

Joe Pye Weed's Garden



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We know that 2020 was a difficult year for everyone, but at Joe Pye Weed's Garden we had some added challenges. Jan had 6 months of treatment for lymphoma and has a hopeful prognosis. Marty is recuperating from a December knee replacement. He should be good as new by Spring.

We have decided to take Spring 2021 to recover, take care of the garden, repot, replant and rejuvenate the field iris stock. Therefore we will have

NO SPRING 2021 SHIPPING and NO 2021 INTRODUCTIONS.

We will begin shipping again in August/September of 2021.

We expect to be back to normal shipping in Spring of 2022 and have a slew of new Introductions to offer as the ones for this year were already selected and they will be added to next year.

In other exciting developments, there is a new botanical name for the iris we have been calling *I. henryi*. Please read about it inside under Chinenses in Species.

Also, the Iris world has a brand new species – *Iris probstii*. Needless to say it was named for our friend Darrell Probst who discovered it. If all goes well, we will have some plants to offer in 2022. It will also be listed with the Chinenses.

We ordinarily welcome visitors to our garden during iris bloom. Because of the Pandemic and Jan's cancer (she is immune compromised from one of her chemo drugs for 9 months) there will be special requirements. All visitors must wear masks, observe physical distancing and there will be no bathroom available. Peak Siberian bloom varies from May 20 to June 10. You can contact us in early May to find out how this year's weather/season is going. Various species Iris are in bloom from mid-April through June. Pardancandas bloom from mid-July well into August. Remember to come in the mid to late afternoon for Pardancanda viewing.

ORDERING INFORMATION

Please visit our website where you can see multiple photos of many irises including clump shots and color variations. Please note that the website does not offer ordering on-line. It is merely intended as a photo companion to this catalog. (Our site is quite rudimentary which web designers from around the world continually remind us.) Please use the ORDER FORM when ordering.

Unless noted as "potted", all plants are freshly dug and **SHIPPED BARE ROOT**. These plants are from lined-out divisions. For Siberians we guarantee to send a plant with at least three fans, though often they are larger. The potted plants will arrive in 2½ inch pots.

SHIPPING DATES: Please circle on the Order Form when you want shipment. There are three dates for Summer/Fall Shipping (August 23, September 7, September 20). Those of you who live in the colder areas might want to plant in August to establish plants before the ground freezes (as we do). Those of you in warmer areas might want to put off planting until later when it is cooler.

All shipping will be by Priority Mail. Please add \$10 for 1-5 plants, \$11 for 6-10 plants, \$12 for 11-15 plants, and \$14 for over 15 plants. (MA residents must add 6.25% sales tax.) We will no longer be shipping overseas and will only accept foreign orders from Canada. Canadian customers - please contact us about additional charges for postage and phytosanitary certificate.

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

SCHAFFER/SACKS SIBERIANS

ALL GOTHED UP - '20, M, 31". Edgy is beautiful. The falls are very dark red with dark veins. They would be hopelessly broody if not for the bright yellow signals and peach-rose standards. Then there are the aqua blue stylearms! The clump presents dramatically with space for each flower in a mountain peak of bloom. Vigorous with two branches and a total of six buds.....\$30.00

ART IN BLOOM - '16, M, 29". A dramatic flower full of contrast, storm clouds and blue sky, together in a lovely clump. Selected by our friend Joanne Holtje, an abstract painter. Standards blue-violet, falls yellow overlaid with shades of violet, styles smooth yellow with wisps of blue. Yellow signals blend into falls. Strong grower, many stalks, two branches for five buds. HM'19..\$22.00

BERRIES AND CREAM - '08, M, 25". A reverse amoena! Blue-violet standards and styles contrast with creamy veined falls. Small flowers with simple form and flaring falls. Five to six buds per stalk which are held nicely above the foliage. AM'13
.....\$10.00

BLACK JOKER - '13, M-L, 19". The falls are blackish - deep yellowed purple with diffuse gold rims. The signals show a trace of the gold underneath. The standards are yellowed lavender with a violet wash in the center and pale yellow tips. Pearly blue styles pull it all together with their aqua highlights. The plant is short, stocky and vigorous. The flowers are quite small yet round and eccentric. Two buds per stalk. AM'19.....\$12.00

BLUEBIRD KISSES - '14, M, 28". Simple color - medium bright blue - with complex form. Full, round and ruffled falls are decorated with neat blue swirls on the tops of semi-upright styles. White signal. A tremendous amount of bloom on a clump with flowers just above the foliage. Two branches and four buds per stalk. Vigorous. AM'19.....\$12.00

BUTTERSCOTCH FIZZ - '13, M, 32". Like a fountain bubbling with light orange flowers. The standards are cream with hints of yellow, the styles and falls are gold with hints of orange and a few speckles. Harmonious signal. Many flower stalks. One to two branches and up to six buds. Lots of bloom. HM'16... 10.00

CAPE COD BOYS - '09, M & RE, 27". Large, wide, blousy flowers in dappled shades of blue-violet with charming yellow signals, often with darker rims on the falls. A long bloomer. Two branches with four buds, strong good foliage. Great clump. Vigorous grower. AM'16..... \$10.00

CARLISLE CAPER - '18, E-M, 23". A dazzling little flower. The fall color is somewhere between deep amber, burnt orange, and orange marmalade. The impudent standards are pale yellow-orange with a golden rim. Styles are a shocking pearly white, with light golden-yellow tips. The gold signal is mostly hidden. Colors lighten a bit in the heat, though not much. The form is simple - round falls, long standards with a bit of ruffling. Wonderful display with lots of stalks, four buds per stalk. . \$20.00

CARNIVALITO - '15, M, 28". Not just a little clowning around! Falls have a yellow ground (sometimes darker or lighter) covered with red-purple veining (sometimes darker or lighter) forming a rim at the edge. A bit of violet washes from underneath this edge into the yellow ground. In contrast, standards are violet, and style arms are pearly with apricot to pink tips. Lightly fragrant. One branch with three buds per stalk, well distributed in an upright clump. HM'18... \$20.00

CHARMING BILLY - '04, M, 25". Strong, bold colors - deep red-violet falls, bright yellow signals, and dark purple veining. Standards are dappled in red-violet. Contrasting pearly light blue styles are wide and upright. A very strong grower, with three to four blooms per stalk. AM'11..... \$10.00

CLEAR THE WAY - '18, M-L, 35". The first of our "clean signal" siberians. The violet flower is dominated by a very large warm yellow signal with no veins or speckles. Additionally the violet ring on the falls is made up of small dots. Perhaps a sign of plicata? The form of the flower is a bit rough, but the striking signal makes it well worth growing. Visitors who have seen this new look in bloom have been enthusiastic. The plant is vigorous and has a great bud count, up to six per stalk.....\$18.00

DEVIL'S DREAM - '90, L & RE, 33". Highly saturated wine-red standards and falls are complemented by lighter styles and a purple blaze surrounding a hidden signal. Large flower, excellent substance, four buds. Good repeat.

WITHDRAWN TO INCREASE

DRINK YOUR TEA - '14, EM, 31". Apricot tea with lemon? Orangey-brown falls are set off by pale apricot standards and styles. The flowers are small and are held beautifully above the foliage making a stunning clump. There are many stalks which never appear crowded. One branch with five buds per stalk. Named for our Eastern Towhee, a bird who sings this song sweetly and incessantly all spring. HM'17\$12.00

DUSKY DAWN - '17, EM, 30". Large prominent pearly styles light up dusky tones of blue-violet, and sunbright signals spread their warmth through ruffled falls. Standards are pure violet with little or no yellow. Styles have blue-violet edging and a blue-green wash on the midrib. Excellent substance. A generous bloomer with five to six buds per stalk and two branches in a widely held clump leaving ample room for blooms\$20.00

FANCY ME THIS - '12, EM, 31" A pink over yellow blend with no hint of brown or blue. The pink varies from deep salmon to light, smooth pink. Falls have pale rims. Standards are lighter than falls, and styles are pale pink to white. Medium sized flowers. Sturdy plant with four buds per stalk\$18.00

FASHION-FORWARD - '16, M, 27". A new color for Siberians. How to describe it? Orange-brown bi-tone just isn't adequate – somewhere between red amber and a really ripe persimmon topped with shades of apricot. A good rich color. Well-shaped flaring flowers. Strong upright clump. Four buds with one to two branches. The color handles heat well.\$15.00

FESTIVE COQUETTE - '18, M, 28". This coquette wears a very swirly and frilly dress. The falls are wide, round, overlapping, and flaring. Their color is perhaps best described as a deep antique pink, resulting from the yellow underlay. At the edge of the falls the pink fades away leaving light apricot rims which enhance the ample ruffling. Light standards are a bit more lavender with deep veins, and the decorative styles are upright, curled, and ruffled with apricot tips to match the fall rim. Modest signals are warm yellow. Gorgeous clump, vigorous, five buds per stalk.....\$20.00

FIDDLES ON FIRE - '17, M, 20". A boisterous performance. The flashy yellow signals are large and adorn bright red falls. The standards and styles match the red of the falls on the first day, then take on a bluer hue, while the falls continue to burn red. Full sized flowers on a short plant with many strong and upright stalks. Four buds, one branch\$18.00

FIONA - '10, E-L, 23". Orchid-pink bitone, lighter standards and darker falls with gleaming white styles. Small ruffles on small flowers. Possibly a repeat bloomer, it gives us an extra long continuous bloom. Up to 5 buds per stalk held just above the foliage. A fine small clump.....\$15.00

FLORAL NOTES - '20, ML, 30". An operetta in orchid pink. Frilly flowers are speckled all over. The full, round falls arch to show off a cheery white and yellow signal and a pale pink outer rim. Standards and styles are more petite, paler, and pinker. Nice clump presentation with seven buds per stalk and two branches. Excellent grower.\$30.00

FOLLOW THE HONEY - '19, M, 34" Where do the signals end and the falls begin? The fall is pastel yellow with dark to light purple veining especially on the edge. Standards are shades of pale violet. Styles are fancy with red-violet edges, turquoise midribs, and cream centers on the ornate crests. Large flowers, four inches plus. Five to six buds with up to two branches. Clump is strong and erect and very flowery.\$25.00

GINGER TWIST - '09, E-M, 30". Layers of color - lavender standards, ginger falls, speckles all over and pearly pale gold styles. Sweet fragrance. Small flowers in abundance, carried well above the sturdy foliage, Five to seven buds per stalk, excellent large clump. Franklin Cook Cup'11, Walther Cup '12, Morgan-Wood Medal '16.....\$10.00

HERE BE DRAGONS - '03, EM, 28". Unusual yellow bitone overlaid with blue-violet. Standards are pale yellow with warm yellow rims and pale blue-violet in the heart. Falls are a deeper yellow with a muted blue-violet wash and blue-violet veining. The styles are pale yellow and blue-violet. Two branches, five to six buds. Excellent vigor. Morgan-Wood Medal'10.....\$15.00

HEY GOOD LOOKIN' - '16, L, 20". A fine compact clump with full size flowers in shades of rosy pink with soft yellow signals. Fancy short styles, wide overlapping falls, and ruffles. Four buds on one to two branches.....\$30.00

HONEYCOMB ROCK - '16, M-L, 26". Powerful clump, solid as a rock, covered with speckled honey-butterscotch flowers. Standards and falls are ruffled, styles lightly feathered, form is flaring and lovely. Medium sized flowers, four buds per stalk on two branches. Blooms just above the foliage.....\$20.00

IT'S A DATE - '19, M, 30". Saved as a breeder, over the years it performed so well we had to introduce it. Visually it is a yellow amoena. On close examination the falls have a pale pink wash. White standards and styles have a trace of yellow in their hearts. Large four inch flowers have lovely form and ruffling. Five buds per stalk. The clump is stunning in bloom\$25.00

JUNIPER LEIGH - '19, M, 27". An outrageous flower, like its namesake. Gaudy red-purple and yellow. Large and dramatic bright yellow signals are veined and speckled. Standards and styles are red-violet. Styles have bluish side-ribs, and the tips have a bit of pink. Medium flowers, four to six buds per stalk. Plentiful stalks with some delayed for extended bloom. Named for our grand-niece June.....\$25.00

KISS THE GIRL - '04, M, 27". A bright yellow bitone with deep yellow falls and lighter standards. Flowers have nice ruffles and sweet fragrance. The stalks have one to two branches carrying four lively flowers well above the foliage - it blooms up a storm. The star of our garden every year. HM'07.....\$10.00

LIKE LAVENDER - '17, LM-L, 20". The many colors of lavender may all be in this flower. The short plant has medium sized flowers – full, flaring and ruffled. Short hafts give a rose-like appearance to each flower. Styles have redder edges and are bluer within. Standards and falls vary in color with the weather from lavender blue to lavender pink. Soft yellow signals. Heavy bloom with 4 buds (2 branches). Successive stalks.

WITHDRAWN TO INCREASE

MACLAN PATRICK - '19, M-L, 32. Showy styles on a blue-violet flower with a sweet white spray signal. The blue is a lovely foil for the large, long, ruffled white stylearms which have matching blue edges. A nicely spaced airy clump with stalks carrying four buds and some successive bloom. Named for our grand-nephew Mac whose favorite color is blue!.....\$22.00

MISS APPLE - '09, M, 30". Like its siblings Sugar Rush and Hot Sketch, Miss Apple is a color pioneer - getting several shades closer to red than any red-violet siberian. The warm yellow signal enhances the glow. Standards and styles retain hints of violet. Very cute, small round flowers. One to two branches with four buds, very vigorous. Morgan-Wood Medal '18\$10.00

MISTER PEACOCK - '03, M-L, 43". Vibrant blue with a veined white signal and a darker rim. It has pearly pale blue styles with an aqua wash and darker tips and edges. Tall upright stalks with 2 branches, 5 flowers, long period of bloom. HM'06.....\$10.00

NOT QUITE WHITE - '03, M and RE, 18". Full, round, ruffled form in a small flower with terrific substance. The flower appears white but is actually diamond dusted with pale lavender. White signals with pale green veining and tiny red-violet freckles near the hafts. Three buds per stalk with repeat bloom.....\$10.00

OLIVE EMERSON - '15, EM, 16". This dwarf siberian is pure gold, a bright spot for the front of the border. Flowers are deep yellow – standards a bit paler, signals darker. Flowers are small and well-presented above the compact clump. Stalks have one branch for three to four buds each. The clump is exuberant and the growth vigorous. Named for our grand-niece, Ollie.\$12.00

ON MULBERRY STREET - '12, M, 31". Falls are wine, blue-violet and purple in degrees of color and dappling. Golden yellow signals. Standards are pale blue with diffused wine-red veining. Upright styles open with brassy curls striped with red and pale to light blue. Lots to see close-up, and the clump effect is dramatic – whipped cream on mulberry ice cream\$18.00

PAINTED WOMAN - '07, EM, 27". The falls are red over yellow in varying shades with lots of dappling. Heavily veined yellow signals spread out onto the shoulders. Pearl standards are veined and washed in the fall color, and the fancy pearly styles are strongly underlaid with blue. A great bitone effect. Four to five buds per stalk. HM'10\$10.00

PAPRIKASH - '12, M, 20". At their best the falls are glowing orangey red. At other times they are more red than orange, and at their palest they are dappled light red on pale buffy orange. Deep yellow signals are veined in red. Standards are paler with less dappling. Styles are light apricot with hints of red-violet. Though small flowered, this is the most vigorous iris we grow. Four buds per stalk. Morgan-Wood Medal '19.....\$10.00

PENELOPE ANNE - '19, M, 30". A new color on the journey to red. Glowing warm red falls stand contrast with the blue, white, and bright magenta stylearms which are very wide and ruffled. Bright yellow signals are veined in red. Great substance throughout. Four to six buds per stalk. Vigorous and beautiful. A fabulous breeder for red, orange and those fabulous styles. Named for our grand-niece Penny, the first one with red hair... ..\$22.00

PURRING TIGER - '17, M, 24". A flower of contrasts – soft purple edges with bold purple stripes on giant yellow signals. Mid-purple standards and violet shading on the styles unify the flower. Color holds well. Strong upright plant, five buds on one or two branches. A dramatic clump presentation.....\$20.00

RAINBOW MIXER – 20', M, 31". This BIG flower has more colors than many siberians – mostly on the red- to blue-violet spectrum but with a large yellow signal and bits of blue and sienna in the styles. Falls are full and round with a blue-violet tweedy ground and wide, deep red-violet rims. Standards are full and wide, dappled violet. Fancy ruffled styles are variable – opening with blue midribs and sienna tips which change to a lovely pearly true blue. The clump is generous and husky with five flowers per stalk, held just above the foliage. One to two branches. Superb vigor.....\$30.00

RIVERDANCE - '97, M, 40-45". Stunning rich blue flowers with large rolling ruffles. A sprinkling of white on the falls, and white wire edges on the falls and styles. Plenty of stalks with 4 to 5 buds each. Morgan-Wood Medal '06\$10.00

ROARING JELLY - '92, M & RE, 36". A magnificent clump! Falls dappled bright raspberry on pale lavender. Standards paler and lightly dappled. Flowers full, round and slightly recurved. Strong repeat. Morgan-Wood Medal '99\$10.00

RUBIES ON TAP – '18, M, 30". Dark red with a bright gold signal veined deep red. Our "reddest" so far without being at all orangey. The fall color reads on the RHS chart at the reddest end of the red-purple group with highlights in the red group. A first for us. Standards are lighter and more veined. Style arms are distinctly bluer along the midrib with red trim. Pretty round flaring form with gentle ruffles. Four buds per stalk with a nice succession of bloom\$20.00

SHIPS ARE SAILING - '98, M, 35". Lovely combination in shades of blue. Pale blue standards and styles, medium blue falls with lighter rims. Light ruffling with good substance. Good branching makes a handsome clump with lots of bloom that extends the season. Morgan-Wood Medal.....\$15.00

SHOOT THE BREEZE – '20, M, 27". This soft blue flower draws you in. It has large standards and falls, with gently rolling ruffles. Refreshing yellow signals are large and slightly marked with spots and veins. There is a hint of yellow on the fall edges. Styles are simple with turquoise midribs. Strong stalks have five flowers each and the vigorous clump produces many stalks.\$25.00

SILLIOUSNESS – '20 EM, 27". Sometimes you just need a little silliness. We love its eccentricities, oddities, and showy display. Flowers are tiny, 2 inches across. Falls are rusty apricot with red-violet speckles. Standards are yellow-apricot with red-violet dappling. Outrageously, the pale yellow styles are very long and slender and cover the entire center of the small yellow signal. The stands and styles create a bright "variegata" look. There are many buds – five to seven per stalk. It will make you smile. Blooms a long time. Superb grower\$25.00

SOLAR ENERGY - '14, M, 25". Wonderful form, substance and personality! Cream standards, light yellow styles, deep yellow falls, AND a wide cream rim. A good clump with medium sized flowers, two branches with four buds, and a succession of stalks for a long bloom. Fabulous parent. HM'18\$12.00

SO VAN GOGH - '05, E, 30". The first bi-color siberian. Standards are blue-purple with darker veining. Falls are yellow with purple veining. Styles are blue-purple with darker highlights. Small flowers with big clump show - five buds. Super vigorous. Morgan-Wood Medal'12.....\$10.00

STEP LIGHTLY - '17, M, 31". A dance of ruffled pastels. Falls are shades of peach with apricot highlights around the small yellow signals. Broad standards are very pale yellow – accented by styles with lemon yellow crests and midribs. This is not a delicate grower or bloomer. One to two branches have up to six buds. The lovely branching holds the flowers well above the foliage for an elegant effect\$20.00

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

THEME AND VARIATION - '15, M, 29". The theme is blue overlaid on yellow, and the variation is larger, fuller flowers and stunning arrangement of colors. The bright yellow falls are edged with a blue wash and embellished with fine navy blue lines. Standards and styles are a play of soft blue and yellow. Stalks have two branches with a total of five buds.\$15.00

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

TREE OF SONGS - '06, M, 31". Great garden plant with tall stems and a profusion of smallish bright two-toned yellow flowers. The form is charming and simple with a touch of ruffling to keep it interesting. Two branches with four buds per stalk. Morgan-Wood Medal '14\$10.00

TRIM THE VELVET - '95, M, 40". Rich blue-purple self with velvety falls trimmed with a white edge. Tall and vigorous with four to six buds held high above the foliage. Each large flower is gently ruffled. Great clump. One of our earliest and still a favorite! AM'01, AGM from BIS'02\$10.00

TURTLE ON VACATION – '20, M, 26". As the name suggests, this flower is a combination of contrasts. The heavily marled, bright and smokey falls provide a base for lavender bitone standards and amazing, petal-like, clear blue, pearl, and yellow stylearms. Flowers are medium sized with modern wide form and nice ruffles – all perfectly suited to sit atop the modest height clump. It couldn't be any different from its sibling, Silliousness, except it also has five to seven buds!\$30.00

WISH ME LUCK - '16, M, 26". A happy flower that makes us smile every time we see it. If you look carefully you will see it is not a traditional yellow. The signal shows it to be an overlay. (And hidden in its genes is a treasure trove of new red.) Large flowers are well formed, full, round, and ruffled. Styles are fancy, diamond shaped with curls, keels, and feathers. Great branching and bud count – seven buds per stalk. Blooms held nicely above foliage.\$10.00

WYNNE MAGNOLIA - '15, EM, 26". Gorgeous form defines this flower – a lovely blend of cream and peach with a kiss of pink. Largish flowers have swirling ruffles everywhere – including sweet curls on the styles. It has superb substance and strong upright stalks, each with one branch and five buds, making a dynamic clump. A fabulous breeder. Named for our grand-niece Winnie. HM'19.....\$20.00

SPECIES

LOPHIRIS (The Crested Irises)

I. cristata - One of the few iris species that grow and bloom well in the shade. This native of eastern U.S. woodlands makes a great ground-cover. A May bloomer here. It is easy to grow and blooms heavily, forming glorious mats of color.

DASH IT ALL - '13, 5", M, SPEC-*cristata* (Schmieder). What a dramatic clump! Blue-violet flowers are boldly decorated with large white signals. Upturned styles make sure all of the signal shows. Crests are topped with tiny dashes of blue-violet. Good grower forming large clumps.....*Potted*.....\$10.00

DICK REDFIELD - '05, 4", L, SPEC-*cristata* (Redfield by Schafer/Sacks). Exceptional clone with six rich purple falls. Bright white signals have almost black halos. Frilly crests are yellow and white with lavender flecks on the side ridges. Quite compact at 4". Thank you to Darrell Probst for handing this on to us. Founders of SIGNA Medal '16.....*Potted*.....\$20.00

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

LITTLE JAY - '01, 4.5", M, SPEC-*cristata* (Schafer/Sacks) Lovely medium blue flowers are marked with clean white and blue signals and crests. No yellow in the crests strengthens the blue effect. Forms a large pool of color.....*Potted*.....\$10.00

MERLE'S RUBY – '20, 6", M SPEC-*cristata*. An *Iris cristata* of a distinctly different color – it is a red-violet rather than the typical blue-violet. The bright white signals and crests shine on this flower. It is a heavy bloomer and vigorous. While we have registered this iris, it is not our origination. It was given to us many years ago. We uncovered some of the story of this iris, but not all of it, and it is complicated by the two Merles involved. A woman in North Carolina named Merle found this iris growing in the wild. She apparently gave it to a friend, also named Merle, who passed it on to Betty Ann Addison of Rice Creek Nurseries. It was offered by Rice Creek for a number of years in the 2000s, and many people around the country were able to buy it. So it is not a new iris, but deserves to be properly registered with the AIS. It will not be entered in the AIS Awards System.*Potted*.....\$18.00

More *I. cristata*

MONTROSE WHITE - '10, 6", EM, SPEC-*cristata* (Schafer/Sacks). Originally from Nancy Goodwin at Montrose Nursery. It is uniquely large among the many *cristata* albas we grow - almost 3 inches across. Strong plant...*Potted*.....\$10.00

MOUNTAIN GIRL - '07, 5", M, SPEC-*cristata* (D.Probst) Collected in the Blue Ridge Mts. A refreshing light blue self with a clean white signal (no yellow) and darker blue halo. The styles have lovely split curls on the tips. Vigorous.....*Potted*.....\$10.00

NAVY BLUE GEM - '98, 4", ML, SPEC-*cristata* (Schafer/Sacks). Deep blue-violet with contrasting white signal. Small flower, compact foliage, very vigorous. Covers itself with flowers in May. Our favorite *cristata*.....*Potted*.....\$10.00

PRECIOUS PEARL - '13, 4.5-6", M, SPEC-*cristata* (Schmieder). Lustrous, pale silvery-blue flowers are small with lovely form. Pure white signals have delicate crests - white with a touch of yellow. Generous bloom on a vigorous compact plant. HM'18.....*Potted*.....\$10.00

SAM'S MINI - '06, 3.5", M, SPEC-*cristata* (Norris by Schafer/Sacks). Collected in Olive Hill, KY by Ken Wilson and passed on to Sam Norris. A distinctive dwarf *Iris cristata*. Small medium blue-violet flowers with diminutive foliage. Signals white with dark blue halo, yellow and white crests. In spite of its dwarf stature it is incredibly vigorous, generous with bloom, and forms large dense mats.....*Potted*.....\$10.00

Other LOPHIRIS

Iris gracilipes - This species is a dainty Japanese wildflower of mountains and forests. Requiring woodland conditions similar to *I. cristata*, this enchanting, delicate plant has lovely branching, foliage and bloom. Flowers are mid blue-violet with white signals striped violet, and white crests, tipped orange. Taller than *I. cristata* with fine foliage that forms a tight clump. Blooms here mid to late May.....*Potted*.....\$10.00

***I. gracilipes alba* 'Buko' Form** - A tiny form of *gracilipes* with white flowers discovered on Buko San (Mountain) in Japan. A real treasure.....*Potted*.....\$10.00

COBBLEWOOD CHARM - '08, 8", M, SPEC-*gracilipes* (D.Probst) A fabulous clump of soft periwinkle flowers decorated with a diffused red-violet star in the center of the styles. The soft appearance comes from the falls which have a white ground covered with heavy periwinkle veining rather than the solid coloring of the typical form. AM'16.....*Potted*.....\$12.00

CHINENSES:

Until the late 20th century this series of irises from China and Korea was not known in US gardens. First came *I. minutoaurea*, the tiniest of them all. Then in 1997 Darrell Probst collected *I. koreana* and *I. odaesanensis* in Korea and not long after, Darrell collected an iris in the Daba Mountains of China that had been called *I. henryi* until now. Please take note of the name change described below! These *Chinenses* irises are small plants, usually evergreen to some degree and have a loosely clumping habit with thin wiry rhizomes. All grow best for us in semi-shade, in ordinary garden soil which is not wet.

In September of 2020 we learned of two new Iris species described in the series *Chinenses* by Carol Wilson. One of these is *Iris dabashanensis*. This iris had previously been labeled *I. henryi*, in this catalog and in other iris publications. This mistake had gone on for more than a hundred years. It is always hard when an Iris species botanical name changes, but it is important to adapt to this new name. If you are growing an iris labeled *I. henryi*, including the named clone 'Mini Treasure', you should change the label to *I. dabashanensis*. The correct or "true" *I. henryi* is not currently in cultivation.

***I. dabashanensis* MINI TREASURE** - '16, M, 5", SPEC-*dabashanensis* (D.Probst). It was collected in 2001 in the Dabashan, Sichuan Province, China (elev. 2720') along with several other clones of *I. dabashanensis*. The flowers of most of these clones were pale chalky lavender. Mini Treasure has a richer color of lavender-blue. *I. dabashanensis* is delicate in all respects with fine foliage, 1/8" wide. The foliage is longer than the bloomstalks, however the flowers are well-presented as the foliage is gracefully lax. There are 2 to 3 flowers per stalk. Well mulched plants develop "runners" which allow easier propagation. Bloom in Massachusetts is early to mid-May. We expect to have ample stock in 2022.
.....**WITHDRAWN TO INCREASE**

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

***I. odaesanensis* 'Chollipo'** - Another iris from Darrell's trip to Korea. This clone comes from the Chollipo Botanical Garden. Pure white flowers with neat yellow signals and narrow brown halos. The flowers bloom at 8" with 2 or 3 per stem with many bloomstalks Bright green semi-evergreen leaves here in Massachusetts.....*Potted*.....\$10.00

***I. odaesanensis* 'Chuwangsan #3'** - Collected by Darrell on Chuwang mountain. Similar to the above, white flowers with clean yellow signals, without the typical *odaesanensis* brown signal halos. Very vigorous.....*Potted*.....\$10.00

ICE WHISPER - '14, M, 6-8", SPEC-*odaesanensis* (D.Probst) From Darrell Probst comes a beautiful icy lavender form of the usually pure white flowered *I. odaesanensis*. This time it does not come directly from Korea, but from his own breeding efforts to pull a hint of purple from one of his collected clones. Fine grower and bloomer.....*Potted*.....\$12.00

VERNAE:

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

BRUMBACK BLUE - '03, M, 4", SPEC-*verna* (Garden In The Woods by Schafer/Sacks). Named in honor of Bill Brumback. A smooth light blue-violet self with a yellow-orange spear on white signal. It is lighter and bluer than any verna we grow. Vigorous.....*Potted*.....\$10.00

CLEO CHAPEL ROAD - '12, M, 4", SPEC-*verna* (D.Probst). A classic *Iris verna*. Mid-purple flowers with a sweet signal of gold flanked by white and enhanced by deeper purple halo and veins. Collected by Darrell Probst with several other vernas near Cleo Chapel Road, SC. This iris distinguishes itself with superior form, substance, and - by far - vigor and floriferousness.....*Potted*.....\$10.00

RUTHENICAE:

Iris ruthenica is a charming, small plant native from Eastern Europe to China. Because of its wide range there is a lot of variation in the species. It has medium to dark green leaves, forming a nice clump as lovely as any small ornamental grass. Blooms here April to May.

CREVICE GEM - '12, M, 4", SPEC-*ruthenica* (D.Probst). Collected in Liaoning Province, China from a crevice on the rocky top of Fenghuangshan. Its foliage is narrower and more delicate than any ruthenica we have grown. The flowers are mid-violet with blue and red highlights. Large clean white signals are veined in purple. It has grown happily for us in sandy rocky soil for eleven years and makes a fabulous (little) clump**WITHDRAWN TO INCREASE**

PRISMATICAE:

Iris prismatica is an eastern US native which is stoloniferous with delicate leaves, stems, and flowers. It prefers moist sandy soil, but manages in ordinary garden soil. Blooms here in mid-June. In the garden we like to grow it among ground covers where it can wander happily. The typical color is medium blue-violet but it can also be white, lavender-pink, maroon, and light blue.

EXETER - '09, M, 27", SPEC-*prismatica* (Schafer/Sacks) Sparkling colors for *I. prismatica*. This blue and white gem was collected in Exeter, NH in a location that has since been paved over. Thanks to Bob Gamlin for directing us to the location. This clone was selected from several for its delicate 2 branched stem with 5 to 6 buds and a less wandering habit (for a prismatica anyway). HM'14.....*Potted*.....\$10.00

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

REDUNDANT - '02, M and RE, 22", SPEC-*lactea* (Schafer/Sacks) Covered with bloom in May for two to three weeks and then in June it blooms again. The blue-green foliage is lovely all season. Flowers are lavender-blue with lighter falls than standards, delicate white signal with lavender-blue veining.....*Potted*.....\$10.00

TOUGH COOKIE - '06, M, 14", SPEC-*lactea* (Schafer/ Sacks). Named for the toughness of its species. The delicate flowers are pure white with apple green markings. 4 buds in the terminal. Makes a fine clump.....*Potted*.....\$10.00

SPURIAE:

GEORGIAN DELICACY - '98, M, 30", SPEC-*spuria* ssp. *carthaliniae* (Schafer/Sacks). Light blue standards are upright, quilled and ruffled. Paler blue falls have long (2"!), narrow hafts. Nice rose fragrance. Vigorous and forms a large clump. Hardy and blooms well in New England..... \$10.00

TRIPETALAE:

Iris. setosa – One of the most well-traveled iris species – native to Alaska, China, Russia, and Japan. Also one of the most cold-tolerant iris species. Typically *I. setosa* has large, showy falls and only tiny bristles for standards. Clump forming. We grow them in ordinary garden soil in full sun

TOURIST - '03, M, 22", SPEC-*setosa*. (Schafer/Sacks). This fine selection has violet falls and yellow rather than white signals. Superb branching - seven to eight buds. Makes a great garden plant year after year. AM'12 \$10.00

Iris tridentata - A native of wetlands in the southeastern U.S. from Florida to North Carolina, yet it is thoroughly hardy in Massachusetts and grows in a wide variety of soil conditions. We do not give it extra water. Bloom occurs here in early July. Typically *I. tridentata* has tiny standards. Plants are stoloniferous.

'John Wood clone' - This is the *I. tridentata* we have sold for many years. It came to us from Currier McEwen who got it from John Wood who collected seeds in N. Carolina. It has violet falls with white and yellow signal patches. The style crests curl back nicely upon the style arms. 12-18" slender stems..... \$10.00

GEORGIA ORIGINAL - '13, L, 15-18 ", SPEC-*tridentata* (D.Probst). Collected by Darrell Probst in a wet ditch in Appling County, GA, this plant has many fine features. The flower is large with light lavender falls which flare rather than recurve. The light coloring contrasts with darker purple styles. It has a yellow spear-shaped signal with a white border veined purple. While most tridentata have one or no branches, Georgia Original has two branches and at least four buds. Makes a substantial clump..... \$12.00

SIBIRICAE:

RISC REWARD - '13, VVE, 20", SPEC-*sanguinea* (Schafer/ Sacks). A classic *I. sanguinea* with extra early bloom - for us before *I. typhifolia*. Lovely blue-violet flowers with simple upright form mass atop the foliage. As is typical of *I. sanguinea*, there is no branching with two terminal buds. Many stalks. Spathes are green, not red. The seed for this treasure came from RISC (The Rare Iris Study Center) and was collected in E. Siberia near Lake Hanka..... \$18.00

More SPECIES

LAEVIGATAE:

Iris versicolor is a North American wildflower found from SE Canada through the northern Midwest to North Carolina and throughout the NE United States. In the wild it grows in wet meadows, marshes, highway drainage ditches, and even on sandy beaches where there is running fresh water. Though it is a member of the series *Laevigatae* and is called a "water iris", it does not require constant moisture and can thrive in conditions similar to siberians. One of its best features is the generous amount of bloom on gracefully curved stems with charming bud placement. The foliage can be a bit coarse late in the season.

BETWEEN THE LINES - '91, M, 22", SPEC-*versicolor* (Schafer/Sacks). The flowers have a white ground with violet blue veining, but the overall effect is light blue. Yellow signal and prominent green throat. The pearly styles have a violet midrib. Founders of SIGNA Medal '01\$10.00

CAT MOUSAM - '85, M, 36" (Warburton). A collected *versicolor* from the Maine Turnpike at Cat Mousam overpass. Large flowers in the typical "blue flag" coloring. Warm violet falls and standards with darker veining, white signal with violet veins and a small spear of yellow. There are numerous flowers on a large, robust plant.....\$10.00

EPIC POEM - '04, ML, 26", SPEC-*versicolor* (Schafer/Sacks). Blooms from one end of the season to the other. Lovely smooth light blue flowers with white signals and style arms. Medium sized flowers on a plant that is large and vigorous, extremely well branched, with a high bud count. Makes a statement. AM'10.....\$10.00

LIGHT VERSE - '04, EM, 19", SPEC-*versicolor* (Schafer/Sacks) A sweet flower - light blue-violet with darker all-over veining and neat white signals. Nicely proportioned with small standards and flared falls. Good stalk carriage and bud count. Long succession of bloom. Often repeats. A fine garden plant. Our favorite *versicolor*..... \$10.00

MINT FRESH - '83, M, 22" (Warburton). White ground with heavy magenta-red veining. The pearly styles are ribbed magenta and the crests are edged and veined in red. Strong grower and good sized plant \$10.00

PARTY LINE - '88, E-L, 18" (Warburton). Superb garden plant! Smooth violet-rose self with darker veining. Styles are pure white with a narrow line of rose at the midrib. Signals are pale yellow and white with dark red-purple veining. AM'95, runner-up Founders of SIGNA Medal '02 \$10.00

VERSICLE - '98, M, 15", SPEC-*versicolor* (Schafer/Sacks). Darling small white flowers. White styles have a yellow heart, and small neat yellow signals have faint stitching. Wonderful form - round, flaring and arching. A nice clump with stalks carried throughout. AM'07 \$10.00

INTER-SPECIES HYBRIDS

EAST MEETS WEST - '14, L, 15", SPEC-X-Sibtata (Schafer/Sacks)

In case you have never heard of a Sibtata, don't feel bad, no one else has either. It is the cross of an American native - *I. tridentata* - onto a Siberian hybrid (during repeat bloom). The medium blue-purple falls are decorated by large white and purple signals. The big surprise comes in the center of the flower with very dark violet style arms and the palest lavender (almost white) standards. From *I. tridentata*, the standards are small. We do not know everything about the growth habit yet, but it is definitely clumping and not stoloniferous. It grows in ordinary garden soil and blooms after the Siberians, but before the tridentatas. Two to three buds\$10.00

HAPPY TRAVELER - '15, M-L, 36", SPECX-Sibtosa (Schafer/Sacks).

Combining the best qualities of siberians and setosas, this plant produces an exorbitant amount of bloom - starting with the first siberians and blooming after the last. There are 8-9 buds per stalk. Flowers are mid-violet with darker veining near the yellow signals. The falls are large and standards quite small (as you would expect). The substance is light and the flowers are sterile. This large clump is well behaved and makes a fine garden plant. Riverdance x Tourist. HM'18 \$15.00

Iris X NORRISII (formerly X PARDANCANDA)

There will be no xNORRISII available in 2021.

In 2022 we expect to have them all available with shipping in July, just before bloom, a perfect time for them to be transplanted.

Just when it seems the iris season is over, along come the Pardancandas. These are hybrids between *Iris dichotoma* (formerly *Pardanthopsis dichotoma* or The Vesper Iris) and *Iris domestica* (formerly *Belamcanda chinensis* or The Blackberry Lily). Sam Norris of Kentucky was the first to make this cross. Recent changes in the taxonomy of Pardancandas have been made, and they are now classified as irises. Their new name is *Iris xnorrisii*.

Pardancandas bloom from July through August in New England, each variety for about three to four weeks. The flowers are small, open for only one day, and they can be produced in profusion.

The cultivars we offer are all from the breeding program of Darrell Probst and our own breeding with his material. These are not seed strains. All of these plants have been selected for hardiness (Zone 5), color, form of flower, branching and bud count, and for being outstanding garden plants. The tall strong stalks can have as many as 45 spathes (bud placements), with 6 to 10 buds in each of these.

Pardancandas are quite different in appearance from most irises. Nevertheless, they have rhizomes and leaf fans and flowers in three parts. They like lots of sun, resent wet soil, and need regular dividing. They are drought tolerant and do not mind the extreme heat of the south. Their growing needs are similar to bearded irises. We will send special cultural instructions.

Some characteristics to take note of in the descriptions are flower form (some are "iris-type" and some "intermediate" between *I. dichotoma* and *Iris domestica*) and the time of day when flowers open. Some open in the morning like *I. domestica* and some open in the afternoon like *I. dichotoma*. If you work during the day the late openers are perfect for you, but if you're home all day you might want to try both.

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

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

WITHDRAWN TO INCREASE

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

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

WITHDRAWN TO INCREASE

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

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

WITHDRAWN TO INCREASE

PINK LEOPARD - '08, 49", M, SPEC-X (D.Probst).

Tall stems are loaded with flowers producing a great display. Standards and falls are pink. The falls have a large creamy yellow signal area which is heavily dotted, dashed, and veined in orange giving the whole flower a peachy-pink appearance. Pale orange style arms add to this with a bright orange midrib. Clean blue-green foliage has a white line at the edge. Open 10am to 6:30pm. Intermediate to iris type. Over 300 blooms per stalk.

WITHDRAWN TO INCREASE

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

This was our first pardancanda introduction, and though a volunteer, it comes directly from Darrell Probst's best seedlings. It is a totally charming reverse amoena - violet standards and white falls dotted and dashed in blue and violet. Though intermediate, this flower is very "iris-type." It opens at noon and closes at 6:30 pm. It is shorter than many of Darrell's introductions. It has at least ten buds per spathe, blooming for over 5 weeks.

WITHDRAWN TO INCREASE

SUMMER CANDY - '09, 36", M, SPEC-X (D.Probst). Rosy pink!

The falls have a white to pale yellow signal covered with dark pink dots and dashes which come together in a flush at the center of the fall. Iris type form with very wide parts, including the styles which are pale cream with pink tips and apricot midribs. Opens at 4 pm and remains open until dark. Over 300 blooms per stalk.

WITHDRAWN TO INCREASE

Other Perennials

Trillium pusillum 'Roadrunner' - New spring leaves emerge dark purple as the small white tri-petaled flowers open. Each petal has a rosy reverse. As the foliage turns green, the petal fronts age to pink. A diminutive trillium - 6-8". Semi-shade. This cultivar was selected for exceptional vigor.....*Potted*..... 15.00

***Sanguinaria canadensis* (Bloodroot) 'Multiplex'** - Highly double form of the native bloodroot. Because it is sterile it blooms an especially long time. Spreads modestly to form large clumps. Gorgeous.....*Potted*.....\$12.00

***Sanguinaria canadensis* (Bloodroot) 'Venus'** - this is the cultivar we have sold for years as "Pink Form". It has now been named Venus. Buds emerge deep pink, opening to light-pink and fading to shell pink. The backs of the petals remain dark, repeatedly displaying their rich pink when they close each evening. Leaves and stems have a dark pink flush.....*Potted*..... \$15.00

NEW IN 2016

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