

CASA MORENA (DeForest '43) M-38" Huge, rich chestnut brown, glowing like an ember. Heavy bloomer. Very fertile pollen; one of the best seed-setters. A delight for both hybridizers and Iris lovers. Stock scarce. Order NOW while still available. HM'44; AM'46. See Ektachrome... **\$1.00**

CASCADIAN (Linse '52) E-M-36" A very wide ruffled white that is positively stunning. A large, very broad petaled Iris with a white beard and a mysterious greenish cast showing through the center of the falls. Comes from Snow Flurry X Cloud Castle. You'll want this one! HM'55; JC'56. **\$4.00**

CASTLE ROCK (Loomis '52) ML-36" A delightfully ruffled blue and white plicata of classic form and distinctive size and style. The white of the ground color is smooth and clear, the coloring a violet-blue. Standards almost solidly colored. Falls heavily bordered and marked by a distinguishing line extending upward from the tips. Excellent substance. Nicely branched stalks. [Plicata Sdlg. X Blue Shimmer] **\$3.00; 3 for \$8.25**

CATHEDRAL BELLS (Wallace '53) M-38" As its name suggests, this new pink is reminiscent of a melodious carillon. A light begonia-pink, sometimes described as shrimp pink. Certainly one of the topnotch new pinks in the lighter tones. Falls flare horizontally; edges serrated. Already in heavy demand. Passes its good qualities on to its progeny. HM'53; AM'56 - [Hagen Blend x Overture] X (Golden Spangle x Pink Tower)] **\$5.00**

CELESTIA (Pierce '55) EM-38" I rate this as the finest blue Iris that bloomed in our garden last spring. This is the blue that the A.I.S. convention visitors went wild about when they were here. A light blue self of remarkably pure blue. Has extremely heavy substance. A real beauty with broad arched standards and ruffled horizontal falls. Mrs. Hinchky reports from Illinois that "This has everything one would want in a blue Iris." Probably coveted by more people than any other blue. HM'55 - [Snow Flurry x Lake Shannon] X (Helen McGregor x Chivalry)] **\$15.00** ➤ **3 for \$29.95**

CELESTIAL BLUE (Brother Charles '55) M-36" A very free flowering clear light blue self. Has a frosty sheen that gives the flower much life and sparkle. Has made a hit wherever grown. Single stalks sometimes produce as many as 17 blossoms with 3 to 7 flowers open at once. Standards nicely ruffled. Falls semi-flaring **\$10.00; 3 for \$27.50**

CENTENNIAL QUEEN (Wallace '54) M-38" A large heavily ruffled blend of deep copper and rose, rich and colorful. Beard deep orange. Nicely formed flowers, wide at haft. Well branched. [Lancaster X Three Oaks] **\$10.00** ➤ **3 for \$19.95**

CHAMPAGNE VELVET (Sass '55) M-35" A handsome new fancy with satin white falls, bordered with a bright band of bright violet put on with minute dots. Standards bright purple, waved and ruffled. Substance very heavy; falls semi-flaring. Tends to be twice-blooming **\$15.00; 3 for \$41.25**

CHANCELLOR (Lothrop '55) ML-42" A delightful and impressive blackish-violet near-self with heavy substance and 4-way and terminal branching. Chancellor is very tall and dominates its corner of the garden for over 4 weeks. Standards conical, frilled, taffeta-like; falls velvety, flaring out to a 6-inch diameter. May well be Mrs. Lothrop's best. Fertile both ways. [Esquire X (Iolite x Blue Dusk)] **\$10.00** ➤ **3 for \$19.95**

CHAR-MAIZE (Lyon '49) M-44" Breaking sharply from accustomed tones of yellow into a new sea-foam chartreuse blended with deep yellow, this will delight flower arrangers seeking something different with real appeal. A large flower, extra heavy substance that withstands heat and wind. Snow Flurry contributes a pleasing ruffling to the form. Is making a name for itself, among fanciers and breeders. RU Dykes '53 - [Snow Flurry X Aztec Copper] **\$2.25** ➤ **3 for \$4.95**

CHERIE (Hall '47) M-32" A delightful light flamingo pink of remarkable purity of tone. Large, beautifully ruffled flowers of excellent form and gracefulness. Sets seed, yields abundant fertile pollen, is known to give varied and beautiful pinks. Proved to be fully hardy. Dykes Medal '51 - [Two Flamingo Pink Sdgs.] **\$2.00**

CHERRY FLIP (Schreiner '51) E-34" A real color gem that is certainly among the pinkest of the Flamingos. A soft enamel sheen and a fiery tangerine beard give it real distinction. Most effective as a landscape subject as it is very free blooming and makes a mass display of bright color. [(SQ51 x Mulberry Rose) x SQ70] X D. Hall 4205] **\$1.50; 3 for \$3.95**



CHANTILLY — The Original Lace-Edge Iris — **\$1.00**

CHANTILLY M-36" Highest orchid pink in '53 Symposium. Only inexpensive Iris with famous "Chantilly-lace" edging to petals, as if adorned with lace. A luscious orchid-pink. From same breeding as Hall's Flamingo pinks with tangerine beards. Very likely carries a recessive character for this type of beard. A wonderful parent. Very novel, decorative offspring are appearing. HM'45; AM'47 - [Maiden Blush X Pink Seedling]. See color photo **\$1.00**

CINNAMON TOAST (Sass '53) ML-36" Big, bold, cream ground plicata of remarkable perfection of form and coloring. Deep creamy ivory with a broad border of rich red brown, so heavily sanded it is nearly solid. Petals have a heavy substance and satiny finish. A robust grower, producing well branched stalks. HM'53 - [Involving Midwest Gem, Prairie Sunset, Flora Zenor, and Allepo Plain] **\$9.00**

CLASMONT (Morris '49) 42" First clear apricot self with the red beard, and what is more, the color is a pure, even tone throughout, giving a wonderfully luminous effect. Standards crisply domed, falls slightly flaring. Flower firmly subenced, withstanding sun, rain, wind. Vigorous **\$2.00** ➤ **3 for \$4.50**

CLOUDCAP (DeForest '50) EM-40" This is one of the most outstanding Flamingo Pinks to be introduced since the rise to fame of Cherie and Pink Formal. Already I have reports from six States—Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Oregon, California and Tennessee—all agree this is the largest, tallest and one of the best tangerine-bearded pinks so far. The giant blooms will often measure up to 7 inches. I doubt if you have ever seen any Iris this large. Considering that for years most of the new pinks ranged from small to medium-large, this is quite an achievement, particularly when you consider that it is a delectable, slightly ruffled blossom pink, with wide closed standards and broad falls with an enormous tangerine-red beard. A remarkable seed setter. Pollen abundant and very fertile. Cloudcap is the finest Flamingo seedparent I have ever used. It was the seedparent for 3 of my 1957 introductions, Flaming Gold, Tangerine Snow and Rose Delight, a yellow, a pure white, and a raspberry-pink, all with tangerine beards. Complete pedigree back for several generations, on request with every order for Cloudcap. HM'51; AM'53 - [SQ72 X 6-44]. See Ektachrome on page 9 **\$3.00**

CLOUDLESS SKY (Watkins-Graves '55) M-39" Superb, very pure light Cerulean blue, without the usual infusion of lavender. A sister of The Citadel, having the same large size and lovely form, but is more heavily ruffled. Has proved very appealing to all who have seen it. Pollen fertile, a ready seed-setter. [Helen McKenzie X Jane Phillips] **\$15.00**

COLLEGIATE (Hall '55) Ⓢ Ivory-white, center like ripe cantaloupe **\$6.00**

COLOR CARNIVAL (DeForest '49) EM-36" If you want to stop traffic with a flamboyant Iris, just plant COLOR CARNIVAL out in front, where the passersby can get a look at it. I'll guarantee you'll have a flower that will stop people in their tracks. A soft strawberry pink with bright purplish markings on the hafts, a vivid tangerine beard. One you are bound to have sooner or later. Sets seed, pollen fertile. HM'50 - [Spindrift X (Salar x Sandia) x Prairie Sunset]. See color picture page 10 **\$2.50**

COLOR MAGIC (Murray '57) Ⓢ A magic color-changer from buff-tan to fawn-cream **\$10.00**

COLUMBIA (Tompkins '52) Ⓢ Large, wide, deep commanding blue **\$5.00**

CONVENTION QUEEN—Heavily laced peach pink novelty, with Novelties, page 44 **\$15.00**

COPPER DAWN (Gersdorff '54) M-38" A fragrant, sparkling copper-pink self that glistens as if sprinkled with gold dust. Copper markings at haft set off the golden beard. Faint blue signal at end of beard. Low branched. [Pink Butterfly X Evening Skies] **\$6.00** ➤ **3 for \$13.50**

CORDOLON (Schreiner '53) ML-42" A flower so large as to be dramatic, yet it is a rose blend of exquisite color harmony. Possesses the caressingly soft appearance of silk yet boasts of an extra heavy substance. Tall and late, this is a flower of warmth, poise and grace. [Gypsy Rose X Alpine Glow] **\$3.00**

CRIMSON BEAUTY (Austin '53) M-40" An extra large harmonizing red bitone with wonderful decorative possibilities and a spread of 6 inches. Standards light sparkling bronzy gold with infusion of crimson. Falls large, spreading, rich velvety dark crimson, with a slight edging. Most striking feature is heavy white veining starting beside beard and flowing out into the petals in a very attractive manner, setting this flower apart from all others. Heavy bloomer. Pollen abundant **\$5.00**



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CREPE SUZETTE—Delightfully crimped and fluted. Among my Novelties, page 44.....\$3.00

CRISPETTE—Lacy-edge orchid-colored masterpiece, also on page 44.....\$7.50

CRITERION (Douglas '51) M-38" The finest amoena I have ever bloomed. Well-domed standards practically pure white with faintest hint of lilac. Falls very rich dark velvety violet with an attractive white edging. Beard bright lemon yellow sharply contrasting with dark falls. Simply superb for the hybridizer as it has abundant pollen and sets seed heavily. Its seedlings have proved better than those from any other line of amoena breeding. From Criterion have come the new "Bright Hour" and "Queen's Taste." HM'52 - [Extravaganza X Wabash].....\$3.00 ▶ 3 for \$6.75

CURTIS A (Van Slyke '54) Ⓢ Lustrous and silken new Flamingo pink.....\$7.50

DARK CHOCOLATE (Murray '54) EM-38" A beautifully formed flower that is such a great advance in this color class that it has created quite a sensation among the fanciers who have seen it. The hybridizers all covet it, too, as it comes from Tobacco Road, which is probably the most famous of all browns as a seed and pollen parent. A clean, dark chocolate color—as dark as Baker's chocolate, very large and tall, with good branching and very heavy substance. Very profuse flowering, often producing 3 or 4 stalks from a single rhizome. Rich, dark and commandingly different! HC'53; HM'54 - [Tobacco Road X Grand Marshal].....\$12.00; 3 for \$32.95

DAWN PINK (Nesmith '53) ML-38" A new release that is even deeper in color than Courtier. The bright color has great carrying power and many visitors claim this to be the pinkest Iris in the garden. A bitone, standards clear shell pink, falls deeper azalea pink, nonfading. Beard red-tangerine. A very heavy bloomer. HC'52; HM'53 - [(Barbara Luddy x 43-25A) X Courtier]\$4.00; 3 for \$10.95

DESERT TWILIGHT (Miess '52) E-M-40" Here Miss Miess has captured for you that elusive and indefinable violet haze seen at dusk in the Mohave Desert. A pastel tint of delicate violet-lobelia, fused with a warm mauve-wood brown at the haft. Then, like a last ray of sunlight to brighten the scene comes the deep golden glow of the beard. The petals have an unusual enamel-like finish and are lightly ruffled. Has virtues of large, well-spaced blooms and very thick petals. Tall, well branched stems. Vigorous plants. HC'51; HM'52 - [Sierra Snow X Ming Yellow].....\$6.00; 3 for \$16.50

DIANEVA (Cook '53) Ⓢ Large blue-violet version of Minnie Colquitt.....\$5.00

DOLLY VARDEN (Hall '50) M-34" The largest pink in the famous Hall flamingo series and one that will often get into competition with Cloudcap in the matter of size. Is much more flaring. A very pleasing blended pink with an overlay of salmon. Takes the sun surprisingly well. Proving to be a good parent for the large pinks now so much in demand. Is the seed parent of several of the fine new pinks including May Hall. Better try it yourself. RU-AM'53 - [Fantasy X Courtier].....\$3.00

DREAMY—Like a bowl of freshly popped popcorn. A real novelty, page 44.....\$4.00

EASTER GREETINGS (Miess '55) M-36" Characterized by that real connoisseur Fisher Harris, as a white Iris which is one of the 2 or 3 finest of its color. A flawless pure unmarked white with a very bright lush yellow beard to reflect warmth through the interior of the flower. Precisely domed standards and truly horizontal falls of enduring substance. Note pedigree and you will see why it is destined to be a great breeder for both blues and whites. [(Winter Carnival x Berkeley Blue) X Cloud Castle].....\$10.00; 3 for \$27.50

EDITH POPE (Buss '55) M-45" A descendant of the famous Spanish Peaks that is of even larger size and of remarkably pure white, even to the beard, there being no markings of other colors. Combines the good qualities of both its parents. Thoroughly hardy and a good grower. [Spanish Peaks X Vista Veronica].....\$9.00; 3 for \$24.95

ELISE WERNER (Benson '51) M-32" A lovely heavily scented, ruffled, waved and semi-flared light blue that is perfect for front-of-the-border placement. Hardy and dependable. [Azure Skies X Great Lakes].....\$5.00; 3 for \$13.75

ENCHANTED PEARL (Brown '56) Ⓢ Iridescent, gleaming pearl blue-white \$18

ENCHANTRESS—Pastel beauty in parchment, orange beard. Page 44.....\$6.00

ETHEL SUMNER (Craig '54) M-38" A smooth shimmering lilac of unusual lightness and clarity that comes, as a surprise, from pink breeding. Light accent in center of falls. Beard apricot. A connoisseur's flower because of its polish and elegance. [(Blue Ox x Flora Zenor) x Hall 42-07) X Aahme].....\$10.00

EXOTIC (Linse '54) M-48" A great big massive flower 7 inches across, produced shoulder-high on magnificent stalks. A new color combination in a most brilliant tan-rose suffused with gold with lilac blaze. Falls are 3 inches and over across, flare out horizontally with upturned ruffled edges. A unique flower with much appeal. [(Prairie Sunset x Painted Desert) X Sultan's Robe].....\$5.00

FANCYANCY (Austin '53) EM-42" Largest and finest self-colored Fancy I have ever seen. A little like Aladdin's Wish, but a flower of much more elegance and refinement. Standards silvery lilac, well subtended, beautifully waved. Falls deep amethyst, veined in white over entire surface. Delicate brown lacework and stippling at haft. Harmonizing bronzy-gold beard. Style crests light lilac yellow. Superb branching with 8 to 12 flowers per stalk. A very distinctive flower of queenly elegance. Surpasses almost all other Iris in vigor of growth and luxuriant nearly ever-green foliage. Comes from the same cross that yielded 4 of my Horned Iris, namely [JS-M-176B X 638].....\$5.00

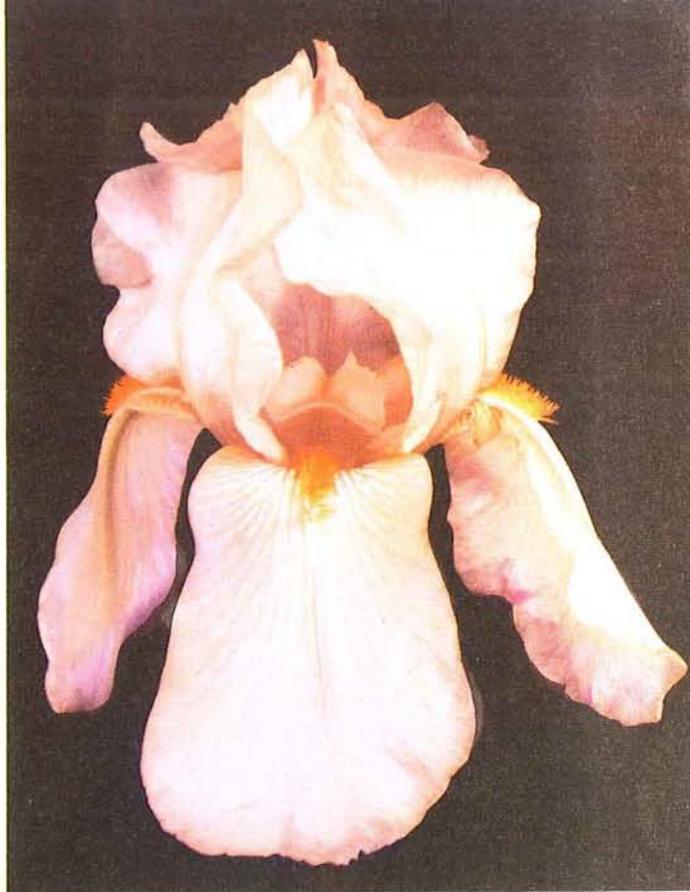
FANCY FEATHER (Muhlestein '52) ML-36" Exciting! It is rare that one sees such brilliance. A new bitone plicata. Standards clear light golden tan, falls clean, medium yellow with a brilliant red border. It will intrigue every collector of Novelties. Should be a very interesting breeder for plicatas, blends, yellows and pinks. [Rare Marble X Salar x Gold Ruffles].....\$3.00

FANCY FRILLS (Austin '55) M-33" The most frilled and ruffled member of my new series of lovely fancies. Standards light pinkish orchid, flushed white at base. Falls light heliotrope, with strong white area at the end of the very white beard, and with radiating white lines extending out to the edge of the falls. [M-5-38 X M-0-51B].....\$2.00; 3 for \$5.50

FANCY VELVET (Austin '56) ML-38" The most velvety Iris I have bloomed in the new "fancy" pattern. Standards soft crimson, flushed yellow. Falls very velvety, light crimson, heavily overlaid with veinings in rich, dark crimson...\$1.50; 3 for \$3.35

FANTASY (Hall '47) EM-30" A striking rosy-orchid pink, or raspberry pink. A deeper coloring than most, so it is for those who want a brighter pink. The combination of this new color with the tangerine beard gives Fantasy exceptional fascination. Stands up well even in hot California sun. Has a very strong tendency to re-bloom in late fall. Is pollen parent of both Cherie and Fuchsia. HM'47; AM'49. Ektachrome on page 13.....\$1.50

FLAMINGO BAY (Muhlestein '53) Ⓢ Vivid, deep Flamingo, bright tangerine beard.....\$8.00



CLOUDCAP — Largest of all Flamingo Pinks — \$3.00

FIREBRIGHT (Craig '54) M-30" An outstanding deep red of an intensity not before seen in Iris. Coloring is smooth and rich; further adorned with a dazzling violet blaze. A thing of beauty and a joy to behold. If you are one of the many who have come to prefer to get a few really good new Iris each year, instead of many of the older ones, this is certainly one to get this year. You'll never regret it. [Savage X Molten].....\$15.00; 3 for \$41.25

LATEST DYKES WINNER

FIRST VIOLET (DeForest '52) M-38" As I predicted in last year's catalog, FIRST VIOLET won the Dykes Medal in '56. A superb new creation in true sparkling spectrum-violet (neither red-violet nor blue-violet) without a trace of any other color to mar its fine quality. A flower of great size, with 6" ruffled flowers perfectly spaced on tall stalks. Flower parts wide and haft clean. A luscious color that seems to attract everyone and win the votes needed to get the Dykes. Fragrant. [Chivalry X Spanish Peaks].....\$10.00; 3 for \$22.50

FORT BRIDGER (Naylor '54) M to L-42" A light flax blue self with petals lightening to cream at the base, giving a cream area at heart of bloom and a very striking effect. A nicely tailored flower that is larger than either of the parents. Very prolific in bloom and possesses marvelous stamina, stalks sometimes reaching 4 feet. [Helen McGregor X Distance].....\$10.00; 3 for \$27.50

FOXFIRE (Fox '53) M-40" A very rich yellow with a light area below the beard. So outstanding it has created a sensation wherever seen. Color is deep and glowing and form excellent. When used as a parent it should produce blends and coppers as well as yellows. HM'53 - [Bryce Canyon X Ola Kala].....\$4.00

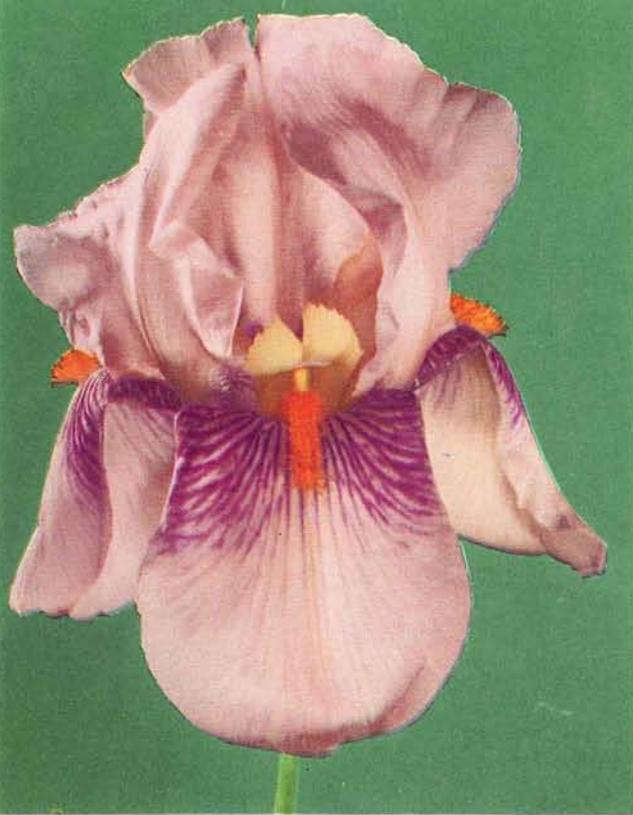
FRONTIER DAYS (Tompkins '53) M to L-36" The combination of a long line of breeding for better reds gave a hue near to cardinal red with a sleek and glossy finish that gives great brilliance and carrying power. Flowers very large with broad petals and flaring form. Substance very heavy. An excellent grower with strong, well-branched stalks. Sure to be an eye-catcher in any garden [Bandit X Technicolor] \$7.00; 3 for \$19.20

FRONT PAGE (Kleinsorge '55) M-38" Many have admired the striking color pattern of Prospector and here is a flower of similar pattern, but almost twice the size and on a taller stalk. A brilliant red-gold with an eye-catching white patch in the center of the falls like a white signal. Should be great for crossing with the many Oncos having a signal patch. HM'56 - [Solid Gold X El Paso].....\$10.00; 3 for \$27.50

FUCHSIA (Hall '51) EM-34" One of the richest and most vivid of the new pinks. A striking deep raspberry-pink or fuchsia, with a very thick beard that is almost red. A self of quite uniform coloring and with nice flaring falls, slightly waved at the edges. Has a strong tendency for blooming in fall as well as spring, and may be a regular fall bloomer. HM'53 - [Tally Ho X Fantasy].....\$2.00

GARNET GLOW (Sass '51) ML-36" A decided new "break" in Iris color combinations, for this is the first bright rosy red self with rich red tangerine beard. Striking large flowers of heavy substance with flaring falls and a smooth finish. Try this for something really unusual. A difficult pod parent but has abundant pollen and may yield seedlings in pink, buff or red. HM'52 - [From red blend seedlings]....\$2.50 ▶ 3 for \$4.95

See also my full lists of Oncobreds (page 33), and Autumn Bloomers (page 29), which include many varieties often listed by others with the Tall Bearded.



COLOR CARNIVAL — *Compels Attention* — \$2.50

GAYLORD (Douglas '49) L-38" A magnificent new creation that far surpasses its early counterpart, Wabash. A flower that is hard to surpass in the amoenia class as it seems to have everything—shape, substance, stalk and vigorous growth. Standards white. Falls reddish-violet to deep blue-violet with a hairline of white around the edge. Beautifully ruffled and flared to perfection. A free bloomer with 3-branched stalk. Best new parent of this type. HM'49 — [Extravaganza X Wabash].....\$4.50

GAY PAREE (Plough '56) Widely heralded white with geranium-red beard...\$20

GENE WILD (Craig '52) Huge, glowing red fancy, really beautiful.....\$7.50

GLOBETROTTER (Linse '56) Immense golden rose-tan blend, 8" spread \$15.00

GOLD ANTHEM (Douglas '54) Hardy non-fading brilliant orange-yellow...\$8.00

GOLD CUP (Murray '56) Best yellow I saw at '56 A.I.S. Los Angeles convention \$18.00

GOLD SOVEREIGN (Whiting) LM-30" An intensely deep yellowish-orange that will stand out across your garden like a beacon light. Even the beard is bright orange. Garden visitors and flower photographers are drawn by the attraction of the unusual. Sets seed; profuse quantities of pollen, so holds inviting possibilities to hybridizers. HM'50; AM'53 — [Ola Kala X Rocket]. See *Ektachrome*.....\$1.00

GOLD SPLENDOR (Murray '55) EM-37" A very new bright yellow of high quality, a self in what might be termed deep orange-gold with an orange beard. Is a sister to Murray's much sought Dark Chocolate. Should be a wonderful parent, not only for deep yellows but also coppers and browns. [Tobacco Road X Grand Marshal].....\$10.00

GOLDEN CROWN (Kleinsorge '54) ML-39" A new giant variegata, an absolutely stunning combination of old gold standards and richest plush-like falls of maroon velvet. Twice as large as Gypsy, more richly colored and with more flaring falls. An elegant and luxurious color combination that will attract attention in any garden. [Spanish Fandango X Cascade Splendor x 367].....\$10.00; 3 for \$27.50

GOLDEN HAWK (Smith '51) Velvety primrose yellow, overlaid metallic gold \$15.00

GOOD MEASURE (Whiting '53) M-L-36" Probably the ultimate in deep yellows that is the deepest possible without an orange infusion. Named to indicate its inherent ability to supply you with a bountiful profusion of lovely flowers. After all, this is why we plant Iris, and Good Measure outdoes most other varieties in this respect. No wonder the color is rich and deep—look at the parentage. [Ola Kala X Rocket].....\$1.50

GRACELLE (Albright '55) Blend of pink and lavender, electric blue flush \$15.00

GREAT DAY (Tompkins '53) Outstanding red, in rich glowing carmine...\$7.50

GRECIAN URN (Sapp '54) ML-40" A heavily ruffled flower in a new shade of hyacinth violet, adding a new color note to the garden. Heavily ruffled flowers of very large size. Extremely broad petals and beautiful flaring form. Its size and new color attract attention immediately. Flowers over long season. [Snow Flurry X Cloud Castle] \$10.00

GREEN HAT—Green chartreuse and hazelnut brown, page 44.....\$6.00

GUSSIE—Heaviest lace of any Iris to date, page 44.....\$5.00

HALOLIGHT (Schreiner '53) Blend of golden buff and apricot, radiant...\$7.50

HAPPY BIRTHDAY (Hall '52) EM-ML-36" Dave Hall has given us more Flamingo Pinks than any other breeder and this is close to the top of all his creations. Imagine a flower in the deep rich coloring of *Heritage* but twice as large. Reminds one of the notable varieties, *Ballerina* and *Pink Sensation*. More colorful than either of these. Flowers are beautifully ruffled and very striking when used in arrangements. Unlike some of the Flamingo Pinks, this has lots of vigor and vitality and will form a heavy blooming clump for you in a hurry. One you won't want to miss. Very long blooming season. HM'52; AM'54; RU-Dykes '56 — [From Hall flamingo pinks].....\$3.00 > 3 for \$5.95

GREEN PASTURES (Heller '47) EML-48" Here is one of the closest approaches to green yet available in Bearded Iris. A delightful chartreuse yellow in soft pastel tints. A touch of blue at tip of yellowish olive beard is most effective and accentuates the cool green tones of the bloom. Huge, tall, free flowering. Starts early, often still in good condition when late varieties come out. Reported perfectly hardy in Iowa but some growers in cold climates like to protect rhizomes over winter with a good mulch. Introduced at \$30.00. Extremely popular, outselling all other approaches to green; in fact, it outsold all other varieties in my entire catalog. I sent out over 1,000 rhizomes, yet over 100 people were disappointed as they got their order in too late to get Green Pastures. A word to the wise is sufficient—order TODAY. Pollen is abundant, highly fertile; an excellent seed setter. Now is the time to get a start so you can begin crossing it with various others having greenish tones. You may well come up with a world beater. HC'45; HM'47 — [Old Ironsides X Oregon Sunshine] See in color.....\$1.50

HARBOR BLUE (Schreiner '54) Inspiring medium blue that might win the Dykes.....\$7.50

HELEN COLLINGWOOD (Smith '49) ML-40" In Helen Collingwood, Kenneth Smith has given us what is probably the loveliest of all neglectas. You can easily see why when you know that it comes from two such outstanding parents as *Extravaganza* and *Louise Blake*. A brilliant creation with light lavender standards and flaring bright violet-purple falls. Blooms are of heavy substance and daintily ruffled at the edges. Outstanding. HM'50; AM'52.....\$2.50; 3 for \$6.95

HERITAGE (Hall '49) EM-34" It is a smooth self, of deeper color than *Cherie*, and without disfiguring haft markings. Beard is deep tangerine. Nicely ruffled, one of the most flaring of all Flamingos. Heavy substance, good branching. You can't go wrong on this one. HM'49; AM'51 — [Tally Ho X Courtier]...\$1.50

HIGH COMMAND (Long '45) M-34" My color plate is so true the flower hardly needs description. The yellow standards have remarkable clarity of coloring and the blackish crimson falls have a leathery substance with remarkable ability to withstand storms. Extra large, commanding the attention of all because of size, coloring and abundance of bloom. A "must" for every seeker of the finest, at a moderate price. [Eternal City X Louvois] In color, page 12.....\$1.00

HIGHLAND FLING (Lowry '53) M-36" A bright red plicata with domed standards heavily flushed and stippled with deep rich red-purple. Falls semi-flaring, white, neatly edged like standards. A slightly ruffled and very graceful flower. Well branched. [Tiffany X (San Francisco x Mme. Louis Aureau)].....\$3.00

HIGH SEAS (Corey '52) M-40" A magnificent large blue-white, silky and ruffled. Superb white flowers embodying what its name conveys. Heavily ruffled, of very large size. Flowers borne on tall stalks carrying a great many buds. Should be useful in breeding both blues and whites. HC'51; HM'52 — [Snow Flurry X Cloud Castle].....\$2.50

HUMMING BIRD (Knowlton '52) M-40" An unusual color combination, very appealing. Crisp fluted standards of Egyptian buff; broad flaring falls of white, lightly bordered buff. Center illuminated by a deep glow accentuated by bright orange beard. Heavily ruffled. Puts on a show few Iris can equal. HC'50; HM'52 — [Snow Flurry X Daybreak].....\$2.00

HUNTSMAN (Sass '55) M-36" A very intriguing new color described by the originator as a dark blackish-brown self that may also be termed a "chocolate red." Massive ruffled flowers with broad petals and heavy substance. Beard bronzy-gold. Most outstanding and different! HM'55.....\$15.00

ICE CARNIVAL (Watkins-Graves '54) ML-38" The best reverse blue bicolor I have seen, and one to take your breath away! Picture light azure-blue standards gaily paraded above falls of icy white, the whole flower very frilly and ruffled, with a crisp iridescence. Refreshingly different. HM'54; JC'55 — [Jane Phillips X Mt. Jefferson].....\$10.00

JOAN CRAWFORD (Benson '54) M-40" Joan Crawford has endeared herself to all who have seen it, particularly in Miss Crawford's garden in Brentwood, California, where it received endless attention. Combining the excellent qualities of its parents, this exquisite finely chiseled silvery-blue self presents a picture of loveliness and serenity comparable to its namesake who unhesitatingly selected it as her favorite. Honeysuckle-scented, full petaled, heavily subtended and very stylish. Standards domed and fully closed; falls semi-flared and attractively rippled. Stock so scarce and demand so great that I must limit this to one rhizome to a customer. HC'52; HM'56 — [Tosca X Azure Skies x Great Lakes].....\$18.00

JUNE BRIDE (Hall '52) M-32" A delectable, mouth-watering deep apricot pink with a new color which has heretofore been associated chiefly with tuberous begonias and gladioli. A large, lacy flower with remarkable stiff horizontal falls. The beard is very prominent and ever so bright, red-tangerine. A distinctive creation! HM'52, RU-AM'56 — [Two Hall pink seedlings].....\$3.00 > 3 for \$5.95

JUNE MEREDITH (Muhlestein '54) Acclaimed by many as Tell's finest, deepest Flamingo pink.....\$20.00

KANAB (Crosby '54) E to L-38" A real beauty and one of the finest new things seen in recent years. A gold and red blend that is tall and lovely. A rich glistening red-brown with a sparkling gold undertone and a glittering gold edge on the flaring falls. A superb pedigree for browns, coppers and rich blends. HC'53 — [Aztec Copper x Tobacco Road] X (Midwest Gem x Honeyflow).....\$10.00

KEZAR LAKE (Knowlton '51) M-38" A much-sought clear medium blue, a smooth self without the veining. Wide standards are domed, firmly held by strong midribs; falls are broad, flaring, with slight fluting at edges. Petals have almost an enamel finish. Will surely prove to be a good parent for blues and whites. HC'48; HM'51 — [Great Lakes X Easter Morn].....\$2.00; 3 for \$5.50

KIKI (Graves '51) Marvelous medium blue from 2 Dykes winners.....\$8.00

LADDIE (Miess '51) M-34" A pleasing damson blue, distinctively infused with cocoa brown at the haft. The blue has an unusual overlay of silver, and under certain lights seems to be more silver than blue. Standards domed and falls flaring; both slightly ruffled. Imagine as many as nine or more of these intriguing flowers on a single stalk. Fragrant. HM'51 — [Missouri X Great Lakes].....\$2.00

LADY ALBRIGHT (Muhlestein '50) ML-36" From two brilliant parents comes this vivid newcomer that will make a spotlight of attention in any garden. A vivacious flower that is simply alive with color. Standards, intense coppery-brown; falls, brilliant rosy violet, neatly edged in bright copper. CC'49; HM'50 — [Veishea X Bronzed Copper].....\$3.00; 3 for \$8.25

LAS FLORISTAS (Combs '56) Novel fancy in red, brown and eggplant...\$10.00

You'll find the hardy *REGELIAS* and *ONCOGELIAS* much easier to grow than you think. Give them a try in '57 and you'll wonder how you gardened without them. Pages 23 to 26.

LADY RUFFLES (Schirmer '53) EM-36" A "must" for those who love the new highly ruffled Iris. A gardenia-like white so beautifully waved and ruffled it reminds one of the organdy graduation gowns of years gone by. Simply gorgeous! [Snow Flurry X 14 A] \$15

LATE SNOW (Douglas '53) L-VL-42" A wonderful and dependable late white that actually blooms with Extravaganza and thus greatly prolongs the season of white Iris in the garden. Unsurpassed substance and branching. A large tailored white with pale yellow beard. Very impressive. [Vigil X Themesong]\$6.00

LIMELIGHT—Like a canary-yellow Chantilly. See my Novelties, page 44.\$3.00

LOTTIE LEMBRICH (Lapham '51) M-37" Imagine the color of old-fashioned lilacs done as a pleasing bitone with falls deeper than standards. Then add a bright red-tangerine beard! An Iris that draws one back time and time again. A husky vigorous grower with well branched stalks. [Lapham E-4 X Paradise Pink]\$3.00 > 3 for \$5.95

MAHARAJAH (White '55) ML-40" A seedling from Tobacco Road crossed with pollen of Spring Secretary. So now we have the great breeding potentialities of Tobacco Road in a GLOBULAR 5" bloom on a 40" stalk, beautifully branched. The color is sparkling honey-gold and reddish tawny shades. Will be a focal point in your garden for a month or longer. Fertile both ways and may prove to be even a greater parent than Tobacco Road. Be among the first to use it in your crossing\$10.00 > 3 for \$22.50

MAJORETTE (Miess '53) ML-37" A different, interesting Iris that has form, substance, branching, in fact, everything! Falls deep maroon with striking white beard and epaulet-like white plicata markings on hafts. The rosy-mauve standards stand up like a majorette's tall hat. In this day of hundreds of Iris introductions it's a joy to find an Iris that is truly different. JC'55; AM'56—[Golden Gleam X Wayfarer]\$8.00; 3 for \$21.95

MARSALA (DeForest '48) ML-34" A beauty, most easily described as an improved Pagan Princess in a somewhat deeper color with a beard that is more of a reddish-orange. The flower is fuller and the falls broader, especially at the hafts which are close to 2" wide. The bright Persian Rose coloring attracts visitors from afar. [A Sister Seedling of Color Carnival]\$5.00

MARSHA KAY—Glowing fuchsia-rose, fiery red beard. Page 44\$3.00

MARY RANDALL (Fay '51) M-36" For several years this has been the most sought of all Flamingo pinks. Popularity climaxed by winning the Dykes in '54. A deep rose pink self with a bright red-tangerine beard. A splendid break in color termed Bengal Rose. A large flower with remarkable thickness of petals, hafts wide, free from markings, falls round, flaring, with a rippled edge. A flower of near perfection on strong stalks with well-spaced branches. Superb for hybridizers; pollen amazingly fertile. Produces wonderful seedlings. Is the pollen parent of Fay's wonderful new Native Dancer. [New Horizon X (Pink Cameo x Cherie)]\$7.50

MAY HALL (Hall '54) Ⓝ Hall's finest Flamingo pink, vivid beard\$10.00

MAYTIME (Whiting '50) ML-40" If you want real excitement when your new Iris come into bloom, don't overlook Maytime. Heralded as the finest rose-pink amoena, and a breeding triumph. Standards pale orchid-pink, nicely rounded, cupped. Falls broad and round, deep rose, contrasting sharply with standards. Has evoked these comments of Irisarians. H. J. Randall: "Quite unlike any Iris I have ever seen." J. Wills: "I know of nothing else resembling it." Your garden needs this beautiful new pink. AM'53—[Pathfinder X Shannopin]\$3.00 > 3 for \$5.95

MELLOW GOLD (Lowry '55) Ⓝ A mellow gold of great beauty\$10.00

MELODY LANE (Hall '49) EM-36" One of the largest and finest in this class, so I show it to you in full color. A rich, glistening golden apricot self that has descended from two flamingo pink seedlings. Standards and falls crinkled and slightly serrated around the edge in a most appealing manner. Beard very heavy and prominent, bright crimson. Ideal for adding an entirely new color note to YOUR Iris Rainbow. Pleasingly fragrant. A splendid seed setter with exceptionally fertile pollen. HM'50; AM'52. See *Lifelike Ektachrome*, page 13\$1.50

"Melody Lane is exquisite and all that your catalog claims it to be. You may be interested in knowing, too, that it proved to be by far my strongest grower and most profuse bloomer. The rhizome you sent me produced ten flower stalks, not one of which had less than seven blossoms, and all were perfect in color and formation. Satisfactory is hardly the word."—Page G. Nourse, Newark, Delaware.

MEMORIES (Sass '53) ML-35" One of the loveliest of the many Sass introductions. A beautiful light salmon pink with a full pink beard. Flowers large with broad heavy subtanced petals and excellent form. HM'53—[Pink Sails X Cotton Candy]\$12.50 > 3 for \$27.95

MAXWELTON (Norton '51) M-38" A lovely golden brown self that has received many glowing tributes and that is said to be Mr. Norton's finest introduction. Standards soft golden tan lightening to gold at haft. Falls at haft bright metallic gold deepening to tan gold at bottom. A huge flaring flower that stands the hot sun well. HM'52—[Alexia Seedling X Cascade Splendor]\$1.50 > 3 for \$3.35

MEMPHIS BELLE (Pierce '52) EM-36" A bright raspberry-rose-pink of great garden value, with a bright tangerine beard. A delectable variety given the highest praise wherever viewed. Its extreme floriferousness is its crowning virtue. Makes a gorgeous garden clump. Characterized by Mrs. Reynolds in the Iris Bulletin as "The largest, tallest, lustiest pink I've seen. It is so lusty, in fact, that it should be divided every year to keep the blossoms from crowding just as you thin peaches." You can't go wrong on this one as it will certainly brighten up your garden in a hurry. HC'51; HM'52—[Fantasy X Pink Cameo]\$6.00 > 3 for \$11.95

MEXIGLOW (Crosby '53) Ⓝ Large golden-brown & copper, rich violet flush. \$5

MIDCONTINENT (Whiting '52) EM to L-40" A rich golden brown. Large, widely rounded and well placed blooms. Extremely long blooming season. Heavy bloom for 4 solid weeks. Great things might come from crossing this with other long season bloomers such as Ruffled Organdy, Sally Ann or Vigil. [Aurora Dawn X Campfire Glow]\$1.50 > 3 for \$3.35

MINT JULEP—A chartreuse self for breeders of green. Page 44\$1.50

MISS CHRISTINE (Watkins-Watkins '54) Ⓝ Delightfully ruffled creamy yellow, has everything\$8.00

MISSION GLORY (Hamblen '54) M to L-38" A rich, glowing red-brown self of classic form and lovely smooth finish. Extra heavy substance. Blooms large, well spaced. Wonderful blood for coppers, browns and reds. [Bryce Canyon X Garden Glory]\$5.00

MISSION ROSE (Brother Charles '55) Ⓝ Like an improved Mary Randall, taller, more flowers\$15.00

MISSION STARLIGHT (Hamblen '56) Ⓝ French blue of classic form, real blue beard\$15.00

MR. MOON (Weed '55) EM-52" Yes, Mr. Moon reaches for his namesake and in so doing sometimes attains a height of 62 inches, making this and the Oncobred Sespe the 2 tallest Iris in our garden. Simply wonderful for tall background plantings behind all of the Iris of ordinary stature. A ruffled clear white with soft yellow beard, huge in size and quite sensational when seen growing at such heights. [Snow Flurry X National White]\$6.00

FAMOUS YELLOW AMOENAS

MYSTIC MELODY (Stevens '51) M-36" A sister seedling of Summit and while less contrasting, it is no less glamorous. Actually there is a haunting loveliness about the butter yellow of the enameled sun-drenched falls and the luminous shimmering cream of the silken moonlit standards that weaves a spell over the beholder and leaves him rapt. Elegant and lovely. HM'52; AM'55—[Fair Elaine X (Lagos x (Gudrun x Sdlg.))]\$2.00; 3 for \$5.50

PINNACLE (Stevens '49) M-38" A new and decorative color pattern—standards clear, sparkling white effectively contrasting with falls of smooth primrose yellow. So fresh they remind one of daffodils dancing in the breeze. Sometimes re-blooms. HM'49; AM'51—[Magnolia X (Gudrun x (Lady Morvyrth x Rangatira))]\$1.50 > 3 for \$3.35

SUMMIT (Stevens '51) EM-40" Many pick Summit as their first choice among the three somewhat similar yellow amoenas as it has by far the strongest contrast between standards and falls. Standards pure snow white, falls deep golden yellow, much more intense than in Pinnacle. An Iris that is of epochal importance to breeders and I expect it to prove to be a hybridizer's paradise. [Sister to Mystic Melody]\$2.00 > 3 for \$3.95

GREEN PASTURES

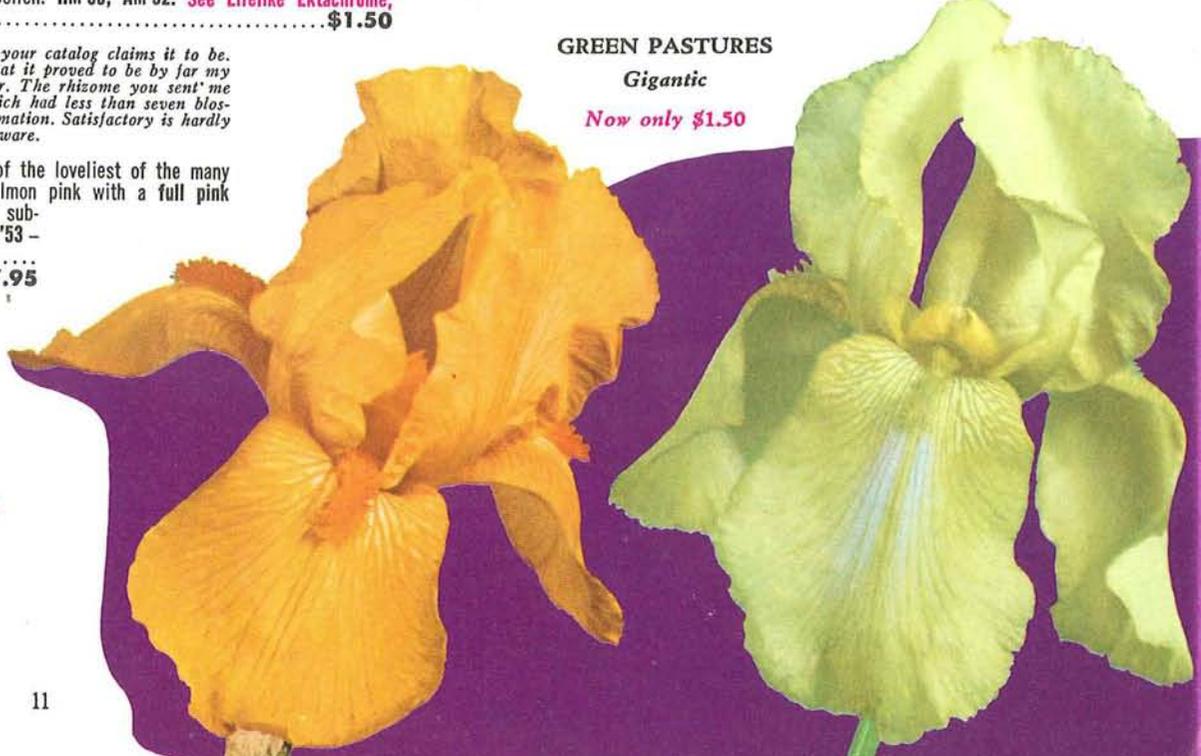
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MULBERRY SNOW (Austin '55) L-45" A horned sister seedling of Unicorn that has one of the most novel color patterns ever seen. Actually has a "snow-capped" appearance due to large prominent white blaze at top of each fall, around beard. Standards smooth, dark reddish wine. Falls below the white blaze intense mulberry, indistinctly lined in white in a fancy pattern. At end of each beard is a prominent mulberry horn projecting out about 1/2 inch. A fine breeder, both as a seed parent and a pollen parent. [JS-M-176B X 638] **\$20.00**

CANADIAN EVALUATION: "I liked Mulberry Snow VERY much. It had spoons, like the petals of a spoon mum, rather than horns, and was very artistic." Lloyd Zurbrigg, Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

MYSTIC LEGEND (Webster '55) M-40" Envision an Iris of huge proportions with standards domed, falls long, broad, delightfully ruffled. Now take the subtle lavender blue on the horizon and paint the standards. Lighten it with gray snow and spread the pigment over the falls. About the dove-gray beard infuse a hint of the green of spring to come. This is MYSTIC LEGEND, a flower that attracted the crowds at the Pasadena Iris show. Note particularly that it comes from Green Pastures' pollen. [San Diego X Green Pastures] **\$12.50; 3 for \$34.35**

NEW SNOW (Fay '46) ML-38" So near to winning the Dykes Medal that it was Runner-up in '50, '51 and '52. It is seldom, indeed, that I am able to offer an Iris of this caliber at such a moderate price. An Iris name that is most fitting, for this is truly as white as new snow. The beard is full bright yellow, adding a great deal of life to the flower. This is the only color in the flower, as the standards, falls, hafts, and even the style crests are pure white. [Snow Flurry x Katherine Fay]. **One of my 10 Super DOLLAR Values.** **\$1.00; 3 for \$2.75**

NIGHT PATROL (Benson '54) M-38" An Iris that so resembles a blue-black butterfly in flight that it is a consistent traffic stopper. People just can't get by this rich, smooth, deep blue-violet self with matching beard. Has stiff, flaring, rigidly-held horizontal falls. Great blood for breeding dark Iris. HC'50; HM'55 - [The Admiral X Dymia] **\$8.00 > 3 for \$15.95**



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PALOMINO (Hall '52) E-M-36" A new departure in Flamingos with a color pattern so distinct that it stands out from everything else in the garden. Standards coppery pink sharply contrasting with ivory falls prominently bordered in coppery amber. Beard rich red-tangerine, bright as a bonfire, wonderfully effective against the ivory falls. A huge Iris of such splendid form and substance, and with such a marvelous color effect that it will indeed transform any garden. People sometimes feel that many of the Flamingos are too much alike but no one can say this about Palomino. It has no counterpart anywhere. To see it is to want it! My color picture shows you why; page 14. HM'52; AM'54; RU-Dykes '56 - [Hi-Time X 46-31] **\$5.00; 3 for \$13.75**

PAN AMERICAN (Schirmer '52) Ⓝ Large blend of tan, peach & mauve **\$5.00**

PARADISE PINK (Lapham '50) L-32" It is certainly one of the very pinkest Iris released to date. A self of sufficient intensity and depth of color to have real landscape value. Has a particularly pleasing reddish-tangerine beard. Of exceptional value to hybridizers as its family tree includes some of Lapham's fine reeds to give brilliance to the offspring. Pleasing spicy fragrance. HM'50; AM'52 - [Forerunner X (Spindrift x Isabella)] **\$1.25**

PARISIANA M-28" A diploid white plicata, long world-famous as the seed parent of William Mohr. See special offer of free Parisiana rhizomes with Gatesii, page 21, so you can repeat this historic cross. **\$2.00**

PATHFINDER (Whiting '48) ML-36" Blooms large, round, very wide petals and wide hafts. While the color contains a little lavender, there are more true pink tones in this than in most of the others. Petals have a surprising glistening sheen and are of extremely heavy substance. Very prolific of bloom and increase. HM'48 - [Mirabelle X Angeles] **\$1.50; 3 for \$3.95**

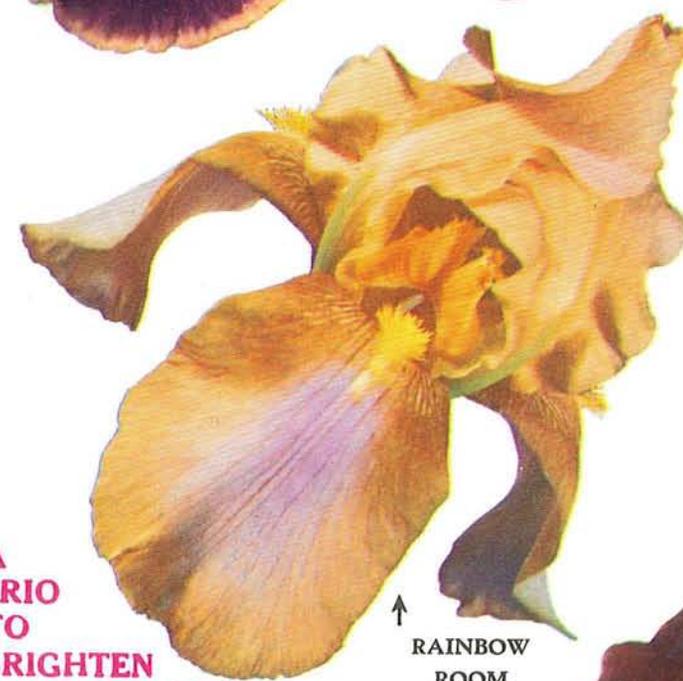
PEARLY MORN (Thorup '51) Ⓝ Unusual "mother-of-pearl" coloring **\$5.00**

PIANISSIMO (Edmison '54) Ⓝ Standards peach, falls white, bordered peach **\$7.50**

PINK CAVALIER (Wallace '55) 50" A tall, showy, reddish-salmon-pink, with a flaming strawberry-red beard. Buds intense red-salmon. Flowers 5 1/2" to 6". Many of the blooms meet one at eye-level. Imagine what this may do in improving the height and branching in your breeding. Also has the lace-edged Midwest Gem in its pedigree! [(Hall's 41-10 x Midwest Gem) X Orange Pink Seedling] **\$10.00; 3 for \$27.50**

PINK ENCHANTMENT (Muhlestein '54) Ⓝ Deepest, truest Flamingo, coral-red beard **\$35.00**

PINK FORMAL (Muhlestein '49) E to L-40" Close to pure pink, but slightly on the salmon side with intense red-tangerine beard. Probably unsurpassed among pinks in its ability to stand up in the wind, rain and sun. I have found this to be the most outstanding of all Flamingo Pinks in its ability to yield a heavy set of seeds whether used as a seed parent or a pollen parent. A setting of pods with this has often been close to 100%. Proven to pass its many good points on to its children. AM'51; RU Dykes '53 - [Golden Eagle X SQ72] **\$1.50**



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PINK SENSATION (Hall '48) VE-33" Pinkest of all to date. A true, delicate light pink, without the usual influence of lavender or salmon, sporting a bright orange-red beard. A large flower, full, rounded, with novel lacinated petal edges. Has the advantage of being extremely early, actually one of the first Tall Bearded to come into flower. Tops for the hybridizer. HM'50; AM'52 - [Pink Seedling x Courtier] **\$1.50**

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PINNACLE—See blue box of yellow-amoenas, starting with Mystic Melody. . \$1.50 ► 3 for \$3.35

PLACERITA (Miess '50) M-36" A superb descendant of the famous Tobacco Road, having a more intense color and a more golden hue; also it has more vigorous growing habits. A large beautifully ruffled flower in a color resulting from a mingling of rich gold, copper and brown, blended together to form a harmonious whole. Sparkles as if sprinkled with gold dust. Falls wide, flaring horizontally. Low branched. [Tobacco Road X Matula] \$2.50; 3 for \$5.50

PLACER MAID (Austin '52) M-24" A lovely new fancy done in pastel tints. Standards rich rufous buff, with style crests in bright orange-buff appearing between them. Falls vary from white, flushed with lavender, to deep lavender brushed in white, in what is termed a "fancy" pattern. Falls edged with a broad band of buff, decorated with an intricate pattern of fine needlework in dark brown. Harmonizing bronze beard, tipped gold. One lady who saw this at our gardens remarked it reminded her of the elegance of the wild eastern Lady's Slipper. Comes from same cross that yielded 4 of my Horned Iris, namely, [JS-M-176B X 628] See in full color, page 14 \$3.00

"I was simply thrilled with your Placer Maid. I really do think that the catalogue description is far too modest for such a charmer. I rate it as one of my favourite Iris. It certainly is one of the most unusual! The stem produced several flowers, two of which exhibited small horns on one of their falls. The horns measured 1/2 inch long, and I think they are quite novel." Esmond Jones, New South Wales, Australia.

PLUMED DELIGHT—A HORNEDED Iris to delight your fancy! Description, page 4, picture, page 5; free on page 2.

PRAIRIE JEWEL—Imagine, flamingo-pink standards, dahlia-red falls, page 44. \$15.00

PRECIOUS DAYS (Smith '53) E to L-39" A very pure blue that will be much sought because of its exceptional characteristics. Rhizomes often send up 2 or 3 magnificent stalks, each with 5 branches and the lowest re-branched. Starts flowering early and continues to one of the last because of the very prolific bloom. A sparkling tailored flower with no markings and a white beard. A beauty you will admire for weeks each spring. AM Hort. Soc. of New York '53—[Keene Valley X Jane Phillips] \$5.00

PRETENDER (Cook '51) L-36" A distinctive creation in a color pattern never before seen in modern tetraploid Iris. The best of a series of seedlings Mr. Cook calls his "blue-falled variegatas," in distinction to the usual variegatas which have falls in red or reddish-purple. This unique new bicolor has yellow standards and falls of deep blue violet. A real advance in new Iris color patterns. Provides excitement for both fanciers and hybridizers. AM'55—[From two Cook sdgs.] \$7.00; 3 for \$19.20

PRETTY PANSY (Sass '49) 36" Entrancing and different is this remarkable deep indigo-blue Iris with a striking white area at the haft. When a visitor sees this there is always an exclamation of delight. HM'50—[Bertha Gersdorff x Moonlit Sea] \$1.50

PRETTY PINK (Murray '56) M-37" A very large, wide light rose pink with a deep pink beard. Falls flaring. Standards closed. Stalks tall, exceptionally well branched with many flowers to the stalk. [Golden Eagle X (Spindrift x Pink Cameo)] \$12.00

PRETTY QUADROON (Kleinsorge '48) ML-40" A revelation in lovely color harmonies, and superb beautifully ruffled form. A light coppery brown, smooth and appealing, with a glistening metallic luster and an undertone of amethyst and gold. A variety I predict will be top-flight for years to come. HM'48; AM'50—[Mexico x Tobacco Road]. In color, page 15. \$2.00

QUECHEE (Knowlton '50) M-37" Quechee has impressed me so much that I have taken a color picture of it to show you the intensity of its coloring and its wonderful flaring falls. A handsome garnet-red self with broad cupped standards, flaring falls and a thick short bronze beard. Unlike many reds, the flowers do not burn or fade under the hot sun. Nicely branched and a very good grower. Pollen plentiful. HM'50; AM'53—[Prince of Orange x Redyen]. See life-like photo, page 12. \$1.50

QUEEN'S LACE (Muhlestein '55) Ⓢ Heaviest laced white in existence; beautiful! \$20

QUEEN'S TASTE (Douglas '52) M-38" A by-product of Geddes Douglas' amoena breeding, this is a grand new and different Iris. Standards gleaming lilac-pink, falls broad, blended rose to violet red, very bright and velvety. About twice the size of most amoenas. Fertile both ways. It's time you tried it. HM'53; AM'55—[Criterion X Olympian] \$5.00

RAINBOW ROOM (Sass '46) ML-34" This bewitching flower brings together many of the colors of the Rainbow. Seems as if lighted from within; surface of falls sparkles as if dusted with gold crystals. Form is about perfect and there is a lovely ruffling. Pollen abundant. HM'47; AM'51—[Y Blend #50-36 (Sass H.P.) X Matula]. See in color, page 12. \$1.00 ► 3 for \$2.25

RASPBERRY RIBBON (Schreiner '51) EM-34" Once seen, never to be forgotten. Most stunning of plicatas. A real raspberry tone, a bright exciting color, applied generously and boldly, so it carries clear across the garden. The contrast is sharp, flower is fresh, bright. Standards almost solid raspberry coloring except for a slight flush of white. Falls dazzling white made ever so prominent by the wide edging of pure raspberry. Draws Iris lovers with a powerful magnetic force. Plant it where you will; your visitors will find it. HM'51; AM'55. See lifelike Color Plate, page 15. \$2.50; 3 for \$6.95

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One of my 121 Free PREMIUMS—See page 2.

RED CHIEFTAIN (Sass '55) M-37" A glistening mahogany-red with great carrying power, and hence excellent for garden effect. Petals have a lacquer-like finish and a rich yellow beard. Standards domed nicely; falls semi-horizontal flaring up a bit at their tips, giving the flowers a winged appearance. Extra heavy substance gives the blooms a long life. Has a long pedigree including such Iris as Midwest Gem, The Red Douglas, Solid Mahogany and Prairie Sunset. With this widely diversified blood it should be a fascinating flower for the hybridizer. Henry Sass used Red Chieftain pollen to produce his new Huntsman \$15.00; 3 for \$41.25

REGIS ROYAL (Marx '50) ML-38" A giant that will appeal to Iris fanciers and especially those who desire something different in red Iris. An absolute self in rose tones and garnet red. It will do wonders in brightening up your garden. [Prairie Sunset X Garden Magic] \$1.50

REHOBETH (DeForest '53) Unbeatable pale blue, next to top, '56 AM's \$12

PLACER MAID — Bewitching New Fancy — \$3.00



RICH RAIMENT (Craig '49) M-34" One of the most distinctive, colorful fancies to appear in a long time. Everyone seems intrigued by unusual color pattern. Standards light crimson, flushed yellow; falls large, broad, of splendid substance, dark crimson with white lines radiating from brownish yellow beard. Falls very flaring, edges waved. Pollen abundant. HM'50 \$1.50; 3 for \$3.95

RIO VALLEY (Tompkins '51) ML-36" Superb new golden tobacco-brown with electric blue at tip of intense yellow beard. Falls beautifully finished and appear as if sprinkled with gold dust. Flowers large, nicely ruffled with broad petals and flaring falls. One that I can recommend for sheer beauty. [(Three Oaks x Honeyflow) x Copperclad] X (Tobacco Road x Copperclad) \$5.00; 3 for \$13.75

ROBERT ALEXANDER (Lothrop '55) M to L-40" A large and impressively ruffled absolute self in amber yellow, refined and well proportioned. Standards waved, well-closed; falls broadly rippling, flaring to a five-inch diameter. Has candelabrum-branching, with three blossoms often open at once; an exquisite flower that will delight the connoisseur. [Hills of Gold X Aztec Copper x Jean Cayeux] \$6.00; 3 for \$16.50

ROSABELLA (Kleinsorge '51) VE-48" Stands out across the garden due to its remarkable brilliance and depth of color—a deep rose red self with haft prominently flushed in metallic copper. A pleasing bronze orange beard completes the color harmony of this gorgeous flower. Very large, extra broad standards and falls. So imposing it will stop your visitors in their tracks! HM'52. One of my 10 Super DOLLAR Values \$1.00 > 3 for \$2.25

ROSE GARLAND (Wills '54) Colorful rose opal, blended red & copper. \$7.50

ROSE SAILS (Pierce '55) 36" A very pleasing seedling of Memphis Belle, it is more rose in color and with the same fine growing habits. Standards closed, falls very flaring. HC'53 — [Memphis Belle X Twilight Sky] \$15.00

ROSY RIPPLES (Brown '55) L-40" A very large rippling rosy-magenta bitone. Broad flaring falls are slightly deeper colored than standards and have violet patch at tip of yellow beard. Stalks extra tall, carrying 4 or 5 well placed branches, insuring a profusion of bloom. A beautiful newcomer! [Lancaster X Aubanel] \$4.00

ROYAL GARNET (Cassebeer '55) L-36" An enticing deep garnet red, quite distinct in color from other dark reds. Comes from two parents that are almost black and has more brilliance than either. You'll really appreciate the full beauty of this best when the plant has increased to clump size. Exquisite when planted in combination with any of the Flamingo pinks. [Black Banner X Starless Night] \$1.75

ROYAL SOVEREIGN (Stevens '51) ML-38" An Iris so exceptional and of such quality that visitors seem to be drawn to it magnetically. A lustrous light golden orange reminding one of the California poppy. Sensationally smooth and clean—a true self without a single vein or variation of color. Falls very velvety like a rich plush. Standards rigidly held, of taffeta-like texture. Destined to become very popular. HM'53 — [Golden Majesty X Naranja x Redmayne] \$2.00 > 3 for \$3.95

RUFFLED APACHE—Top notch red blend with very heavy lace. Novelties, page 44 \$10.00

RUFFLED GEM—Pinkish buff, heavy Chantilly-lace. Novelties, page 44 \$1.50

RUFFLED ORGANDY (Brenan '53) E to L-42" An Iris with universal and spontaneous appeal, yet one that defies adequate description. Hence, I decided to show it to you in natural color. As you will see, it has a perfection and beauty of color and form that can hardly be duplicated by any other Bearded Iris in this entire catalog. A highly ruffled ivory-cream with a pearly undertone and a light gold border. Falls so large and so beautifully rounded one would almost think it had an Onco in its ancestry; but its pedigree does not indicate this. Tall 42" stalks with unbelievably fine 5-way branching and up to 23 buds. This insures a very long blooming season which will usually extend for at least a month. Winter hardy. Has been approved and appreciated by the Iris judges since its introduction. In '53 it topped the list of HM's. In '55 it received the AM, and in addition was 4th from the top in the elite list that constitute the "Judge's Choice." Fertile both ways. With such blood it cannot miss as a good breeder for new bearded Iris and visions of its many seedlings in lovely colors come to the mind's eye. Also it would seem to be made to order for the hybridizer eager to cross with Oncobreds and even true Oncos. It already has close to a perfect form and with that height and superb branching it is just what is needed for crossing with Oncos and their derivatives. No breeder should pass up an opportunity like this! HM'53; AM'55 — [Gilt Edge X Snow Flurry x Nylon] In life-like color, page 16 \$3.50

RUFFLED TAFFETA (Miess '54) EM-42" An exceptionally large deep pinkish lavender of such remarkable substance that it can best be compared to the heaviest taffeta. Imagine this cloth drawn into ruffles more artful and appealing than any human hand can make and you have an idea of the effect of this unique flower. Also, like taffeta, the color varies, but is always pleasing to the most exacting eyes. Beard cream colored. Very tall stalks with fine low branching. HM'55; JC'56 — [(Snow Flurry x Great Lakes) X Lake Tenaya] \$10.00 > 3 for \$19.95

SABLE NIGHT—See red box of new BLACKS, page 6. Sensational! \$12.00

SAFARI (Plough '55) M to L-30" An extremely flaring new fancy done in cream and tan. Standards bright tan with a yellow glint, held firmly upright. Falls semi-flaring, white brushed brown, the white area at tip of beard. Heart of flower has a golden glow. Has pollen, is producing interesting seedlings. [Firecracker X Late Sunset] \$4.00

SENIORITA ILSA (Rogers '53) M-38" A very broad petaled white of large size with excellent form. A white that is white even to the crest, the anther, the stigma and the beard, with absolutely no haft markings. Flowers well placed on strong stalks. A homozygous recessive white self, from 2 fine blues. HM'53; RU-AM'56 — [Helen McGregor X Sylvia Murray] \$7.50

SIERRA SKIES (Schortman '54) E-M-38" A newcomer that is crowding hard for the top position among all blues. Was third from the top in the '56 Awards of Merit and next to the top in the '55 Judges' Choice. Such heavy favor among the Iris experts results from a number of fine qualities. Perhaps most important is that, in the opinion of Geddes Douglas and other Irisarians, this is the nearest approach we yet have to spectrum blue. A beautiful medium blue, deeper than South Pacific but not as deep as Arabi Pasha. Flowers beautifully formed with a very pleasing wave to the petals. Stalks tall and strong, carrying the flowers to perfection. A blue that cannot be praised too highly. Truly, the Iris get bluer and bluer as the years go by. Better not pass up this one. JC'55; AM'56 — [(Santa Barbara x Sierra Blue) X Chivalry] \$12.00

SILVER PLATTER (Craig '50) M-45" An immense flower on tall stalks. Almost a self in sky blue with falls slightly more lavender. Substance exceptionally good. Beard cream, tipped with yellow. Gives a very interesting shimmering blue effect. Pollen available in moderate quantities. [Acropolis x Destiny] X Great Lakes] \$1.25 > 3 for \$2.85

SILVER SUNLIGHT (Douglas '49) VL-36" A great addition to the late blooming class of Iris; will extend your season materially. A fascinating and unusual combination of colors. Large domed standards are clear golden yellow on the outside, white on the inside, while the flaring falls are white on the upper surface, yellow underneath. Charming as a cut flower as well as in the garden. [Raejean X Northman] \$2.00; 3 for \$5.50

Prompt ordering has its reward. See my "Premiums for Early Ordering," on page 2; also see page 3.

SNOW GODDESS (Becherer '55) EM-38" Appears to be the very best of the many white seedlings that have come from Snow Flurry. You will marvel at the massive heavily ruffled flowers with white petals and a yellow beard. Stalks widely branched with perfect flower placement. A real beauty that should find a place in your garden. HM'56 - [Snow Flurry X White Goddess] \$12.00

SOLAR MAID (Sass '55) Ⓝ Heavy substance rich dandelion yellow, self beard \$15.00

SOLID GOLD (Kleinsorge '51) ML-36" For years we thought of Ola Kala and Berkeley Gold as the finest deep yellows available—but SOLID GOLD completely overshadows all previous contenders for the top position in this important color class. It is huge in size and the deepest, most intense yellow imaginable. The form is ideal, with very wide hafts. The intense color is remarkably fade-proof and lasting, even in the bright sun. I can recommend this without hesitation as being the finest yellow available today. Proving to be a superb parent; has already yielded the 1955 introductions Front Page and Full Reward. AM'53 - [#338 X Ola Kala] \$4.00

SORAYA (Lothrop '54) ML-40" A distinguished and distinctive tall Iris in lilac pink blended with shades of buff and brown, blazed purple. Named for the Queen of Iran and means "the glory of beauty." Try it. HC - [Hills of Gold X Easter Bonnet] \$5.00; 3 for \$13.75

SO SWEET (LaFrenz '54) EM-40" A Snow Flurry descendant that stands out as it is probably the most fragrant Iris in our entire garden. When exhibited at an Iris show its fragrance causes more people to stop by So Sweet than any other Iris. A lovely pale porcelain blue-white with large rounded flowers, well branched. [Snow Flurry X Chivalry] \$2.50

SPELLBOUND (Linse '51) E to L-40" A large, spectacular new red with wonderful horizontally flaring falls. Will hold you spellbound. A beautiful thing done in fiery brownish red with smoothly blended golden hafts and a golden overlay on both standards and falls. It positively glows! Remains unfaded in hot sun, a rare quality for a bright blend. Has the delectable fragrance of spice pinks. HM'52 - [Tobacco Road X Prairie Sunset] \$3.50

SPIC AND SPAN (Wallace '53) M-L-42" A light cream that makes a superb show specimen and has been greatly admired. A complete self with exceptionally large flowers having plenty of substance and a light ruffling. Destined for popularity. Has great breeding possibilities. HC'52 - [(Kalinga x Golden Madonna) X (Fort Knox x Golden Majesty)] \$2.00

SPOTLIGHT (Schreiner '52) ML-40" Yes, it will be a conversation piece, for it is a magnificent, very large Iris in deep golden yellow with a deep orange-yellow beard with a stunning white signal at the end of the beard. Breeders will be quick to use this for crossing with Oncobreds and even true Oncos to accentuate and bring out the signal. So far no Bearded Iris has a signal that can compare with that on some Oncos but here the breeding opportunity awaits the efforts of the thoughtful hybridizer. Will do wonders in bringing your garden up to date. HM'50 - [Goldbeater X Unknown] \$3.00 > 3 for \$5.95

SPRING MELODY (Miess '54) ML-40" A marvelous new pure dandelion-yellow like a bird-on-the-wing, due to the alert horizontal style of the falls. A yellow unmarred by any other color and in a brilliance and nonfading character that are quite remarkable. The gorgeous flowers are generously produced and will have most obvious superiority to the yellows found in most gardens today. When you get new Iris you might as well get varieties like this that you will be pleased with for a long time to come. HM'55 - [Sdlg. X Ola Kala] \$10.00 > 3 for \$22.50

SPRING ROMANCE (Miess '49) EM-42" A breath-taking release with huge 7-inch blooms of extra heavy substance. A tall, wax, non-fading, cream white, with a frosty overlay and infusion of aureolin gold at haft, casting a golden glow over bloom. Very floriferous. Delightful fragrance. Gold Cup '48 Hollywood Show. HM'50 - [Melitta x Narain] \$1.50 > 3 for \$3.35

SPRING SONNET (DeForest '53) M-38" A lovely combination of pure white standards and creamy-yellow falls. Petals large and broad with flaring form. Tall, sturdy, well branched stalks. Surprisingly enough, this has several tangerine bearded pinks in its parentage. \$6.00 > 3 for \$16.50

STAR (Weed '52) M-42" A splendid new yellow of very large size and great height. It has been such a stand-out in the garden that it has out-sold most of the other yellows. A soft light yellow with striking bold network at the haft. Heavy wide orange beard. A lovely Iris of beautiful form. A vigorous grower with magnificent foliage. Has abundant fertile pollen. Shows its beautiful beard in its offspring. [Mrs. Stella Stedman X Ming Yellow] \$2.00 > 3 for \$4.50

STAR SHINE (Wills '49) ML-36" An entrancing deep cream, white and pearly blue, the colors so skillfully blended it has the iridescent gleam of lustrous pearls. The broad domed standards are deep buff-cream; the white flaring falls have a suggestion of blue in center, an edging to match standards. Flowers so firmly substance they stand up when other Iris succumb. Blooms over a long season. RU Dykes '53 - [Hermitage x Hernani] X Song of Gold] \$2.00 > 3 for \$4.50

STORMY SKIES (Plough '53) Ⓝ Smoky blend of grey and buff, blue blaze \$6.00

STRATHMORE (Morris '49) EM-32" As so many have been eager to learn more about this much-heralded pink from England, I have taken an Ektachrome in natural color and this is reproduced here for you. A beautiful clear light salmon pink. A flower of remarkable purity and trueness of color. In close harmony with this virtue is an exceptionally smooth, precise styling, well shown in the picture. Beard a prominent feature, bright tangerine red. A good seed-setter and pollen parent. Very high among desirable parents in breeding flamingo pinks, to bring in fresh blood from overseas. Personally selected by H. M. Queen Mother Elizabeth and named for her own home. Now you can have it! [Edward of Windsor x Hall Pink seedling]. See color photo next page. \$5.00

SUGARPLUM—Laced pink sister of Gussie. Novelties, page 44. \$8.00

SUMMIT—See blue box of yellow amoenas, starting with Mystic Melody. \$2.00

SUNSET BLAZE (Kleinsorge '48) VE-42" A huge golden flame-salmon blend so brilliant it is almost red. Flowers nicely ruffled, with falls flaring just enough to bring out the color. Stalks extra tall, widely branched. A very impressive Iris one just can't pass by. Very early. President's Cup '49; AM'51 \$1.50

SURPRISE PARTY (Kleinsorge '55) Ⓝ New combination - rosy lilac standards, apricot falls \$6

SURRENDER (Tompkins '51) ML-38" A distinctive white of novel coloring. A very large, broad-petaled and nicely tailored flower that looks as if it might well have been cut from thick white velvet. The upper part of the fall is smooth canary yellow, flowing from the throat onto the hafts and outer edges of the white falls. A strange, indefinable pink glow seems to permeate the whole flower; this is not surprising since Pink Tower was the pollen parent. Pollen plentiful. HM'53 - [Lamplit Hour X Pink Tower] \$3.00; 3 for \$8.25

SWAGGER—See red box of new BLACKS, Page 6. \$5.00

TALLY-HO (Hall '49) Ⓝ Falls like a bright fuchsia colored orchid \$5.00



PRETTY QUADROON — Ruffling adds charm — \$2.00
One of my 121 Free PREMIUMS — See page 2.

TABASCO (Craig '51) M-38" A stunning and massive new fancy that is strikingly different and may be likened to paprika sprinkled over an omelet. A deep yellow with an all-over sprinkling of rich orange-red. Such a novelty that no one can pass it by in the garden without a second look. One you are sure to get sooner or later—why not now? HM'54 - [Rich Raiment X Joseph's Mantle] \$3.00; 3 for \$8.25

TAFFY WINGS (Brown '55) M-42" Here is the taffy candy Iris with crisp flaring falls and rich gold beard. A smooth light buff with a lighter area in the center of falls. Heavy, well branched, stalks carry flowers of fine form and good substance. Quite unique. [Buffawn X Melitta] \$3.00

TEMPLE BELLS (Hall '52) Ⓝ Imagine, apricot-yellow with red beard \$5

RASPBERRY RIBBON — Bold new plicata — \$2.50
One of my 121 Free PREMIUMS — See page 2.



TANGERINE CREAM (Austin '54) EM-32" One of the first creams with tangerine beard. Standards creamy white, faintly flushed pink. Falls rich cream, stiff, quite flaring. Bright orange-tangerine beard gives striking contrast. Often 3 flowers open at once. Abundant pollen. [Buffawn X Flora Zenor] **\$1.50; 3 for \$3.95**

THE CITADEL (Watkins-Graves '54) ☉ Most beautiful pure white imaginable..... **\$10.00**

THE KNOCKOUT (Muhlestein '51) ML-36" A stunning Iris that is indeed a knockout. Rich yellow standards, falls lighter brushed heavy yellow on the hafts adjoining a deep orange beard. A clean and delightful combination of colors. Flowers large and full in all parts. Useful for breeding lovely yellows, pinks and blends. [Remembrance X (Ming Yellow x Prairie Sunset)]..... **\$2.00 ➤ 3 for \$3.95**

THE LAUGHING CAVALIER (Lothrop '53) ☉ Blue bitone, dark velvety, white beard **\$5**

THE MAD HATTER (Lyon '51) M & L-42" Color is the deepest of maroon reds with velvety falls overlaid with blackish maroon. An imposing flower abundantly produced on tall 3½ foot stalks with good branching. From Ranger x Cordovan, and, like all of its sister seedlings, emits the sweetest and most pleasing fragrance. May re-bloom. HM'51 **\$2.50; 3 for \$6.95**

THE TANNER (Muhlestein '51) ML-31" An unusual mustard-tan self of fine flaring form. Quite different from anything else in my collection of over 1,000 named varieties; hence, is bound to attract attention in your garden, for even a single stalk is arresting. Fine blood for browns, coppers and yellows. Should be crossed with extra tall varieties such as Ruffled Organdy and Mr. Moon. [Fortune X Tobacco Road]..... **\$2.50 ➤ 3 for \$4.95**

THORWALD (Knowlton '55) ML-39" Quite original in its color pattern is this large broad petaled orange blend of sturdy form and substance. Standards yellow ochre slightly ruffled, firmly held. Falls fluted and flaring, yellow ochre, flushed at center with Spanish orange around the rich orange beard. Flowers with great freedom on tall stalks. An introduction that former President Knowlton can well be proud of. [Prince of Orange X Redyen]..... **\$6.00 ➤ 3 for \$13.50**

THOTMES III (Kleinsorge '50) ML-40" Named for an Egyptian Pharaoh and already fabulous in Iris circles. A beautiful Kleinsorge brown to adorn your garden. A gigantic Iris with extra broad falls and heavy texture in a glistening golden brown with an illusive iridescence. Won silver medal at London Iris Show. Will be in heavy demand for years to come. Better get your order in before stocks are exhausted. HM'51; AM'53 - [Mexico X Kleinsorge 314] **\$3.00**

TOAST AN' HONEY (Kleinsorge '53) M-33" A high quality luscious brown blend that is in heavy demand. A rich light golden brown, like butter and honey, with deeper toast-brown shadings on edges of falls. Flowers full, wide. Falls flaring, waved. Great blood for breeding browns and variegatas. HM'55; JC'56 - [(Mexico x (Aztec C. x Prairie S.)) X (Cascade Splendor x Daybreak)]..... **\$10.00**

TOP FLIGHT (Hall '53) M-34" Resembles the already famous Temple Bells, but is more deeply colored and more of an apricot than yellow. A luscious smooth apricot pink that wins the praise of every visitor. Beard fiery orange-red and very thick and heavy. Plant this where you will, then watch your visitors congregate at this point. Indescribably beautiful. Near the top in BOTH the 1955 Awards of Merit and Judge's Choice. [Hall pink lines]..... **\$3.00**

TOWN TALK (Lapham '54) ☉ Broad-petaled flame or tomato red **\$15.00**

TRAIL BLAZER (Milliken '51) M-44" A fascinating and almost indescribable blend of colors. A fiery red-mulberry with a startlingly brilliant blaze of blue in the center of the falls. A touch of ruby-red flanks the cinnamon beard. Tannish tones touch the standards and border the falls in a quaint fashion. A novel and distinctive flower that will appeal to all who like brilliant color effects **\$3.50 ➤ 3 for \$6.95**

TRANQUILITY (Fay '50) ML-38" A Snow Flurry descendant that is a larger and finer flower than its famous parent. Don Waters reporting from Ohio says "A flaring white Iris with green shadows throughout. Very good."; also Leslie Cave in England writes "Well named, being a blue-white with a greenish tinge. Most cool and refreshing." Useful to breeders, particularly those working toward greens. AM'53 - [Snow Flurry X Katherine Fay] **\$1.50; ➤ 3 for \$3.35**

TRULY FAIR (Plough '56) ☉ Beautiful, tall, bright pink, red beard **\$20.00**

TRULY YOURS-'53 Dykes winner in laced & ruffled yellow. Page 44..... **\$4.00**

ULTRA VIOLET (Buss '55) EM-36" Aptly named, for this does, as the name implies, go beyond others in this same color class. Very notably a very deep violet color persists throughout the flower, even including the beard. Instead of thinning out, the depth of color is strengthened by a smooth touch of brown at the hafts. A large broadly petaled flower, serenely beautiful **\$10.00; 3 for \$27.50**

UNICORN (Austin '54) ML-L-42" This is the original, the world's first horned Iris. Depicted in life-like true color. Represents greatest break in development of an entirely new and highly decorative Iris form that has occurred in the last half century of intensive Iris breeding. Customary beards, instead of reposing quietly on the falls in the normal position, are raised and separated from the falls, projecting as striking plumed horns. Coloring is bold and contrasting—brilliant mulberry standards, and snow white falls, prominently edged to match the standards. Beard is orange-yellow, changing to white and mulberry. Sets seed readily and has abundant fertile pollen. [JS-M-176B X 638]. See in color page 19 **\$15 ➤ 3 for \$29.95**

THE MAGNETIC POWERS OF THE HORNED IRIS: "A friend of mine went every day to Sacramento to see your Unicorn during your display at Weinstock-Lubin store. She thought it the most gorgeous flower she had ever seen." Mary T. Stewart, Live Oak, Calif.

UTAH SUNSET (Muhlestein '51) EM-32" Originated by Tell Muhlestein who claims it is the largest and smoothest blend he knows. Simply luscious in its blending of onion-skin pink, buff and salmon. Every garden visitor is drawn to its size and coloring. The hafts are so smooth and unlined it will be a boon to hybridizers. Preliminary tests indicate that its seedlings are very fine. HC'49 - [Honeyflow X 46-16]..... **\$2.00 ➤ 3 for \$4.50**

VANDABETH (Miles '52) M-36" An Iris of rare perfection in a pale blue, smoothly overlaid with heliotrope gradually deepening in the heart of the flower and harmonizing with a deep yellow beard. Standards conic. Falls flaring, slightly ruffled. Has a heavy quality that withstands adverse weather conditions. Altogether a lovely ensemble and one much to be desired. [Vanda X Elizabeth of England]..... **\$3.50 ➤ 3 for \$6.95**

VIOLET HARMONY (Lowry '52) M-40" A magnificent large ruffled violet that has been widely and favorably commented on in the bulletins for the past several years. So outstanding that it easily won the President's Cup the year after its introduction. A gorgeous wide violet self that has been grown to its full glory in many different states and should certainly do well for you. Luckily this beauty has pollen and sets seed readily. AM'54; Dykes RU '56 - [Snow Flurry X Cloud Castle]..... **\$5.00**



RUFFLED ORGANDY
Perfection in form and color — \$3.50

VEILED IN MYSTERY—Satin white & chartreuse, fluted, ruffled. Page 44. **\$4.50**

WATERMELON (Waters '54) ☉ Blend of greenish lemon and deep watermelon pink **\$12.00**

WELCOME GUEST (Linse '52) E to L-38" A luscious yellow-gold merging to amber at the edges. An Iris with charm and style personified. Stalks have 3 branches and a terminal. Very brilliant and glowing. [Treva X Tobacco Road] **\$6.00**

WHISPERS (Linse '51) M to L-42" A delicately colored Iris that will soon win your heart. Its lovely form, delicate coloration and slender, graceful stalks all seem in keeping. Ruffled standards of chrome yellow and nearly horizontal falls of amber white. Flowers measure 6½ to 7 inches across. Wide low branching—even the branches branch! HM'52 - [Jasmine X Blue Rhythm] **\$1.50 ➤ 3 for \$3.35**

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STRATHMORE — From England — \$5.00



WHITE ADMIRAL (Morris '50) 36" A remarkable English creation not listed elsewhere in America as far as I am aware. Described by one writer as the "greenest white I have ever seen." A superb new white of great size and splendid substance, with strong, well-domed standards, large, widely flaring falls. A pale green glow within the throat intensifies the ice-blue white of the remainder of the flower. Beard pale amethyst, tipped yellow. Outstanding, both for the fancier and the breeder. Pollen plentiful..... **\$5.00**

WHITE CINDERELLA (Wallace '54) E to M-40" A huge and lovely pale blue-white that gives a wonderful performance by starting to bloom at the very beginning of the season and continuing with a succession of blooms. A wide, full, somewhat ruffled flower. Should prove very useful in maintaining garden bloom. [Snow Flurry X Cloud Castle].... **\$7.50; 3 for \$20.55**

WHITE PEACOCK (Pattison '52) M-38" We have many fine whites but I am inclined to think that I would place this at the top of the list. The **BIG** ruffled flowers of near-perfection are a vision of loveliness. The color is almost pure snow white but as evening approaches blue shadows seem to cast their spell over the blossom. Falls very flaring, with a spread of 7 1/2". Here is real quality. Won the coveted Franklin Cook Memorial Cup at the '56 Los Angeles A.I.S. national convention with an overwhelming majority, about 4 times the votes of the nearest competitor. No other white is in such active demand at the present time. Sooner or later I feel sure you will succumb, and may I suggest that if you want it this year, you had better order early. HC'49; HM'52 - [Katherine Fay X Lady Boscawen] **\$5.00; 3 for \$13.75**

WHITE SHEPHERDESS (Sapp '53) Ⓢ Heavily ruffled white, wide, flaring. **\$5.00**

WIDE AWAKE (Lapham '53) Ⓢ Crisp buff pink, heavy flame-scarlet beard. **\$5.00**

WINDSOR (Tompkins '50) ML-40" A large, beautifully formed flower of deep, bright blue. Flowers are heavily subtended, well spaced on tall, excellently branched stalks. A bloom on exhibit at Nashville 1948 meeting brought over fifty cards and letters of inquiry. HM'50 - [Brunhilde X Great Lakes] **\$2.00 ▶ 3 for \$4.50**

WINGS OF SONG (Whiting '53) M-L-34" A delightful two-tone affair with perfectly domed standards in rich dandelion-yellow and pure white falls with a wide heavily ruffled yellow border. HC'50; HM'54 - [(Matula x Midwest Gem) x (Purissima x Matula)] X Gilt Edge] **\$4.00 ▶ 3 for \$8.95**

WONDERBAR (Schreiner '53) M-40" As one would expect in an Iris from two such famous parents, this is a fine cream of regal form with fine substance and superb branching. There have been relatively few good cream Iris in recent years but here is a dandy that can well take its place in your garden. Keep in mind that your garden needs both whites and creams to bring out the full effectiveness of other colors. [Desert Song X Bellerive] **\$3.50**

WOODMONT PLUME (Mitchell-LaFrenz '54) EM-37" A huge, heavy subtended fancy plicata that everyone raves over. Standards gaily stippled in burgundy. Rounded falls are widely spread, heavily edged with the same color. Due to its size and the impression it makes on the public, is considered to be a fine show flower. Already there are reports it is proving to be a good breeder. **\$2.00; 3 for \$5.50**

YELLOW ORGANDY (Rees '52) L-42" Crisp as starched organdy, this pale yellow, green-tinged blossom is so heavily ruffled that it appears almost shirred below its haft. Large 6-inch flowers on four-branched stalks holding 12 buds. A second generation descendant of Snow Flurry. [Snow Flurry x Happy Days] X Ming Yellow] **\$3.75 ▶ 3 for \$8.30**

YLEM (Lapham '56) Ⓢ Probably nearer spectrum red than any other Iris. **\$15.00**

YUCCA (Babson '54) M-35" A pale cream yellow with simply elegant flaring form and a white signal at end of beard. An attractively ruffled flower with waxy substance and beautiful branching. A prominent contender for the best in this class and sure to win high honors for Mr. Babson when it is distributed. [Snow Flurry X Bali Belle]..... **\$3.00; 3 for \$8.25**

COLOR GUIDE TO TALL BEARDED (Newest first in each group)

Do you find it hard to keep up to date? Would you like to know which are the very latest releases in each of the color classes? With my new COLOR GUIDE it is easy, for each list is arranged in order of year of introduction, with newest varieties first.

Or, perhaps you are just starting with Iris, and merely want some good inexpensive Iris of certain colors. My Color Guide below works just as well for you. Merely pick out some of the older varieties near the ends of the various lists, and you are almost certain to find, upon looking them up alphabetically in my main Tall Bearded listing, that they are priced well within your reach.

Varieties that I originated are in bold face type. To make your garden a mecca for Iris lovers, include at least one variety in each of my 42 color classes.

The New TANGERINE-BEARDED Iris

TANGERINE-BEARDED PINKS, or FLAMINGOS: Bright Fuchsia, Pink Symphony, Rose Delight, Tangerine Carnival, Winged Fuchsia, Pretty Pink, Truly Fair, Annette, Briar Rose, Peppermint Pink, Pink Cavalier, Rose Sails, Convention Queen, Crepe Suzette, Curtis A, June Meredith, Marsha Kay, May Hall, Pianissimo, Pink Enchantment, Pink Fulfillment, Anthea, Dawn Pink, Flamingo Bay, Wide Awake, Happy Birthday, Memphis Belle, Norah, Palomino, Benton Ophelia, Cherry Flip, Fuchsia, Mary Randall, Cloudcap, Dolly Varden, Paradise Pink, Color Carnival, Heritage, Pink Formal, Strathmore, Tally-Ho, Marsala, Pagan Princess, Pink Sensation, Cherie, Fantasy.

TANGERINE-BEARDED REDS: Prairie Jewel, Garnet Glow.

TANGERINE-BEARDED APRICOTS: Memories, Orange Creamo, Top Flight, June Bride, Temple Bells, Apricot Glory, Apricot Supreme, Clasmont, Melody Lane.

TANGERINE-BEARDED YELLOWS & WHITES: Flaming Gold, Tangerine Snow, Gay Paree, Enchantress, Tangerine Cream.

TANGERINE-BEARDED PURPLES AND LAVENDERS: Mission Rose, Crispette, Benton Oberon, Benton Beatrice, Lottie Lembrich.

PINKS OTHER THAN FLAMINGOS

ORCHID & PASTEL PINKS: Gracelle, Cathedral Bells, Pink Accent, Sugarplum, Pathfinder, Chantilly.

PINK BLENDS: Centennial Queen, Copper Dawn, Soraya, Watermelon.

DEEP PINKS & BITONES: Rosy Ripples, Rose Garland, Cordolon, Maytime.

REDS

RED SELFS: Bang, Red Chieftain, Royal Garnet, Firebright, Moulin Rouge, Town Talk, Ylem, Frontier Days, Great Day, Ali Baba, Big Time, Rosabella, Spellbound, The Mad Hatter, Pacemaker, Quechee, Regis Royal.

RED BLENDS: Las Floristas, Big Ute, Kanab.

RED PLICATAS & FANCIES: Highland Fling, Fancy Feather, Gene Wild, Rich Raiment.

RED BITONES & BICOLORS: Fancy Velvet, Oedipus Rex, Bold Contrast, Ruffled Apache, Crimson Beauty, Queen's Taste, High Command.

ORANGE

GOLDEN ORANGE SELFS & BICOLORS: Surprise Party, Thorwald, Royal Sovereign, Gold Sovereign.

SALMON & APRICOT BLENDS: Halolight, Utah Sunset, Ballet Dancer, Weiridie, Sunset Blaze.

BROWNS

BRONZE & COPPER: Globetrotter, Safari, Mission Glory, Bright Gem, Al Borak, Bronze Symphony, Placer Maid, Bold Copper, Placerita, Rainbow Room, Casa Morena.

BUFF TONES: Apache Chief, Taffy Wings, Stormy Skies, Pan American, Maxwellton, Ruffled Gem, The Tanner.

BROWN BEAUTIES: Huntsman, Dark Chocolate, Mexiglow, Autumn Brown, Midcontinent, Rio Valley, Thotmes III, Argus Pheasant, Pretty Quadroon.

BRONZE BITONES & BICOLORS: Exotic, Golden Crown, Toast an' Honey, Oriental Glory.

YELLOWS

ENRICHED WITH BROWN: Maharajah, Caramel, Welcome Guest.

BRIGHT & DEEP: Gold Cup, Front Page, Gold Splendor, Mellow Gold, Robert Alexander, Banner Bright, Gold Anthem, Spring Melody, Foxfire, Good Measure, Spotlight, Solid Gold.

SOFT & LIGHT: Horned Skylark, Solar Maid, April Showers, Miss Christine, Yellow Eagle, Yucca, Limglight, Star, Golden Hawk, The Knockout, Whispers, Silver Sunlight.

YELLOW PLICATAS: By-Line, Cinnamon Toast, Tabasco.

YELLOW BITONES & BICOLORS: Spring Sonnet, Mystic Melody, Summit, Pinnacle, Truly Yours.

CREAM & IVORY: Plumed Delight, Ruffled Organdy, Spic and Span, Wonderbar, Star Shine.

Various Approaches to GREEN

CHARTREUSE or YELLOW-GREEN: Green Hat, Mint Julep, Yellow Organdy, Char-Maize, Green Pastures.

GREENISH WHITES: Veiled in Mystery, Tranquility, White Admiral.

LILAC or BUFF with a Hint of GREEN: Color Magic, Mystic Legend, Benton Olive.

BLUES

Exquisite **PALE BLUES:** Enchanted Pearl, Blue Debut, So Sweet, Rehobeth, Vandabeth, Silver Platter.

SKY-BLUES: Mission Starlite, Beacon Hill, Blue Flurry, Celestial Blue, Cloudless Sky, Fort Bridger, Joan Crawford, Blue Serene, Precious Days, Azure Lake, Broadripple, Butterfly Blue, Elise Werner, Laddie, Blue Parakeet, Cahokia.

MEDIUM BLUES: Blue Surprise, Celestia, Bermuda Blue, Harbor Blue, Sierra Skies, Blue Blood, Kezar Lake, Kiki, Windsor, Blue Valley.

DEEP BLUES: Abbie Collet, Arabi Pasha, Bluebird Blue, The Laughing Cavalier, Columbia.

BLACKS

VIOLET BLACKS & BLACK SELFS: Tabu, Top Hat, Black Mischief, Swagger, Black Diamond, Black Hills, Black Satin, Black Michael.

BLACK BITONES: Bold Adventure, Sable Night.

VIOLETS

VIOLET & PURPLE SELFS: Calypso, Chancellor, Mulberry Snow, Ultra Violet, Big Game, Grecian Urn, Night Patrol, First Violet, Violet Harmony.

VIOLET BITONES & BICOLORS: Blue Drapes, Majorette, Bright Hour, Criterion, Pretender, Trail Blazer, Gaylord, Helen Collingwood, Pretty Pansy.

LAVENDERS

SELFS & FANCIES: Fancy Frills, Ethel Sumner, Only This, Orchid Ruffles, Ruffled Taffeta, Fancy-ancy, Gussie.

BITONES & BICOLORS: Candy Kid, Desert Twilight, Lady Albright.

WHITES

PURE WHITES: Easter Greetings, Edith Pope, Mr. Moon, Snow Goddess, The Citadel, Dreamy, Lady Ruffles, Late Snow, Senorita Ilsa, White Shepherdess, Cascadian, Good and Plenty, White Peacock, New Snow.

BLUE & LAVENDER WHITES: Ice Carnival, White Cinderella, High Seas, Pearly Morn, Pinafore Lass.

YELLOW WHITES: Butterhorn, Collegiate, Queen's Lace, Canadaway, Surrender, Spring Romance.

WHITE BICOLORS: Wings of Flight, Wings of Song, Humming Bird.

WHITE PLICATAS in BLUE & PURPLE: Champagne Velvet, Unicorn, Woodmont Plume, Dianeva, Castle Rock, Caroline Jane, Raspberry Ribbon, Aunt Amoret, Harlequin, Parisiana.



WORLD'S FIRST
HORNED IRIS

UNICORN

For Tall Bearded money-saving COLLECTIONS
see page 43

Plant Arils For Least Work

Exotic ARIL IRIS for

It's Time To Become Acquainted With The Hardy ARILS, Namely
World's Most Comprehensive Offerings in ARIL IRIS

MEET THE ARILS (*Oncos, Regelias & Oncogelias*)

THE ARILS: These alone, of all the Iris, have seeds with prominent white arils or collars. No matter where you live, you can grow exotic Aril Iris, for they are being successfully grown by my customers in all parts of the United States.

USES: Aril Iris are so exciting and different from any Iris you have ever seen that they can be used advantageously to focus the spotlight of attention on YOUR garden, YOUR indoor arrangements, or YOUR exhibit at your local flower show. Also, they are simply superb for hybridizing, whether you are an amateur making your first crosses, or an experienced breeder eager to bring in exotic new blood lines.

CULTURE and HARDINESS (In brief): When preparing for planting, select a sunny well drained spot. Mix with the soil, well in advance of planting, some lime, bonemeal and a little complete fertilizer or finely pulverized manure. Provide ridges or raised beds to insure drainage. Plant about a foot apart, and cover rhizomes about 2 inches. In cold regions mulch bed with 2" or 3" of straw, or other light airy material (not leaves or manure). Remove mulch after danger of frost. In dry climates, rhizomes can be left in all summer. But where summer rains occur, or where garden beds are watered, it is best to dig rhizomes soon after naturally sparse foliage dies down. Dry thoroughly, remove tops, and store in a cool place in dry sand until late September or October. Or, grow in a cold frame and use glass to keep off summer rains. Also adapted to pot culture if adequate drainage is provided and excessive watering is avoided. My MANUAL gives details of pot culture and many additional suggestions on out of door culture of ARILS—a new gardening adventure.

SHIPPING and PLANTING TIMES: Aril rhizomes are best shipped in the late summer or fall, in a dry condition. But order what you want NOW, by Air Mail, before supplies are exhausted. When you receive your precious ARILS store them in a dry place until planting time. Plant in the fall, preferably in late September, and not earlier unless sprouting occurs before then. WATER WELL, soaking soil 6" deep, immediately after planting. Keep moderately moist until winter. They may be left in the bag of vermiculite in which they arrive but are better stored in dry sand. Avoid early fall planting, as this encourages undesirable fall and winter leaf growth. Aril rhizomes are naturally dry and bulb-like. The rhizomes of most Arils are not large—neither are diamonds. Aril flowers vary greatly in size from some of the small, dainty Regelias to certain of the Oncos, which are immense.

Famed ONCOCYCLUS Orchid-Iris of Palestine

AUTHENTICITY: In view of recent incorrect use of the term "Onco," I must emphasize that these are the GENUINE PURE ONCO SPECIES and PURE ONCO HYBRIDS—not hybrids with other Iris containing only a portion of Onco blood, such as are sometimes falsely offered as "Oncos" to the unsuspecting. So if you want real Oncos, make SURE that is what you get. Most are EXCLUSIVE OFFERINGS not elsewhere available on this continent.

USES: Since a number of the Oncos have gigantic globular flowers of striking form and coloring, they are the most sensational of all ARILS, and all Iris, for garden features, indoor decoration, flower shows and hybridizing.

NATIVE HABITAT, IMPORTATION and HYBRIDIZING: In the three centuries since the landing of the Pilgrims, the Western World has never had an opportunity to become acquainted with the wealth of diverse and fascinating species of *Oncocyclus* Iris that occur in various parts of PALESTINE and surrounding countries. Recent Bulletins of the American Iris Society (particularly Jan. '51) point strongly to the rapidly spreading interest in hybridizing Oncos and their derivatives. Even today, most hybridizers do not have available any appreciable number of true Onco species, and have to work largely through William Mohr and other Oncobreders in their attempts to secure the Onco characteristics so much desired. Thus they leave to us, the adventurous of the clan, the real thrills of making various FRESH starts by crossing many different Onco species DIRECTLY with the finest of today's Tall Bearded Iris—varieties so superb that they were hardly even dreamed of way back in 1925 when William Mohr was created. Consequently, I have devoted much time and effort, and no little expense, to DIRECT AIR IMPORTATION of all possible true Onco species. My collection has reached over 30 species. See my Manual (pages 35 and 36), for many suggestions on hybridizing with Oncos.

CULTURE: Oncos are the most exacting of Arils in requiring the treatment outlined above, but are most rewarding of all when properly grown. No other Iris have the appeal of true Oncos.

For MARCH - APRIL - MAY BLOOM

SEASON GUIDE TO TRUE ONCOS

For EARLIEST Bloom Try: *Atropurpurea*, *Nazarena* and *Susiana*.
For LATEST Bloom Try: *Gatesii*, *Sari*, *Auranitica*, and *Lortetii*.

World's First Series of Named TRUE ONCO HYBRIDS

As the culmination of 12 years of intensive work in the hybridization and selection of true Oncos, I present below the first four members of a new race of named pure Onco hybrids, unadulterated by the mixture of blood of any other type of Iris.

Actually, considering on one hand the time, effort and expense that have gone into their production, and on the other the intrinsic worth of these new creations for garden beauty and for use by hybridizers, these should be priced in a range between \$50 and \$100. But in view of the fact that the Iris world is not yet fully awake to the really great adventures that can come to anyone from growing or hybridizing true Oncos, I am pricing them for introduction in the price range between \$5 and \$25. In any garden where these enter, there will at once be a new concept in standards for Iris beauty, in both color and form.

JUDEAN CHARMER (Austin '57) VE-10" A captivating and alluring bright new bicolor in a combination of rosy-orchid and pinkish buff tints not approached by any of the original *Oncocyclus* species from the wilds. A flower with such instantaneous appeal that no visitor can pass it by without pausing in admiration. No description can adequately convey the truly exotic beauty of this new true Onco hybrid, nor of my other new Onco hybrids. So I present all three in full color for you. Be the first in your neighborhood to display and use in crossing these very first members of a series of Onco hybrids destined to make history. Pollen plentiful. \$15.00

JUDEAN SILVER (Austin '57) VE-15" "A globular flower of perfect rounded form, with falls very wide at the haft." You've probably seen just such a description applied to a new Tall Bearded Iris. But suppose you stop and compare that Iris (whatever it may be) with my true-life photograph of *Judean Silver*, and see which best lives up to such a characterization. Resembles the world-famous *Susiana*, and may well be termed a more beautiful, silvery version of that species, with a more prominent black signal spot. I've built up my stocks of this hybrid before releasing it, so I can set the price well down, within the reach of every Aril enthusiast—and they are fast becoming legion. Has fertile pollen; is a heavy seed setter. \$5.00; 3 for \$10.00

JUDEAN BRONZE and **REAL EBONY**—See blue box on page 4



JUDEAN CHARMER — '57 Introduction — \$15.00

SECRET VARIETY CLUES

To introduce Arils to thousands who have never seen them I have prepared 12 as Secret Varieties. When you get 2 for price of 1 (see page 2), and so many are inexpensive anyway, you can now try enough kinds to get a splendid sample of their widely varying exotic beauty. You will attract visitors for miles around. Better start hunting NOW, pages 20 to 26. This year you might even try looking among the true Oncos! Never was Iris ordering so fascinating, and so economical!

GATESII (*Onco*) — Coveted by every hybridizer — \$4.95



No Need for Summer Watering

Your IRIS FAIRYLAND

The ONCOS, REGELIAS and ONCOGELIAS, pages 20 to 26
The Iris That Seem To Have Come From a Fairytale

GATESII (Monarch Iris) EM to LM-24" Only . . . \$4.95

- 2 for \$7.95**, with 1 Parisiana FREE See Hybridizer's
- 3 for \$10.75**, with 4 Parisiana FREE Opportunity
- 4 for \$13.50**, with 8 Parisiana FREE Below

(This last is the one you really need for breeding)

I am able at last, after years of effort, to offer this renowned rarity that is today the most sought of all Oncos. It has been wholly unavailable in this country for the past 25 years, since the time when the famous Onco-bred "William Mohr" was produced. I had expected to have to charge \$35.00 for Gatesii when I first imported it, but unexpectedly favorable conditions make it possible for me to offer it this year way below even the \$12.50 price at which I offered it in 1953, when I first imported it at great expense. My 1956 sales of Gatesii were extremely heavy and have reduced my stocks down so low that I will have to endeavor to arrange for another collecting expedition this summer to the remote mountains of eastern Turkey, in order to have stock to catalog for 1958. The outcome of such a venture is highly problematical under present unsettled conditions in the Near East, so you will be very wise to stock up on Gatesii this year, while I still have enough stock to enable me to offer it at such a moderate price.

Dykes states that with the possible exception of some Japanese Hybrids, Gatesii produces larger flowers than those of any other Iris. I find it considerably larger than the giant Susiana. A symphony of color, with silvery standards lined and dotted soft violet; falls olive cream finely netted and dotted in violet. Beard purplish bronze, very broad and diffuse, the largest found in any Iris, sometimes 1½" wide and 3" long, occasionally extending half way down the immense falls. I find that the form, color, beard, etc., are quite variable, as is customary with wild species.

Native in the mountains of Turkey, much farther north than most Oncos, so is hardier, easier to grow. While the usual height is somewhat less, some of the plants of my strain of Gatesii have grown to a height of 39", which is most remarkable for any Onco. Last spring this special strain that is being offered you produced huge 2-year clumps from a single rhizome, with up to 26 immense flowers per clump.

Probably latest bloomer of Oncos, coinciding with early and midseason Tall Bearded, a condition that makes it ideal for both ambitious hybridizers and exhibitors. At any show it will be the center of attraction; not one flower lover in a million has ever seen Gatesii.

From the hybridizer's viewpoint Gatesii is wholly unsurpassed. My natural-color Ektachrome shows clearly the extremely broad standards and falls, often over 4" wide. The hafts in front of the style crests are usually a full 3" wide, sometimes more. There has never been a Tall Bearded Iris that can even approach this as most of the latest introductions do well to reach 2" in width of haft. It is the dream of every hybridist to transfer this superb form to a tall vigorous new Oncobred with beautiful Onco veinings and large bold signal patch. Why not be the first to accomplish this? We all start together, now that Gatesii is available again. A great seed-setter; produces quantities of pollen. I suggest Air Mail for all orders for Gatesii, as you would not want your order to reach me after my stock is all sold.

HYBRIDIZERS' OPPORTUNITY: As every hybridizer knows, the whole far-flung Mohr family of fascinating hybrids springs from the world-famous William Mohr. This came from the diploid Tall Bearded variety Parisiana x the Onco GATESII. While in time it may be found that many diploid and tetraploid bearded Iris will cross with Gatesii, such crosses are likely to be difficult, and the quickest approach is to start with the cross that has been found to succeed, and that resulted in William Mohr. This one hybrid does not begin to tap the untold possibilities from this most promising of all crosses of Bearded Iris and Oncos. William Mohr is nearly sterile, and if some enterprising hybridizer succeeds in creating an Oncobred like William Mohr but highly fertile, it will expedite future Oncobred breeding tremendously. Already I have one young seedling of this same cross and several of the reciprocal cross. I want hybridizers everywhere to have Parisiana to use with Gatesii, so I make the offers above. Now hybridizers throughout the world who have been wishing for years for the opportunity to repeat this most famous of all Iris crosses, can at last realize this ambition. Obviously, the time to order is NOW.

NAZARENA (Nazareth Iris) VE-12" . . . \$3.50; 3 for \$9.55

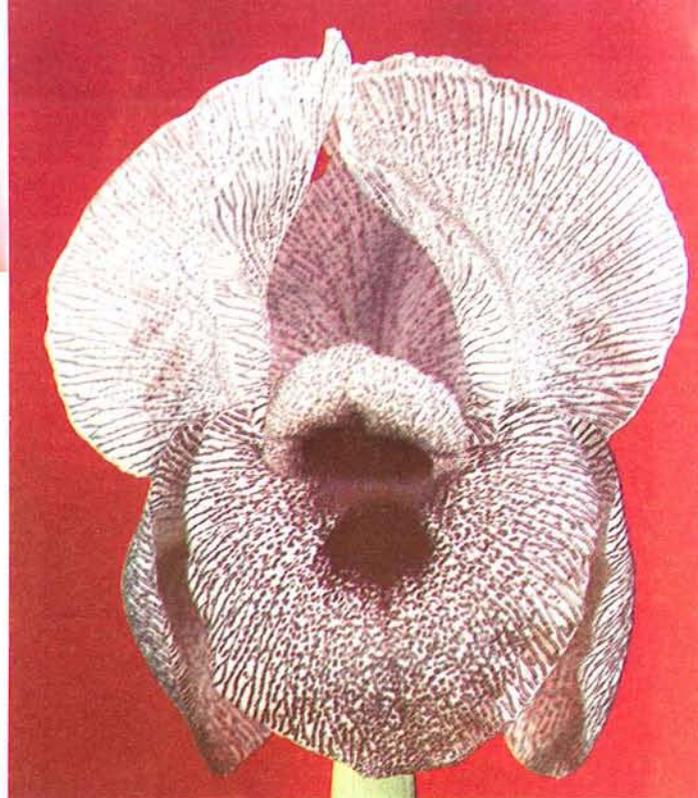
The one supreme Onco, my favorite of them all. Hence I have photographed it in natural color and show it to you at right. The esteem with which I regard this particular species may be judged, in part, from the fact that as recently as 1954 I catalogued NAZARENA at \$35.00. Since then I have been exceedingly fortunate in getting in a fairly good stock of this rare species that is nearly extinct in the wilds. It gives me the greatest satisfaction to be in a position so that I can, for this year, at least, drop the price to only a tenth of what it was, and thus bring it within the reach of nearly all Onco enthusiasts. It is easily worth several times this new low price to any hybridizer, or to anyone seeking the ultimate in UNUSUAL beauty. It sends out long runners and is said to be the only stoloniferous Onco.

An absolutely stunning bicolor. Standards nicely cupped, glorious silvery lilac-white, with a network of fine violet veins and dots. Falls exceedingly broad, up to 3" wide at the haft, colored silvery buff-yellow, heavily covered with embossed chocolate dots, well raised above the surface. No Tall Bearded Iris has a petal texture that even faintly resembles this remarkably decorative effect. Thus Nazarena presents an intriguing challenge to all breeders to transfer this stunning feature to tall well-branched Oncobreds. I expect to catalog these in due time—and I wonder whose name will follow that of the new hybrids. Will it be yours? Also, since the falls have such a distinct yellow cast, I foresee that this may prove more effective than Susiana in producing that clear yellow with "Lady Mohr" form, of which so many have dreamed. Pollen plentiful.

FIRST QUALITY ONCO STOCK

My extensive Onco plantings have been developing for about 12 years and now constitute the world's only large and comprehensive propagating grounds for Onco stock. I have now reached the point where nine-tenths of the Oncos that I use in filling orders are actually grown right here. These rhizomes usually run two or three times as large as the imported rhizomes that I necessarily used in filling orders while I was building up my collection. I also grow practically 100% of the Regelias and Oncogelias that I send out.

"I am pleased to say that all of your shipments arrived in excellent condition, and your packing is tops!" Roy V. Ashley, Battle Creek, Michigan 21



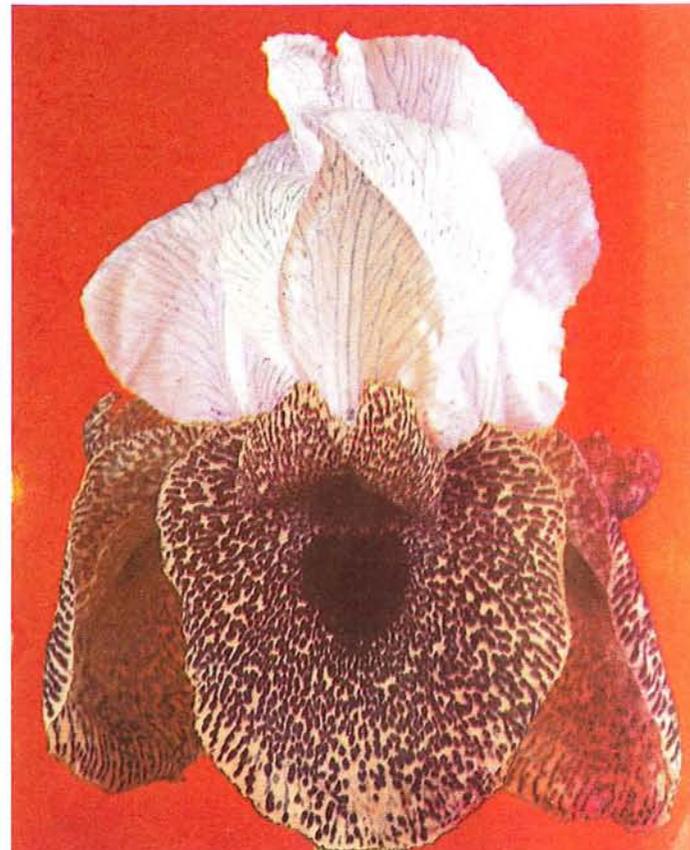
JUDEAN SILVER — '57 Introduction — \$5.00

GATESII

*This is the king! a giant of renown
With broad, bronze beard, and with a turbaned head
Where ruffled standards rig a royal crown;
Their silver depths and violet dots are wed.
The violet netted falls are olive cream . . .
In all, Gatesii is a teasing dream.
Hail, gay Gatesii! from this lineage came
The mighty Mohrs, the charming Lady Mohr—
A signal beauty setting hearts a-flame!
And, from this great king, much is yet in store.
When these Gatesii hybrids are unfurled
It is the monarch of a magic world.*

—George Nicholas Rees

NAZARENA — The Onco Supreme — \$3.50



True ONCOCYCLUS Iris Continued

Below you will find the world's only extensive offerings of genuine Oncocyclus species and pure Onco Hybrids—22 kinds, by far the largest list I have ever presented. Limited stocks indicate the need for early ordering.

ACUTILOBA E-8" My first offering of my very recent importation of a most interesting hardy Onco that may never have been seen in this country before. Native to the cold mountains south of the Caucasus and Caspian Sea, in Iran and near Ankara in Turkey. Like Paradoxa, this is quite unorthodox for an Onco. Falls narrow, strongly reflexed, cream washed brown, with deep chocolate signal. Beard variable, often nearer green than any other Iris beard. Standards chocolate, closed in pyramidal fashion. Dykes reports crossing this with Korolkowi. Rhizomes small\$7.50

ATROFUSCA (Dark Brown Iris) VE-12" A nearly black self, blended mulberry and brown. Signal very black; broad bronze-yellow beard. Pollen abundant\$5.00

ATROPURPUREA (Crimson-Black Iris) EE-12" One of the reddest Oncos. Standards blackish crimson, falls crimson black, large velvety jet-black signal. A smooth, deep coloring. Beard yellow. One of the parents of Isolda and of other interesting hybrids. Try crossing it with Regelias or Bearded Iris. Not large, but a bold, distinctive Iris, sure to command attention. Blooms in March in the wilds near Gaza, where Samson is credited with destroying the temple and burying the multitude. \$1.50 ▶ 3 for \$3.35

ATROPURPUREA EGGERI VE-12" Similar to Atropurpurea, but more of a bronzy coloring. Extremely vigorous. Likely to prove easier to grow than Atropurpurea\$2.00

AURANITICA (Lava Iris) EM-11" Most useful Onco pollen parent I have found. When crossed with Iris having purple coloring gives gorgeous bronze offspring, as my Judean Bronze. Most unusual—a glistening, waxy buff-gold, more like real gold than any other, even surpassing my Real Gold. Blooms late, with Bearded Iris, so you can try lots of crosses. A letter from Israel indicates it is practically extinct in the wilds; our few rhizomes may be almost only ones in existence. Only 3 rhizomes to be released this year. May not be able to offer it again\$35.00

BARNUMAE E-12" From that much disputed area between Israel and Egypt, I present this smooth vinaceous-crimson Onco; pure black signal and black beard\$5.00

BASALTICA Ⓢ Like a bitone Susiana, with darker falls\$20.00

CALCARIA Ⓢ Standards white flushed lilac, falls cream. Signal pure black, beard broad, brown. Heavy seeder\$20.00

GATESII—In full color, page 20; description on page 21\$4.95

HAYNEI (Hayne's Iris) E-15" An enormous, richly colored beauty from Mt. Gilboa, north of Jerusalem. Standards bright light mulberry. Falls bronzy crimson-black, with prominent intense mahogany-black signal. Pollen exceptionally abundant. Sets readily when crossed with various Oncos; occasionally when crossed with Regelias or Bearded Iris. Now's your chance! See Ektachrome.\$5.95

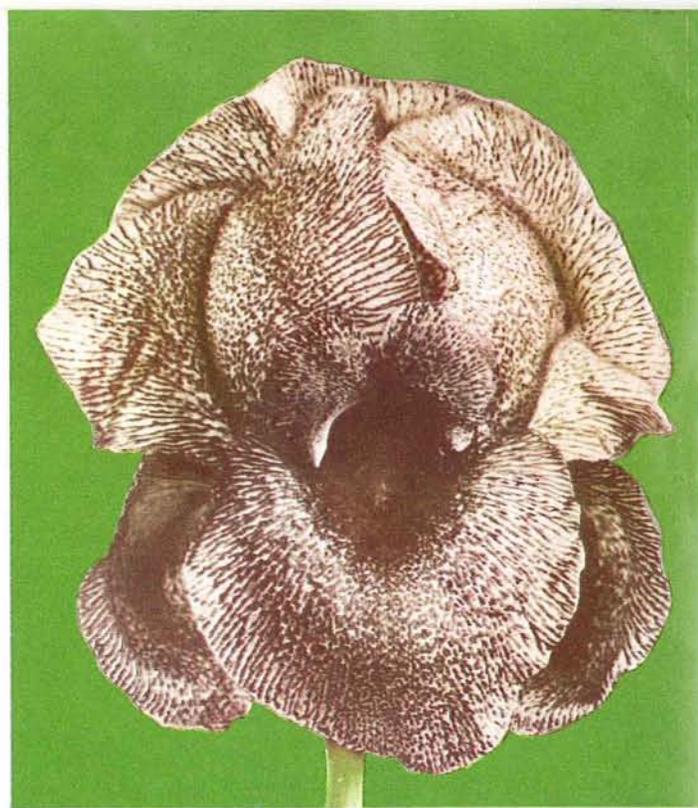
HELENAE Ⓢ Deep amethyst & bronzy mulberry, black signal\$20.00

JUDEANS—Three 1957 introductions, pages 4 and 20.

MARIAE My personal favorite of all of the small-flowered Oncos and about as brilliant as they come. A bright, glistening, satiny deep orchid, with a large black signal occupying 1/3 of each fall. A real bargain at\$2.00; 3 for \$5.00

NIGRICANS (Black Iris) E-10" Of all Oncos, this has attracted the most attention. Everyone tells his neighbor; it is not long before they appear, saying: "We heard you have a black Iris; may we see it?" As yet no Tall Bearded Iris can compete with the Black Iris for sheer blackness; but one can visualize a tall, graceful "Lady Mohr" in stunning ebony-black. Will you be the one to produce it? Pollen plentiful. As many as 46 seeds to a pod. Standards violet-black, brightening to a glossy red-purple at center; falls dark violet-black, with a conspicuous large black signal patch, the blackest I have even seen in any flower. Beard bronzy-black. Blooms in April in its native home in Moab district of Trans-Jordan, east of Dead Sea. The only blacker Iris is my new Real Ebony, page 4 \$4.95; 3 for \$10

HAYNEI — Huge Onco — \$5.95



SUSIANA — Famous Onco — \$2.95

SUSIANA — (Mourning Bride) This amazing Iris from the Holy Land has been a sensation wherever seen. It is enchanting, wondrous, may always be counted on to bring forth exclamations of amazement and delight. The flower is simply enormous. Startling effect is of a marvelous color symphony in silvery white and black. An abundant producer of pollen. One of the parents of Luna and Fair Enough. Quite hardy, but may need some protection in coldest areas. If you can't make your neighbors Oh! and Ah! with this, they're hopeless. The enormous demand I've had for Susiana has almost exhausted all available stocks both in this country and abroad. I have a few hundred available for early orders but cannot tell at this early date if I will be able to import enough to last all through the season. Many hundreds of my customers ordered Susiana too late last year after my supply was exhausted. For exhibition purposes Susiana is superb. I sent it to my friend Fisher Harris in Salt Lake City, in the region where cattle died of cold and snow. Susiana was grown out of doors. In spite of very severe winter, it bloomed finely. He entered it in the Utah Iris Society's show. I quote below from his report, plus comments, of other enthusiasts. Now very scarce as usual abundant supply from abroad has become practically non-existent.\$2.95; 3 for \$7.95

"I have 'Suzzie Anna' which bloomed for me last spring, which was the talk of the Town." Mrs. Gordon Welcome, Oscoda, Michigan.

"The Susiana I got from you year before last when all of this zeal started had three blossoms again this year and took specimen blue ribbons at our garden club show." Mrs. Joe L. Bergin, Dallas, Texas.

"It is an understatement to say that Susiana 'stole the show.' We had several thousand visitors, no more than a dozen of whom had ever seen Susiana or any other pure Onco. The result was that she not only stole the show, but, at times and almost literally stopped it, for—though she was placed next to the Queen (for which title she was not eligible)—no one saw the poor Queen. Instead, the aisle was blocked by those delighted and astonished at the exotic beauty of the almost incredible Susiana. Believe it or not, she was a full seven inches in diameter." Fisher Harris, Salt Lake City, Utah.

LORTETII Ⓢ Magnificent orchid-pink globe. Much coveted\$20.00

NAZARENA—In full color on page 21\$3.50

PARADOXA (Velvet Iris) E-5" My listing last year was probably the first American offering of this strangest of all Oncocyclus species. The very name "Paradoxa" means "The Unexpected." When you see it you'll have to revise all of your previous conceptions of what Oncos look like. This one is utterly different!

Imagine comparatively large, round erect white standards, sharply veined; and strap-shaped falls extended horizontally, having a light crimson or purple ground almost completely covered with a violet-black beard. The falls have an appearance closely resembling black velvet. Used years ago in England and Holland in producing Oncobreds and Oncogelias, which carry this very unique, heavy velvety beard. It's time we began using it in this country. Untold possibilities lie directly ahead!

My stock was collected for me in the extreme eastern Turkish territory, close to Persian border, at an elevation of over 6,500 feet. Thus there can be no question about the hardiness of these rhizomes.

My limited stock almost sold completely out last summer. It may be many years before I can get in a new supply. Will release only 5 this year, and these for the first orders received\$25.00

REAL EBONY—Blackest Iris in existence. See page 4\$20.00

SARI (Lupina) Wolf's Ear Iris VE to L-12" This, Acutiloba and Gatesii are the only Oncos with a strong greenish tinge. Falls silvery cream, heavily washed with light yellowish green. Broad beard is light yellowish-green, and there is a very prominent maroon signal spot in the very center of each fall. Style arms, distinctly greenish add to highly unique effect. Standards silvery cream, heavily flushed soft maroon. Variable in coloring, like other wild species. Leaves sharply curved, in ram's-horn fashion. Offers exciting possibilities for hybridizers, particularly as it possesses the extreme cold hardiness of true Alpines. Longest blooming season of any Onco. Rhizomes quite small\$1.50 ▶ 3 for \$2.95

For new fascination and the magnetic attraction of Iris lovers to YOUR garden, try ARILS

*****TRUE ONCO HYBRIDS*****

Unlike some "Onco Hybrids" offered, these are true crosses of different Onco species with each other—not hybrids with other Iris containing only a portion of Onco blood. By means of this offer I share with you my choice Onco breeding material, on which I am still working. These particular hybrids are offered at very moderate prices as only those in the "Finest of All" grade have reached the stage of perfection that I require for naming and introduction. All are, however, entrancing in themselves and infinitely valuable to hybridizers. A large new batch of my Onco hybrids bloomed for the first time in 1956. This enabled me to materially raise the quality of hybrids in all but the bottom grade. Each "Finest" hybrid will bear my official selection number. Those among the finest that prove consistently superior after several years' test will probably be named and introduced. At that time I will give the original selection number, so you will know what you have.

Colors and patterns are widely variable in different seedlings, from silver and gray, through maroon, buff, white, purple, wine-red, cream, lilac and mahogany. Most are strongly veined or dotted, and have prominent signal patches in true Onco fashion. Not yet available by specific colors, but if 3 or 5 are ordered I will take pains to have them just as different as possible. To get a fairly complete sampling of my best Onco breeding material, order two groups of 5 of the Finest and I will see that all 10 are distinct and different.

FINEST OF ALL . . . \$5.00; 3 for \$9.95; 5 for \$15.00
EXTRA CHOICE HYBRIDS \$3.50; 3 for \$6.95; 5 for \$10.00
EXCELLENT HYBRIDS . . . \$2.50; 3 for \$4.95; 5 for \$7.50
VERY GOOD HYBRIDS . . . \$1.50; 3 for \$2.95; 5 for \$5.00

TOP-NOTCHERS: 4 different hybrids, 2 each of "Finest" and "Extra Choice" for only **\$12.95**

ASSORTED GRADES: One each of all 4 grades, only **\$9.95**

(Two exciting collections and both marvelous bargains! To make them even more exciting, I'll include as an Extra with either collection, your choice of Sari or Atropurpurea.

"BEGINNER'S BEST"—TRUE ONCOS

With my garden literally teeming with genuine Oncos (the elite of all Iris), I deplore a situation in which most of my customers, scattered over the world, have never even seen one. The remedy? I think it is price. Most real Oncos are so scarce that many of the so-called "backyard gardeners" are unable to afford them. For 1957 I want EVERYONE who sends me an order to include at least one ONCO. To make this a reality I offer for the first time in history:

SELECTED ONCO HYBRIDS \$1.00 each; 3 for \$1.95; 5 for \$2.95

These unbelievably low prices are possible because these hybrids are byproducts of the most extensive Onco hybridization experiments ever undertaken. These hybrids will be in assorted attractive colors, not as fine as the 4 groups above, but well worth while for anyone who has not grown Oncos before. All will be different and worth several times the prices indicated when compared with the cost of named Onco species and varieties. There are no other plants that you can buy for from one to three dollars that will give you half the excitement that these will.

TRUE ONCO COLLECTIONS

My policy of "MORE FOR YOUR MONEY" gives YOU the opportunity of a lifetime to acquire a whole COLLECTION of genuine ONCOCYCLUS Iris at a mere fraction of what they have recently cost. I advise Air Mail for all orders for these collections, to get your order in before my supply is exhausted.

EVERYBODY'S ONCOS—Susiana, Sari and Onco Hybrid. All 3 for \$3.95

EARLIEST BLOOMERS—Atropurpurea, Nazarena and Susiana. All 3 for . . . \$5.95

BREEDER'S CHOICE ONCOS—Nazarena, Gatesii and Extra Choice Onco Hybrid, for \$7.95

WIDE ONCO ASSORTMENT—Atropurpurea, Atropurpurea Eggeri, Gatesii, Haymei, Mariae, Nazarena, Sari, Susiana. All 8 for only \$20.00

SUPERIOR CLONES of ONCO SPECIES

I imported from their native habitats in Turkey over 500 distinct clones of both Gatesii and Sari, and found infinite variation in many characteristics. I have isolated for propagation 50 of the best clones of each species. To let my many customer-friends in on this unprecedented opportunity while "the iron is hot," I am releasing the very best of these real finds immediately, without waiting years for observation, confirmation and eventual naming and introduction. Offered below according to bases for which they were selected when in flower. Each will bear my selection number.

GATESII: Greenest, \$6.95; Largest flowers, \$9.95; Best form, \$5.95; Best Bronze, \$5.95; Earliest blooming, \$5.95; Latest blooming, \$6.95.

SARI: Greenest, \$3.95; Nearest to yellow, \$2.95; Brightest red signal, \$3.50.

ALL-INCLUSIVE ARIL COLLECTIONS

Now my stocks are large enough so I can offer comprehensive money-saving Aril Collections that even include true Oncos. This, then, is the opportunity of the decade! Don't pass it up. I have arranged enticing Aril collections for beginners as well as the most advanced experts in hybridizing.

BEGINNER'S ARILS—Oncos: Susiana and Sari; ONCOGELIAS: Psyche and Artemis; REGELIAS: Stolonifera Conical and Hoogiana Purpurea. All 6 for only \$5.50

HYBRIDIZER'S ARILS—ONCOS: Gatesii and Susiana; ONCOGELIAS: Hermione and Theseus; REGELIAS: Hoogiana Bronze Beauty, and Korolkowi Brown & Green. All 6 for only \$8.95

IRISARIAN'S ARILS—ONCOS: Nazarena and Gatesii; ONCOGELIAS: Charon and Allegria; REGELIAS: Decorated Delight and Orestes. All 6 for only \$10.95

When you order COLLECTIONS, it helps us to fill your order correctly if you list all the varieties you want, with only one variety to a line. 23

The Hardy REGELIAS of Turkestan

These, Too, Are ARILS, but Very Different from Oncos and Oncogelias

ORIGIN: While botanically very close to the Oncos, and requiring much the same culture, Regelias are of very different appearance. In place of the magnificence of the Oncos, we have here characters of elegance and refinement that admirably fit these flowers for distinctive flower arrangements, novel bouquets and simply stunning corsages. Unlike any other Iris, Regelias have beards on BOTH standards and falls.

HYBRIDIZING: A tempting field for new hybridizers is to try crossing various Regelias with Susiana, Gatesii, Nigricans, and other Oncos. Such hybridizing may easily be pioneering and exploratory, for many highly promising combinations have never been tried. My Manual (pages 36 and 37) gives various additional suggestions. The time to start is NOW.

NATIVE HABITATS: Turkestan and the western slopes of the lofty Himalayas.
CULTURE, HARDINESS, SHIPPING and PLANTING: General information given for Arils on page 20 is applicable. But as these originate at higher elevations and in more northern latitudes than the Oncos, they are less exacting, and in some sections require no special care. Easily grown throughout the U.S. except in Florida and near Gulf of Mexico.

HYBRIDS WITH DECORATIVE BEARDS: Even more thrill-producing than the exotic Regelia species themselves are the rare hybrids of different Regelias: Hoogiana Bronze Beauty, Lucia, Orestes and Vulcanus. Outstanding for their colorful decorative beards, unlike those found in any other Iris. Try crosses aimed to transfer these unique beards to other types of Iris. See "Decorative Beards" in my Manual, page 23.

For APRIL-MAY Bloom - Season Guide to Regelias

For EARLIEST Bloom Try: Korolkowi Brown & Green, Orestes & Stolonifera Leichtlini.

For LATEST Bloom, and for varieties most likely to bloom at Iris show time, try: Lucia, Hoogiana Purpurea and Late Amethyst.

See page 4 for my 1957 Regelia introductions:

RED, WHITE & BLUE and DECORATED BLUE BEARD

BLUE JOY E-18" A choice variant of Hoogiana improved in color and form. Uniform light blue, with almost none of the lavender so prominent in usual forms. Falls wider, more flaring, giving character to the bloom. Very heavy seed setter in crosses **\$1.50; 3 for \$3.95**

DECORATED DELIGHT E-20" One of the most fascinating of the forms of Stolonifera. The one singled out and ordered more than any by our garden visitors. Unlike all other forms except Decorated Giant, this has white standards, heavily bordered with decorative veinings of pure brown. Falls bright rosy lavender, bordered and veined in brown. Striking and distinctive white beard. Dainty, beautifully ruffled flowers superb for corsages and arrangements **\$1.75; 3 for \$3.95**

DECORATED GIANT E-16" Very similar to the sensational Decorated Delight, but nearly twice as large and even more attractive. Standards amethyst-white, bordered with a beautiful rufous-chocolate edging and sharp veining. Falls velvety mahogany, veined dark crimson, and highlighted with a bright lilac-rose signal. Beard very prominent, almost pure white, flanked by white hafts strongly veined in golden brown. Stunning! A super de luxe variant of Stolonifera. You need it in your crossing **\$3.00**

HOOGIANA (Blue Regelia) E-18" Pale lilac blue to Oxford blue like lustrous satin, set off by a bright golden beard. Recently discovered in isolated portions of Southern Turkestan, not far from the almost mythical Tibet. **\$1.00**

HOOGIANA BRONZE BEAUTY E-24" Newest, largest and tallest of Regelias. The only distinct bicolor. Standards golden bronze veined in lavender. Falls long, narrow, dark wine-red, edged bronze. Beard cream, pointed. Gently waved. Utterly different! Heavy seed setter. [Hoogiana X Stolonifera]. **\$1.50 > 3 for \$2.95**

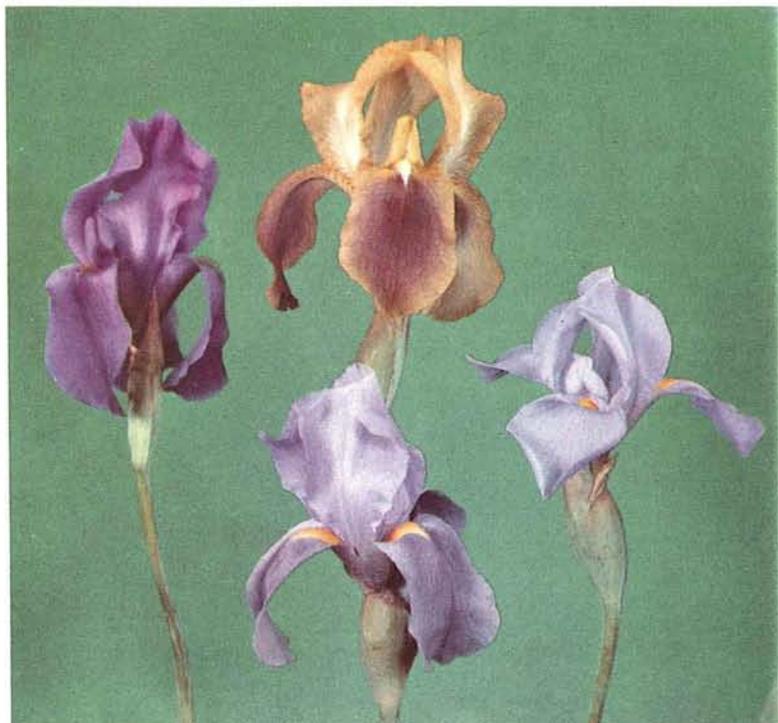
HOOGIANA PURPUREA E-24" A rich, royal purple self, different from all others, with a deeper purple signal and a yellow beard. **75c; 3 for \$1.95**

LATE AMETHYST EM-M-20" A selected form of the much-sought Hoogiana that blooms later than any other Regelia, in fact, with the early Tall Bearded, and often extending well into mid-season. Both flower lovers and hybridizers like this late-blooming habit. A large, lovely clear amethyst blue, flushed with deep amethyst in the center of the falls. Distinctive and appealing. Pollen plentiful. **\$1.50 > 3 for \$3.35**

REGELIAS Continued on next page.

GATESII IN NEW YORK: "Last year I purchased Gatesii from you. It sent up two stems and bloomed very late—June 15. I entered it in the show at Roosevelt, Long Island, and won both a blue ribbon (1st award) and a 'Special Award.' Nobody had ever seen 'Gatesii' before." Jos. G. Cermak, Freeport, N. Y.

4 forms of HOOGIANA, left to right, PURPUREA, BRONZE BEAUTY, BLUE JOY, LATE AMETHYST at bottom. All 4 for \$3.95



ONCOGELIAS — Continued from Page 26

- TEUCROS** EM-18" One of the prettiest of Oncogelias and a remarkable seed-setter. Standards melting lilac-pink, with fine dark pink veins. Falls glistening silvery white, flushed pink, decorated with fine maroon veins and a stunning dark maroon signal. Beard maroon-black. Late for an Oncogelia. A wonderful parent; seedparent of both of my 1956 Oncogelias, Persian Lace and Persian Bronze. AM, Haarlem, Holland. . . . \$1.00 ➤ 3 for \$2.25
- THESEUS** (The'sus) EM-21" In Greek mythology Theseus was the chief Attic hero, who conquered the Amazons and married their queen. Today, Theseus is among my favorite Oncogelias, as it is one of the largest, tallest and pinkest of them all. Standards deep amethyst pink, veined in dark mulberry. Falls similar, but with a silvery white border and a signal and beard in black. Yields fertile pollen. Latest bloomer of all Oncogelias, coinciding with the early and midseason Tall Bearded; hence timed right for exhibiting at most Iris shows. See in life-life color \$1.50
- THOR** E-12" Distinctively colored. Standards whitish, heavily flushed and veined mulberry; falls silvery white, large maroon signal. Strange wide bronzy-gray beard 75c

Verification of Value of Rainbow Germination Stimulant
(Offered on page 42)

From a letter received in March, '57, a few hours before this catalog went to press:

"I tried your Rainbow Germination stimulant in a carefully controlled test. For each treatment I sowed 19 seeds of my seedling Bereneice X Solid Mahogany on Oct. 23, 1956. (a) Control, no treatment gave 4 seedlings to date; (b) 1 hr. in Clorox, 1 teaspoon per gal., 6 seedlings; (c) 1 hr. in Clorox solution + 48 hrs. in Rainbow Stimulant, 16 seedlings; (d) 48 hrs. in Rainbow Stimulant, 13 seedlings. All this only verifies your own data, but I thought you might be interested. As a chemist I'm hard to convince, but this does it." Chandler W. Smith, Tucson, Arizona.

Planning To Enter Your Arils In A Show?

My customers win prizes so often with Iris grown from my stock that many of them keep sending in orders for more of "that prize-winning stock." If you win any show awards with my Arils or other Iris be sure to let me know. I am also glad to hear whenever you flower some particularly fine specimens of any of the true Oncos.

SUBSTITUTIONS ON FREE IRIS

Throughout this catalog, or elsewhere, whenever I offer Iris free as a Premium, Gift, Bonus, etc., it is understood that if the free variety you request is SOLD OUT when your order arrives, I reserve the right to substitute other free Iris of the same or greater value. Order NOW and avoid Sold Outs.

COLOR GUIDE TO REGELIAS

- PINK and RED TONES:** Korolkowi Pink, Lucia & Vulcanus.
WHITE and CONTRASTING MAHOGANY: Decorated Delight, Decorated Giant, Korolkowi Brown & Green and Red, White & Blue.
DEEP RUSTIC BROWN: Orestes, Stolonifera Leichtlini and Decorated Blue Beard.
PLEASING BLENDS: Hoogiana Bronze Beauty, Real Harmony, Stolonifera & Stolonifera Conical.
BLUE and LILAC: Blue Joy, Hoogiana and Late Amethyst.
VIOLET and PURPLE: Hoogiana Purpurea, Korolkowi Violaceae, Korolkowi Concolor.

RECENT INTRODUCTIONS—Any 2 or more of these for 30% off of the sum of their prices: Decorated Blue Beard, Decorated Giant, Real Harmony, Red, White & Blue.

FANCIER'S and HYBRIDIZER'S SPECIAL: 5 of the very choicest: Korolkowi Pink, Decorated Delight, Orestes, Hoogiana Bronze Beauty, Late Amethyst for only \$5.95

ECONOMIZER'S REGELIAS: Hoogiana Purpurea, Stolonifera, Stolonifera Leichtlini, Hoogiana, Korolkowi Violaceae for only \$2.95

10 MIXED REGELIAS—Unlabeled but at least 5 kinds \$3.95

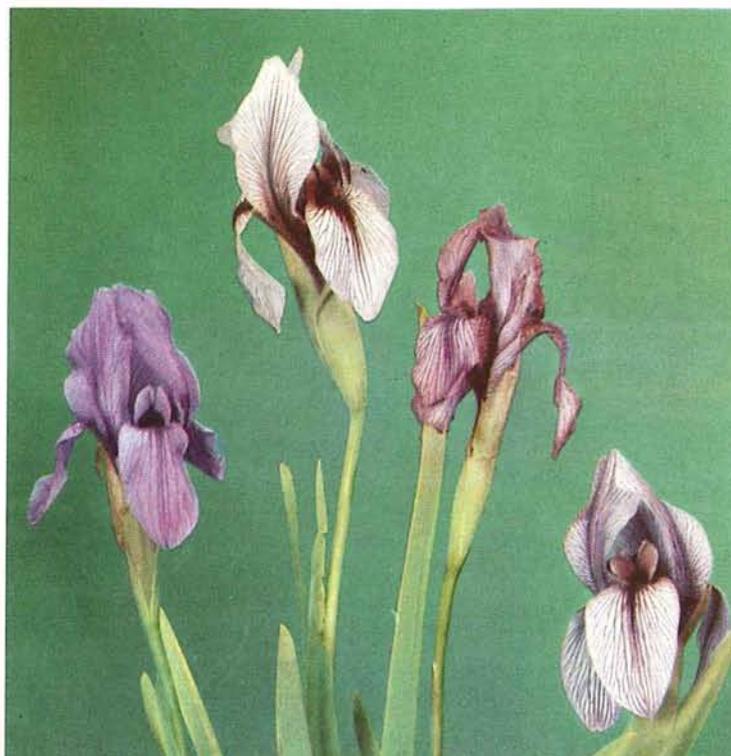
"It may surprise and please you to know that the Irises 'Teucros' and 'Artemis' that I purchased from you are showing fresh green tips, after wintering through a severe winter of as low as 20° below zero." Mrs. Wm. Eckler, Mohawk, N. Y.

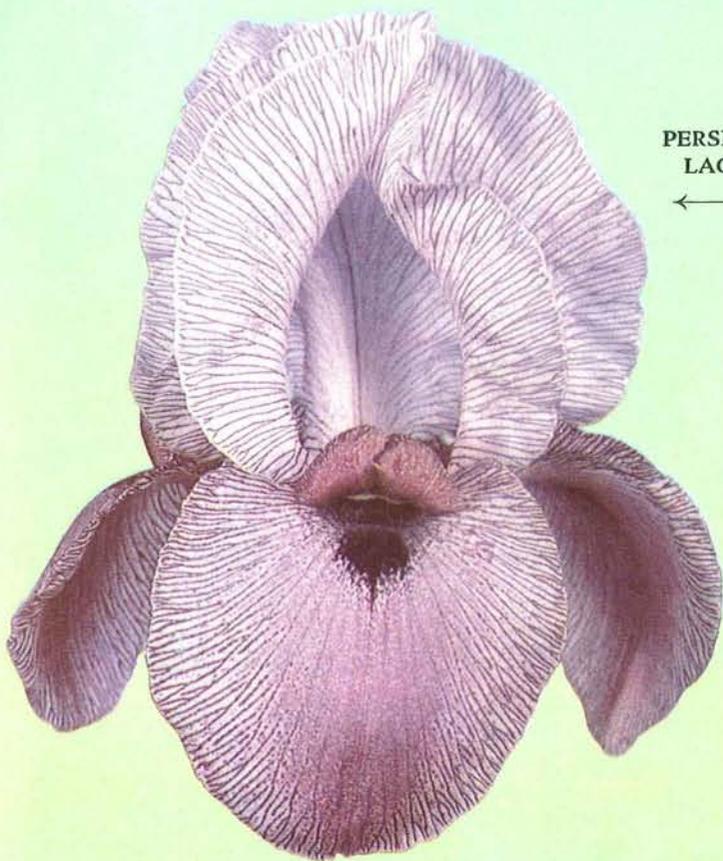
4 forms of **KOROLKOWI**, left to right, **CONCOLOR**, **BROWN & GREEN**, **PINK** and **VIOLACEAE**. All 4 for \$3.95



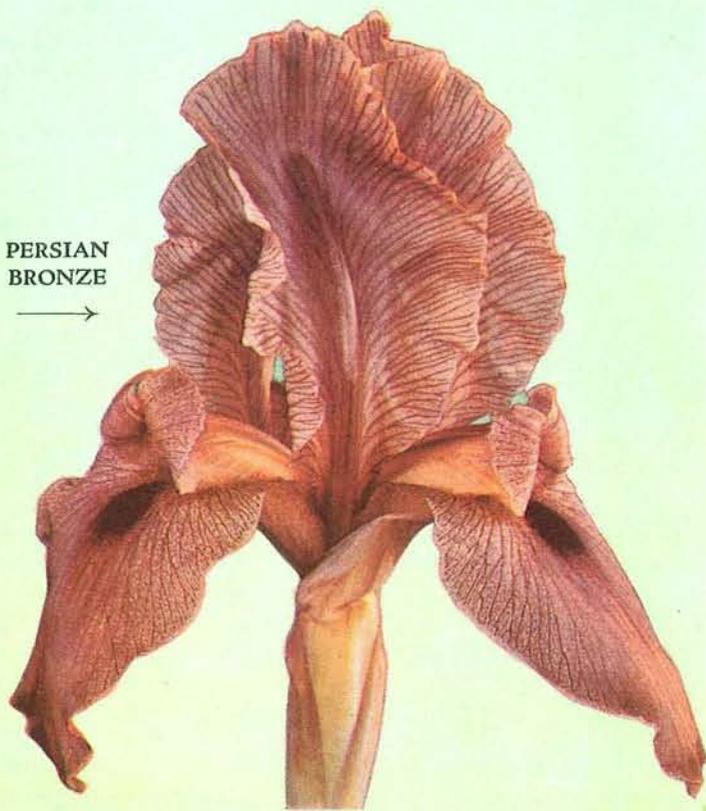
KOROLKOWI BROWN & GREEN — Regelia — Only \$1.50

- KOROLKOWI BROWN & GREEN** VE-E-18" Strangest of Regelias, giving one a feeling of the mystery of the Himalayas. Imagine flowers of silvery white, merging to maroon at base. Signal lustrous dark chocolate with a green iridescence. Beard brown. Beautifully veined in brown \$1.50 ➤ 3 for \$3.35
- KOROLKOWI CONCOLOR** VE-E-18" A self, uniformly colored smooth deep heliotrope with pinkish tinge and fine veins in dark red-violet. Much sought by hybridizers as it has plentiful pollen and is the seed parent of 10 Oncogelias, including Charon and Isolda \$1.00
- KOROLKOWI PINK** VE-E-20" An exclusive offering available only at Rainbow Gardens. The pinkest and heaviest bloomer of Regelias. Standards and falls creamy-pink, with prominent maroon veins; a beautiful lavender-blue beard. Has pollen; a heavy seed-setter \$1.50 ➤ 3 for \$3.35
- KOROLKOWI VIOLACEAE** VE-E-18" Rare variant, white ground heavily flushed and veined red-violet. Best seed setter of Regelias. More Oncogelias have descended from this than any other. Try crosses with Tall Bearded and Oncos. \$1.50
- LUCIA** (Lu-ci'a) E-20" Every spring the ladies go wild over this in my garden. A delightful pomegranate or wine red with the most striking beard imaginable—a gay, yet deep violet blue, the bluest beard of any Iris. Graceful flowers with narrow, erect standards, narrow down-hanging falls. A merry personality if there ever was one. Pollen bright green. Becoming scarce. [Korolkowi X Stolonifera] \$1.75 ➤ 3 for \$3.95
- ORESTES** (O-res'tez) VE to E-18" In mythology, Orestes was son of Clytemnestra, brother of Electra. Today it is a Regelia Hybrid milady can use most appropriately in a corsage, or by itself. A uniform rich red-mahogany, tastefully decorated with brown beard, high-lighted with bright violet iridescence. Gracefully frilled, waved, just right for decorating an evening gown. The earliest Regelia. [Korolkowi X Stolonifera] \$1.75
- REAL HARMONY** E-18" A selected form of Stolonifera that has the smoothest, most harmonious coloring of them all. Standards soft amethyst, changing to russet at edges. Falls velvety bronzy crimson, harmoniously blended to tawny brown at edges. Style arms bright heliotrope, striking. Petals much wider and rounder than in any other form of Stolonifera; hence of particular interest to the many who are now hybridizing Arils \$2.50
- STOLONIFERA (Runner Iris)** E-20" A memorable Iris of elongated form, frilled and waved. An indescribable blend of purplish rose, buff, set off by an electric blue beard. Its name is from its habit of increasing by stolons or runners. Sets seed. Pollen parent of 3 Regelia hybrids. Becoming scarce \$1.00
- STOLONIFERA CONICAL** E-20" A lovely bronzy lilac-pink. Coloring like Stolonifera and fascinating narrow, conical form of Korolkowi. Prominent soft blue beard. Appealing, useful for corsages and small flower arrangements. 75c
- STOLONIFERA LEICHTLINI** E-20" Similar to typical species, but with deeper shadings of rustic brown, and more ruffled. Beard yellow. Seed parent of several Oncogelias. 75c
- VULCANUS** (Vul-kan'us) E-17 Named for the Greek God of fire, flame and volcanic eruption, this is a bronzy scarlet tinted with crimson. Beard dark blue. Thrives better under summer dampness than any other Regelia I have tried. [Korolkowi X Stolonifera] \$1.50 ➤ 3 for \$3.35





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PERSIAN BRONZE
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The Amazing **ONCOGELIAS**—Aril Hybrids From Crossing ONCOS With REGELIAS

~~~~~ The FIRST American Oncogelias ~~~~~

Almost all previous Oncogelias are from breeding work done in Holland 50 years ago. Below are the first two of my new strain of Oncogelias, radically different from any ever offered before. Both are from embryo-cultured seeds.

PERSIAN LACE (Austin '56) E-18"\$20.00

A new departure in Oncogelias, the largest, most Onco-like of any ever introduced. Flowers up to 6½ inches high, nearly twice the size of most Oncogelias on the market today. The very finest of the many Oncogelia seedlings that I have bloomed to date. Standards silvery white with a flush of pink, and with a complete lacework of fine sharp violet veins, reminiscent of handiwork of the East. Falls very broad, nearly circular, veined like standards except for a large soft orchid-pink area in center, and a prominent ebony-black signal patch. A flower of queenly elegance, wholly unlike any other Iris ever created. Has Onco blood from both parents, so no wonder it looks like an Onco! A heavy seed setter. [Teucros X Onco Seedling No. H-16-0]. Honorable Mention 1956.

REPORTS FROM 1956 A.I.S. CONVENTION: "*Persian Lace, an Oncogelia hybrid with silvery pink violet veins is just out of this world. I guess I have fallen hard for the Arils and their hybrids.*"—L. Miller of New Mexico in A.I.S. Bul. 143.

"*PERSIAN LACE, the 'covergirl' of Mr. Austin's 1956 catalogue and his first Oncogelia introduction was breathtaking. Almost as large as SUSIANA . . . it was an intricately patterned Iris of rosy purple effect.*"—E. Westmeyer in Reg. 1 Bul.

PERSIAN BRONZE (Austin '56) E-18" An intriguing new Oncogelia of unique form and the only one that is clearly intermediate between the Onco and Regelia types in its ancestry. A beautiful bronze self, lightly flushed with lilac, and having a lacework of dark brown veins. An Onco-like brownish-black signal patch decorates each fall. While the pollen parent, the Oncocyclus species Auranitica, is normally yellow, I find that it often throws lovely bronze seedlings, such as this, the most interesting one to date. Sets seed. Very rugged and easy to grow. A great increaser. [Teucros X Auranitica]\$5.00

ORIGIN: Let me introduce to you the term ONCOGELIA, that I coined to more aptly and simply designate the marvelous family of hardy free-flowering hybrids resulting from crossing ONCOS with REGELIAS, and combining their good points. Heretofore these were termed Regeliocyclus. I now have over 30 kinds under test, and am doing much crossing to produce my own new strain, the first releases being Persian Lace and Persian Bronze.

USES: Nearly all are practically unknown to American gardeners. So they constitute one of the best answers to that ever-present question of what to get for yourself or a friend that will really be different. When cut in large bud stage flowers will develop fully in water. Imagine the sensation that an assortment of these will cause in your garden, or at your flower show.

CULTURE, HARDINESS, SHIPPING AND PLANTING TIMES: Same as for Regelias, page 23.

HYBRIDIZING POSSIBILITIES: There is abundant opportunity here for the enterprising amateur hybridizer, as true pinks, reds, yellows, etc., have not as yet been achieved and the field is wide open. Practically all of today's varieties, fine though they are, contain some infusion of lavender. Pure spectrum colors in this group would be a marvelous achievement.

ORIGIN OF NAMES: Many have been curious as to the origin of the names bestowed on these by their Dutch creators. Most are from the Greek, Roman and Norse mythology, as I explain below. Now you will have a feeling of informed confidence when a garden visitor asks the origin of a name.

For APRIL-MAY Bloom—Season Guide to Oncogelias

For EARLIEST Bloom Try: Charon & Isolda.

For VERY EARLY Bloom Try: Andromache, Artemis, Luna and Hermione.

For LATEST Bloom, and for varieties most likely to bloom at Iris show time, try: Teucros, Theseus.

ALLEGRIA E-15" Probably the reddest of all Oncogelias and certainly one of the most striking and Onco-like. In fact, many of our visitors exclaim at the wonderful red "Onco" that they have found. While the parentage indicates that it contains Tall Bearded blood, its characteristics seem to be largely those of Oncogelias. Order early. A beauty. [Artemis X Ricardi]\$2.50 ▶ 3 for \$5.50

ANDROMACHE (An-drom'a-ke) VE to E-18" In Homer's Iliad, Andromache was the devoted wife of Hector. In the garden she is a princess clothed in silvery white and violet, with a soft lilac veil. Heavy decorative veining. Signal patch claret-black, very prominent, like an Onco. Style crests wine-red, effectively setting off the flower. Has pollen, sets seed. [Korolkowi Violacea X Mariae]. One of my 10 Super DOLLAR Values. See in color\$1.00; 3 for \$2.75

ARTEMIS (Ar'te-mis) VE-20" Named for the Greek Goddess of the Chase, known for healing and averting plagues. Today's namesake Iris will soothe your troubled thoughts and avert stagnation in any garden, for it is one of the richest and deepest colored of all Oncogelias. Ground silvery cream, almost entirely over-laid and veined in bright, yet dark carmine-violet. Effect heightened by a heavy black beard and a striking black signal patch. A vigorous easy-to-grow Oncogelia. Thrives better under summer dampness than any other Oncogelia. Apparently can be grown along with Bearded Iris in most well-drained gardens. [Korolkowi Violaceae X Mariae]. One of my 10 Super DOLLAR Values.\$1.00

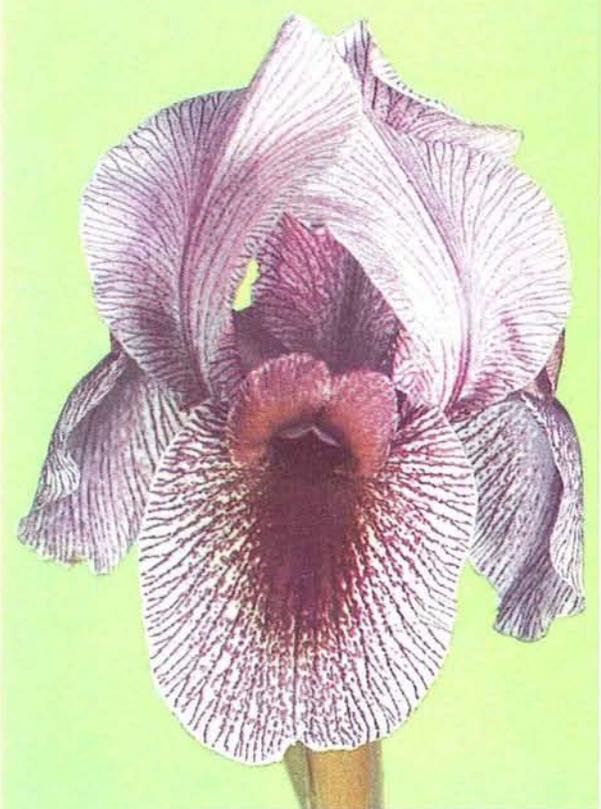
CAMILLA VE-11" A swift-footed virgin in Virgil's Aeneid; may be seen adding a bright spot of color to your Oncogelia garden. Of low stature, with a small flower of exceptionally brilliant purple, with a prominent blackish signal. Style arms nearly red, sharply contrasting. Try this in a corsage.75c

CHARON (Kar'on) EE-16" "Charon" is from ancient Greek mythology. Stands apart from most Oncogelias due to its entrancing unique golden bronze tints and its extreme earliness. Standards light buff, flushed dark crimson, impressively veined in mahogany. Falls golden buff, veined in dark reddish mahogany, with large black-mahogany signal. Flower glitters as if sprinkled with gold dust. One of the very finest for hybridizing. Pollen bright yellow, plentiful. [Korolkowi Concolor X Atropurpurea]. In lifelike color on next page.\$2.00

EUNICE E-14" Eunice was a Jewess of Lystra, mentioned in the New Testament as the mother of Timothy. And now, by her name, we know Eunice, the Oncogelia. Nearly a self with pale whitish pink petals having numerous fine dark red veins and a dark crimson signal changing to nearly black in the center. In the sun the petals sparkle as if dusted with silver. Most distinctive and original of Oncogelias. Pollen blue, plentiful. [Korolkowi concolor X Iberica]\$1.50

HERA E-12" A very colorful and distinctive Oncogelia in a class by itself, as it is very different from all of the others. Standards bright pinkish mulberry, flushed white in center with darker veins. Falls deeper, pinkish purple, veined darker. Beard narrow, purple at end changing to white inside. Petals ruffled. Most Oncogelias greatly resemble the Oncos but this one shows more of the Regelia influence.\$1.00; 3 for \$2.75

"The vast possibilities of plant-breeding can hardly be estimated. They are not alone for one year, or for our own time or race, but are beneficent legacies for every man, woman and child who shall ever inhabit the earth."—LUTHER BURBANK



ANDROMACHE



Famous
Oncogelia
Only \$1.00

THESEUS



Superb
Oncogelia
Only \$1.50

For description
of Theseus,
Teucros,
and Thor
see page 24.



LUNA EE-18" This charmer named for Luna, Roman Goddess of the Moon. A favorite of visitors. Deep red-violet veins entrancingly etched on a smooth creamy ground, delightfully flushed with pink and lavender. Rich splash of purplish black plush in center of falls. Pollen green. Prized by hybridizers; best seed setter of Oncogelias. [Korolkowi Violaceae X Susiana]. See in color \$2.00

HERMIONE (Her-mi'o-ne) VE-22" In Greek legend Hermione was the beautiful daughter of Menelaus and Helen, and was carried off by Orestes. Today, as she adorns your Oncogelia garden, she is the tallest and one of the very largest. Her coloring is soft, alluring. A novel bitone. Standards flushed silvery mulberry, intricately veined purplish black. Falls silvery white, with striking black signal patch, broad black beard, and heavy veins of very dark maroon. Very exotic and Onco-like, yet a vigorous grower; so is ideal for starting your Aril collection..... \$1.50; 3 for \$3.95

ISIS (I'sis) E-14" For this name the Dutch creators turned to Roman mythology, where Isis was the universal mother of nature, mistress of all the elements, and ruler of the gods. When you meet her in the garden she'll be wearing a bright violet carmine blouse and skirt of light maroon, heavily overlaid on a buff ground. As ornaments, signal patches of blackish maroon, and, strangely, a black beard. Bright and colorful. You'll want her to adorn your garden. AM Royal Hort. Society, England - [Korolkowi violaceae X Iberica Van Houttei] \$1.25 > 3 for \$2.85

ISOLDA EE-16" Named for "Isolde the Beautiful," heroine of medieval romance. Resembles Charon, which is illustrated, and like it, stands out from most Oncogelias due to its entrancing golden bronze tints and its extreme earliness. But Isolda is larger, has broader, more Onco-like falls, and is much to be preferred, especially by hybridizers. Likely to become sold out this season. I have been using it successfully as both a seed parent and a pollen parent. Order early to be sure to get yours. [Korolkowi Concolor X Atropurpurea]..... \$2.25 > 3 for \$4.45

CHARON—Unique Oncogelia—\$2.00

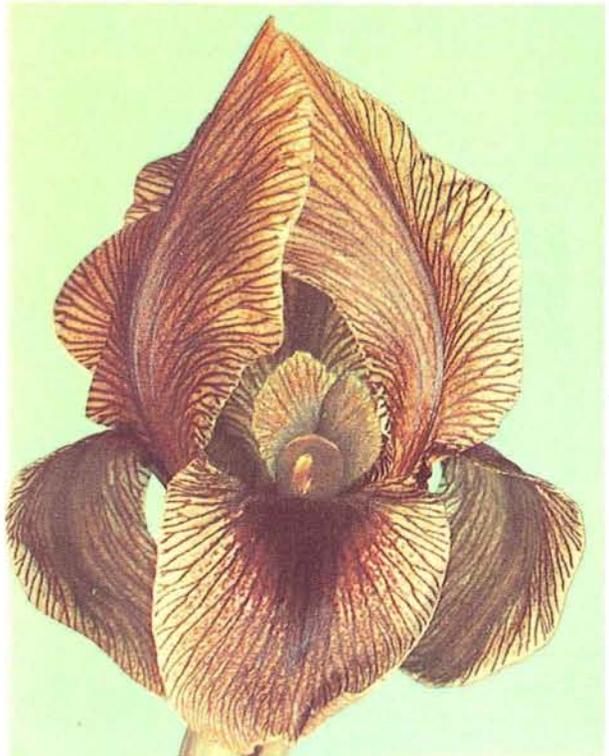
PARTHENOPE (Par-then'o-pe) VE-15" The mythical Parthenope, one of the three Sirens, charmed admirers with her songs. The charm of the modern Parthenope lies in her lace-like veil. She is one of my favorites, as here the decorative lace-work, so characteristic of most Oncogelias, is particularly pronounced, due to sharp contrast between the dark veins and the light ground color. Petals almost pure white, sparkling as if dusted with silver; veins in dark mulberry and maroon, sharp and clear. Signal patch black, changing to maroon. Beard black, anthers chartreuse. Heaviest bloomer of Oncogelias. A 2-year-old clump from 6 original plants had over 100 flowers, almost a solid mass of bloom \$1.50; 3 for \$3.95

PERSIAN BRONZE } My 1956 Introductions.
PERSIAN LACE } Pictured and described on page 25.

PSYCHE VE-15" Due to the intricate veining of the petals this Iris was named for the beautiful maiden Psyche, of Greek mythology, who had butterfly-like wings, and was raised to the skies to live forever with Cupid as her lover. Now the namesake Iris can lend exotic charm to your garden for a most modest price. Her blouse is in palest lilac, lined purple; her skirt is pale greenish-silver, decorated in dark maroon. Flowers profusely. All this for only \$1.00 > 3 for \$1.95

SIRONA—Oldest Oncogelia; descendant of that rare Onco Paradoxa, page 40.... \$1.50

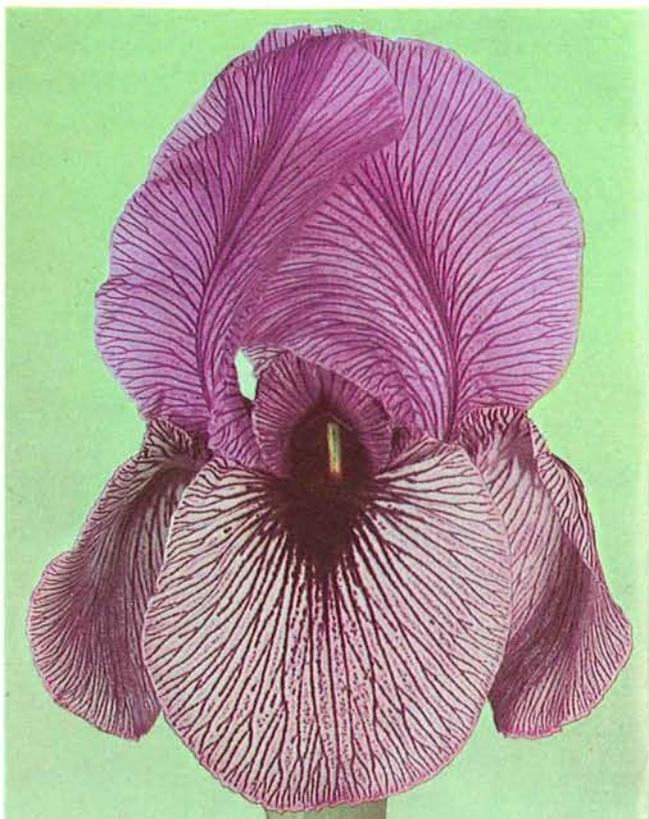
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COLOR GUIDE TO ONCOGELIAS

- NEAREST TO PINK:** Persian Lace and Teucros.
- GOLDEN BRONZE:** Persian Bronze, Charon and Isolda.
- DEEP PINKISH ORCHID:** Hera, Luna and Theseus.
- REDDISH TONES:** Allegria, Eunice and Isis.
- HELIOTROPE & MULBERRY:** Andromache, Artemis and Camilla.
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- WHITE, VIOLET AND MAROON:** Hermione and Thor.



My Hardy Mountain-Grown Stock THRIVES IN GARDENS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD It Will Transform YOUR Garden Into A Place of Beauty

My location in the Sierra Nevada mountains of northern California enables me to furnish the wonderful large rhizomes for which California is famous, and in an acclimatized form that will thrive anywhere, as they are frost-hardened in repeated snows. It will take only one trial order to convince you.

There is no need to wonder if my stock will do well for YOU. I have delighted customers in the rigorous climates of Alaska, Canada and New England, in the temperate zones of the northern and southern hemispheres from the state of Washington to Georgia, from England to Israel and from Australia to South Africa. Hundreds of voluntary testimonials on file from Iris lovers throughout the civilized world testify to the fact that my hardy stock takes hold and blooms for people everywhere just as it does for me here, where all of these natural-color pictures are taken. I give below a few samples of these testimonials.

FROM NEW ZEALAND and AUSTRALIA (Across the equator)

"Just a brief note to advise the safe arrival in REALLY FIRST CLASS ORDER of my parcel of Irises. I have had many Irises from Overseas, but can say without hesitation that these rhizomes arrived in well nigh perfect condition. They have been duly planted and they are already commencing to make new growth. The premium plants included are much appreciated." R. G. Wilson, Taradale, Hawk's Bay, New Zealand.

"I am very pleased with the exceptionally high quality and size of the rhizomes. They were six weeks in the mail and arrived as fresh and as plump as if they had only been a few days out of the ground. I don't think I have ever seen larger rhizomes—and that isn't just talk either—I mean it! I thought the parcel was very well packed and the gift card was a wonderful finishing touch." Esmond Jones, Muscle Creek, N.S.W., Australia.

"Of the Iris that I got from you 24 varieties bloomed the first spring. That makes 2 out of 3 that bloomed within 9 months after arrival and after crossing the equator." Royce D. Spinkston, Adelaide, South Australia.

FROM SOUTH AFRICA (Half way around the world)

"The consignment of Iris rhizomes arrived two days ago in perfect condition. They are good strong plants with a lot of side shoots. I am sure they will all grow! Thank you too for the generous premiums sent." Mrs. A. Bindon, Pretoria, Transvaal, South Africa.

"I was very pleased with the Iris of various types that you sent to me. They have done well for me and bloomed beautifully. . . . Thank you very much for this year's shipment. The plants arrived in November and all the Iris rhizomes were perfect." Mrs. F. J. Boshoff-Mostert, Balfour, Transvaal, South Africa.

FROM EUROPE (Three different countries)

"The Iris rhizomes came today and are very fresh and healthy." H Schwab, Zurich, Switzerland.

"Some days ago I received your shipment by Parcel Post. The big Irises were in perfect condition. They were planted and are already showing signs of growth." Victor Jacob, Charbonnières, France.

"The Irises you sent last year arrived after a journey of 5 weeks in perfect condition and all rhizomes flowered, although we had a very long and cold winter without snow-cover." Max Steiger, Lauf, Germany.

FROM NEARER HOME (Perhaps near you)

"Your Irises are always healthy and robust, and, what is even more important, they always produce wonderful exhibition size blooms. Thank you for your past services—I am sure that you will continue your fine tradition of producing quality iris at reasonable prices." T. R. Blanks, Jr., Chattanooga, Tenn.

"In this hard clay soil, and in this Delaware climate which is difficult because it is unpredictable, and in this last winter which all nurserymen tell me was the worst for new plantings since 1934, everything you sent me grew and bloomed." Page G. Nourse, Newark, Delaware.

"The Iris I got from you two years ago are gorgeous. Traffic is stopped sometimes in front of my place when they are in bloom." Mrs. Sam Strange, Grand Junction, Colorado.

MOVING?

Don't forget to notify me of your new address. But be sure to give the old address, too. Hundreds of catalogs are returned to me every year because people forget to notify me of the change in their address.

NOW Is The Time

If there are any varieties that you especially desire you should order them THIS year. Don't wait and expect to get them next year. Frequently these extra choice items sell out completely, and I have to leave them out of the catalog for several years until I build back my stocks.

Why The BETTER Varieties Are Your Best Buy

It is gratifying to find that Iris lovers everywhere are awakening to the realization that, with a rapidly increasing plant like an Iris, they are much farther ahead to buy each year a smaller number of the better varieties than many rhizomes of the older kinds that have such limited appeal. People find more excitement in one of the new Super-Iris than in a dozen of the varieties that were popular in bygone days, and which they will soon be eager to throw out to make room for ones they can really enjoy. Therefore, to make your Iris dollars go the farthest, spend them for varieties you will want to keep.

YOUR SECOND CHOICES

If you are sending in this order in midsummer or fall, you may like to list below a few of your second choice varieties in the various price classes that you have ordered. Then, if I am entirely sold out on any of the varieties you have ordered on the front, I will know what you would like to have instead. No need to list any if you want me to make the selection for you of another fine Iris of equal or greater value.

Iris Lovers' SWEEPSTAKES - (2nd Coupon)

(See also page 2 and back of 1st coupon. Contest closes June 30)

The second order blank and Sweepstakes Coupon on the front side of this sheet may be used as you prefer:

(1) By you, for a later order to build up total credited to you, and thus increase the size of your FREE ORDER if you win. Mark it "Second Order" so you will be sure to get credit in contest for both orders.

(2) Second order blank and Sweepstakes Coupon may be sent in by a friend or relative with his or her order, and thus have this name, too, entered in my contest. More order blanks with Sweepstakes Coupons sent on request.

My 10 Super DOLLAR Values

So that you will be sure not to overlook any of the 10 varieties in this entire catalog that I consider my very greatest 1957 values for only a dollar, I have marked all 10 thus: **"One of my 10 Super DOLLAR VALUES. . . . \$1.00"** Here is a full list: New Snow, page 12; Rosabella, p. 14; Andromache, p. 25; Artemis, p. 25; Gersdorff-Sass Hybrid, p. 30; Russian Bronze, p. 32; Mohrioff, p. 34; Rose Blush, p. 38; Pigmy Gold, p. 39; Clematis, p. 41. You may have all 10 for only \$9.75, with any one of these NEW Iris as an Extra: FANCYANCY, REAL GOLD, GOLDEN BUTTERFLY, RHYTHM or PINK PINAFORE.

For another great Dollar Value, not part of above offer, see "BEGINNER'S BEST—TRUE ONCOS," on page 23.

HYBRIDIZING POSSIBILITIES of My New Race of HORNED IRIS

Horned Skylark, Wings of Flight and Plumed Delight on page 4; Unicorn and Mulberry Snow in Main Tall Bearded Section

Alert hybridizers throughout the world have been quick to grasp the enormous breeding potentialities of this new alteration in the genes governing Iris form. I foresee that with this new character available to breeders, the recent trend for everyone to try his hand at crossing Flamingo pinks may well shift in this direction. The evolution of horned Iris in new colors will be rapid as the horned character is dominant and has come forth in the first generation of crosses with ordinary Iris.

The horned character is wholly new in the Iris world, and as such is not yet 100% constant. Individual flowers on the same plant sometimes vary in the extent to which they produce horns and in the length of the horns. I am, naturally, working to develop greater constancy in horn characteristics. My two 1957 introductions (page 4) and Plumed Delight and Mulberry Snow are more constant in this than my first release, Unicorn. But well established plants of even Unicorn will often have long horns on every flower.

This new horned feature is strangely variable in its development. In the case of Plumed Delight, Mulberry Snow and my new Wings of Flight the horn occasionally forms a decorative spoon at the end. Enterprising breeders will be able to use these introductions as the starting point for an entirely new race of spooned Iris, surpassing even the horned Iris in decorative possibilities. PLACER MAID and FANCY-ANCY are from the same cross as the horned Iris.

PARENTAGES CLARIFIED

At the end of many descriptions I give the parentage of the variety. For this I am adopting a helpful new method originated by Gordon Plough. The last cross, that is, the one that resulted in the variety in question, is indicated by a capital X following the seed parent and preceding the pollen parent. Previous crosses in the pedigree of certain varieties are indicated by lower case x's. This innovation makes quickly comprehensible the nature of the crossing represented in involved parentages. I carry the method one step farther—by making the important capital X bold in every case.

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CANADIAN ORDERS

To import Iris into Canada advise your Dept. of Agr. at Ottawa you wish to import Iris. Necessary permit will be sent you. I prepay postage to Canada, just as for U. S., but Express is only sent collect.

OTHER FOREIGN ORDERS

I ship iris to such distant places as South Africa, England, Australia, etc. Note comments from a few of these customers, above. Small orders to all foreign countries, except Canada, subject to 25% handling and postage charge. This covers such items as special packing, extra postage, office work of filling out various forms required. Minimum foreign order is \$10.00. Correspondence must be in English. On foreign orders of \$75.00 or more the 25% postage and handling charge is reduced to 10%.

World's Only Complete and Up-to-date Listing
The Twice-Blooming AUTUMN BLOOMERS
 Give You THE MOST For Your Money

USES AND BLOOMING SEASON: All through the long fall visitors keep asking us what we do to make our IRIS bloom again in the fall. It is not so much what we do, as the particular varieties we grow that have this inherent tendency. This is a rapidly evolving new class of Iris that gives you bloom TWICE a year at no higher cost than the usual once-bloomers. These bloom in the spring, and then give a repeat performance in the fall, the dates varying greatly with different varieties. A few are very new FREQUENT BLOOMERS, or EVERBLOOMERS, giving a display three or more times a year. Below are 54 varieties from 25 hybridizers in 10 states, including Massachusetts, Illinois, Utah, Indiana, New York, Iowa, Tennessee and California.

HEIGHT AND SIZE OF FLOWER: Not many years ago all of the fall bloomers were low-growing plants with small flowers. Now tall varieties, with flowers as large as Tall Bearded Iris are becoming available in various colors. **CULTURE AND HOW TO ENCOURAGE AUTUMN BLOOM:** General culture same as for Tall Bearded, page 5. Fall bloom is naturally more regular in warm Southern gardens than in the North, but much depends on the care you give them. Full details in my Manual, but briefly the following is the special care, particularly important in the North, that helps to bring on a second bloom. Plant in full sun, away from root competition. Use well prepared soil fertilized thoroughly and deeply. Keep plants adequately moist (but not too wet), and well weeded, all through late winter and spring. Try giving a short rest after spring flowering; then keep well watered to bring on the second bloom. Fertilize several times during the summer with liquid manure, or with complete chemical fertilizer dissolved in water. Transplant every year or two, as crowded plants seldom rebloom. In cold regions plant in a warm protected spot, perhaps close to the south side of a light colored building, where they will get as much warmth during cool fall days as your climate will provide. Probably surest way is to cut off flowering stalks in spring on part of plants as soon as stalks appear. That will stimulate growth of new rhizomes, which will often bloom that fall.

HARDINESS, SHIPPING AND PLANTING TIMES: Same as for Tall Bearded, page 5.

Bloom August to November and in Spring

Guide to Time of SECOND Blooming

SUMMER BLOOMERS: Relatively few Bearded Iris bloom during the summer; so it is helpful in planning continuity of bloom to know which have the strongest inherent tendencies in this direction. These are those Autumn Bloomers that often start their second bloom early, in June, July or August. These varieties are also ideal for the hybridizer aiming at everblooming Iris. Summer bloom is seldom as complete or heavy as spring bloom, but varieties vary greatly. I give below a list of 14 Autumn Bloomers that often bloom in summer. I use bold type to indicate those that have given me the heaviest summer bloom. (For Winter Bloomers see page 32.)

All in this list are marked + on the following pages. Almond Blossom, August Waves, Autumn Delight, Autumn Elf, Barre Beauty, Autumn Twilight, Gibson Girl, Joseph's Mantle, July Beauty, Nappanee, October Shadows, Persian Pattern, Pink Lace, Sangreal, September Sparkler, Two-for-Tea.

EARLY FALL BLOOMERS—(Generally these are the best ones for Autumn bloom in cold climates, but also see note on next group): August Waves, Autumn Delight, Autumn Elf, Autumn Flame, Autumn Queen, Autumn Twilight, Barre Beauty, Blue Mascot, Ethel Peckham, Gibson Girl, July Beauty, Menominee, Nappanee, Papoose, Potawatomi, Sangreal, September Sparkler, Two-for-Tea, Western Hills, Zulu Warrior.

MID FALL BLOOMERS—(Those given in bold type have already proved to be dependable twice-bloomers in cold climates, such as Mass.): Autumn Sunset, Fall Frills, Halloween Night, Harvest Blue, Lady Moon, October Shadows, Polar King, Sally Ann.

LATE FALL BLOOMERS—(Give fine spring bloom almost anywhere, but best suited to mild climates for fall bloom. See also my offerings in WINTER BLOOMERS, page 32.): Autumn Orchid, Ball Gown, Buckthorn Brown, Fair Enough, Green Goddess, Green Hope, Joseph's Mantle, Mishawaka, Moon Goddess, Mount Timp, Pink Lace, Scarlet Tiger, Thanksgiving Firelight.



JOSEPH'S MANTLE — Amazing Frequent Bloomer — \$1.50

ALMOND BLOSSOM (Craig '53) + M-40" A new tall fall bloomer in clear peach-blossom pink, baby pink hafts, ibis pink beard. Reported by Peg Dabagh to be in bloom in July in Berkeley, Calif., and to bloom 3 times a year there. Lovely and especially prolific of bloom. [Hall 42-07 X Peach Parfait sib.] \$3.00

AUTUMN DELIGHT (Austin '52) + 30" Most continuous, heaviest bloomer of our 80 varieties of fall bloomers. Standards light amethyst pink with silvery tone, arched, gently waved. Falls deep rosy mulberry. Blooms in spring, starts again in September (or earlier) and blooms for 6 to 8 weeks. Up to 16 buds per stalk. Not only a very heavy fall bloomer but also an oddity as it has an inconstant number of standards. While there are usually 3, occasionally there will be just 1 or 2. Delightfully fragrant, pollen abundant. \$5.00; 3 for \$13.75

AUTUMN FLAME 30" Fine for early fall bloom. Large, wine-red bitone with velvety falls. Grand. Fragrant. \$1.00

AUTUMN ORCHID (Austin '56) 36" An absolute self in bright rosy or manganese violet, with prominent yellow beard. Nicely arched and domed standards, semi-flaring falls. Has one of the longest fall blooming periods of any Iris. Started its second or fall bloom late last October and bloomed for two full months. Branching simply superb; usually 6 branches per stalk, the lower ones 15" to 20" long and re-branched, even in the fall. With so many buds there are often 4 flowers open at once on each stalk. Should prove a boon to breeders of Autumn bloomers as very few have height and really good branching. Very fragrant. [(Christensen's Elmoir Seedling x King High) X Self] \$6.00 > 3 for \$11.95

AUTUMN QUEEN (Sass) 8" Exceedingly popular. Sometimes everblooming, April to November. Very pure white, like dwarf Priscilla, white beard. 60c

AUTUMN SUNSET 32" Bred from 2 Dykes winners. Light bronzy pink and crimson pink edged bronze. Very colorful. [Rosy Wings X Rameses] 75c; 3 for \$2.10

BALL GOWN (Craig '50) ML-L-35" A twice-blooming version of Oriental Glory. Standards red-bronze, falls glistening reddish copper, large bright violet signal. Beard heavy, harmonizing golden bronze. Branching good. Sweetly fragrant. Pollen plentiful. My heaviest 1955 seed setter with Gatesii pollen! [(China Maid x Tiffany) X Sultan's Robe] \$2.50; 3 for \$6.95

BLUE MASCOT 4" One of a new race of superior Dwarfs. Very large flowers, yet only 4" high. Charming lilac-blue re-bloomer. HM-45 - [Reflection X Chamaeris] 60c; 3 for \$1.50

BUCKTHORN BROWN (Milliken '48) 36" The best of all bronze autumn bloomers! A ruffled and rippled light bronzy brown with elusive hints of blue and mauve in the strongly flaring falls. Style crests golden buff faintly streaked in green. Beard intense yellow. Good sized flowers on well branched stalks with about 8 buds. Fragrant. \$1.50

CUPID'S DART (Craig '53) M-45" A pinkish ivory self with orange tangerine beard that may be likened to a picturesque blond with unrestrained make-up. The bright beard is like a clear cut dash of lipstick on a powder pink countenance. The smooth haft-cheeks are deeply rouged intense, warm pink. A giant twice-bloomer that might well be Mt. Washington in a bright new color. Flowers heavily in both spring and fall. The finest landscape pink I know. [(Mt. Washington x Flora Zenor) X Sib.] \$5.00

ETHEL PECKHAM - A striking dark red blooming in August and September, as well as spring. Reported from northern Idaho as blooming "as persistently as a Fuller Brush salesman." HM'32, AM'36 60c

FAIR ENOUGH (White '35) E-L-38" One of the earliest of the large-flowered Iris to bloom in the spring; continues to bloom past all believing. Then in October, or November, it starts again and blooms until December and often January, if weather permits. Almost evergreen; leaves remain fully green and erect, undaunted by moderate cold. A beautiful light blue. One of the truest blues in the garden; not lavender or purple. In fact, it is the only nearly pure blue fall bloomer that I have. Remarkable value at this price. [Purissima X Susiana] \$1.50

Percy Brown's MASSACHUSETTS BRED Fall Bloomers

You may have the first 5 for only \$4.95; the first 6 for \$6.75

Dr. Percy Brown has been breeding Autumn Blooming Iris in Massachusetts for the past twenty years. He has developed a whole series of splendid varieties that give bloom each year in fall in the rigorous climate of New England. Dr. Brown's varieties should give fall bloom in almost any state in the Union.

AUGUST WAVES (Brown '41) + 22" A pretty neglecta. From Massachusetts comes this variety that re-blooms from August to frost in cold climates or warm ones. Thus this is most welcome as Iris bloom is ordinarily at its lowest ebb in August. Standards pale blue. Falls flaring, rich violet \$1.25

AUTUMN ELF + M-15" Re-bloomed repeatedly through summer and fall in originator's garden in Massachusetts. One of the best proven summer & fall bloomers for cold climates. Delightful flower with pale olive green standards, lavender falls with cream edge. Dainty, fragrant. HM'36 75c

AUTUMN TWILIGHT (Brown '48) + L-32" My personal favorite of the Percy Brown persistent fall bloomers that we grow. Exceedingly colorful. Great numbers of large flowers with sparkling golden cream standards and bright orchid pink falls. Blooms with other Iris in the spring and then re-blooms heavily from August to November. Dependable fall bloomer even in cold climates. Lots of good pollen. A real find! \$2.50

Indianapolis, Indiana, Sept. 4, 1955. "In the fall blooming Iris I have had almost continuous bloom from July 10th. Now AUTUMN TWILIGHT is in bloom, with OCTOBER SHADOWS to open soon, and more stalks coming on AUTUMN ELF. It has been quite a surprise to many visitors to walk in the yard and see iris in bloom in midsummer." Earl Roberts.

BARRE BEAUTY (Brown '53) + 24" Percy Brown tells us that Barre Beauty is his most reliable summer and fall bloomer to date. Should be able to repeat the performance in practically any of our colder states. A pleasing lilac bitone with standards pale lavender, falls pinkish amethyst with a white center and yellow haft. [September Sparkler X Unknown] \$1.50

HARVEST BLUE (Brown '50) VL-24" Mr. Brown considers this one of the best of his fall blooming Iris. The closed standards and styles are medium lavender-blue, broad and full. The deeper blue falls flare widely. An extremely profuse fall bloomer that makes more of a mass display than any other variety I know of. Fragrant. Has good pollen. \$1.50

OCTOBER SHADOWS (Brown '52) + E to L-34" Starts with a long spring blooming season; then re-blooms prolifically from July to October, thus approaching everblooming. Standards light silvery lilac flushed yellow. Falls lilac rose. Splendid tall stalks with wide low branching and 12 flowers per stalk. Pollen plentiful; a very good seed setter. Enticingly fragrant. [September Sparkler X Autumn Sunset] \$2.00

SEPTEMBER SPARKLER > at special group price, blue box, page 30 \$2.00

"The 'Secret Variety' idea is completely fascinating. I can hardly wait to see whether your new catalog carries the same offer and to see if I can find the designated varieties." Mrs. F. F. Grant, Greenfield, Mass.

FALL FRILLS (Austin '56) 34" A light apricot-pink, large, luscious and frilly, with prominent red-tangerine beard. Nicely ruffled and with a delightful picoted (scalloped) edge to the petals. While perhaps not equal to the very newest and most expensive of the once-flowering Flamingos, it is a great advance and by far the best and most frilly of the twice-blooming Flamingos I have bloomed to date. About twice the size and ever so much finer and clearer colored than Pink Lace, which has been our most popular and reliable fall-blooming Flamingo pink. Fine low branching. An extremely heavy fall bloomer and a great increaser. Last fall we had 55 flowers on a clump grown in 2 years from one rhizome. Its seed-parent Fuchsia often blooms in the fall, and with such a famous pollen parent as Paradise Pink, Fall Frills should be highly useful to breeders of both ever-bloomers and red-bearded pinks. Very precocious, first flowering only ten months after sowing the seed. [Fuchsia X Paradise Pink]\$12.50 ➤ 3 for \$24.95

The 4 Best Inexpensive TWICE-BLOOMERS

You may have all 4 for only \$4.95

GERSDORFF-SASS HYBRID VE-28" I heartily recommend this for a MASS fall display of beautiful, large and very novel flowers. The most unusual of all, colored like Dresden china. A combination not duplicated even in the multitude of spring bloomers. Standards smooth parchment, flushed mulberry. Falls mulberry-pink, overlaid on a parchment ground, and with a most striking lemon-yellow haft. One of my 10 Super DOLLAR Values.\$1.00 ➤ 3 for \$2.25

GIBSON GIRL + M-36" Spring, summer and fall bloomer. Light pinkish mulberry and deep rose mulberry peppered on cream ground. Very large, outstanding, a wonderful dollar value. Usually starts its second bloom in August and blooms on and on until cut down by heavy frosts. [Madame Louis Aureau X Tiffany] \$1.00

MISHAWAKA (Wise '49) M-34" A glistening yellow self with a deep orange yellow beard and deep gold veining at haft. Pleasingly fragrant. Gave us an extremely heavy, prolonged bloom last fall. [Red Ray X Autumn Sunset]\$1.50; 3 for \$3.95

SEPTEMBER SPARKLER (Brown '53) + E-30" Blooms here in Spring and off and on from June to November. Approaches ever-blooming tendencies. Standards nicely cupped, pale elusive lavender with a golden halo at base. Falls deep blue lilac with striking maroon reticulations and yellow beard. Four-way branching starts near ground. Up to 16 buds per stalk. Sets seed easily; has good pollen. Pollen parent of most of Mr. Brown's fall bloomers. Top-notch for any hybridizer\$2.00

GLOWING AMBER (Craig '53) A real break in Iris patterns and a real addition to my ever growing list of Autumn Bloomers. Tom Craig seems to have a way of bringing forth the most interesting and unusual combinations of color. Here the under color is golden amber over which burnt umber and sepia seem to be glazed in a smoky, radiating pattern. Surely unbeatable blood for those seeking rich colorings. HM'54 - [Joseph's Mantle X Rich Raiment]\$7.50 ➤ 3 for \$14.95

GLOWPORT M-26" An intense, crimson red, almost a self.60c

GREEN GODDESS (Weed '39) EE-4" Creamy white with pronounced greenish cast—in fact one of the greenest dwarfs that I list. Though a real midget, only 4" high, it has flowers among largest of Dwarfs, often over 4" across. An extremely heavy, persistent bloomer, not only flowering in the spring, but often also in fall, and even in winter where climate permits.\$1.50

GREEN HOPE (Rees '56) M-28" A light chartreuse self, soft olive veining at haft. Bright yellow beard. Apparently all who saw it in originator's garden wanted it. Visitors were impressed with the extent that it is saturated with green and remarked that it is greener than Green Pastures. The originator, Geo. N. Rees, our Rainbow Gardens poet, lives in the Ozark Mts. of Missouri. He has found it fully cold-hardy. Has regularly re-bloomed for me in late fall. Fertile both ways, so should be tops for breeding a green twice-bloomer. Fragrant. [Missouri Night X The Black Douglas]\$7.50

HALLOWEEN NIGHT (Weed '43) 38" The one to get for tall festive sprays usually blooming just in time for a novel type of Halloween decorations. A bright lemon-yellow, veined in golden brown. Up to 17 flowers to a stalk.\$1.00

HARVEST BLUE - See red box of Massachusetts-bred fall bloomers.\$1.50

JOSEPH'S MANTLE (Craig '49) + EM-36" A delightful FREQUENT Bloomer from Tom Craig. He tells me this blooms with the early Iris, again with the late ones, still again in October or even mid-winter in mild climates. Often it blooms as heavily in October as does any Iris in spring. So colorful was named for "Joseph's coat of many colors." An immense flower in golden buff washed and striated red brown, with red brown stippling forming a margin to the falls. Tom Craig is an artist of renown. This creation of his makes one wonder if he has found a secret way of coloring his hybrids as he applies colors to his canvas. Joseph's Mantle will amaze and captivate you. [(China Maid x Tiffany) X Mitchell Seedlings]. See my color photograph page 29.\$1.50

JULY BEAUTY (Weed '43) + EM-28" One of the best both for bloom and for crossing for ever-bloomers. Sometimes starts its fall bloom as early as July and may continue till Dec. Light lilac blue and deep amethyst. Stems heavily branched with up to 20 buds. Was one of the very outstanding varieties in our garden last fall. Reported as a fall bloomer in Massachusetts\$1.25

LADY MOON (Whiting '50) M-34" A large, superb new white. Out-shines all other white fall bloomers so far introduced. Among my 80 varieties of fall bloomers, I have no other white that compares with it for quality, size, general beauty. Comes closest I have to a fall blooming SNOW FLURRY. A true white, yet standards are distinctly a blue white, beautifully cupped, ruffled. Falls rather flaring, distinctly creamy or yellow-white with an ivory beard. Over 90% of rhizomes bloomed for me last fall. [(Purissima x Matula) X White Goddess]\$1.25

MOUNT TIMP - Extra large twice-bloomer. Dark rose standards; pale yellow falls strikingly edged mulberry. A dandy!75c

Wise's INDIANA BRED Wakarusa Fall Bloomers

You may have all 4 for only \$4.95

Here are the first four of a new strain of hardy Tall Bearded autumn bloomers developed for cold climates by Charlie Wise in Indiana, as an offshoot of Greig Lapham's enterprising work in creating better reds and pinks. They have arisen strictly from Tall Bearded breeding lines and contain no Dwarfs or Intermediates in their ancestry. The flowers are large, of fine form and substance. They have heavy, low branched 34" to 38" stalks carrying 12 to 20 buds each. They bloom in the fall in Indiana for a period of six weeks, and new stalks are usually starting when freezing weather comes.

MENOMINEE (Wise '49) E-36" A ruffled and glistening pinkish buff, sparkling with gold dust in the sun. Standards golden buff, flushed pink. Falls soft rosy pink over a buff ground. Style crests buff yellow. Profuse pollen. Very fragrant. [Red Ray X Autumn Sunset]\$1.50

MISHAWAKA - Offered at special group price, in blue box\$1.50

NAPPANEE (Wise '49) + E-37" The heaviest bloomer of the group and also the tallest and brightest. In mid-September the stalks often reach a height of 40" or more. Over 90% of the rhizomes usually give fall bloom. Standards creamy pink flushed golden from the base. Falls bright crimson. A stunning flower for fall bouquets or for adding a mass of color to the fall gardens. Pollen plentiful. [Priority X Forerunner]\$2.50; 3 for \$6.95

POTAWATOMI (Wise '49) LM-36" Standards light bronzy red becoming yellowish at base. Falls bronzy scarlet, velvety, glistening with gold crystals. Prominent yellow beard. Pollen exceedingly abundant. [Priority X (Wakarusa x Red Ray)]\$2.00; 3 for \$5.50

MOON GODDESS (Craig '49) M-36" A large flower in strange cool grayed wistaria, so novel and interesting it was introduced at \$20. Invariably appeals to women with discriminating tastes in decoration, and has been found to be a perfect color companion for the new pinks. Has proved to be consistent twice-bloomer in originator's garden. [Advance Guard x Mit. No. 2-21] X B. Sdlg.]\$1.50

OCTOBER SHADOWS - See red box of Massachusetts-bred fall bloomers.\$2.00

PAPOOSE E-6" Done in Indian Colors. One of most persistent bloomers of all dwarfs. Long spring bloom, plus 3 months fall bloom. Standards fawn & buff, flushed red from base. Falls mahogany red, edged buff60c

PERSIAN PATTERN (Craig '50) + EM-35" A very interesting Oncobred that has been widely reported as either a twice bloomer or an everbloomer. Mrs. Grant Merrill (Red Bluff, Calif.) says "We had blooms on and off all year." It bloomed every month of the year for Mrs. Mary E. Knopf at Campbell, Calif. Standards gold-buff with olive cast at base and midrib, flushed lilac at tip. Falls the same, with a heavily etched pattern of soft grayish crimson. Bronze beard. Hard to beat as one of the potential parents of a new everblooming race of Iris. Better find out what it will do for you. [Gay Senorita X Ib-Mac, True] \$4.00

IRIS for DECEMBER Church Decorations

We arranged the local church decorations on December 9 using several hundred stalks of over 50 Iris varieties. It was when the Autumn bloomers were ending and the winter bloomers were starting. Outstanding were Lady Moon, Joseph's Mantle, Winter Flame, Sally Ann, Autumn Delight and Pink Pinaflore. Even Autumn Twilight, which had been blooming for 4 months, had one stalk left! Now you try it.

PINK LACE — Only \$1.00

PINK LACE (Sass '45) + M-36" Outstanding as a fall-blooming Flamingo pink, second only to Fall Frills & Fantasy. Among the best of earlier introductions. Only inexpensive one that blooms well in fall & spring. A real bargain at this low price. Flowers salmon pink with tangerine beard. Nicely formed, of medium size. Seed set last spring on Pink Lace using pollen of 5 tangerine-bearded pinks. Now you try it! [(Dore x Matula) X Flora Zenor]. See Ekta-chrome.\$1.00

POLAR KING (Donahue '39) E to L-32" Most dependable for northern latitudes. I have records of its blooming in Massachusetts 5 falls in succession. Bloomed in our garden Sept. to Dec. A high quality pure white Iris, ideally branched, sometimes 4 flowers out at once. Very fragrant. Sure to please. AM'32 - [Moonlight X (Dominion x)]\$1.25



POTAWATOMI—See red box of Wakarusa fall bloomers.....\$2.00; 3 for \$5.50

ROYAL BAND (Craig '50) M-ML-34" Here we have the fall blooming counterpart of the famous Minnie Colquitt. The many who have raved over Minnie can now have this twice-blooming edition. Standards bright purple, flushed white. Falls pure white, with a very prominent purple edge and a purple center line. Nicely ruffled. Pollen plentiful. [Mme. L. Aureau X (Tiffany x Los Angeles)] \$1.50

SALLY ANN (Smith '45) E to LM-34" Of all yellow fall bloomers I have tried, this has the largest flowers and the clearest color—a beautiful even yellow, satiny in texture, sparkling in the sun as if dusted with gold. Under favorable conditions, nearly every rhizome blooms. One of the few large enough and good enough to hold its own in the spring. Also, I know no other Iris that can surpass the record of Sally Ann for 4½ weeks continuous spring bloom. Flowers often measure as large as 6" x 6". In mild climates, or in mild winters in moderately severe climates, often blooms through Jan. and Feb. as well as in spring and late fall. Very fragrant. Color photo at right. [Kalinga X Jelloway] \$2.50

SANGREAL (Sass '35) +EM-24" Approaches an everbloomer. After blooming normally in the spring, Sangreal gave me the heaviest summer bloom of any bearded Iris last summer. A large part of the rhizomes in a long row bloomed all thru Aug., with some fall bloom, too. Attractive light yellow self with deep yellow veins75c

SAVAGE (Craig '49) M-34" Tom Craig tells me that this has proven to be a most consistent fall bloomer and that it is of an incredibly intense color. I also have reports on this from Oregon, Utah and Missouri and everyone who has seen it has been greatly impressed with the fiery brilliance of the coloring. Bronze-red, suffused and blazed magenta. A broad flaring flower of heavy substance. Imagine what it will do to add a dazzling blaze of color to your fall garden. HM'51...\$2.50; 3 for \$6.95

SCARLET TIGER (Austin '53) E to M-25" Formerly offered as a Border Iris, I now include it with the Autumns, as it has proved to be a heavy bloomer in late fall as well as spring. Harmonizing red bitone with falls close to scarlet, in fact, an even brighter red than the famous Technicolor. Standards light yellow, flushed red. Beard bright orange. Pollen abundant. Excellent breeder for Autumns and Border Iris, and for working toward brilliant scarlet in Tall Bearded. [Tiger Tiger X self]\$3.00

SEPTEMBER SPARKLER—See group offer in blue box\$2.00

THANKSGIVING FIRELIGHT (Austin '50) 34" A colorful Iris, the delight of all who see it. Usually blooms at Thanksgiving time. Done in festive fall colors. Standards blended reddish yellow, bronzy orange. Falls dark crimson, lighter edge. A fast increaser, a heavy bloomer in an established clump. Has pollen, sets seed. Transmits its fall blooming tendency to offspring\$1.00; 3 for \$2.75

FROM THOSE WHO HAVE TRIED IT—"Thanksgiving Firelight made a real display, and I like it very much." Chas. A. Williams, San Gabriel, Calif.

"The Thanksgiving Firelight which you enclosed as a premium has bloomed in January and again in the latter part of March and all of April. It will probably bloom all of May." James Gulick, San Rafael, California.

TWO FOR TEA (Auten '48) +M-20" A Table Iris that blooms spring, summer and fall. A delicate, dainty orchid-pink self, slender stemmed. I had some in bloom almost continuously last summer and fall\$1.25

WESTERN HILLS (Mrs. Brown '51) M-42" Colored like the autumn leaves in warm golden tan, with falls flushed silvery plum and peacock-blue over rich copper. Reported by Mrs. Steedman as a dependable fall bloomer in Roanoke, Va., without special care. Reblooms early enough to insure fall bloom over most of U. S. Exceptionally tall for an autumn bloomer. Delightful fragrance\$1.00

ZULU WARRIOR (Craig '54) ML-38" Stands as a fitting climax to my offerings in Autumn bloomers. The originator states that this is his new super plicata, which, under his climatic conditions blooms all fall and winter and then again for a long period in the spring. A large ruffled yellow plicata with a dense wine-berry border, much like a twice-blooming edition of Raspberry Ribbon, but here the color is dark crimson instead of reddish-purple. Tom Craig can well be proud of this one and you will certainly be proud if you have it in your garden. HM'54—[Joseph's Mantle X Burgundy Splash].....\$20.00

COLOR GUIDE TO AUTUMNS—Newest first in each group

FLAMINGO PINKS: Fall Frills, Cupid's Dart, Pink Lace.

OTHER PINKS: Almond Blossom, Autumn Twilight, Two for Tea, Autumn Sunset.

INEXPENSIVE REDS: Autumn Flame, Glowport, Ethel Peckham.

NEWER & FINER REDS: Scarlet Tiger, Persian Pattern, Joseph's Mantle, Nappanee, Potawatomi, Savage.

APRICOT & PINK BLENDS: Thanksgiving Firelight, Menominee.

BRONZE & CHESTNUT: Glowing Amber, Western Hills, Ball Gown, Buckthorn Brown.

SOFT AND BRIGHT YELLOWS: Mishawaka, Sally Ann, Halloween Night, Sangreal.

YELLOW PLICATAS: Zulu Warrior, Mount Timp.

GREENISH TONES: Green Hope, Green Goddess, Autumn Elf.

LIGHT & DEEP BLUE: Harvest Blue, July Beauty, Blue Mascot, Fair Orchid.

VIOLETS: Autumn Orchid.

ROSY MULBERRY: Autumn Delight, Gersdorff-Sass Hybrid.

MAUVE SELFS & BITONES: Barre Beauty, September Sparkler, October Shadows, Moon Goddess.

AMOENAS & VARIEGATAS: August Waves, Papoose.

WHITE PLICATAS: Royal Band, Gibson Girl.

WHITE & CREAM: Lady Moon, Polar King, Autumn Queen.

Which Varieties Bloom in Summer, Fall or Winter For You?

I am eager to have full information in regard to which of my Autumn and Winter Bloomers are performing best as repeat bloomers in different sections of the country. So please let me know how heavy a bloom you get, and about what per cent of the large rhizomes bloom the second time. It would also help me to know the approximate dates of starting and finishing bloom in the summer, fall or winter. If you have any other Iris varieties or seedlings that bloom for you more than once a year, please tell me about them. Thank you.

NATURE IS VARIABLE

Mother Nature is very variable and Iris varieties differ greatly in the way the rhizomes grow. Some become huge, some large, some only medium. Also, rhizomes increase in size all summer, so in July they will not be as large as in September. The Dwarfs obviously are tiny and always have small rhizomes. Likewise certain of the Intermediate, Border and Table Iris, and the lower-growing Autumn Bloomers, Oncobreds and Regeliabreds naturally produce fairly small rhizomes. I always send you first class rhizomes that are large and husky considering the type of Iris and the time when sent.



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Spring and EARLY FALL Bloomers

Autumn Delight ... \$5.00	Gibson Girl \$1.00	Potawatomi \$2.00
Autumn Twilight ... \$2.50	Nappanee \$2.50	Western Hills \$1.00
Blue Mascot 60c	Papoose 60c	Zulu Warrior \$20.00

Spring and MID FALL Bloomers

Autumn Sunset 75c	Harvest Blue \$1.50	Sally Ann \$2.50
Fall Frills \$12.50	Lady Moon \$1.25	Savage \$2.50

Spring and LATE FALL Bloomers

Autumn Orchid \$6.00	Buckthorn Brown \$1.50	Mount Timp 75c
Ball Gown \$2.50	Mishawaka \$1.50	Thanksgiving Firelight \$1

INEXPENSIVE Fall Bloomers—(These bloom in the Spring, too)

Autumn Flame \$1.00	Ethel Peckham 60c	Papoose 60c
Autumn Queen 60c	Gersdorff-Sass Hyb. \$1.00	Royal Band \$1.50
Blue Mascot 60c	Glowport 60c	Western Hills \$1.00

NEWEST in Fall Bloomers—(These bloom in the Spring, too)

Autumn Delight ... \$5.00	Fall Frills \$12.50	Persian Pattern ... \$4.00
Autumn Orchid ... \$6.00	Glowing Amber ... \$7.50	Savage \$2.50
Cupid's Dart \$5.00	Green Hope \$7.50	Zulu Warrior \$20.00

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1956, our 10th anniversary year, proved to be the best year ever for us. This was, of course, due to your loyal support and that of many thousands of our other customers in cities and hamlets everywhere. As a gesture of profound thanks with some real meaning to it, I have made every effort to serve you better this year, with a larger catalog, many more color plates, more helpful information, and best of all, the greatest opportunities to save ever presented in any Iris catalog. This 1957 edition simply abounds with wonderful money-saving offers and easy ways for you to obtain expensive new Iris free with your orders. Truly, "For '57, MORE FOR YOUR MONEY."

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USES and BLOOMING SEASON: These are the most useful of all Bearded Iris for "Surprise Plantings" in mild climates, for they burst into bloom most unexpectedly in mid-winter, and their foliage is practically evergreen. In cold climates most are likely to bloom in early spring, with the Intermediates, thus materially lengthening your Tall Bearded blooming season. Try a few of these this year and see what you have been missing. In cold climates grow these under glass for winter bloom.

CULTURE, SHIPPING and PLANTING TIMES: Same as for Tall Bearded, page 5.

HARDINESS: Cold hardy except December Royalty needs mulching in cold regions.

AAHME (Craig '53) 36" A large, finely-formed clear orchid pink, like a winter-blooming Fuchsia. Beard coral-tangerine. Blooms in December or January and in Spring. Fertile pollen. [Hall 44-50 X (Peach Parfait sib. x Fantasy)] **\$6.00; 3 for \$16.50**

ALTA ROSA (White '37) EE-48" A tall, nicely branched Oncobred. Under favorable conditions this will bloom for 4 months, from Nov. to Feb. A rich rosy-lavender blended with warm bronze. Large flowers of aristocratic form. **\$1.50**

BEL-AIR (Milliken '47) 30" Outstanding large ruffled clear violet blue on tall well-branched stems. The ruffling gives fascinating charm **\$1.50**

BLUE RIVER VE-36" Enticingly fragrant. A lovely clear light medium blue with a harmonizing pale blue beard **.75c**

CALIFORNIA PINK (Heller '48) E-45" Mr. Heller states that where climate is mild enough, as in southern California, will bloom 6 months out of every year. Long spring blooming period with additional later blooming to December and even January. A tall gorgeous light bright orchid pink, novel lilac-white beard **\$1.50; 3 for \$3.95**

COLOR RIOT (Austin '56) EM-38" Indeed, a riot of contrasting colors, that catch everyone's attention in the spring, and again in November. Standards bright lilac rose. Falls deep purplish crimson, with a long and prominent orange-red beard. [Buffawn X Flora Zenor] **\$5.00**

DECEMBER ROYALTY (Austin '51) E-34" Starts its second bloom about Nov. 25 and often keeps blooming till Christmas, so you can have a huge Iris bouquet beside the Christmas tree. A large bold flower in brilliant royal purple, darkening to intense wine-black in the upper half of the velvety falls. Noteworthy for its smooth satiny hafts unmarred by veinings. Outstanding for its poise, substance and finish. Sometimes 15 to 20 flowers; hence, ideally constituted to cut in bud stage before frosts get too severe, for almost unbelievable winter bouquets. Unexcelled as a parent, transmitting its admirable traits to its offspring. In cold regions needs protection, such as afforded by cold frames, to secure December blooms **\$5.00 > 3 for \$9.95**

"Everyone liked December Royalty. It is a fine addition to our too few good deep purples." Edith R. Lowry, Newton, Massachusetts.

PINK PINAFORE (Austin '52) EM-34" A charming pink plicata. Has delighted us by blooming in spring and again between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Standards light yellow, so completely flushed as to appear orchid-pink. Falls wavy, heavily stippled and lined orchid-pink, edged gold. Simply superb branching starting about 10". Probably the only Winter-blooming pink plicata **\$5.00; 3 for \$13.75**

RUSSIAN BRONZE (Milliken '46) VE-30" Dependable long-season winter bloomer. Where climate permits, blooms every week, late fall till spring. Golden tawny and deep maroon. One of my Super DOLLAR Values. **\$1.00; 3 for \$2.75**

SAN PASQUAL VE-36" Large, like famous Ranger. Bright yellow beard. Standards light carmine; falls rich, dark velvety carmine. Fragrant **.75c**

SPRINGTIME MADONNA (Milliken '49) VE-34" A symphony in cream and gold; perhaps the loveliest of all of my winter-blooming Bearded Iris. If you live where the winters are relatively warm, this is likely to bloom for you in Dec., Jan., or Feb. A creamy-yellow self with a bright gold edge to both standards and falls **\$1.50**

SUNSET PINK (Murray '55) M-44" The newest of Winter Bloomers has the delightful habit, wherever winters permit, of starting its bloom in February and continuing thru March and all of April. Thus it is almost unbeatable for length of blooming season. A very pleasing clean rosy pink. Tall, nicely branched stalks with 15 or more buds. [(Spindrift x Inspiration X Twilight Sky)] **\$7.50**

TECHNICOLOR (Whiting '50) M34" Of all the reds I have bloomed (and they are legion), I believe this is the nearest approach to true spectrum red yet achieved. A glowing ruby-mahogany self that attracts every visitor. Fully cold-hardy. Very free flowering in spring. About middle of Nov. nearly every rhizome shoots up a stalk for a second bloom. From Garden Glory X Rocket, so its easy to see where it gets its brilliance. Pollen plentiful, fertile. Great things are expected from this in breeding. Has produced remarkable seedlings for Mrs. Whiting, famous Defiance for Chet Tompkins. HM'50; RU AM'53. **\$2.00**

TOURNAMENT QUEEN VE-36" Popular winter bloomer. Has color, size and form. A luscious bright fuchsia-toned Iris. Stiff flaring falls spread 7". Texture and lustre like nylon, petals flexed enough so portions are always highlighted. Chartreuse styles. Vigorous grower. Very fragrant **\$1.00**

WINTER FLAME (Austin '53) E-32" I am pleased to present what I believe is the largest, finest red Winter bloomer available today. Persists in blooming each winter, often starting heavy bloom in early November, about 2 weeks ahead of Technicolor, and continuing until January. Then blooms again in the spring. Standards smooth light wine red; falls velvety crimson with faint violet signal and distinctive light center line; also novel light buff edging. Heavily branched, with up to 20 buds and 5 flowers out at once on each stalk. Heavy seed-setter. [December Royalty X Self] **\$6.00**

WINTER RAINBOW: Alta Rosa, Russian Bronze, Technicolor, Tournament Queen... **\$4.95**

"Am very new to gardening and last year ordered Iris from you, and have been enjoying them since last December, when we had a grand display from Tournament Queen and San Pasqual. Is very rewarding to a new Iris fan to have such lovely blossoms and large plants." —Mrs. E. W. Facer, Menlo Park, California.

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USES and BLOOMING TIME: No other Iris is so indispensable in the garden, for these bloom from October to March, when there are so few other Iris or other flowers to gladden your heart. Foliage evergreen. Perfect for bright spots of color, and for cutting for winter decoration of the mantel and dining table. Different ones excel at different times, so get a number of color forms.

CULTURE and HARDINESS (in brief): Grows in any soil, preferably in sun, or only partial shade. Will bloom off and on all winter between snowstorms. But in very cold climates best grown in pots, a cold frame or greenhouse for abundant flowers.

SHIPPING and PLANTING TIME: Late summer & fall, but order NOW. Keep new plants moist and partly shaded till roots form and leaves start.

CLUMPS: First price is for the customary single division. Clumps, equal to 2 or 3 divisions, are available as shown for only about 1½ times the price. Clumps are easier to establish and give abundant bloom sooner, so most orders are for clumps.

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BRIDAL PINK A real rarity I catalog after many requests. A light orchid pink, so clear and lovely it could fittingly be used in a bridal bouquet. Most charming stylosa I grow. Flowers massed above low foliage. Sometimes a dozen in bloom at once on clump only 5" across. Order early; certain to be sold out by fall at this new low price, just half of '56 price. Rhizomes small **\$2.50; clump \$3.75**

CEPHALONICA My first presentation of this husky form that I imported for you from England. No other Stylosa can compare with this in vigor of growth. Foliage very vigorous, leaves mostly a full 3' long, beautifully arching. Flowers very large, almost equaling those of LARGE FLOWERED, bright lilac-blue with yellow-orange signal, produced profusely. **\$1.50; clump \$2.25**

COMMON Familiar lilac-blue, with usual small flowers. **clump \$1.00; 3 clumps \$2.50**

GAY Sells so fast and is so scarce this is my first cataloging of this exclusive offering since 1952. Decidedly superior to the common form: (1) "Stems" longer and foliage lower, so flowers stand out well above it; (2) Blooms much more profusely; (3) A richer, deeper violet-blue. Ideal for rock gardens, low edgings. Showiest of all **\$3.00; clump \$4.50**

GRAECA Another imported variety offered for the first time, and quite distinct. Leaves slender, rather low, gray-green. Flower "stems" comparatively tall, bringing most of flowers above the foliage. A medium violet with slender graceful petals and a deep orange signal line. Rhizomes small **\$1.50; clump \$2.25**

LARGE FLOWERED An exclusive offering, heaviest seller of my Stylosas. Such a good grower I have been able to increase my stocks and bring my price down on this, too, at least for this year. Flowers often 5" across, nearly twice the size of the Common form. Bright lilac-blue, deep yellow signal. You'll be delighted with this improved variety. Stunning massed in flat dish for winter table decoration. **\$2.00; clump \$3.00**

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WHITE (Alba) Pure white with deep yellow signal **\$1.50; clump \$2.25**

STYLOSA SPECIAL: Cephalonica, Graeca & Marbled... **\$3.25; clumps \$4.75**

You Need My RAINBOW IRIS MANUAL

Both Manual and Supplement offered on pages 2 and 17

In spite of the diversity of types of Iris, their culture is remarkably simple and easy to understand, as I have grouped them all under three general cultural procedures, with only minor special considerations in the handling of specific types.

I have brought together for you in concentrated, verified form, a summary of my own accumulated experiences and those of many of my customers in dozens of different states. To this has been added valuable information from well over 100 books, bulletins and articles on Iris growing and hybridizing. In this way you can have practically everything you need to know, instantly available in one place without extensive searching, and without the expense of buying many different reference works. Included, for example, is various material directly from two of the most significant of all published works on Iris, namely, W. R. Dyke's "Handbook of Garden Irises" and his monumental work "The Genus Iris." The latter is valued, when obtainable, at about \$100 a copy.

The second half of this 44 page booklet covers all phases of hybridizing from planning your crosses to the techniques for pollinating, seed collection and seed sowing—for Tall Bearded Iris and also the many Unusual Iris offered in this catalog. Among the many subjects covered are these: Varieties recommended as parents in breeding for 26 specific objectives; How to synchronize blooming periods; Chromosome numbers; Mendelian inheritance; Ways to increase your sets.

You Also Need My SUPPLEMENT to the Manual

In a field as subject to constant development as Iris culture and hybridizing, no publication can remain wholly complete and up-to-date for very long. Hence I propose to issue, from time to time, a series of SUPPLEMENTS to my MANUAL to provide you with latest information on various subjects of vital interest. The following partial outline will give a good idea of the comprehensive contents of Supplement No. 1.

I—PLANNING YOUR IRIS GARDEN: Utilizing all types of Iris; harmonious color groupings; charts of blooming seasons and heights.

II—CULTURE OF ARILS: Promising new cultural techniques.

III—IRIS EXHIBITION: How to stage an Iris show, exhibit Iris and win prizes.

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"Your Manual was even more than I had expected to receive. It seems to cover anything a person might wish to know about Iris." W. H. Ponder, Galsden, Ala.



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CLEMENTINA (Austin '55) EM-34" This is the huge, heavily-marbled Oncobred that attracted the attention of so many of our visitors. As flower first opens it is often of nearly normal form, but within a day or two many of the flowers flatten out so both standards and falls extend out nearly horizontally. While it is hard to imagine, these immense flowers sometimes have a spread up to 9 inches. The unique flat Iris blooms are ideal for use in a shallow container on dining table. Named CLEMENTINA because of striking resemblance of the huge flat flowers to those of clematis blossoms. Color of this new giant is most appealing, being a pale bluish lavender, heavily marbled with deep amethyst. Either flat or in normal form the marbled coloring is so exquisite that I had more requests for this before introduction than any other seedling. A very heavy bloomer, producing a mass of flowers. Resulted from a seed embryo-cultured for me by Dr. L. F. Randolph. All six petals have beards, though those on the standards are smaller and whiter. This may be the only Oncobred with 6 beards, like the Regelias. In great demand for use as corsages, for which it is simply superb.

Clementina was the most coveted of all Iris at our great 1956 Iris Show at Weinstock-Lubin's in Sacramento. A splendid seed setter, producing good seed for me when crossed with Gatesii, Capitola, and Ib-Mac, True. [Snow Flurry X Capitola]. See Ektachrome above
.....\$15.00 ▶ 3 for \$29.95

REAL GOLD (Austin '51) M-28" The nearest approach to real gold color (not yellow) yet attained in Iris. Standards glistening gold buff. Falls deep gold buff, enhanced by harmonizing soft brown veins and a golden bronze beard. Admired by our visitors. Has definite Onco characteristics and is quite unlike any other. Falls broad, quite flaring, up to 6" spread. A terrific increaser; you'll have a big clump with lots of bloom in short order. Yields good pollen and sets seed. 47 chromosomes. [Golden Majesty X Capitola]
See Ektachrome above\$5.00

REAL GOLD is my Announced SUPER SECRET VARIETY for 1957, and thus the greatest single value in this entire catalog. Page 2 tells how you can get 3 for price of 1.

"I wish to take this opportunity to tell you that I am delighted with the wonderful Iris I purchased from you last year. They are the talk of the neighborhood, particularly Real Gold, which has been blooming for three weeks." Miss M. D. Bright, Baltimore, Md.

"We enjoyed the Los Angeles convention and especially your 'Real Gold.' Got some dandy pictures of 'Real Gold.'" Wiley and Elizabeth Abshire, Edmond, Okla.

EXPERT OPINION: "I like Real Gold. It is much the best of the Onco hybrids that I have seen and I've seen about all of them." Geddes Douglas, Editor, Bulletin of American Iris Society, Nashville, Tenn.

"Your REAL GOLD is by far the finest and most attractive Onco-hybrid and one of the most unique and outstanding Iris of any kind that I've ever seen. It seems to be perfectly hardy and vigorous in this semi-Arctic, rough-on-Oncos section of New York State." D. E. Bailey, Oneonta, N. Y.

For APRIL-MAY-JUNE Bloom - Season Guide to Oncobreds

For EARLIEST BLOOM Try: American Modern, Ib-Mac, True, Icicle, Peg Dabagh, Tantalizer, Yussuf.
For VERY EARLY BLOOM Try: Anatolia, Capitola, Hurricane, Jalla Efreendi, Joppa Parrot, Kalifa Fatima and Moab.

For EARLY BLOOM Try: Deep Buttercup and Flurry Mohr.
For LATE BLOOM Try: Altamohr, Blumohr, Damascus Blade, Laurel Hill and Olive Orchid.
For VERY LATE BLOOM Try: Zebulon.

ORIGIN and NOMENCLATURE: Diverse names have been used for this class of wonderful hybrids of Oncos with Bearded Iris, but Clarence White's apt term "Oncobreds" is simplest and best. They have been called Pogocyclus, Eugocyclus and Oncopogon.

MOHRs: All of the large ever-increasing family of Mohrs belong in this category, as they all contain both Onco and Bearded blood, and are descendants of the original "William Mohr."

CHARACTERISTICS and USES: As compared with Tall Bearded Iris, these Oncobreds stand out as being highly distinctive and different. They have an amazing array of novel color patterns, some of which are just out of this world. Due to their Onco ancestry, many have broad rounded form surpassing even the newest and finest in Tall Bearded Iris. I have for years been predicting a RAINBOW OF ONCOBREDS. Now this is being unveiled before your eyes. Below are the world's most complete offerings in this line—not just the original purples and lavenders from a few breeders, but varieties from 32 hybridizers, distributed through 13 DISTINCT COLOR AND PATTERN

CLASSES. You should have at least one or two in each class to really understand what the new Oncobreds can do for your garden.

EXPRESSION OF ONCO CHARACTERS: Oncobreds vary greatly in the degree to which they exhibit externally the Onco that is in their genetic makeup. Some resemble true Oncos fairly closely, while in others there is no visible evidence of Onco characteristics. Yet the presence of an Onco in the genealogy should make them easier to cross with Arils, and other Oncobreds. The newer and finer Oncobreds are getting closer and closer to the alluring fascination of true Oncos, and are easier than Oncos to grow.

CULTURE and HARDINESS: The great majority of these have inherited the sturdiness of the Bearded Iris and can easily be grown as explained for Tall Bearded on page 5. A few are strongly Onco-like and are better handled a little more like Arils (page 20). Be extra careful to provide good drainage.

SHIPPING and PLANTING TIMES: Summer and fall, like Bearded Iris.

ALTAMOHR L-36" One of the tallest, best branched of the Mohrs. Flaring orchid-violet of large size. Heavily veined maroon. Fertile.....\$1.00

AMERICAN MODERN (Craig '51) E-38" A new Oncobred color pattern done in olive-ochre. Sometimes strangely flecked bluish green. Falls heavily washed and veined in red. A medley of color done in the modern manner. Tall, vigorous, and free flowering. Strange yet lovely. [Gay Senorita X Joppa Parrot].....\$2.50

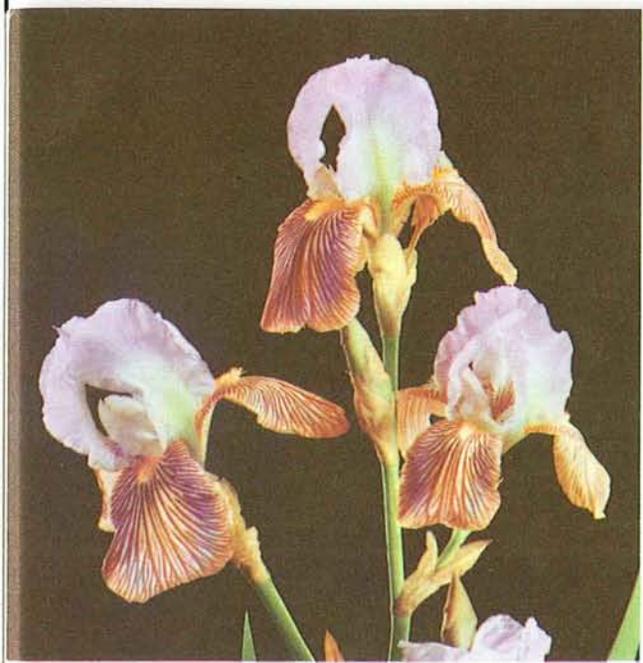
ANATOLIA (Craig '49) VE-30" The breeder of this, Tom Craig, states that it is the most Onco-like derivative of Wm. Mohr now in commerce. Color applied with much pattern in the Oncocyclus manner. Pinkish red violet, slightly bicolor, with over-all veining and stippling on the falls, with a suggestion of signal patch at tip of beard. Has much promise as a parent. [(Tiffany x Los Angeles) X Capitola].....\$2.00

BAMBOO (Craig '53) EM-36" A novel bitone with standards of golden buff. Falls similar but boldly veined in burgundy and maroon. Beard is very dark brown. Full Mohr-type flower. Pollen plentiful. [Gay Senorita X Capitola].....\$5.00; 3 for \$13.75

BARRIMOHR M-36" Mulberry violet bitone, showing Onco influence. Lovely ruffled flower with wonderful flaring form. Huge. [Wm. Mohr X Adobe].....\$1.00

BETHEL (Linse '54) M-37" While this new Oncobred has some Onco on both sides of the parentage, its appearance is strictly Tall Bearded. It has firmly held and nicely ruffled standards with heavy midribs. Falls ruffled, flaring to nearly horizontal. A rosy tan self with a lustrous luminous quality. Beard orange, styles ruffled. A handsome Iris that should make an excellent out-cross for the Kleinsorge or DeForest browns. [Lady Mohr X (Ormohr x Matterhorn)]\$5.00; 3 for \$13.75

Let's change "A penny saved is a penny earned" to a modern version to fit today's needs, thus: "Dollars saved are dollars earned." How? It's easy and it's fun! Just play my new SECRET VARIETY GAME, page 2.



BUTTERFLY WINGS—Colorful Oncobred—\$1.50

Best Inexpensive Seed Setters

You may have all 4 for only \$3.95

BUTTERFLY WINGS (White '46) M-36" As captivating as the wings of a tropical butterfly, veining from its grandparent, Susiana. I picture a whole cluster of Butterfly Wings, like a swarm of butterflies. Above, coloring is translucent lilac blue—below, it is rich parchment veined in mulberry, crimson and russet. The exotic charm of Oncos, borne on yard-high, well-branched stalks. A real accomplishment for Clarence White, but not trail's end. This is fertile, may well be best seed-setter of Oncobreds. I have a wide array of new seedlings from Butterfly Wings including my new OLIVE ORCHID from Butterfly Wings X Chivalry. Jack Linse's new RED BUTTERFLY comes from Butterfly Wings X Spellbound. Now you try it. Out-sold all other Oncobreds in its price class. Order NOW. Later will be just too late. HM'47 - [Pink Jadu x Susiana] X (Theme x Sacramento)]. See Ektachrome.\$1.50

DEEP BUTTERCUP (Muhlestein '48) E-26" An intensely bright yellow of large size. From Brown Betty x Golden Eagle, so has ¼ Onco blood. Does not have Lady Mohr form, but may prove a stepping stone in that direction, for it sets seed and its pollen is extremely fertile, especially on Oncobreds. Very fragrant. HC'47\$1.00

MOHRLOFF (Schirmer '49) M From the Oncobred ORMÖHR x the plicata ORLOFF has come MOHRLOFF, effectively combining both the names and flower characteristics. The pattern of peppered markings has come from Orloff, but the yellow ground of Orloff is missing, and instead we have the lavender of Ormohr, sprinkled over a white ground. Sets seed easily and has abundant pollen. One of my 10 Super DOLLAR Values\$1.00 ➤ 3 for \$2.25

RIPPLES (Linse '51) E to M-36" An immense hybrid with blooms 7 to 8 inches across and with simply superb form and substance. Falls broad, flaring, rippled and waved. Colored a lovely shade of old lilac with hafts and margins around standards and falls blended olive yellow. A vigorous grower. Sets seed freely. [Ormohr X Snoqualmie]\$1.50

Also see red box of the best NEW seed parents.

Best of the NEW Pollen Parents

Some are also good seed setters. Get both Kalifa Fatima and Slick Chick for \$8.95

ASOKA OF NEPAL (White '50) EM-30" A fascinating Oncobred from Clarence White, combining unique patterns found in two of his earlier introductions, Joppa Parrot & Near East. Strongly splashed like Joppa, but, like Near East, having a pattern reminding one of a Persian rug. Standards pale mauve with fine violet veins, greenish-yellow ribs. Falls and style crests olive ochre, veined vinaceous russet and splashed blackish-crimson. Reported easy to grow even in cold climates. Pollen very fertile, has been found to set on William Mohr and many of its derivatives. Keep in mind that it is this back-crossing that should bring the big breaks\$5.00

BEISAN AGA (White '54) M-28" One of the very finest existing approaches to black from the Oncobred side. A huge blend in dark grayish violet, heavily washed and streaked with black with a black signal and brown beard. Style crests light maroon. Altogether a highly novel color combination and one that the visitors to Mr. White's garden fell in love with when it first flowered. It has been found to do well even in the damp climate of Seattle. Excellent form, greatly resembling a true Onco. Appears to have pollen as potent as the old standbys, Capitola, Ib-Mac, True and Joppa Parrot.\$15.00 ➤ 3 for \$29.95

BLACK JOPPA (White '54) M-32" This is the blackish version of Joppa Parrot so many have heard about. Done in blackish slate and orchid grays, finely veined and stippled in a variety of rosy browns. Of even broader form than Joppa Parrot, much more vigorous growing. Too new to be widely tested in breeding but since it sets seed more easily than Joppa Parrot and has fertile pollen it may prove to be the starting point for a new series of fine Oncobreds. It is on my high priority list for crossing\$7.50

CHENIK AGA (White '54) 26" It is doubtful if any Iris ever created by Clarence White has been more coveted by those who have seen it than Chenik Aga. A giant flower with plenty of Onco characteristics, somewhat resembling Joppa Parrot, but wildly brilliant. This fabulous Iris, introduced in 1954, is already world-renowned. Done in cream-buff and golden-orange. The standards very heavily splashed with purplish-red and falls heavily splashed with blackish maroon, stiff and flaring, wide, broad at haft. Beard deep bronze, wide. Pollen very fertile and gave me several good sets in '56.\$50.00

KALIFA FATIMA (White '52) E-24" A colorful and almost unbelievable medley of gray, blue and purple with a pronounced, very dark Onco-like signal patch. Closest approach yet made in any Oncobred to the true and long-sought Onco form and flower coloring. Standards strongly arched, falls round, broad at haft in true Onco fashion. Beard very broad, Onco-like. Unlike many of the earlier Oncobreds, this is a vigorous, easy-to-grow plant, a fast increaser and is highly fertile, with abundant pollen. HM'52.\$3.50; 3 for \$9.55

PHOEBUS APOLLO (White '54) EM-36" A sensational, breath-taking new beauty widely acclaimed as a high contender for the best yellow Iris, competing with Tall Bearded greats such as Kleinsorge's Solid Gold, Schreiner's Spotlight, Mrs. Stevens' Royal Sovereign. Received 77 votes in A.I.S. '56 Judges Choice balloting. Unquestionably among the elite Iris of today. While it contains some Onco blood, characteristics are chiefly those of Tall Bearded. A rich deep wax-yellow self. Remarkable substance. Falls very flaring, beautifully waved. Splendid 3-way-and-terminal branching. Richly fragrant. Best of all, has potent pollen, sets seed, so the hybridizer can start right in. HM'55.\$20.00

SLICK CHICK (Linse '54) ML-36" The much heralded snow white baby of Lady Mohr by Jack Linse. He considers it the most significant thing he has developed, one every serious breeder of the Mohr family will need. It is pure white with a greenish mid-rib. Beard white. Pollen plentiful, fertile—as fertile as that of Capitola. Also sets seed so its great significance may prove to be as a breeder and as the fertile key that will open the door to countless new and lovely things. Be among the first to try it. [Lady Mohr X Snoqualmie]\$8.50 ➤ 3 for \$18.95

Three Best Inexpensive Pollen Parents

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CAPITOLA (Reinelt '40) VE-28" Most potent, useful Oncobred pollen parent known today. Among its many descendants: LADY MOHR, REAL GOLD, MOHRNING DOVE, ORIENTAL MAGIC, WITCH DOCTOR, OZIE WATERS, MARY VALENTINE. Also valuable as a garden subject. Colossal blooms of superb form in brilliant red-violet. Does not set seed; when it has pollen it is highly potent; should be tried on all the finer, newer Tall Bearded Iris. Better start NOW! At my new low price CAPITOLA is the one best buy for hybridizers in my entire catalog. Better get plenty. You'll want lots of pollen. HM'47; AM'50 - [William Mohr X Ib Mac]...\$1

IB MAC, TRUE (Van Tubergen) EE-13" Two wholly different plants are sold as Ib-Mac. True form is a big globular flower, deep rosy violet, greatly resembling its offspring Capitola, but more striking. Has an intensely black signal patch and other Onco attributes. One of most potent Oncobred pollen parents. Beard, wide, Oncolike diffuse, brown. Leaves white-based, strongly sickle-shaped, in Onco fashion. Pollen abundant, highly fertile. Rhizomes small. [Iberica X Macrantha]\$2.00

MOHR VELVET (Muhlestein '52) ML-38" I present Mohr Velvet as something new and entirely different for use by the hordes of both new and experienced hybridizers who have been applying pollen of Capitola, Ib-Mac and Joppa Parrot to almost everything in sight. Mohr Velvet is fertile both ways. Its pollen is the most potent of any on Mohrs and other Oncobreds. A large, well-tailored medium yellow, very velvety falls, a deep orange-yellow beard. A complete self without veins. Has wonderful blood for pinks and yellows. Its remarkable plush-like appearance is without counterpart among yellows. Better get started using this pollen! [(Elmohr x Hall Flaming Pink) X 45-41 D].....\$2.00

Also see Joppa Parrot and red box of NEW pollen parents.

Best of the NEW Seed Parents

Some also have very fertile pollen.

You may have the last 3 for only \$8.95

KALIFA GULNARE (White '55) E-34" A huge new amoena-variegata bicolor destined to be known as one of Clarence White's greatest achievements. Pale lavender standards, falls with dark crimson signal, golden-buff edge. Beard broad, bronze. Unlike many of White's earlier Oncobreds, has fertile pollen, also sets seed\$25.00

PURISSAMOHR (Weidner '52) ML-40" Acclaimed as the most sensational Oncobred to be introduced in a good many years. A grand pure white of faultless classic form. Flowers large, very heavy substance with closed domed standards, very broad, flaring falls. Delightfully ruffled. No haft markings. Stalks with three branches and a terminal, 8 to 10 flowers. Superb blood for breeding. Sets seed readily. Pollen abundant. Thoroughly hardy. Sweet fragrance. HM'52 - [William Mohr X (Purissima X Easter Morn)].....\$4.00 ➤ 3 for \$8.95

VALGANZA (Brenan '53) M-38" An Oncobred with the remarkable color pattern of Pretender. A great grandchild of an Onco, this new color charmer is the new type variegata with yellow standards and red-purple falls. A good seed setter in my '56 crosses. Has great breeding possibilities for amoenas and neglectas. [Extravaganza X Val].....\$3.50 ➤ 3 for \$6.95

VIVEZA (White '54) EM-38" Viveza and Valganza represent my first offerings in a new color pattern for Oncobreds, namely the variegatas. Viveza has the very uncommon Oncobred color pattern of standards in a blend of maize and straw-yellow with mahogany-red falls and an orange beard. A brilliant garden subject on tall stalks with 4-way branching. About ¼ Onco. No pollen but is an excellent seed parent. HC\$6.00 ➤ 3 for \$13.50

BLUE ABALONE (Austin '55) EM to M-32" Anyone who has seen the wondrous varying colorings and reflections from an abalone shell will readily grasp the novel color pattern of this distinctive new flower done in tones of blue. Standards pale lilac blue. Falls deep lilac blue, changing to paler at edge, with striking brown veins at haft beside the unusual heavy and bright tangerine beard. [Elmohr X Abalone Shell]\$2.50

BLUMOHR (Marx '49) L-36" A big new blue from a different breeding line. From Wm. Mohr X Orloff in unveined Plumbago blue, reported as being bluer and less slate-colored than Morning Blue. From Tennessee comes report: "It is a perfect thing, in my way of thinking—the color of the *Cattleya orchid*." Other new blues are early, but this blooms at midseason or later. Pollen abundant. HM'49; AM'52\$3.00; 3 for \$8.25

BONITA BLUE (Crosby) ⊗ Globular flower in new tint of greenish-blue\$5.00

CANAAN (Jory '49) ML-28" A novel flower combining an original coloring and a unique form. Standards pearly grey, noticeably veined in green, flushed lilac at base; edges quite heavily serrated. Falls light reddish-violet with numerous minute white dots and lines and an edging to match standards. Beard dark bronze. Standards quite stiff, almost completely upright, forming a deep cup. A highly unique flower with individualistic appeal. [(Grace Mohr x ?) X Capitola]\$3.50

CASINO (Plough '55) ⊗ Huge rosy mulberry with Mohr veining\$10.00

CERULEAN (Craig) E-M-40" A handsome new Iris with distinctive Mohr form. Flowers large and broad, done in a most interesting color—light greyed-cerulean blue. Remarkably tall for an Oncobred. Considered so outstanding it was introduced at \$25.00. [Purissima X Capitola]\$6.00 ➤ 3 for \$11.95

CHENIK AGA—Fabulous new pollen parent. See red box on page 34\$50.00

CLEMENTINA—Color picture and description, page 33\$15.00

COLOSSAL (Marx '46) E-32" Gigantic 7" flowers in smooth deep lavender. Like a larger Ormohr and two weeks earlier. Fragrant. [William Mohr X El Capitan]\$1.00

CONQUEST (Marx '52) E-30" Has been hailed as the "blue Lady Mohr." Sought by the many who are making complete collections of the Mohrs. A giant Oncobred, wistaria blue standards in pleasing contrast to buff cream falls with dark bronze beard, soft lavender signal. Somewhat reminiscent of *Onco Gatesii*, in its ancestry. Early, vigorous, free blooming. Pollen available for the hybridizer. [Snoqualmie X Capitola]\$5.00 ➤ 3 for \$11.25

COQUETRY (Schreiner '41) E-25" A winsome, delicate Onco-like flower with quaint ruffling. Standards cupped, white, flushed and finely veined in lilac. Falls light lilac pink, with silvery-white center and fine pink and maroon dots. Beard wide, Onco-like, bronze and maroon. Style crests prominent and decorative, pinkish buff. Comes from two famous Oncos, *Gatesii* and *Lortetii*, and Bearded Iris Midwest. One of few known tetraploid Oncobreds, with 48 chromosomes. So it should cross with most modern Tall Bearded and give you intriguing progeny. Rhizomes small....\$2.50; 3 for \$6.95

CORONATION TAPESTRY (Craig '53) EM-38" A descendant of Joppa Parrot. As might be expected, it is strangely blended and veined. A bicolor involving lilac, brown, gold, coronation purple, rose maroon, hudson seal and even palmleaf green. Of special interest to lovers of the exotic in Iris and to breeders of Oncobreds and greens. HM'55—[Gay Senorita X Joppa Parrot]\$7.50 ➤ 3 for \$14.95

CRYSTAL CLEAR (Craig '51) M-34" A big, perfect Mohr-type flower in silvery light blue with a faint green tinge. Hardy and very distinct. Pollen plentiful. [Purissima X Capitola]\$3.50

DAMASCUS BLADE (White '53) L-42" A strange and mysterious combination of steel-gray, mauve pink and brown, blended and fused. It is ¼ Onco and this is evident in its general make-up and in the light blue blaze at the end of the beard. A good grower producing huge showy flowers on strong tall stalks. Unlike most Oncobreds, it blooms late in the season and will extend your blooming period materially. Has been tested in Illinois, New England and other parts of the East and has been found fully hardy. Highly perfumed. [Involving Quaker Mischief]\$5.00 ➤ 3 for \$9.95

DEEP BUTTERCUP—See blue box of best inexpensive seed setters, page 34...\$1.00

EASTERMOHR (Weidner '53) EM-40" This is the widely heralded new blue Oncobred from Mr. Weidner and was obtained directly from Wm. Mohr. Believed to be the bluest Oncobred to date, certainly it is one of the tallest and best branched. It is, indeed, remarkable what a great improvement in height and branching can be secured in a first generation cross with Wm. Mohr, when one is fortunate enough to get the seed to set. Flowers very large, ruffled, medium blue, with firmly domed standards and full semi-flaring falls. Fully hardy in the East. [Wm. Mohr X Easter Morn]\$10.00

EASTMONT (Plough '56) ⊗ Very large & showy, brilliant violet\$10.00

ELMOHR (Loomis '42) ML-35" Imagine a Dykes winner, most popular of the Mohrs, for only a dollar. If you don't have Elmohr you've been missing an annual thrill. An enormous Iris of perfect form, draped in Bishop's purple robes of regal splendor. Dykes Medal '45—[William Mohr X R Sdlg.]\$1.00

ENGRAVED (Craig '52) EM-38" A new type of Onco-plicata that is surprisingly effective. White ground with an over-all network of crisp steel engraving in pearly violet. A two year plant often makes a clump with as many as 14 tall bloomstalks. Greatly admired at the '54 A.I.S. convention in Salt Lake City and at the '56 convention in Southern California. Ought to be everywhere. Will be a feature in any garden. HM'53—[Mariposa Mia X Capitola]\$5.00 ➤ 3 for \$11.25

FANCY RHYTHM (Wells '55) ⊗ Shimmering violet Mohr, white signal....\$5.00

FANCYWORK (Craig '51) VE-40" Truly a novel flower, the new fancy plicata pattern combined with Mohr-type veining. In effect a burgundy self but intricately and delicately patterned with varying deeper tones of this color on the lighter ground. Typical Oncobred flower form combined with tall, vigorous stem characteristics of bearded Iris. Flaming mulberry leaf-bases add to the brilliant effect. [(Tiffany x Los Angeles) x Sib] X Capitola]\$7.50 ➤ 3 for \$14.95

FLAMBOYANCE (Tompkins '52) M-36" A grandchild of Ormohr that is a truly gigantic Iris in glowing rosy lilac. Petals broad with a distinctive crimped and somewhat lacy edge with a delicate ruffling. Makes a magnificent specimen stalk for the show, should win you a prize. [(Sonatine x Weishea x Copper River) X Mulberry Rose]\$2.00



GREEN MOHR—Bewitching New Oncobred—\$2.00

FLURRY MOHR (Rees '50) E-42" A huge rich deep violet from Snow Flurry X Capitola. Standards tend to flatten out somewhat so this makes a wonderful single-flower arrangement, or an ideal flat-dish display. Gives a breath-taking effect and your friends will be amazed\$1.00

FOR SURE (Linse '53) EM-37" A descendant of the famous Lady Mohr. Beautifully done with standards of cream to creamy tan with a bright margining of ecru. Falls similar but washed with violet about the beard. Stems tall with 3 widely spaced branches. [Lady Mohr X Painted Desert]\$7.50 ➤ 3 for \$14.95

FRANCES CRAIG (Craig '52) VE-38" There have been many additions to the lovely blue Oncobreds in recent years, but here's one that tops them all for size, color and form. Tom Craig considers it the best, most beautiful Iris he has ever created. A huge flower in pearly lilac blue with immense round falls flaring out beautifully. Next to the top in the '55 Awards of Merit. [Snow Flurry X Capitola]\$5.00 ➤ 3 for \$11.25

GOLD OF OPHIR (Austin '56) M-L-40" Named Gold of Ophir because its coloring and its profusion of bloom remind one of a tall hedge of old-fashioned Gold of Ophir roses, so loaded with rich golden flowers that hardly a leaf shows. Very definitely THIS is the Iris to plant for a wonderful mass of color in a short time. In two years each rhizome will yield a big clump of 8 to 12 tall flower stalks with about 60 flowers and buds. I know of no other Oncobred that can compete with this record. Individual flowers not large, but so plentiful, so colorful, everyone stands in admiration. Standards very deep yellow, falls bright yellow, heavily washed with reddish orange. When your neighbors see this they will all want a piece of it\$4.00 ➤ 3 for \$7.95

GOLD SMOKE (Clarke '52) 34" Here is one of the newest additions to the Rainbow of Oncobreds. A beautiful and unusual coloring—a lustrous, smoky gold or gold russet with a suffusion of soft lilac below the broad brownish-tan beard. Large, perfectly proportioned flowers, with broad standards and falls. Flowers borne on tall, well-branched stalks. [Anita Catherine X Unknown]\$2.50 ➤ 3 for \$4.95

GREEN MOHR (Muhlestein '51) ML-40" The first new Wm. Mohr descendant resembling the world-renowned Lady Mohr, and carrying the marked chartreuse coloring still farther. A most surprising and appealing color. A silvery grey flushed with greenish yellow, greenest when flower first opens. Large soft lavender flush in center of falls. An extra large flower of full Mohr form and with very definite Onco characteristics. Buds strongly olive green indicating the large amount of green in the make-up of this flower. A substantial step in the direction of real green self; should be crossed with Lady Mohr and the best of the greenish Tall Bearded varieties, notably those I list under heading "Notable Approaches to GREEN" on page 44. Will set seed, has plentiful pollen. HC'50; HM'52—[William Mohr X Chosen]. See life-like photograph\$2.00

APPRAISAL: "Visitors were stopped 'dead in their tracks' by a magnificent display of new Onco hybrids including . . . Green Mohr, a huge chartreuse variety." Report in A.I.S. Bulletin, 128 on visit to Prof. Harrison's garden in Massachusetts.

"The increasing brigade of breeders of Onco-pogons will be doing their best to cross Green Mohr and Lady Mohr in a hunt for recessives!" H. S. Fothergill, 1951 British Iris Year Book. "Everyone seemed to like Green Mohr." Larry A. Gaultier, A.I.S. Bulletin 131.

HEATHER ANGEL (Linse '56) ⊗ Tremendous 8" heather-purple, Onco form \$15

HEBRON (Jory '49) EM-34" Large Mohr-shaped blooms in rich honey-brown. One of the few that inherits Onco factors from both the seed parent and the pollen parent. [Grace Mohr Sdlg. X Capitola]\$2.00

HURRICANE (Craig '49) VE-32" Immense broad flaring flowers, often 6" or more across, of the toughest substance. Color pale powder blue, infused with lilac and white, usually strongly marbled lilac in an exotic manner. Excellent possibilities for hybridizers. HC'48; HM'49—[Purissima X Capitola]\$2.00

IB-MAC, TRUE—Great pollen parent. Featured in blue box\$2.00



JOPPA PARROT—Onco-like Oncobred—\$5.00

ICICLE (Marx '47) VE-10" A blue-white with an interesting flush and veining of light green at haft and a highly novel yellow-green beard. Standards dappled in light blue, falls in purple. Strangely enough it has inherited a typical Regelia form from its Oncogelia pollen parent. An intriguing flower with a novel pedigree. [Yellow dwarf X Luna] **\$1.00** ➤ **3 for \$2.25**

JABAL KARAK (White '55) E-30" A unique bicolor with greenish-white standards, pale lemon yellow falls and a primuline yellow beard. A dramatic signal patch in dahlia purple completes the unique color pattern. **\$20.00**

JALLA EFFENDI (White '52) E-30" Standards buff yellow with delicate mahogany veins and sometimes a chartreuse tinge. Falls cinnamon yellow, flushed red and peppered in purple. Very wide heavy orange beard. An impressive Oncobred that is hardy and increases well **\$6.00** ➤ **3 for \$13.50**

JOPPA PARROT (White '48) VE-24" Most startling, bizarre Iris in whole array of colorful Oncobreds! Mr. White has used Oncos to produce many strange color combinations bordering on the unbelievable, but never one like Joppa Parrot. Standards fully rounded, cupped, Onco-like, light mauve, heavily, irregularly streaked soft mulberry. Falls rounded, strongly convex in Onco fashion, bronzy gold, with an intricate pattern of cinnamon-red and yellow, exploding into bold streaks of mulberry black. Beard also Onco-like, very broad, prominent, golden bronze. Superb for seekers of the unusual, and for hybridizers. One of most potent and useful Oncobred pollen parents known. Among its diverse offspring are exciting colorbreaks from chartreuse yellow to dark olive-green, veined in red. Named descendants include American Modern, Coronation Tapestry, Phosphorescent and Punch Bowl. Onco-like, so be sure to provide good drainage, winter mulching in cold regions. Order TODAY if you want this. Rhizomes small. See *Ektachrome*. **\$5.00**

"The plants you sent me in August 1954 arrived in perfect condition and went ahead straight away. Joppa Parrot now has 13 leaf growths." Mrs. N. H. James, Ferndale, Cape Province, South Africa.

KALIFA BALTIS (White '55) VE-40" A richly patterned and elegant bitone. Standards light yellow buff. Falls golden olive buff, flushed red from haft and with small crimson signal at end of bronze beard. A real novelty, and the favorite of many of our visitors. Quite vigorous growing. **\$25.00**

KALIFA FATIMA — See red box of best NEW pollen parents, page 34. **\$3.50**

KALIFA GULNARE — See red box of NEW seed parents, page 34. **\$25.00**

LABAN EFFENDI (White '54) M-32" A new Clarence White Oncobred destined for great popularity with gardeners and flower arrangers. Standards softly colored like a Foxglove, falls Catawba, blended and veined on lighter ground, with intense black signal, like an Onco. The Judges loved it and called it "Sugar Plum" but the name was not available. A vigorous grower and prolific increaser that produces strange, vertical carrot-like rhizomes **\$2.00** ➤ **3 for \$4.50**

LADY MOHR (Salbach '44) VE-36" Unsurpassed value, for Lady Mohr is now a dollar and has been very close to top of all Irisdom. Standards oystershell white infused lavender. Falls bewitching seafoam or chartreuse yellow. A tall giant, with 6 buds to a stem. Abundantly fertile. HM'44; AM'46 — [Alta California x King Midas] X Capitola] **\$1.00**

LAUREL HILL (Plough '49) L-30" Bright rosy lavender, characteristic Onco veining, nicely rounded standards and falls. Large flower, leathery substance, nicely flaring falls. Hardy. No pollen; a good seed setter. [William Mohr X Old Home] **\$1.00**

MAGIC LIGHT (Austin '55) EM-30" A highly interesting new Oncogeliabred resulting from crossing the Oncogelia Theseus with pollen of the Tall Bearded Iris Pink Formal. Standards bewitching silvery-pink, veined dark crimson. Falls silvery rose, becoming misty crimson in the center, and darkening to a blackish maroon signal at end of the bronze beard. The dark crimson veining gives us the charm of Theseus in a hybrid readily grown right along with Bearded Iris **\$10.00** ➤ **3 for \$19.95**

MARGARET CRUISE (White '54) EM-33" A descendant of Gay Senorita that might well be termed the Oncobred version of this variety. Standards yellow. Falls yellow, finely lined in red-brown, shading to green-brown at edges. Blossoms fully 6" across, well spaced, often 3 open at once. Something quite different! [Gay Senorita and Onco blood] **\$5.00**

MARY VALENTINE (Craig '52) EM-40" A giant pale Mohr hybrid characterized by Fisher Harris in Salt Lake City in these words "The most beautiful light blue Iris I've ever seen, surpassing all others in clarity of color, in size, form, color fastness and continuity of bloom." Extra tall, well branched stalks. Tom can well be proud of this one. HM'53 — [Purissima X Capitola] **\$12.50**

MASTER NEIL (Jensen '52) E-M-36" Perhaps the first William Mohr seedling to show a definite plicata pattern. Cream ground color beautifully marked in pink and cinnamon brown. Has more Tall Bearded characteristics than any other direct descendant of William Mohr with which I am familiar. Will set some seeds, and with pollen from things like Capitola, Joppa Parrot and the 7 NEW pollen parents I group in red box, may well prove a superb parent and yield very distinctive, worthwhile offspring. Strong re-blooming tendency. [William Mohr X Stained Glass] **\$3.00**

MAUVE DUST (Craig '53) Ⓢ Soft rosy-velvet, yellow ochre beard **\$7.50**

MOAB (Jory '49) VE-30" A strange bitone with standards glistening light brown and falls of golden brown, heavily washed with medium brown, quite flaring. Sometimes speckled in purple. [(Grace Mohr x ?) X Capitola] **\$1.50**

MOHR AFFAIR (Walker '53) EM-33" Another direct descendant of William Mohr, in rich wine color. Has been characterized as a darker, richer Elmoir with the same perfectly formed flowers. Stalks erect, well branched. Is a brilliant garden sight when used among the lighter shades of Iris. Has proved hardy in the East and should be a fine addition to gardens everywhere. HM'53 — [Wm. Mohr X Golden Majesty] **\$2.50**

MOHR BEAUTY (Milliken '49) LM-36" First yellow Oncobred with Onco form. A glistening, ruffled pale yellow with white signal at end of bright yellow beard. Cross with intense yellow and orange tones (as Gold Sovereign and Royal Sovereign). Foliage like Tall Bearded. Easy to grow. HM'53 — [Elmoir X Y Sdlg.] **\$2.00; 3 for \$5.50**

MOHR COURAGEOUS (Naylor '54) Ⓢ Attractive violet & brown, huge & tall. **\$7.50**

MOHR ELEGANCE (Austin '53) EM-32" Lovely coloring and exceptionally elegant form. A pale amethyst self with a light yellow beard. Standards strongly arched, very stiff and precise in styling. Falls also of heavy substance, quite flaring. Very clearly shows the Onco in its ancestry. [Snow Flurry X Capitola] **\$1.50**

MOHRESQUE (Keith '50) M-40" A real knockout that has attracted a lot of attention because it is so different. Standards light brown, falls yellowish buff at edges, deepening to nearly chartreuse at hafts with purple flecking in the falls, which are wide and full. Presumably came from Doga x Zwannenburg, but is ever so much larger and taller than either of these. Will set some seed HM'52. **\$1.50** ➤ **3 for \$3.35**

MOHR GLORIOUS (Muhlestein '53) Ⓢ Like a glorified Elmoir, richer, larger **\$12**

MOHRLOFF — See blue box of best inexpensive seed setters, page 34. **\$1.00**

MOHR MAJESTY (Walker '52) M-36" One of the largest of all Oncobreds, done in lovely chartreuse-buff with typical Onco veining in wine red. Petals extremely broad with standards magnificently domed in typical Onco fashion. A sensational flower and a great accomplishment for Mr. Walker, particularly since it comes from that great but difficult seed parent, William Mohr. HM'52 — [Wm. Mohr X Golden Majesty] **\$2.50** ➤ **3 for \$5.50**

MOHRNING DOVE (Craig '53) E-32" One of my favorites from Tom Craig. A truly immense flower, curiously and interestingly patterned. Standards soft dove-grey; falls in yellow-green tones (Eucalyptus to Old Ivory), stippled and veined sandalwood. A beauty! [Mariposa Mia X Capitola] **\$5.00; 3 for \$13.75**

MOHRSON M-36" Bold ruffled violet-black. Sets seed and has pollen **75c**

MOHR VELVET — See blue box of inexpensive pollen parents, page 34. **\$2.00**

MORNING BLUE (Jory '48) VE-42" A lovely blue self with that Onco look—a flower of superb form, gigantic size, borne on tall stems. Height and branching of Tall Bearded combined with Onco flower form. Falls broad, semi-flaring, of good substance. Has pollen, sets seed. [Purissima X Capitola] **\$1.00; 3 for \$2.75**

MT. SINAI (Jory '49) EM-30" An interesting flower, somewhat resembling Lady Mohr but in brownish coffee color. Falls flaring. Unusual and vigorous. [Grace Mohr sdlg. X Capitola] **\$1.25**

NEAR EAST (White '39) VE-24" An astonishing ruffled Iris, immediately reminding one of the curious colorings and distinctive texture of a Persian rug. Light yellow, marbled and overlaid with maroon dots and fine lines. Bold dark maroon veins at haft. Odd and highly interesting **\$1.25**

NEW LOOK (Johnson '52) M-ML-34" One of the finest red Oncobreds available today. Standards heavily subtended, deep wine-red, strangely upright, enabling one to look into the heart of the flower and marvel at the yellow style arms, nearly twice as large as in ordinary bearded Iris. From the Onco ancestry comes a wonderfully exquisite tracery of veins and dots. Falls quite flaring, heavily subtended, very velvety, crimson-red, veined in dark red. Beard broad, golden brown. Among the finest of the Wm. Mohr seedlings. [William Mohr X probably Bruno] **\$2.00; 3 for \$5.50**

NIGHT MOTH (Craig '53) Ⓢ Pale wistaria, violet signal, veined, stippled. **\$4.00**

NOMOHR (Gibson '55) Ⓢ Rich bamboo cream from Snow Flurry X Elmoir. **\$15.00**

OKON (Kummer '53) Ⓢ Hardy, ruffled, red-violet dwarf. A bizarre beauty. **\$3.50**

OLIVE ORCHID (Austin '56) L-40" Most "unusual" Oncobred I ever bloomed! First, coloring is unusual. Has an almost believe-it-or-not combination of hafts prominently marked with broad olive veins on petals of pale lilac-blue. Resembles Blue Parakeet, but the olive is more pronounced. Second, it is 40 inches tall, with excellent branching, characteristics seldom associated with Oncobreds. Usually 3 long branches, one short one, the lowest being rebranched. Finally, unlike most Oncobreds, it blooms late. Good pollen. [Butterfly Wings X Chivalry] **\$7.50** ➤ **3 for \$16.85**

- ORIENTAL MAGIC** (Wells '55) M-38" A pleasing fancy plicata with a unique lineage derived from three plicatas, a light yellow and Capitola. Large, full-flaring flowers in soft wistaria striped orchid-violet; beautiful white beard and white signal patch. Tall and well branched. [(Ruth Pollock x Welcome) x (Tiffany x Los Angeles)] X Capitola **\$10.00**
- OYEZ** (White '38) E-28" A jewel-like Oncobred of such exceptional fascination that it always draws a crowd. Imagine rounded pinkish white standards, etched with veins of dark rose; falls horizontally flaring, pinkish cream, strikingly and precisely veined in blackish maroon, culminating in a signal of the same color. Standards open, exposing the rich chestnut brown styles, in sharp contrast to the rest of the coloring. Order early. AM'41 **\$1.25**
- PARACHUTE #2** (Loomis '52) M-35" The whites among Dr. Loomis' many Oncobred seedlings he calls Parachutes. No. 2 is a very heavy substandard flower with distinctly Mohr form. When it first opens petals are pale lavender, marbled in deeper lavender but they gradually lighten to almost pure white. Ruffled and crumpled in an attractive manner. [William Mohr X Spanish Peaks] **\$1.50; 3 for \$3.95**
- PEG DABAGH** (Craig '48) EE-40" Sensational blue. Introduced at \$35. Has the Lady Mohr form. Does well anywhere. HM'48 - [Purissima X Capitola] **75c**
- PERSIAN MOHR** (Austin '53) EM-33" An Oncobred from Golden Majesty X Capitola with texture and form clearly showing its Onco ancestry. Standards large and very round, silvery violet. Falls, dark mulberry with a rug-like texture and interesting pattern of intricate brown markings. Beard golden bronze **\$2.00**
- PERSIAN PATTERN**—Has strong everblooming tendencies. See Autumn Bloomers... **\$4.00**
- PHOEBUS APOLLO**—See red box of best New Pollen parents on page 34 **\$20.00**
- PHOSPHORESCENT** (Craig '51) E-36" An unusual descendant of Joppa Parrot. It is fertile both ways. A blend of Naples yellow and golden ochre with hafts of madder brown. A lustrous lavender flush radiates over the falls. Well named. [Gay Senorita X Joppa Parrot] **\$4.00**
- PINK MOHR** (Austin '56) Ⓝ **Pinkest Oncobred** to date with real Mohr form **\$10.00**

Best Inexpensive PINK Oncobred

PRESENT (White '41) VE-32" Like a triumphant queen, tall, breathtaking, retaining the exotic Onco charm. Alluring amethyst-pink, embroidered like handiwork of the East with fine tracery of deep pink veins, set off by a blackish rose beauty spot. AM'49 - [Onco X Bearded] **\$1.25**

- PURISSAMOHR**—See red box of best of NEW seed parents on page 34 **\$4.00**
- REAL GOLD**—Color picture and description, page 33 **\$5.00**
- RIPPLES**—See blue box of best inexpensive seed setters on page 34 **\$1.50**
- ROSEMOHR** (Lewis '49) Ⓝ Huge rosy pink, reported hardy in East **\$3.00**
- SESPE** (Walker '52) M-54" Quite possibly the tallest Iris listed in this catalog, and certainly not exceeded in vigor of growth by any other Oncobred. At the A.I.S. convention last spring I saw this growing in originator Walker's garden beside an Orange tree laden with golden fruit, and with Sespe reaching up to a height of 6 feet. Ordinarily its height will probably be somewhere between 40 and 60 inches. A graceful greenish-yellow or rich chartreuse self, with nicely flaring falls and excellent substance. A luscious coloring that will appeal to the fanciers, and a greenish tinge that will interest a great many hybridizers. Try it and I think you will be well pleased. Reported favorably from various parts of the country. HC'49 - [Brown Betty X Fort Knox] **\$2.00**

- SHORT SONG** (Peterson '56) Ⓝ Light lavender-blue for front of border. **\$3.00**
- SIKMOHR** (Weidner '53) M-36" The finest red Oncobred to be introduced since New Look. A stunning bright showy rosy-red Mohr of exceptionally heavy substance with a wonderful depth of color. Strangely, the foliage and rhizomes resemble William Mohr, yet stalks are sturdy, yard high and 3-way branched, which is remarkable for a direct William Mohr descendant. Don't pass up this one if you want one of the latest and most beautiful members of the far flung Mohr family. Will be sought by every hybridizer. [Wm. Mohr X Dauntless X Sikh] **\$10.00**
- SLICK CHICK**—See red box of best NEW pollen parents on page 34 **\$8.50**

VALGANZA and VIVEZA—See red box of best NEW seed parents.

WILLIAM MOHR, GIANT (Mohr-Mitchell) EM-27" William Mohr is the famous original from which all other Mohrs have descended. Theoretically, all William Mohrs should be alike, but this strain is more vigorous and healthy than that commonly grown. Flowers larger, 5½" x 6", on stalks 26" to 28" tall, much above common form. So our visitors insist on getting this special strain. Also, this occasionally produces an abundance of fertile pollen, something I have never seen on the ordinary form; thus preferred by hybridizers. A huge bright lavender, with a network of red-violet. Fine direct descendants of Wm. Mohr are becoming quite numerous, and include Altamohr, Blumohr, Capitola, Easternmohr, Elmohr, Green Mohr, Laurel Hill, Mohr Majesty, New Look, Parachute No. 2 and Purissamohr. I first offered this strain in '51, and was sold out by late summer. Demand greatly exceeds limited supply of this special strain, so order early. [Parisiana X Gatasii] **\$2.25**

CUSTOMER'S REACTION: "WM. MOHR, GIANT has brought many Oh's and Ah's from our neighbors." L. Hoffman, Davis, Calif.

WITCH DOCTOR (Plough '55) E to L-28" A new giant that will be an eye-stopper in any garden for it is like an improved Conquest. Standards blue-lavender with buffy-tan midrib. Falls from center down are grayed-blue-lavender with buffy-tan haft and heart. Beard yellow, blue at tip. Starts early and blooms for a long season. HM'56 - [W-1 Cream Sdlg. X Capitola] **\$12.50 > 3 for \$27.95**

Most ONCO-LIKE of Inexpensive Oncobreds

YARKAND (White '48) VE-24" Harks back strongly to Onco ancestry. Standards bright amethyst blue, veined in dark violet, well rounded, strongly arched in Onco fashion. Falls almost black, dark mulberry at end. Beard, prominent bronzy-black. Style arms bright lilac-red. HM'48 **\$1.00; 3 for \$2.75**

- YUSSUF** EE-36" Bold flower with evident touch of the Near East. Very large, unique grayish mulberry, irregularly flecked cream **75c > 3 for \$1.80**
- ZEBULON** VL-39" Huge, veined lilac rose & purplish crimson. Fertile. **75c > 3 for \$1.80**

COLOR GUIDE TO ONCOBREDS

Sorry, my Oncobred listing has expanded so much this year it has crowded out my Color Guide to them, even tho this year's catalog is 4 pages larger and I have allowed 5 pages for Oncobreds instead of 4. If you want the Color Guide next year, let me know. See also questions 1 and 3 on my questionnaire, page 18.



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MY ONCOBRED INTRODUCTIONS

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CULTURE, SHIPPING AND PLANTING TIMES for all 5 types: Same as for Tall Bearded, page 5. See also Autumns, Winters, Oncobreds & Regeliabreds.

Use The DWARFS To Begin Your Iris Season

For FEB.-MARCH-APRIL Bloom

USES: Low edgings, rock gardens and window boxes or pots. Rhizomes small.

BLOOMING TIMES: If you would like to be surprised and delighted each and every spring, then by all means plant some DWARFS. Unlike other Iris, they awake from their winter slumbers with the first inkling of spring warmth. Some morning, before you are expecting them, there they'll be, blooming away when winter has hardly left. From then on the "Iris fever" develops rapidly, and is soon at high pitch.

AZUREA ⊙EE-6" Truly delightful. A fairly large Dwarf, close to sky blue. Falls prettily veined in lilac; beard white **60c**

BLARNEY (Welch '50) ⊙E-5" Standards, white with faint lilac veins. Falls, pale olive green, heavily washed in soft dark lavender. Beard prominent, nearly white. A "must" for all working toward green Iris. [(Fiancee x Fairy) X Cook 1546] .. **\$1.00; 3 for \$2.75**

BLAZON (Welch '52) ◆EE-7" A true masterpiece. Deepest maroon self. Brilliant gold beard with spur and gold embroidery stitching radiating from beard, resembling some heraldic motif, which suggested the name. Fragrant, fertile. HM'52; Caparne Award '55 - [(Purple Beauty x Burchfield) x Biflora] X Self] - Dwarf Society Medal '56 **\$1.50 ▶ 3 for \$3.35**

BLUE BAND (Cook '50) EE-6" Among the bluest dwarfs on the market today. A neat little blue bitone with long-oval standards, somewhat erect, light blue; falls deeper, violet blue, with white beard and tiny white signal at end of beard. Pollen produced profusely. - HM'52 - [Yellow Chamaeiris X blue Pumila] **\$1.75**

BURCHFIELD EE-7" My favorite of yellow dwarfs. Extremely heavy bloomer of intense yellow, almost orange. Can't be beat for a low carpet of brilliant color, either in rock garden or as an edging. Also tops for breeders. Best known variety for working toward a true orange dwarf. When crossed with violet dwarfs, gives blackish shades. **75c**

BUSTER BROWN (Zickler '54) ◆E-8" One of the two new browns, the first of this color in DWARFS. A bitone. Standards maple sugar brown, falls dark reddish brown. A heavy bloomer, blooming for a long time. HM'55 - [Tony X Arenaria] .. **\$2.00; 3 for \$5.50**

FIOR DEL MONDO (Hillson) E-11" A striking variegata in a novel pattern. Standards sulphur yellow. Falls ochre yellow, with strong variable markings in dark red. Orange beard. Popular. [Hill Sdg. X Yellow Frills] **\$1.00**

HEATHERBLOOM ⊙EE-6" The largest red Dwarf I have ever seen. A striking deep Hydrangea red with domed or semi-pointed standards and dark velvety falls, lightening at the edges. A Dwarf that regularly draws the visitors with the attraction of the unusual. Pollen abundant **\$1.00**

LAVENDER DAWN (Welch '53) E-5" A new color in dwarfs, a lavender lilac with a lavender beard. As it throws 2 to 3 buds from each bloom stalk, it has a very long blooming season. Foliage sickle shaped, heavy, low and spreading, making an excellent ground cover. I have no other dwarf with foliage so suitable. Leaves bright blue-green, staying evergreen well into November. [Balkana X I. Mellita] **\$1.00**

LITTLE GIANT (Marx '51) EE-6" Has the largest flowers of all dwarfs. Richly colored in deepest claret-red, of utmost brilliance. Wonderful for garden color; a great favorite here. Beard white, sharply contrasting with the deeply colored falls. **\$1.00**

Upper left: SULINA; right: MOON GLEAM; lower left: FIOR DEL MONDO; right: AZUREA. All 4 for \$3.50



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APRIL MORN (Welch '52) EE-4" A flax blue self of smooth color with a blue beard. Wide flaring falls. Domed standards. Among earliest of all dwarfs. Breeders have sought a blue Pumila for years; at last it is here. Fully fertile both ways. HM'56; Caparne Award '54 - [Cook-1546 X Sulina] **\$1.50**

BLUE SPOT (Welch '53) EE-5" Newest addition to this group of true Pumilas. A pert little neglecta that has received much acclaim among the hybridizers who had it on trial before introduction. Standards light blue, falls dark blue with light blue border. Beard white. Already proving an excellent parent, yielding blooms of good shape, with long stems, well above leaves. [Sulina X Nana] **\$2.00**

CARPATIA (Schreiner) EE-4" A real midget, 4" high. Standards clear light yellow, crinkled. Falls olive yellow, edged light yellow. Beard particularly interesting, outer part clear cream; inner part deepest orange. Exceedingly floriferous. A boon to every hybridizer. Scarce **\$2.00**

CRETICA EE-4" A tiny bright pink mauve, lilac beard. Produces blends in purplish to pinkish tones. Pollen blue, plentiful **\$2.00; 3 for \$5.50**

LITTLE BALKAN (Welch '53) EE-5" Selected for fine color, excellent form. A rich red-mulberry, lavender beard. Nicely domed. Falls wide, flaring. A gem for the garden as well as a breeder's treasure. [Sulina X Nana] **\$1.00**

NANA EE-4" A highly novel midget, only 4" high. Standards satiny bright reddish mulberry. Falls blackish mulberry, neatly edged to match standards. Beard pale blue. Superb for hybridizing. Scarce **3.00 ▶ 3 for \$6.75**

SULINA ◆EE-4" A midget, only 4" high. A deep violet-blue self with a blackish violet area like a black signal around lilac-blue beard. Even the pollen is blue. A collector's item for any Dwarf hybridizer. **\$2.00**

LITTLE MOHEE (Grapes '54) ◆EE-5" A new and delightful blended brown bitone. Standards light brown, falls chestnut brown with narrow border of yellow. HM'54 - [Orange Queen X Pumila] Dwarf Award of Special Merit '56 **\$3.00 ▶ 3 for \$5.95**

LITTLE VILLAIN (Welch '54) EE-6" Just about the ultimate in beard effectiveness—visualize, if you can, a pure white beard on a dark black-violet self of solid color, no haft markings. Domed standards, almost horizontal falls. A real eye-catcher! Won the '56 Dwarf Award of Special Merit. [(San Francisco x pumila) x chamaeiris] X sister] **\$2.00**

MIST O'PINK ⊙EE-9" A much-sought pink Dwarf. Bright rose-pink color, neat wide-extended falls. Beard yellow. Superior. [Rosemist X Arenaria] **\$1.00**

MOON GLEAM ⊙EE-7" Choice large light sulphur yellow set off by a deep yellow beard. Falls, flaring, much larger, broader than in most DWARFS. One of a new race of superior DWARFS. [Sound Money X Chamaeiris] **75c**

ORANGE GLINT (Welch '53) EE-7" A Chamaeiris variety of deep orange-yellow—the deepest yellow in dwarfs. Beard orange. Excellent parent for yellow and other colors. Scarce. HM'53. - [(Sonny x Burchfield) X sister] **\$2.50**

PRIMUS (Welch '50) EE-6" Standards clear yellow. Falls smooth, lustrous mahogany, or brownish red, with neat yellow border. A profuse bloomer. Close to a perfect Dwarf. In great demand. HM'50; Caparne '51 - [(Chamaeiris x Sass Dark Ruby) X Cook 1546] **\$1.00 ▶ 3 for \$2.25**

PROMISE (Cook '52) 4" The finest pink dwarf I have seen. Really has promise! A pearly mauve pink, with stiffly flaring wide horizontal falls that give it great distinction. HM'52 - [Arenaria hybrid] **\$1.00**

ROSE BLUSH (Marx '51) ⊙EE-5" Perhaps the largest-flowered real Dwarf. Petals sometimes reach spread of 5 inches. A smooth, delightful pinkish lavender self with spreading falls. Prominent white beard. Often re-blooms in fall. One of my Super DOLLAR Values **\$1.00 ▶ 3 for \$2.25**

SPARKLING EYES (Welch '54) E-7" The first true amoena in the dwarfs. Standards pure white, falls blue-violet with white border. Beard white. Falls wide, flaring. Said to be the cutest dwarf seen at the great dwarf Test Garden at Middlebury, Indiana—a miniature Wabash. HM'54 - [(San Francisco x Pumila) x Chamaeiris] X (Cook-1546 x Sulina) **\$4.00**

VERI-GAY (Welch '54) EE-6" Tiny, bright true variegata, much brighter than Primus. Standards bright yellow, falls reddish, yellow border. Beard orange. [(Yellow chamaeiris x Sass Dark Ruby) x Cook 1546] X [(San Francisco x pumila) x chamaeiris] Caparne Award '56; Dwarf Blue Ribbon Award '56 **\$2.50; 3 for \$6.95**

WHITONE (Welch '53) ◆E-7" A new near-white that Walter Welch says is superior to all existing whites for display and breeding. Standards white, falls with infusion of chartreuse yellow. Beard white. Pollen plentiful. [Elegance X (Fiancee x Fairy)] **\$2.00 ▶ 3 for \$3.95**

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Wondering about the hardiness of my stock and the ease of growing it? Read the experiences of others in cold regions, page 28.

COLOR GUIDE TO THE MEDIANS—Newest first in each group.

Four classes of Iris of Medium Height—Useful in Garden Planning

In order of blooming: LILLIPUTS (Li); INTERMEDIATES (I); BORDER (Bo); TABLE (Ta)

PINKS: Pink Dove (Ta); Precious Gem (Ta); Rose Pearl (Bo); Pink Ruffles (Bo).
REDS: Garnet Treasure (Li); Precious Jewel (Ta); Copper Orange (Bo); Ruby Glow (I); Monarda (Ta); Montour (Ta).
VARIEGATAS and BLENDS: Nambe (Ta); Rajah (Bo); Joy (Ta); Lodestar (Ta);
ORANGE: Gold Intensity (Bo); Orange Twotone (Bo); Treasure Trove (Ta).
BROWN: Sultan's Armour (Bo).
YELLOW: Pigmy Gold (Li); Baria (Li); Tropic Moon (Bo); Titmouse (Ta).
GREENISH: Green Spot (Li); Doxa (I).
BLUES: Tinkerbelle (Li); Lilliput (Li); Fairy Flax (Li); St. Osyth (I).
LAVENDER BICOLOR: Utah Fiesta (Bo).
WHITES: Widget (Ta); Snow Maiden (I).

The Earliest of Medians—LILLIPUT HYBRIDS

For MARCH-APRIL-MAY Bloom

ORIGIN and HYBRIDIZING POSSIBILITIES: A brand new type of Iris that makes multiple bloom stalks, giving a heavy, long blooming season. Recently created by Geddes Douglas and Paul Cook by applying pollen of the true PUMILA dwarfs (see blue box on opposite page) to various varieties of Tall Bearded Iris. Field is hardly touched yet; you can quickly produce some interesting new colors in Lilliput Hybrids. Color range so far is quite limited.

BARIA (Cook '51) E-10" A lovely smooth clear light yellow with spreading falls. Beard light yellow. Stems quite regularly 2-forked. Makes a mass of lovely bloom for a long time just after most of the dwarfs. HM'51—[Cook sdlg. 10982 X yellow pumila] \$1.00 > 3 for \$2.25

FAIRY FLAX (Cook '51) EE-11" A beautifully formed clear flax blue, with white beard. Spreads like magic, and will give you a mass of color in short order. HM'51—[Cook 10942 X Blue pumila] \$1.00

GARNET TREASURE (Douglas '53) E to M-8" The finest red Lilliput and very useful in the garden as it literally makes a carpet of blooms slightly above the foliage. Standards light wine-red. Falls flaring, deep garnet, neatly bordered to match standards. Beard tipped white. Three flowers to the stem. Very showy. [Minnie Colquitt X pumila violet] \$1.50; 3 for \$3.95

GREEN SPOT (Cook '51) E-12" A color break from all predecessors for your special attention. Imagine the novelty of a trim pure white flower with spreading horizontal falls having a half-inch patch of almost unbelievable bright medium green at end of beard. Holds untold possibilities for breeders desirous of increasing the amount of green. HM'51—[Cook TB No. 10942 X Yellow Pumila] \$1.25

LILLIPUT (Douglas '53) VE to E-15" A ruffled, flared light lobelia blue-orchid with a prominent spot of deep Lobelia-blue on falls. White beard. Two terminal flowers. Very long season of bloom. [Helen McGregor X pumila blue] \$1.00; 3 for \$2.75

PIGMY GOLD (Douglas '53) VE to E-12" A brilliant yellow self. Falls flaring, very velvety. Begins bloom with first Dwarfs and lasts until Tall Bearded Iris are out. First stalks are scarcely 5" high; later, as weather warms up more and more stalks develop. These usually reach 10 to 12 inches. Very fragrant. [Orange Glow X pumila yellow]. One of my Super DOLLAR Values \$1.00 > 3 for \$2.25

TINKERBELL (Douglas '54) E-12" A neat flaring blue with deeper blue spot in center of falls. Beautifully ruffled. Lovely for a border. [Helen McGregor X pumila, blue] \$2.00

LILLIPUT COLLECTION: Baria, Garnet Treasure & Lilliput for only \$2.95

Next Come The INTERMEDIATES

For APRIL-MAY Bloom

USES: Plant just in back of your edging of Dwarfs. Also very useful in small gardens and special nooks where the big Tall Bearded Iris might seem out of place.

BLOOMING TIME: These fill the gap in blooming season between the early Dwarfs and Lilliputs and the Tall Bearded.

CATALOGUED WITH ODDITIES, pages 40-41: Dorothea, Elizabeth Huntington & Zua.

DOXA VE-20" Standards pale cream veined green. Fine for arrangements. Falls silvery white, flushed greenish yellow, haft veined soft brown 60c

RUBY GLOW VE-22" Velvety ruby-red, brilliant orange beard 60c; 3 for \$1.50

SNOW MAIDEN VE-12" Pure white, very fragrant 60c

ST. OSYTH (Meyer) VE-26" A pale, duck egg blue self—one of the most beautiful blue Intermediates in cultivation. Pollen very potent for hybridizers 75c

RAINBOW OF INTERMEDIATES: All 4 of the above for only \$2.25

Still Later The Useful BORDER IRIS

For MAY-JUNE Bloom

USES and BLOOMING TIME: Border Iris resemble Tall Bearded and bloom at the same time, but are shorter—under 30" in height. Thus they are used very extensively in front of Tall Bearded to supply the needed graduation in height from path to tallest varieties at back. Also ideally adapted to small, personal gardens, special nooks. On elevated terraces their low stature prevents their flowers from coming at too high a level.

CLEMATIS—One of those interesting "flatties." See my Oddities, page 41. \$1.00

COPPER ORANGE (Salbach '41) M-20" Brilliant. Standards intense coppery orange; falls approaching scarlet. My most vivid Iris for so modest a price 75c

GOLD INTENSITY (Austin '54) EM-22" Standards intense smooth yellow, much deeper than in Ola Kala. Falls smooth, very deep orange yellow with an orange beard. A heavy bloomer, often with 3 blooms out at once. Almost a self, and a very smooth and rich coloring. Admirable for arrangements. Plenty of pollen \$1.50

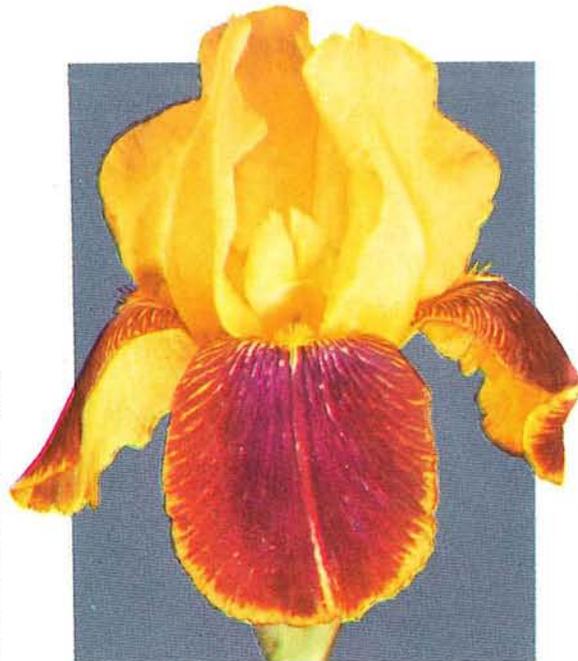
ORANGE TWOTONE (Austin '53) EM-24" A striking bitone resembling Rocket. Standards very deep yellow, arched, meeting. Falls bright reddish-orange and, unlike Rocket, with a bright yellow edging, making a stunning flower. Beard bright yellow. Quite unlike any other Border Iris. Pollen abundant \$1.50

PINK RUFFLES M-27" Exquisite lilac-pink, heavily ruffled 60c

RAJAH (Smith '44) EM-20" Clear bright yellow standards. Falls deep red, with brilliant crimson flush in the center, and striking orange-yellow beard. Large, nicely rounded flowers. Well branched, heavy bloomer. [Cadetou X Marvellous]. In life-like color \$1.50

ROSE PEARL E to M-28" My personal favorite. Standards opalescent ivory pink; falls deep rose, gilded gold. Long blooming period, early April to mid May 75c

SULTAN'S ARMOUR (Edmison '54) M-24" Here is not only the most significant Border Iris introduction in a number of years, but the finest one available today and the only brown. A rich, brilliant brown, free of haft markings and with stiff, horizontal falls, 2" broad at the hafts. There is no other low growing Bearded Iris that will do as much for your garden as Sultan's Armour. Try a planting mixed in with Flamingo pinks. [Armour Bright X Sultan's Robe] \$7.50



RAJAH—A real eye-catcher—Only \$1.50

TROPIC MOON (Stevens '50) EM-30" A happily named lemon-cream with a light yellow beard. Falls somewhat flaring. Very good substance. Originated in Australia. Fragrant. Sets seed \$1.00 > 3 for \$2.50

UTAH FIESTA (Muhlestein '48) M-22" Standards glistening golden buff, closer to gold than yellow. Falls light lavender, heavily flushed golden buff \$1.00

NEWER BORDER IRIS: Gold Intensity, Orange Twotone, Rajah, only \$3.45

OLDER BORDER IRIS: Copper Orange, Rose Pearl, Tropic Moon, only \$1.95

You Need TABLE IRIS For Arrangements

For MAY-JUNE Bloom

USES and BLOOMING TIME: A distinct and especially useful type of Iris, resembling the Border Iris, and blooming late with them. But here the ideal is small flowers, gracefully arranged on slender stems and with narrow foliage. Hence much better adapted to table decoration and picturesque arrangements than most Bearded Iris.

CATALOGUED WITH ODDITIES: Kaleidoscope and Rhythm, pages 40-41.

JOY M-24" A blending of copper, orange-red and violet. A joyous gem for brilliancy in the border. A little larger and sturdier than the usual Table Iris. HM'43—[Esterel X Golden Flare] 75c

Finest of All TABLE IRIS

LODESTAR (Hall) M-24" An eye-catching variegata. Standards bright yellow; falls dark scarlet, edged yellow. Possesses a brightness and clarity of color and a contrast hardly equaled anywhere in the Iris world. My personal favorite of all Table Iris and one I eagerly await each spring. You'll do the same! A very heavy bloomer. Tends to sell out every time I catalog it, so it may not be available next year. [(Gajus x ...) X Iris King] \$1.50 > 3 for \$3.35

MONARDA (Richer) L Late blooming dark red. [Shekinah X Parisiana] 60c

MONTOUR (Hall) M-24" Lovely colorings in pinkish cinnamon, magenta and velvety burnt lake. [Mount Penn X ...] \$1.00

NAMBE M-21" Produces a blue and gold effect. Standards golden Empire yellow; falls Hortense violet blended to a margin of Empire yellow 75c

PINK DOVE (Austin '54) M-26" Standards lilac pink, arched, slightly open, exposing pure white style arms, each with a striking lavender ridge down the center. Falls deep lilac rose, reflexed, with a bright yellow beard. Stems quite slender making this variety very suitable for arrangements. [Dogrose X self] \$1.75

PRECIOUS GEM (Nelson '50) M-24" A new pattern in the Table Iris class, namely, a lovely rose plicata with white ground and a stitching and stippling of mulberry rose. A vigorous grower and a good increaser. A descendant of the famous Parisiana, one of the parents of William Mohr. One you will fall in love with \$1.50

PRECIOUS JEWEL (Nelson '50) M-34" A dainty-stemmed violet-red bitone with falls darker than the standards. Petals neatly edged in brown. Distinctive \$1; 3 for \$2.75

TITMOUSE M-32" Amber yellow, speckled and edged deep violet 60c; 3 for \$1.50

TREASURE TROVE (Sturtevant '40) L-26" Deep orange yellow. Vigorous, floriferous. A gem in color harmony for arrangements or border 75c

WIDGET 24" Here is a whimsical baby white plicata, so naive and delicate you will adore it. Standards white, speckled deep lavender; falls edged and peppered in the same tone. Beard blue-white. Imagine its usefulness in arrangements... 75c > 3 for \$1.80

TABLE IRIS RAINBOW: Nambe, Precious Jewel, Titmouse & Widget for only \$2.50

COLOR GUIDE TO DWARFS—(Newest first in each group)

PINK and MAUVE: Lavender Dawn, Promise, Rose Blush, Mist o'Pink, Cretica.
REDDISH TONES: Blazon, Little Giant, Heatherloom.
VARIEGATAS or RED BICOLORS: Veri-Gay, Primus, Fior del Mondo.
BRONZE BEAUTIES: Buster Brown, Little Mohee.
YELLOW, LIGHT and DEEP: Orange Glim, Moon Gloom, Burchfield, Carpathia.
THE NEW GREENISH TONES: Whitone, Blarney.
LIGHT and DARK BLUES: Blue Spot, April Morn, Blue Band, Azurea.
VIOLETS and AMOENAS: Little Villain, Sparkling Eyes, Sulina.
MULBERRY, BRIGHT and DARK: Little Balkan, Nana.

While many garden plants are best moved in the winter, Iris are different. Most Iris are best planted in the SUMMER; a few kinds in the FALL, as explained under the different types of Iris. It is to your advantage to place your order soon after this catalog reaches you. See chart, page 3.

Iris RARITIES and ODDITIES

The Most Interesting and Unusual Iris for YOUR Iris Wonderland

The Only IRIS TWINS

GOOD AND PLENTY (Fay '52) M-36" Good and Plenty are two Iris from one seed—a white bud sport and its identical blue sister, which were introduced as one plant. Not only a botanical curiosity, but two very nice Iris; flaring, ruffled, with excellent substance. Should be very valuable to breeders. Sold only as a pair but here is another way for you to get two rhizomes for the price of one. Both the blue and the white set seed freely.....\$5.00; 3 for \$13.75

Novel CRESTED IRIS — (Evansia)

PALTEC (Evansia-Bearded) EM-18" A hybrid resulting from crossing two entirely distinct types of Iris, namely Pallida, from Tyrol in Austria, with Tectorum from Yunnan in southwestern China. A dainty sky-blue self of rare beauty, having the beard of Pallida superimposed on the crest of Tectorum\$1.25

Iris Splashed with EXOTIC MARKINGS

DAFFY (DeForest '47) M-38" The creamy-white ground of the falls is peppered and boldly marbled and zebra-striped in maroon-violet in an infinitely variable manner. Valuable to hybridizers, as this striking color-pattern often appears in its seedlings.....\$1.00

HARLEQUIN (Stevens '49) ML-32" A fantastic Iris that looks as if it has Onco blood. Silvery falls have a perky horizontal flare, not only veined like a butterfly's wings, but bizarrely stippled, dappled chocolate and purple to match feathery standards. Its weird beauty makes visitors exclaim. [Seedling X Tiffany] \$1.00

KALEIDOSCOPE (Katkamier '49) EM-25" One for Ripley. Yes, a believe-it-or-not Iris in a realistic kaleidoscope pattern. Conceive, if you can, falls in ivory white, boldly and erratically marked with extremely variable veins and blotches of dark maroon, all the sharp defined edges contrasting strikingly with the ground color. Standards, light yellow. A strange freak of nature like this is genetically known as a chimera. This variety is a delicate and graceful Table Iris on a slender stem, and it will make the most striking bouquets imaginable.....\$1.00

TANTALIZER (Marx '52) EE-11" An intriguing and bizarre little Oncobred with a coloring reminding one more of a chipmunk than a flower. Buff yellow boldly and variably marked in deep maroon. Splendid for starting your Oncobred season as it blooms extremely early along with the dwarfs. [Dwarf yellow Sdlg. X Hera].....\$1.00

TENSLEEP (Moore '52) LM-36" White, heavily and variably marked in dark blue—in fact, the marks are so strange and irregular that no two flowers are alike. Large, well-shaped flowers on nicely branched stalks. Originated in Northern Wyoming, so is fully hardy. [Tiffany X Cinnamon Bear].....\$5.00; 3 for \$13.75

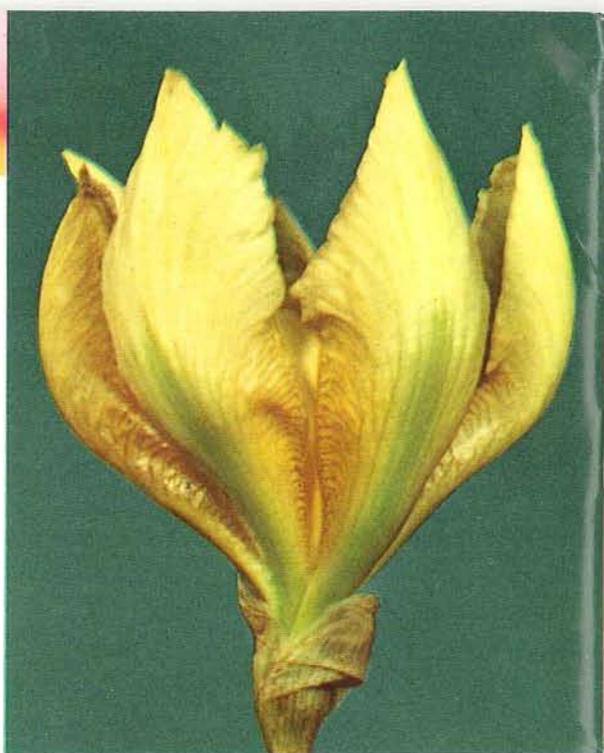
WEIRDIE (Craig '49) EM-36" Falls bright purplish-crimson set off by intense yellow hafts, gradually changing to white around end of beard, giving a strange and fascinating effect. Standards pale yellow flushed light rosy lilac. One that always attracts attention as it is so different. Pollen plentiful [Sister to Rich Raiment].....\$1.50 ➤ 3 for \$3.35

Two ORNAMENTAL FOLIAGE Iris

PINK MARBLE (Austin '55) E-24" Probably the first Iris ever introduced with white marbling in the green leaves. A curious, decorative phenomenon giving an appearance quite distinct from the striping in the leaves of Zebra. As expected for this cross of Cherie x Capitola, the flower color is pink, in fact, a bright orchid-rose self. Form is full and rounded, with broad petals and stiffly arched standards, typical of true Oncobreds. Grown from embryo-cultured seed.....\$5.00

ZEBRA (Pallida variegata) M-30" A novelty needed in every garden. Leaves striped in creamy yellow and green in a pattern much like that of a zebra. Has striking ornamental value from March to November. Also, just the thing for individualistic flower arrangements and corsages. Flowers light blue. Best used as edgings or clumps to attract attention, so I give you special group prices. See Ektachrome.....2 for \$1.95; 5 for \$4.25

ZEBRA—Needed in every garden—2 for \$1.95



THURLOW WEED—Oddity in full bloom—\$2.00

Iris of CURIOUS FORM

THURLOW WEED (Weed '43) EM-38" Oddest and strangest Iris in my garden. Instead of the usual 3 standards and 3 falls, which characterize practically all Iris, this has 6 nearly identical petals that are strongly curved and arched in open cup-like fashion. Form of the flower is more like a pitcher plant or fly-catcher, or even a golden tulip, than an Iris. The 3 petals corresponding to falls sometimes have slight vestiges of beards down inside, but all 6 petals are quite beardless from external appearance. So this is, essentially, a "Bearded" Iris without a beard—and without petals that act as falls. There are no stamens, but stigmas are normal, so crossing would seem possible. A creamy white, heavily flushed and veined in yellow. See photo.....\$2.00

PINAFORE LASS (F. Cook '51) EM-38" Falls almost circular, heavily gathered and pleated so that the form of the flower is like nothing you've seen before—but in a way it has the flatness and appeal of a Japanese Iris. The coloring, too, carries out this similarity, for the white center suggests a blaze on Japanese Iris. From this glowing whiteness there are ever-deepening tints of lavender-blue out to deeper colored scalloped margins. Something really novel. Quite fragrant. HM'52 - [Snow Flurry X White Wedgewood]\$3.00; 3 for \$8.25

WATER IRIS — For Pools and Damp Locations

The first two constitute my first offering of these much-sought true bog Iris from Japan. Will flourish in damp ground, or in a pool. Plants offered actually grown under 2" of water on ledge in our pool.

LAEVIGATA ALBOPURPUREA M-32" Most beautiful of all the color forms. Flowers white, strikingly marbled with blue and violet.....\$1.50

LAEVIGATA SEMPERFLORENS 30" An intense violet self that has the delightful habit of blooming off and on at irregular periods thruout the year—hence its name, meaning "ever-flowering".....\$1.50

SEEDS of WATER IRIS or PSEUDACORUS M-36" A cosmopolitan species, native to Europe, Africa and Asia. Will grow at the edges of ponds and streams, and in marshy ground where few other Iris can exist; also does well in regular garden bed. Flowers bright yellow, attractive. Foliage striking, often reaching 3 feet in height. Quickly and easily grown from seeds. About 75 large seeds per packet.....Pkt. \$1.00; 3 pkts. \$2.00

The Two CREPE PAPER Iris

ELIZABETH HUNTINGTON VE-20" Most novel of all blue Iris. A most remarkable and interesting Intermediate Iris with petals heavily crinkled like crepe paper. Large flowers in lilac-blue, deeper in the falls. Pollen plentiful. [Sport of Zua].....75c

ZUA VE-14" The original crepe-paper Iris with petals more crinkled and creped than in any other variety. An early-blooming Intermediate Iris that takes everyone's fancy. A most unusual and interesting frosty-white, faintly flushed pale blue. I have no other Iris like this, except its sport, Elizabeth Huntington, listed above. [Sport of Florentina]75c; 3 for \$2.10

Strange ONCOBRED and ONCOGELIA Oddities

PARVAR (Foster) VE-20" A miniature Oncobred oddity of strange appearance. A first generation hybrid resulting from the Onco Paradoxa X Variegata. Standards dark lavender, erect, open. Falls tiny, nearly black with a very broad caterpillar-like purplish-black beard exposed almost to the very base of the falls, due to the unique open construction of the flower. Enormous breeding possibilities if this immense beard from Paradoxa can be passed on to giant flowers on tall stems75c; 3 for \$1.75

SIRONA VE-11" Like a precious gem is this stunning miniature Oncogelia, reminding one of jewels in an elaborate setting. Standards deep wine. Falls white, flushed pink, with sharp black veins radiating from black signal occupying nearly half of each fall! Falls round, horizontally flaring. Comes from that exotic Onco, Paradoxa. Don't miss SIRONA now, for I'm liable to be out of it next year. [Korolkowi Leichtlini x Paradoxa].....\$1.50

The Attention-Getting FLAT-TYPE Iris

CLEMATIS L-30" Most famous of all flat Iris. Widely sought, but almost extinct in this country, so I sent all the way to Scotland to get a good supply for you. Variable, but flowers tend strongly to flatten out and many have 6 bearded petals instead of 3. A light violet-blue with bright lilac flush thru center of falls. Very interesting! Usually has viable pollen. **One of my Super DOLLAR Values** **\$1.00; 3 for \$2.75**

CLEMENTINA—Largest and finest of all flat Iris, in full color on page 33 **\$15.00**

DOROTHEA VE-16" Trim modern form with nicely arched standards and stiff flaring falls? Goodness no, this has that delightful wind-blown effect which departs from all formality. A pale lavender white, flushed and dappled amethyst. May prove useful in breeding toward Bearded Iris of a flat "Japanese" style. AM RHS '16 **75c**

RHYTHM (Ballard '54) M to ML-24" A phenomenal break in Iris form. The first flat Iris with six bearded falls ever to be introduced. A whimsical freak of nature, entirely without the usual three standards characterizing normal Iris. Coloring is deep indigo violet, except for whitish hafts with brilliant yellow beards, and prominent pure white style arms. A novel item for arrangement fans. While not highly fertile, some seedlings have been produced, and it thus offers a challenge to adventurous breeders eager to get this distinctive form in various bright new colors. Be the first to accomplish this. A diploid with 24 chromosomes. [(Alcazar x Archeveque) X Candelabra] **\$5.00**

WESTWAYS (White '36) M-18" A surprising little Oncobred. Flat, tiny and decorative. Standards lilac, nearly white in center, spreading horizontally. Strangely, tops of style arms as visible as the standards, similarly colored. Falls deep lilac, sharply curved back, beyond end of beard, thus giving flower a unique form, unlike any other Iris. Style arms strongly arched, almost hiding whitish beard tipped in orange. A dainty, very different flower. Superb for small arrangements. [Uremiensis X Bonita] **75c; 3 for \$2.10**

YELLOW EAGLE (Austin '54) EM to ML-36" Has greatly impressed our visitors on two scores. First, many of the flowers flatten out like wings of an eagle, or like a Japanese Iris, a day or so after they open. These huge flat flowers often have a spread of 7" or more. Ideal for use in a shallow type container on the dining table. Secondly, while Yellow Eagle is high branched, it produces such a great profusion of blooms it attracts everyone's attention. Season extends from early to late. A light yellow self with a bright yellow beard. Should be in collection of every breeder working for flat-type Iris form. [Snow Flurry X Spun Gold] **\$2.00; 3 for \$5.50**

SEEDS of a Dependable SUMMER-BLOOMING IRIS

VESPER IRIS (DICHOTOMA) 26" Eastern Siberia and Mongolia is the home of this graceful Iris. There in late afternoon, at vesper time, tall branching sprays of these flowers unfold their prettily marked lilac petals. This and the Leopard Flower stand alone as the only Iris that bloom regularly and abundantly in the heat of the summer, from July to September. Probably produces more flowers per stem than any other Iris. Fascinates youngsters from seven to seventy, for it is a plant with visible motion—something usually attributed only to members of the animal kingdom. Believe it or not, at the vesper hour the flowers usually "pop open all at once, nothing first, just like a bubble when it bursts." You will have unbelieving onlookers congregating about at 3 P.M. to see this natural phenomenon with their own eyes. Easily grown from seed and much more economical this way, so I offer only seed. Often flowers the first summer from fall sowing. About 200 seeds per packet **Pkt. \$1.00; 3 pkts. \$2.00**

An Exquisite WESTERN NATIVE—Last Chance to Try It

RAINBOW IRIS—Only \$3.95 for 6



My remaining stocks permit me to return this much-loved Beardless Iris to the catalog for just one year, as a result of a persistent popular demand.

RAINBOW IRIS (Douglasiana) VE to M-15" See Ektachrome. As variable in coloring as the Rainbow itself. A lovely native of the California Redwood belt, with attractive broad glossy leaves. Available only in mixed colors. The more you order, the greater the chance you will receive nearly all of the colors shown. Hence I make very special group prices, set LOW to insure a complete close-out by fall. Shipped only in late summer and fall, but order yours NOW, before supply is exhausted. **\$1.25; 3 for \$2.50; 6 for \$3.95**

CHOICE RARITIES—Rhythm, Pinafore Lass and Thurlow Weed for only **\$6.85**

BEGINNER'S ODDITIES—Weirdie, Westways, Yellow Eagle, Elizabeth Huntington **\$3.45**

WATER IRIS—Laevigata Albo-purpurea, L. Semper-florens and packet of seeds of Water Iris (Pseudocorus) **\$2.95**

BREEDER'S FLATTIES—Rhythm, Yellow Eagle, Clematis, Dorothea and Westway, all 5 for only **\$5.95**

SEED SPECIAL—1 pkt. each of WATER IRIS and VESPER IRIS for only **\$1.50**

"I wish we could go to sleep now and wake up at Iris time." Miss Martha Schroeder, Rockford, Ill.

"Every garden was once a dream."



GOLDEN BUTTERFLY—My New Regeliabred—\$5.00

Quaint REGELIABREDS—For Charm

Most complete assemblage in any Catalog

For APRIL-MAY Bloom

SHIPPING and PLANTING TIMES: Summer and fall. **CULTURE and HARDINESS:** Same as for Oncobreds, page 33.

BEN AHDEM (Morris '50) E-31" Very pretty, resembles its Regelia parent, Hoogiana, but deep lilac-blue; very much larger. Easy to grow. Flowers and increases with great freedom. [Hoogsan X Benton Daphne] **\$1.00 > 3 for \$2.25**

GOLDEN BUTTERFLY (Austin '54) E-20" The well-known grace and charm of true Regelias in a hardy hybrid that can be grown in any garden bed right along with regular Tall Bearded Iris. Very distinctive, as this and Lemon Silk are the very first Regelia-type flowers done in yellow colorings. Comes from famous Ola Kala x Hoogiana; has inherited coloring from seed parent and form from pollen parent, as may be seen in my color photograph. Also unique in that it is the first Iris introduced having a distinct white stripe down center of each fall. **\$5.00**

HOOGIE BOY (Muhlestein '49) VE A very pleasing wistaria violet-blue self with a generous outpouring of gold from the wide beard to the hafts. Falls widely flaring, with jaunty dip in center. Remarkable of increase, hardy and easy to grow. [Hoogiana X Genevieve Sarouge x Salutation] **\$2.00**

HOOGSAN (Samuelson '47) E-36" Seed-parent, Hoogiana, is from Turkestan. Pollen-parent, San Francisco, was Dykes Medal winner in 1920. Both flowers and foliage strongly suggestive of Hoogiana, but on a much larger scale. A smooth delphinium blue. Leaf bases striking mulberry red—very beautiful. **\$1.25**

LEMON SILK (Austin '54) EM-30" A lovely combination of clear lemon-yellow standards, with creamy white falls having a tiny edging of yellow. Often faintly flushed rosy lilac. Same silky finish as Hoogiana, flower 50% larger. Petals narrow, showing Regelia ancestry. Nicely branched, 7 or 8 flowers per stalk, often 3 out at once. Frequently several large buds ready to open at same time; poised in an upright, well-spaced fashion like candles on a candelabrum. Pollen plentiful **\$2.50**

RAINIER VALLEY (Crandall '55) Ⓝ Fine blue from Hoogiana X Shining Waters. **\$4.00**

SAFFRON CHARM (Benbow '54) E-28" So different even a novice can tell it is out of the ordinary. Produced by crossing Stolonifera X a yellow Tall Bearded. Standards very ruffled, shimmering with bright saffron-yellow stitching, blending to pale blue, giving a translucent effect. Falls lavender-blue blended with paler yellow. Beard grey, tipped lavender. Color effect most intriguing. Stem branched carrying 5 to 7 flowers. Leaves remain green rather than dying back as does Stolonifera. Sets seed; very fertile pollen parent. **\$5.00 > 3 for \$11.25**

COLOR GUIDE TO REGELIABREDS

VARIATIONS OF YELLOW: Golden Butterfly, Lemon Silk, Saffron Charm.

LIGHT and DEEP BLUES: Ben Ahdem, Hoogie Boy, Hoogsan and Rainier Valley.

DISCOUNT COLLECTION—Any 3 or more for only 70% of sum of their prices.

POPULAR REGELIABREDS—Ben Ahdem, Hoogsan, Lemon Silk for **\$2.95**

IRIS—Goddess of the Rainbow.

HYBRIDIZER'S COLUMN

HYBRIDIZING IS EASY—And Lots of Fun

You'll live longer—and better—if you have an absorbing hobby that repeatedly, year after year, gives you something interesting and exciting to look forward to. I challenge anyone to suggest a hobby that will accomplish this as surely and effectively as does **Iris hybridizing**. Already thousands of my customers have tried it, and nearly all of them are rapidly becoming enthusiastic amateur hybridizers, almost overnight.

For the most part, the same varieties are available to all of us to use as parents, and oftentimes amateurs get results never achieved by the experts. To get **YOU** started at once, I am giving in this catalog a great many parentages and descendants, together with many hints for hybridizers. Thus this catalog contains the most extensive data ever printed on which kinds of Iris to use in your own breeding.

Since many varieties never set seed, or have no pollen, the surest way for beginners is to buy for hybridizing varieties that are known to set seed or to have pollen, and where practicable, varieties that have already proven their ability to yield good seedlings worthy of being named and introduced.

Thousands of my customers are now taking up this most fascinating and rewarding of all hobbies. To learn the vital flower parts see Ektachrome of Melody Lane, page 13. The 3 reddish beards have nothing to do with pollination. Above the center beard is the cream-colored anther, containing the pollen. Remove an anther from a flower of one variety, and rub the pollen grains onto the top of the stigma of the variety to be pollinated. Stigma is the curved lip just above the anther. Many helpful details in my **MANUAL**.

My Exclusive HYBRIDIZER'S KIT

Anyone can start the fascinating hobby of Iris Hybridizing with ease with my Exclusive **RAINBOW HYBRIDIZING KIT**. The most vital items are 2 special tweezers I had made to order for this purpose. The **Anther-collecting Tweezers** have special flat rounded points that permit collecting the anthers without injuring the delicate and vital style arms. The **Clamp-style Pollinating Tweezers** are designed to hold the anthers firmly and thus eliminate the strain of pollinating. The Kit also includes the following additional items: 5 Camel Hair Brushes; 36 Special Sliding Pollen Boxes; 100 Pollination Tags in four colors; 2 Weatherproof Pencils; 50 seed bags; 15 Printed Record Cards; 12 Simplex Permanent Labels; 1 Stylus for lettering labels; 1 copy of the leaflet "Technique for Iris Hybridization." Price postpaid.....\$6.25; 2 for \$12.25

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REGELIAS, Mixed, 100 seeds per packet.

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AUTUMN BLOOMERS, Mixed, 25 seeds per packet.
LOW GROWING, 50 seeds per packet; **Dwarfs** or **Mixed**.

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SIBERIANS, 200 seeds per packet; **Pink, Red, White** or **Mixed**.
SPURIAS or **BUTTERFLY IRIS**, 25 seeds per packet; **Mixed**.
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INDEX TO VARIETIES OF ALL TYPES OF UNUSUAL IRIS

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DREAMY (Luse '53) M-L-37" Truly something new under the sun! A flaring, very ruffled flower with a texture that almost defies description. Has been likened to a bowl of freshly popped popcorn. A white that is as fresh and pure in color as Spanish Peaks, even to the white beard. The field is wide open to incorporate this novel texture in iris of other colors. Comes from Snow Flurry, so should be an excellent breeder. NOW is the time to start! HM-56; JC-56 - [Snow Flurry X Cloud Castle].
\$4.00; 3 for \$10.95

GUSSIE (Corey '53) M-L-35" Gussie is reputed to have the heaviest crimped and laced edges of any iris in commerce and approaches the ultimate in this respect. Even the buds are noticeably laced and very charming. A lovely heavy textured orchid self, with gold hairs and a lemon beard. This is the one that all of the hybridizers want as it is likely to contribute heavy lacing to the offspring due to the two lacy parents in its pedigree. Chantilly and Midwest Gem. [Chantilly X (Daybreak X Midwest Gem)].....
\$5.00; 3 for \$13.75

LIMELIGHT (Hall '52) M-L-35" An extra large ruffled and very frilly flower, like a canary yellow Chantilly. The picotted edging and beautiful coloring attract all who see it. Novel, tantalizing, and quite irresistible. Should prove highly useful in breeding new ones with the Chantilly lace. Beard tangerine orange, so will prove useful to those breeding for intense yellows with bright red beards. Outstanding for both the fancier and the breeder! HM-52; AM-54 - [Sunray X Hall pink sdlg. 46-42].
\$3.00

RUFFLED APACHE (Wallace '54) M-L-36" I am proud to present the iris I rated the highest of all the new introduced iris I saw in 1954 at the Salt Lake City convention of A.I.S. The lacy appearance is so striking, the color so new for a lacy-edged variety. It always makes the visitors stop and exclaim in admiration. Standards soft bronzy amber, beautifully arched and closed. Falls rosy crimson with lacy bronze edging. Beard bright yellow, large and conspicuous. So outstanding it was shown on the front cover of the January, 1955, Bulletin of the A.I.S. Fertile both ways. You need this one! HM-54; JC-55 - [Matula X Midwest Gem].
\$10.00

RUFFLED GEM (Muhlstein '51) M-L-36" A lovely iridescent pinkish-shuff becoming light yellow in center of falls. Petals edged with very heavy Chantilly-lace, heavier than in Chantilly. Beard bright yellow ending in a crest. Useful as a breeder for ruffling or pinks. Lots of pollen. [Midwest Gem X Sib to Dream Girl].
\$1.50

SUGARPLUM (Corey '53) M-36" A full sister of the coveted Gussie, and equally sought by hybridizers, as it is much pinker and the edges of the petals are crimped and lacy. A soft creamy pink self with soft yellow half- and yellow beard. Form flaring and substance very heavy. Known to be a fine breeder, should make a wonderful parent to bring lacing into the flamingo pink line. HM-55 - [Chantilly X (Daybreak X Midwest Gem)]
\$8.00; 3 for \$21.95

TRULY YOURS (Fay '49) M-L-38" A huge new creation that is both breathtaking and spectacular. Has taken the country by storm. A beautiful heavily-ruffled yellow brime with Chantilly-like edging of lace on both the standards and falls. Heart of flower is bright yellow shading off to almost white at the bottom of falls and top of standards. Completely winter hardy. Fortunately for the hybridizer, Truly Yours has fertile pollen and sets seed excellently. Start now to add this most effective frilling to iris of other colors. Try crossing with Clara B, Ruffled Gem, Ruffled Apache and Limelight. '53 Dykes Medal - [(Ramesses x Far West) x Hall 42-35] X Zantha].
\$4.00



BENTON OBERON—A new color combination
TANGERINE-BEARDED IRIS
In a Variety of New Colors

BENTON OBERON (Morris '52) M-L-34" I have wanted for several years to make this eye-catching iris available to my customers but have had to wait until I could propagate enough to supply the anticipated heavy demand. My color plate shows you the exceptional brightness and arresting color scheme of this new creation that I imported from England for you. A very courtly and trim flower done in bright fuchsia-heliotrope with a very prominent and contrasting beard in bright red-tangerine. Flowers of good size and with fine substance, well placed on the stalk. Certain to attract attention wherever grown. The heaviest bloomer of the entire Benton series.
\$12.50

ENCHANTRESS (Hall '54) M-36" Unique in coloring among tangerine bearded iris is this pastel beauty done in parchment color faintly flushed with pink, especially in the standards. The central area of the falls has an overlay of amber. Beard brilliant orange. Large flowers with a wonderful enamel-like finish. Try this for something different and appealing. [Sunray X Hall Sdlg. 46-51].
\$6.00

MARSHA KAY (Tompkins '54) M-L-37" Has exceptional brilliance and carrying power. A self in bright glowing fuchsia-rose with a fiery red beard. This brilliant affair is certainly for those who think most of the new pinks are of too soft a coloring. Flowers large, of excellent form, nicely spaced on strong well branched stalks. [(Spindrift x (Spring Maid x Far West) x Flora Zenon) X Golden Eagle].
\$3.00

ORANGE CREAMO (Muhlstein '53) M-L-38" A luscious apricot-orange color gem of very heavy substance and satiny finish. A derivative of the shell pinks that brings us very close to the true orange color. A flower with a fine lineage and a color that carries very well. Superb blood for pinks and the new rose-orchid shades, as well as orange tones. No haft markings, beard orange. Very fast to increase. HC-52 - [Salmon Shell x Pink Formal] X Apricot Glory].
\$7.50; 3 for \$20.55

PRAIRIE JEWEL (Sass '53) M-L-38" Without much doubt Prairie Jewel has the most novel coloring of any of the red-bearded iris. Imagine, if you can, standards done in apricot with a purple glow; falls sharply contrasting, dahlia-red, with a vivid red beard and apricot haft markings. This unexpected combination of colors holds one spellbound with the fascination of the unusual. A large flower with well-domed standards and broad falls, giving a gleaming jewel-like finish. Tall and well branched. A promising parent. [Involving Ola Kala, Dore, Mawla, Flora Zenon, Rainbow Room, etc.].
\$15.00; 3 for \$41.25

NOTABLE APPROACHES TO GREEN

GREEN HAT (Murray '55) M to L-38" A significant new addition to the green-toned iris. Unique is certainly the word for this, as it has standards and set-off with a fall of hazelnut-brown, edged with the green color of the standards, and green off with a gold beard. A flower of heavy substance, producing 7 to 10 blooms per stalk. Should be wonderful for hybridizers; has two greenish iris in its pedigree, Green Pastures and Ap-
pointee. [(Green Pastures x Melitta) X Appointee].
\$6.00

MINT JULEP (Recknor '53) M-36" A new iris having a chartreuse coloring very similar to that of Char-Maize. A large full flower that is a true self and is devoid of any other coloring. Introduced as a breeding iris for those interested in this elusive green coloration. Well branched. HC-52.
\$1.50

VEILED IN MYSTERY (Milliken '51) EM-38" Mysterious and very lovely is this most unusual color break—a satin white with an ethereal dusting of the palest chartreuse. Standards and falls exquisitely fluted and ruffled. Another special feature is its unusual full violet beard, setting this apart from others, giving it unusual beauty. When displayed at flower shows has created a sensation among flower lovers and hybridizers alike. Introduced at 35.00; now down to where iris fans everywhere can enjoy it.....
\$4.50 → 3 for \$9.95