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MY FIRST KISS (Dean Cole, R. 2004). Sdlg. DC98-143-2. SIB (tet.), 34" (86cm), M-L. Deep lavender pink and blue. S. lavender pink with darker veins, style arms lighter lavender pink with aqua cast near rib; F. dark pink lavender with blue violet veining which is darker at signal area, blending to deep blue violet. 1+ branch. Shall We Dance X S89/108F: (colchicine converted lavender McEwen seedling). A Special and stunning new Siberian. Dunlop & Cole, Fieldstone Gardens, 2005 \$50.

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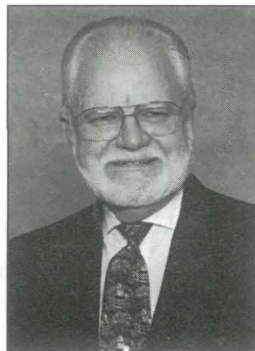
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is a pleasure to report to you that 1st Vice President Judy Hollingworth has accomplished the task of getting new *Invitation to Join* brochures for SSI printed and ready for distribution. If you need any for shows or meetings contact Judy, or MemSec Susan Grigg or me and we will get them to you. 100 copies of the *2003 Cumulative Check List of Siberian Irises* completely sold out. The Board authorized the printing of 50 copies of an updated check list, the *2004 Cumulative Check List of Siberian Irises*. There are less than 10 of these still in stock. These check lists have become quite popular as references for hybridizers and general gardeners. Work continues on the editing of the 2006 edition that will be available for purchase at the 2006 Mini-Convention in Portland. Remember to add the annual updates to your current copy.



The iris world has lost a wonderful friend and hybridizer in the death of Dr. Lloyd Zurbrigg who lost his battle with cancer earlier this year. We do not think of Lloyd as a hybridizer of Siberian irises, yet I must relate an amusing story to you. Lloyd selected a Siberian wine-red seedling with yellow signal and observed its slow growth over several seasons and eventually named it **'Ethelred'** for the early English king Ethelred the Unready. He lost all of his stock and it was reported in the *Check List* that all stock had been lost when lo and behold at a fall auction of Region 4, two pots labeled **'Ethel Red'** were offered for sale. I immediately realized that this was the elusive **'Ethelred'** and fought with Rosalie Figge for possession of this cultivar. Since there were 2 pots, each of us won. **'Ethelred'** is alive and well in at least three Region 4 gardens!

Note that there are two mini-conventions that will display Siberians this coming bloom season: Iris Gems in the Diamond State, June 16-18, in Dover, DE, and the Region 8 Beardless Iris Convention in Minneapolis, MN, on June 17-19.

As iris catalogs are now arriving, I send off orders and yearn for the coming spring! I hope to see many of you at the SSI general membership meeting and in the St. Louis gardens in May!

E. Roy Epperson

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SIBERIAN CHECKLIST NOTICE

The cumulative Siberian iris checklist is available from the Society. It includes Siberian registrations and introductions through 2004 and the price is \$7.00 payable to the Society for Siberian Irises. Contact Ellen Gallagher, 1689 Riverside Drive, Berlin, NH 03570 or email: ellengalla@yahoo.com.

2004 SIBERIAN REGISTRATIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS

(From the *Registrations and Introductions in 2004* published by The American Iris Society as compiled by Mike and Anne Lowe, Registrar-Recorder and catalogued by E. Roy Epperson of SSI)

ADOLF SVOBODA (Edmundas Kondratas, R. 2004). Sdlg. Lit-EK-98-10. SIB (tet.), 48" (122 cm), M. S. light blue with darker veining, prominent midrib; style arms violet-blue; F. medium blue, brighter around signal, signal light cream, almost white. Parentage unknown; seed from Currier McEwen.

ALI'I (Marky Smith, R. 2004). Sdlg. S96-38T. SIB (dip.), 32" (81 cm), M. S. medium thistle mauve (RHS 87C); style arms same, crests darker (87A), thin dark violet midrib; F. blended violet (88B), darker texture veins, right side of fall is mauve (87A), white dashed signal; some ruffling. Bauer/Coble S85HEM-R: (Lavender Bounty x Temper Tantrum seedling) X Careless Sally.

AMETHYST ECHO (Carol Warner, R. 2004). Sdlg. 5. SIB (tet.), 34" (86 cm), E & RE. S. amethyst-purple; style arms same with blue midrib; F. amethyst-purple narrowly edged white at haft, broken white signal. Parentage unknown. Draycott Gardens 2004.

ANN RENN (Jennifer Hewitt, R. 2004). Sdlg. YT889/9. SIB (tet.), 28" (71 cm), ML. S. white veined yellow at midrib; style arms white with green to yellow midribs, floret crests with (sometimes) fimbriated midribs; F. cream (near RHS 1D, green-yellow), deep yellow shoulders, green veins, signal green at hafts, outer area cream with green veins; ruffled, flaring. Harpswell Happiness X Golden Crimping.

ASILAH (Barry Blyth, R. 2004). Sdlg. J257-1, SIB (dip.), 30" (76 cm), EM. S. and style arms pastel greyed-violet; F. soft pastel blended lavender, gold edge, bright lemon-yellow signal; slight sweet fragrance. Seed from M. Schafer cross S97-76. Tom Schaefer X Schafer S94-11-3: (S89-5-10:(Forrest McCord x Isabelle) x Dawn Waltz). Tempo Two 2004/05.

BEYOND THE CLOUDS (Barry Blyth, R. 2004). Sdlg. J251-3, SIB (dip.), 36" (91 cm), EM. S. bright medium blue; style arms soft turquoise; F. bright medium blue, small gold signal. Seed from M. Schafer cross S97-40. Schafer S92-97-11: (S90-43-1:(Sailor's Fancy x S86-8-1, Trim the Velvet sib)) x S89-9-1:(Isabelle x Silver Illusion) X Schafer S92-56-13:(S89-5-1:(Forrest McCord x Isabelle) x Careless Sally). Tempo Two 2004/05.

BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL (Robert Hollingworth, R. 2004). Sdlg. 97B1A11. SIB (tet.), 31" (79 cm), EM. S. violet (medium deep); style arms lighter red-blue mix; F. violet (medium deep), signal gold with short, creamy rays spreading down falls. Sib to Currier. Windwood Gardens 2004.

BUTTERFLY CONVENTION (Christy Ann Hensler, R. 2003). Sdlg. FOB-6. SPEC-X (sibtosa), 25" (64 cm), M. S. and style arms medium blue-violet, style arms with rose base; F. blue-violet netting over cream, large cream white signal yellow at throat, veined blue-violet. Flight of Butterflies X *I. setosa canadensis*. Rock Garden 2004.

CHARMING BILLY (Marty Schafer/Jan Sacks, R. 2004). Sdlg. S97-25-10, SIB (dip.), 25" (64 cm), M. S. red-violet (RHS 77D, dappled and washed with 77A); style arms pearly light blue, opening with orangey buff tips which fade to blue; F. intensely dark and bright red-violet, yellow (12A) signal with straight purple to black veins; slight sweet fragrance. Echo the Wind X S92-56-13:(S89-5-1:(Forrest McCord x Isabelle) x Careless Sally). Joe Pye Weed's Garden 2004.

COSMIC SYMPHONY (O.D. Niswonger, R. 2003). Sdlg. CS 1-99. SPEC-X (calsib, tet.), 24" (61 cm), M. S. and style arms blue lavender; F. darker blue lavender, near-white edge, yellow signal, veined; spathes burgundy, color extending down stem. Silent Dreams X unknown. Cape Iris Gardens 2004.

CURRIER (Robert Hollingworth, R. 2003). Sdlg. 97B1A4. SIB (tet.), 33" (84 cm), E. S. medium deep red; style arms light blue and red mixture; F. medium deep red, white wire rim, very large white signal. 92J3B8. Somebody Loves Me sib, X 92H6A3: (87S4D1: (Hubbard x (Pink Haze x Wing on Wing)) x Jewelled Crown). Windwood Gardens 2004.

DAVID'S SONG (Barry Blyth, R. 2004). Sdlg. DS1-1. SIB (dip.), 30" (76 cm), EM. S. light mauve-blue; style arms light blue, turquoise on midrib; F. slightly deeper mauve-blue, deeper wash around creamy white signal. Seed from David Schmieder. Parentage unknown. Tempo Two 2004/05.

DEAR CURRIER (Jeff Dunlop, R. 2004). Sdlg. 96094-2, SIB (tet.), 30" (76 cm), ML. S. light to medium blue, veined slightly darker; style arms same as S., slight aqua midrib; F. medium blue veined darker, narrow lighter edge, small chalky yellow-brown signal, brown hafts; ruffled. Tiffany Lass X McEwen T8 87/54 R2-1.

DELANEY JEANNE (J. Owings Rebert, R. 2004). Sdlg. CG-S-TW, SIB (dip.), 22" (56 cm), M. Hazy pink self; ivory and gold signal. Parentage unknown.

DIRIGO INDIGO (John White, R. 2004). Sdlg. 92S-B3-2. SIB (dip.), 34" (86 cm), EM. S. close to indigo blue (RHS 96A); style arms mixed light blue and pearly white; F. close to indigo blue (96A); small gold-brown signal surrounded by white rays. Harpswell Hallelujah X Harpswell Valor.

EVEREST BLUE (O.D. Niswonger, R. 2003). Sdlg. Sib. 6-01. SPEC-X, 36" (91 cm), E. S. and style arms light blue; F. deeper light blue. Sib. 4-96: (Four Winds x *I. typhifolia*) X Sib. 3-96: (Snowy Mountain x *I. typhifolia*). Cape Iris Gardens 2004.

EVEREST WHITE (O.D. Niswonger, R. 2003). Sdlg. Sib. 3-01. SPEC-X, 34" (86 cm). E. White self. Sib. 3-96: (Snowy Mountain x *I. typhifolia*) X Sib. 2-96: (Illini Ruby x *I. typhifolia*). Cape Iris Gardens 2004.

FAHRT INS BLAUE (Tomas Tamberg, R. 2004). Sdlg. SSTT356, SIB (tet.), 31" (80 cm), M. S. medium violet-blue; style arms medium violet-blue; F. dark blue, small whitish signal. Regency Belle X tet SSTT183:(Cambridge x (Tycoon x Limeheart) x Limeheart)).

FOREVER REMEMBERED (Anna Mae Miller, R. 2004). Sdlg. 90.7.18, SIB (dip.), 36" (91 cm), M. S. light rose-violet (RHS 77A/B); style arms light blue and turquoise (106C), light rose crests; F. rose-violet with blue infusion 77A) extending from the

blue veins that net through the small white halo. 95.46.26:(Esther C.D.M. x 80.5.49:(Pink Haze x 78.16.7)) x Lilting Laura X Esther C.D.M. Ensata Gardens 2004.

FRESH NOTES (Marty Schafer/Jan Sacks, R. 2004). Sdlg. S97-25-4. SIB (dip.), 25" (64 cm), M. S. medium blue (RHS 97A with 93C&D highlights); style arms lighter blue with darker edges and tips, blue-green midrib; F. dark blue to violet-blue (93A and lighter) with a diffused rim of light blue (97D), signal yellow (12A/B) with widely spread dark blue-violet veins. Echo the Wind X S92-56-13:(S89-5-1:(Forrest McCord x Isabelle) x Careless Sally). Joe Pye Weed's Garden 2004.

FRISKY FROSTY (J. Owings Rebert, R. 2004). Sdlg. CG-S-EBB. SIB (dip.), 25" (64 cm), M. Grey-blue self tinted plum, very faint signal. Parentage unknown.

GRANDMARIE'S ANGEL (Kevin Morley, R. 2004). Sdlg. 92A. SIB (dip.), 30" (76 cm), M. S. pure white; style arms white, yellow midrib; F. pure white with light lime green (RHS 144A) veins extending down F. from yellow signal; slight ruffled. Percheron X Sultan's Ruby.

HALEAKALA (Marky Smith, R. 2004). Sdlg. S98-36Y. SIB (dip.), 30" (76 cm), EML. S. primrose yellow (RHS10D); style arms primrose yellow, darker midrib and crest; F. mimosa yellow (10A), bright yellow pleat on each side of fall ft haft, no signal, faint green texture veins upper fall and claw; ruffled. Hello Yellow X Schafer/Sacks S90-31-3:((Star Cluster x Ruffled Velvet) x (Creme Chantilly x Warburton ARV80-55:((Atoll x Ruffled Velvet) x Butter and Sugar))).

HARMONY HILL (Marty Schafer/Jan Sacks, R. 2004). Sdlg. S96-3-4. SIB (dip.), 36" (91 cm), EM. S. light reddish-violet (RHS 90D to 85A); style arms dark violet with darker midrib and tips (89B/C); F. lavender-blue (91A), narrow white stitching on edge, signals white, heavily veined and dotted violet-blue. Blackberry Jubilee X Salamander Crossing. Joe Pye Weed's Garden 2004.

HEARTWAVE (Barry Blyth, R. 2004). Sdlg. J253-3. SIB (dip.),

28" (71 cm), VE-M. S. light pink over white; style arms pinkish white, grey toward base; F. slightly deeper pink over white, small yellow hafts. Seed from M. Schafer cross S97-62-A. Strawberry Social X S92-70-18, Fond Kiss sib. Tempo Two 2004/05.

HEIDIE'S HAPPY HAVEN (J. Owings Rebert, R. 2004). Sdlg. CG-NO2, SIB (dip.), 24" (61 cm), M. S. light maroon with violet cast; F. maroon with violet cast, signal ivory, blue and gold. Parentage unknown.

HUNTRESS (Barry Blyth, R 2004). Sdlg. J245-4. SIB (dip.), 36" (91 cm), EML. S. lavender grey with lemon-gold bordered edge; style arms lavender-grey; F. coppery brown with all over deeper brown veining and spreading gold area to halfway down falls. Seed from M. Schafer cross S97-23. Sarah Tiffney X Tom Schaefer. Tempo Two 2004/05.

ICE CARVING (Christy Ann Hensler, R. 2003). Sdlg. 97JS 17C. SPEC-X, 41" (104 cm), M. S. white; style arms cream, light yellow wash; F. white, yellow-green signal. Intaglio X Sea Shadows. Rock Garden 2004.

IZZIT (Christy Ann Hensler, R. 2004). Sdlg. SW1. SPEC-X, 37" (94 cm), EM. S. light blue-lavender; style arms cream white with pale blue-lavender edges and rib; F. light blue-lavender, creamy white signal. Sky Wings X *I. setosa canadensis*.

JUDY JUDY JUDY (Robert Hollingworth, R. 2004). Sdlg. 02B2B8. SIB (tet.), 35" (89 cm), EM. S. medium red-violet; style arms light blue; F. white, with medium red-violet dots merging into outer plicata band. 97B1A2, sib to Currier, X Somebody Loves Me.

KARALIEN MORTA (Edmundas Kondratas, R. 2004). Sdlg. Lit-EK-01-01. SIB (dip.), 38" (97 cm), M. S. wine red; style arms lighter with blue midrib; F. deeper wine red, slight blue influence at end of gold signal, some prominent veining; flat flower form. Seed from Jennifer Hewitt: (Fisherman's Morning x unknown).

KARALIUS MINDAUGAS (Edmundas Kondratas, R. 2004). Sdlg. Lit-EK-98-05. SIB (tet.), 44" (112 cm), ML. S. dark violet-blue, finely ruffled; style arms dark violet-blue; F. dark violet-blue

with narrow gold edge, muted gold signal, waved, horizontal form. Parentage unknown, seed from Currier McEwen.

KENTUCKY MADE (Rita Adkins, R. 2004). Sdlg. E-DBD-A. SIB (dip.), 32" (81 cm), M. S. wine red, upright; style arms lighter wine red; F. wine red with green-yellow hafts overlain bronze, white signal netted in violet-purple. Ewen X Dance Ballerina Dance.

KEUKA OUTLET (Dana Borglum, R. 2004). Sdlg. 04-07. SIB (dip.) 18" (46 cm), M. S. and style arms medium blue; F. darker blue. Lake Keuka X unknown, probably Lake Keuka.

KEUKA WINE TRAIL (Dana Borglum, R. 2004). Sdlg. 04-18, SIB (dip.), 38" (96 cm), M. S. and style arms medium purple; F. slightly darker with heavy dark purple veining, signal yellow and white. Parentage unknown.

KISS THE GIRL (Marty Schafer/Jan Sacks, R. 2004). Sdlg. S97-77-3. SIB (dip.), 27" (69 cm), M. S. light yellow (RHS 12C); style arms pale yellow with darker tips and midrib; F. bright yellow (12A and darker), signal deep yellow, blended into falls; slight sweet fragrance. Tom Schaefer X S94-21-1:(S90-31-3:(S85-6-6:(Star Cluster x Ruffled Velvet) x S86-2-1:(Creme Chantilly x Isabelle) x (Warburton ARV-80 x Butter and Sugar))) x S92-88-5" (S89-23-4:(S85-6-6 x Isabelle) x Careless Sally)). Joe Pye Weed's Garden 2004.

KONCERT F MOLL (Lech Lomarnicki, R. 2004). Sdlg. 99Sib-2T. SIB (56 chr. tet.), 31.5" (80 cm), M. S. blue-violet, deep blue veins; style arms blue-violet, blue ribs, style crests ruffled; F. medium blue, deeper blue-violet veining, hair-thin metallic green-blue rim, small white signal overlaid light blue; flared and waved. Big's Child X unknown tet. from BIS seed exchange.

KRAMBAMBULI (Anne-Ruth Brehm, R. 2004). SIB (sino-sib), 36" (91 cm), M. S. light blue; style arms light blue; F. light blue edges, center heavily veined dark violet over yellow. Yellow/white seedling involving Anticipation Orange, from L. Reid seed.

LEONAS MELENIS (Edmundas Kondratas, R. 2004). Sdlg. Lit-

EK-99-05. SIB (tet.), 28" (71 cm), M & RE. S. and style arms medium violet-blue; F. medium blue with violet infusion blending from signal to white wire edge when first open, signal brownish yellow extending to white overlaid light blue; slightly waved. Parentage unknown.

LIBRA'S OCTOBER OWINGS (J. Owings Rebert, R. 2004). Sdlg. CG-3E-END. SIB (dip.), 28" (71 cm), M. Violet-purple self; white signal with gold lines. Parentage unknown.

LOOPHOLE (Christy Ann Hensler, R. 2003). Sdlg. FOB-13. SPEC-X (sibtosa), 26" (66 cm), M. S. grape, base rose purple; style arms rose purple, dark grape edge and crest; F. medium purple veined darker, throat yellow, cream white signal, netted purple. Flight of Butterflies X *I. setosa canadensis*. Rock Garden 2004.

MAINSTREAM SPRING (Mary Betts, R. 2004). Sdlg. SV7. SPEC-X, 32" (81 cm), M-VL. S. and F. lavender-blue (RHS 93B) fading to (96D); style arms (93C) fading to (93D), edges pinker; signal yellow (7D) and white, deep purple veins and dots throughout signal; two-branched stalk, curved stems, yellow spring foliage: (1B), summer (137C) with yellow in background. Orville Fay X parentage unknown, possibly *I. versicolor*.

MAINSTREAM TEMPEST (Mary Betts, R. 2004). Sdlg. SV5. SPEC-X, 36" (91 cm), M-VL. Dark purple self, S. (RHS 89B) fading to (89D); style arms (90B) fading to (90C); F. (89A) fading to (89C), signal yellow (7B) and white seep purple veins and dots throughout signal; two-branched stalk, curved stems, yellow spring foliage: (150B), summer (137B) with yellow in background. Orville Fay X parentage unknown, possibly *I. versicolor*.

MARIAH'S RUBY (Kevin Morley, R. 2004). Sdlg. 92H2. SIB (dip.), 27" (69 cm), EM. Dark rose red-violet self (RHS 82A); blue-violet veins extend down F. from signal, gold signal veined maroon, outer edge white veined blue-violet. Temper Tantrum X Sultan's Ruby.

MAJESTIC PEARL VIOLET (O.D. Niswonger, R. 2003). Sdlg. CS 2-99. SPEC-X (calsib, tet.), 24" (61 cm), M. S. and style arms

light violet; F. red-violet, signal yellow, veined; spathes burgundy, color extending down stem. Silent Dreams X unknown. Cape Iris Gardens 2004.

MILZINU DAINA (Edmundas Kondratas, R. 2004). Sdlg. Lit-EK-98-03. SIB (tet.), 44" (112 cm), M. S. light blue with darker veining, prominent midrib, upright; style arms very light blue, darker veins, broad midrib; F. medium blue with violet infusion blending from signal to outer edge, veined darker, signal brownish yellow turning to short white rays, flared. Parentage unknown.

MY FIRST KISS (Dean Cole, R. 2004). Sdlg. DC-98-143-2. SIB (tet.). 34" (86 cm), ML. S. lavender-pink with darker veining; style arms lighter lavender-pink, aqua cast near midribs; F. dark pink-lavender, blue-violet veining darker at signal area, deep blue-violet signal. Shall We Dance X S89/108F:(converted lavender McEwen seedling).

OBYKNOVENNOYE CHUDO (Sergey Loktev, R. 2004). SIB (dip.), 27" (68 cm), L. S. violet, darker at midrib; style arms light rose-violet, darker midrib; F. violet right half, bordeaux violet left half, light blue area below signal, interior signal lemon surrounded by yellow and bordered by white, violet-black pattern over entire signal area. Parentage unknown.

OLEK (Lech Komarnicki, R. 2004). Sdlg. 99/00 Sib 2T-B. SIB (tet.), 41" (104 cm), ML. S. and style arms blue-violet, blue ribs on style arms; F. deep violet, deep blue infusion below signal, white signal overlaid gold, green gold in throat; flared, light ruffles, overlapped. 95/6 Sib 107T-C, parentage unknown, seed from BIS seed exchange, X Big's Child.

ON HER TOES (Marty Schafer/Jan Sacks, R. 2004). Sdlg. S97-62B-3A. SIB (dip.), 26" (66 cm), EM. S. fall colors with lighter dappling and veining; style arms pearly white with a trace of blue-violet; F. pale purple ground (RHS 76D) dappled and washed with violet (shades of 88), bluish violet (86B) veins in center of falls, clean wide rim of pale purple, almost white, signal completely covered; heavily ruffled. Strawberry Social X S92-75-10, Book of Secrets sib. Joe Pye Weed's Garden 2004.

ORIENTAL CARPET (Barry Blyth, R. 2004). Sdlg.J246-1. SIB (dip.), 28" (71 cm), EM. S. lavender, some lavender-violet veining; style arms creamy white with strong turquoise wash; F. soft rosy lavender blending to lavender violet, gold outpouring 1/3 way down F. with deeper reddish veining; slight sweet fragrance. Seed from M. Schafer cross S97-25. Echo the Wind X Schafer S92-56-13;(S89-5-1:(Forrest McCord x Isabelle) x Careless Sally). Tempo Two 2004/05.

PROPHET'S KISS (Barry Blyth, R 2004). Sdlg. J245-1. SIB (dip.), 24" (61 cm), EML. S. greyed violet lemon; style arms grey lemon, turquoise midrib; F. brownish rose, gold signal extending 1/3 way down and heavily veined brownish rose. Seed from M. Schafer cross S97-23. Sib to Huntress. Tempo Two 2004/05.

QUANTUM THEORY (Christy Ann Hensler, R. 2003). Sdlg. 97JS5B. SPEC-X, 40" (102 cm), EM. S. medium violet-blue; style arms violet-blue, turquoise and light blue highlights; F. violet-blue, large cream white signal with violet-blue veining; bud sheaths and spathes very dark maroon purple; blooms large. Adrenaline Rush X 92JS4B: (unknown JI x unknown SIB). Rock Garden 2004.

RYAN JACOB (J. Owings Rebert, R. 2004). Sdlg. CG-S-LW. SIB, 28" (71 cm), M. S. violet-pink; F. slightly darker violet-pink, faint haft marks. Parentage unknown.

SEA STAR (Carol Warner, R. 2004). Sdlg. 6. SIB (tet.), 30" (76 cm), M. S. medium blue, deeper blue-violet veins; style arms medium blue, prominent turquoise midrib; F. ruffled medium blue, thin white rim, large white signal. Parentage Unknown. Draycott Gardens 2004.

SENECA MIDNIGHT BLUES (Dana Borglum, R. 2004). Sdlg. 04-05. SIB (dip.), 39" (99 cm), M. S. pale blue-purple; style arms near white; F. near black at hafts, lightening evenly towards bottom, broad pendant F. Parentage unknown.

SENECA PASTEL CHARM (Dana Borglum, R. 2004). Sdlg. 04-09. SIB (dip.), 26" (66 cm), M. S. and style arms medium lavender-purple; F. darker lavender-purple, signal white with darker lines. Parentage unknown.

SENECA RAINDANCE (Dana Borglum, R. 2004). Sdlg. 04-20. SIB (dip.), 30" (76 cm), M. S. medium purple with near-white veining, heavier at midribs; style arms pearl; F. white ground heavily veined and washed medium purple, deeper at edges; ruffled. Parentage unknown.

SENECA VICEROY (Dana Borglum, R. 2004). Sdlg. 04-19. SIB (dip.), 32" (81 cm), M. S. red-purple; style arms pearl, edged red-purple; F. dark purple with hints of red, signal white, yellow in throat. Parentage unknown.

SLAVONIC BEAUTY (Lech Komarnicki, R. 2004). Sdlg. 99 Sib-9T-A. SIB (tet.), 34" (86 cm), ML. S. blue-violet, lightly ruffled; style arms lighter blended greyed-violet, turquoise ribs; F. yellow, heavily and unevenly washed deeper grey-violet, hair=thin yellow-green rib, signal yellow, green in throat, waved. 96/7 Sib 107T-A, unknown seed from BIS seed exchange, X 98 Sib 11T-A:(Berlin Lance x unknown).

SMILEY FACE (Robert Hollingworth, R. 2004). Sdlg. 98H9A1. SIB (dip.), 27" (69 cm), M. S. medium yellow; style arms cream, yellow keel; F. buttercup yellow. 92K5A4:(88V7C18:(85E4A1:(83N3B17:(Butter and Sugar x 81E6A9:(Shadow Lake x 79P3:(Polly Dodge x Anniversary))) x Pas-de-Deux) x Ruffled Velvet) x 88T5C21:(85E1A6:(Sultan's Ruby sib, x 81C1C6:(Forrest McCord x sib)) x 85E4A1)) X Summer Revels. Windwood Gardens 2004.

SO BE IT (Barry Blyth, R. 2004). Sdlg. J252-2. SIB (dip.), 34" (86 cm), EM. Pure white self; F. small gold shoulders; wide full flowers; slight fragrance. Seed from M. Schafer cross S97-43. Schafer S92-97-12:(S90-43-1:(Sailor's Fancy x S86-8-1, Trim the Velvet sib) x S89-9-2:(Isabelle x Silver Illusion)) X Three Hand Star.

SPIRIT'S SPIRIT (J. Owings Rebert, R. 2004). Sdlg. CG-S-RA. SIB (dip.), 26" (66 cm), M. White self, touch of yellow on hafts, green center lines on F. Parentage unknown.

STAR LION (Marky Smith, R. 2004). Sdlg. S99-23A. SIB (dip.), 29" (74 cm), EML. S. warm orchid lavender (RHS 84C) with darker (84A) texture veins; style arms pale lavender (85D), darker blue

midrib, topped by thin red-violet ruffle and ruffled crest; F. royal violet centers and left side of fall (86B) with wide 1/2" dark mulberry (77A) shoulder and rim on right side of petal, narrow matching shoulder on left, dashed white signal; ruffled. Ali'i X Blackberry Jubilee.

STATELY ELEGANCE (Lorena Reid, SIB (sino-sib), R. 2001). Wildwood Gardens 2004.

STONE FLOWER (Lech Komarnicki, R. 2004). Sdlg. 95/6 BIS260T. SIB (tet. 56 chr.), 40" (102 cm), ML. Deep blue-violet self, F. deep blue area beneath signal, signal white with deep blue lines; waved, flared. Parentage unknown, Tamberg's cross-BIS seed exchange.

STORM TOSSED (Barry Blyth, R. 2004). Sdlg. J252-1. SIB (dip.), 36" (91 cm), VE-M. S. medium violet; style arms pastel blue with slight turquoise midrib; F. deeper violet; slight sweet fragrance. Seed from M. Schafer cross S97-43, Sib to So Be It.

SUMMERFOLK (Barry Blyth, R. 2004). Sdlg. J246-2. SIB (dip.), 28" (71 cm), EM. S. light to medium blue, deeper veining; style arms light to medium blue, turquoise midrib; F. violet veined deeper violet, large creamy signal extending halfway down F. Seed from M. Schafer cross S97-25, Sib to Oriental Carpet.

SUN COMES UP (Marty Schafer/Jan Sacks, R. 2004). Sdlg. S97-75-1. SIB (dip.), 25" (64 cm), M. S. very light blue (RHS 97D) over a very pale yellow; style arms pearly pale blue with yellow in the heart; F. blue (97A&B) over yellow, yellow darkest at signal, paling towards edge, lightly veined, darkest at shoulders; signal yellow with a few thin blue veins; slight fragrance. Tom Schaefer X S92-27-12:(S86-18-1 x Careless Sally). Joe Pye Weed's Garden 2004.

SWEPT AWAY (Barry Blyth, R. 2004). Sdlg. J252-1. SIB (dip.), 25" (64 cm), EML. S. light blue-violet; style arms grey white, green turquoise ridge; F. blue-violet, violet-brown over lemon hafts. Schafer cross S97-40, Sib to Beyond the Clouds. Tempo Two 2004/05.

TANZANITE GEM STONES (Opal Wulf, R. 2004). Sdlg. 91-10.

SIB (dip.), 25" (64 cm), EM. S. and style arms pale violet-blue (RHS 91C), standards form a bowl around style arms; F. violet-blue (91A), paler (92A) midrib, veining (91B) radiating center to edge, pale gold shoulders transition to small white area towards petal ends, rounded, flared. Heather Ann X Little Tricolor.

TIKI BIRD (Brian Hersey, R. 2004). SPEC-X (sino-sib), 35" (89 cm), ML. S. lavender with violet veining; style arms dusky purple; crests tipped cream, horizontal; F. primrose deepening to gold in hafts, veined violet throughout, gold signal; slight sweet fragrance. *I. forrestii* X *I. chrysographes*.

TOBOLAK (Jiri Dudek, R. 2004). Sldg. SIBop. SIB (dip.), 28" (70 cm), M. S. light blue-violet; F. medium blue-violet, prominent darker veins and peppering. Parentage unknown, seed from Pruhonice Botanical Garden.

TOMMY (Kevin Morley, R. 2004). Sdlg. M/S 91A. SIB (dip.), 30-36" (76-91 cm), EM. S. medium blue (RHS 89A), lighter on edges; style arms white with aqua midrib; F. pale blue (89A) dappled (92B), dappling darker at edges, signal bronze and gold with white spray pattern, blue veins onto F., slightly ruffled. Parentage unknown; SIGNA seed.

WAIMATE SUNSHINE (Robert Hollingworth, R. 2004). Sdlg. 97D5A12. SIB (dip.), 32" (81 cm), L-VL. S. and style arms ivory; F. medium yellow. Sib to Veins of Gold.

WHITE COLLAR BLUE (Barry Blyth, R. 2004). Sdlg. J252-4. SIB (dip.), 28-30" (71-76 cm), EM. S. red-violet, pointed; style arms white, turquoise midrib, feathered at tip; F. bluish violet, pale blue wire edge. Seed from M. Schafer cross S97-43, Sib to So Be It.

WILLAKENZIE WONDER (Debbie Gorham, R. 2003). SIB (dip.), 28" (71 cm), M. S. light blue shaded turquoise, heavily veined lavender; style arms pale blue-white, rib turquoise, curled crests; F. medium wine lavender paling toward edge which ages blue-white, medium blue-lavender center heavily veined lavender and lightly mottled, rectangular yellow signal orange wine at edge. Parentage unknown. Blue Sky Garden 2004.

WOJEWODA (Lech Komarnicki, R. 2004). Sdlg. 00BL-9T-C. SPEC-X, 43" (110 cm), ML. S. deep red-purple; style arms red-purple, deeper ribs; F. deep red-purple, white spot around yellow signal, semi-flared, slightly waved. Berlin Purple Wine X I. versicolor red sdlg:(*kermesina* 2nd gen. x unknown).



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CANADA



TOURING FOR SIBERIANS

by Rita Gormley, Missouri

One of the big advantages of living in the Midwest and having lots of family in the Northeast is we get to have a VERY extended Siberian bloom season to view!

Our very modest collection of Siberians begins blooming the first week in May with the big clump **'Caesar's Brother'** (Morgan '32) wowing all the neighbors on our country road. Many of them now have healthy groups of this easy-to-grow iris too! **'Pink Haze'** usually follows right after in several places in our



Gayer Garden Reg. 18 May Tour

yard because we kept moving it to find the "perfect spot". It really just wanted to be left alone for a while to get established. Our garden does have some lovely ones from local hybridizers such as Louise Bellagamba's **'Patio Rose'**, **'Rill'** and **'Appaloosa Blue'** and Bob Barker's lovely new white one, **'Dream On Dream'**.

Usually the second week in May there is a Region 18 Spring Tour somewhere in Kansas or Missouri and we are treated to viewing some of the finest Siberian growers in the Midwest. This includes Calvin Helsley in Mansfield, MO, hybridizer of such outstanding irises as **'At The Ballet'**, **'Jatinwane'**, **'Louison'**, **'Mabel Coday'**, **'Magenta Moment'** (my personal favorite!) and **'Where Eagles Dare'** – over two dozen introductions total. Visiting Gayer's garden in Ash Grove, MO makes me realize that "dirt makes a difference" because their farmland soil (and Marjorie's loving care of the Siberians) produces such spectacular results. Our own native limestone gravelly/clay soil hinders beardless growth with constant run-off over the gravel driveway. Going to Len Suchy's home in Wichita, KS, just so we can see what he has done

with all the irises he out-bid everyone at Region 18 sales, is an eye-popper! He has all the newest, latest beardless and bearded varieties. As a fund-raiser supporter in Region 18, he is the best even though he mostly out-bids me.

The first week in June, when all our irises are on the wane, we begin our trek to the Northeast to visit our daughter Karla and family in Syracuse, NY. We always stop by to see our friends Dana and Sylvia Borglum in Geneva, NY. This gorgeous area, with the rich farming dirt of the Finger Lakes, is a treat for me since I grew up nearby. Most of the time there is spend gawking at Dana's Siberian seedling 'patch', admiring the gorgeous peonies he grows and being amazed at the bus loads of garden visitors who come to 'Dig Your Own' bearded irises. Since the TBs are in bloom, everyone can see the varieties of colors and because digging and transplanting at bloom time really doesn't slow them down. The Borglums do a big repeat business with people returning every year to get more! Siberians are available in pots and we always have a load (including peonies) in the back of the vehicle when we leave. We often don't have time to visit much because there is such activity with their customers.

Irises of all kinds are in close-to-peak bloom at Karla's when we arrive there. The people in this relatively new suburban neighborhood all stop by to ask her about the unusual flowers she has in her yard. Not as obsessive as her parents about gardening, and having two small boys tearing around her yard, she still does have a fine assortment of trees, bushes, irises of all types including rebloomers, and other 'presents' from Mom. Of course, I unload some of the new acquisitions from Borglums. Karla has a gorgeous clump of '**Summer Skies**' that I gave her years ago and which will NOT grow for me in Missouri. Our grandsons, Nick and Nathan, at 10 and 6, are very interested in plants and bugs and Grampa gave them a hybridizing lesson. Who knows what will come from the new seeds that now are planted?

Only a couple of hours from Karla's is Niagara Falls and in the middle of June 2003 we went to the Siberian-Species Convention in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada and were awestruck with the Siberian

Display at the Royal Botanical Gardens. There were things we had only seen in catalogs and promptly put on our “must-have” list.



Sharon Whitney and Don Clifford

This past year we went from Syracuse to attend a Gormley Family Picnic in Massachusetts and continued to ‘NE Siberian Heaven’ in Harpswell, ME. Iris people being the friendly sort that they are, Sharon Whitney and her husband Don Clifford welcomed us for a couple of days. They gave us the grand tour of Currier McEwen’s home property with the famous view of Harpswell Neck Bay, the Currier McEwen Centennial Garden at the Harpswell Historic Park, as well as their extensive property with Currier’s seedlings and their commercial beds still under evaluation.

We saw ‘Operation Deep Freeze’, JIs from very cold climates, even Russia, and peonies to die for. A trip to Maine, especially for Midwesterners, wouldn’t be complete without going to a local, bay-view restaurant for a lobster roll and chowder. What a wonderful time we had viewing Siberians that were just coming into bloom mid-June.

We look forward to our trip next year when we hope to visit more of the Siberian Display Gardens and meet new friends and old.



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SIBERIAN IRISES IN ST. PETERSBURG

by Irena Makarova

(Translated by I. Sokolova)

My garden is located 40 km northwest of St. Petersburg. The conditions there are more severe than in the southern suburbs or in the Botanical Garden located in the center of the city. Despite the rather short distance, winter frosts are more severe, snow cover lasts longer in spring (often to mid-April), and vegetation and bloom are 7 days and more later.

In my garden, under the supervision of Prof. Rodionenko, I carry out tests of iris species, hybrids and cultivars, mainly working with those that are moisture-loving. We have strong expectations of Siberian irises and I am trying to make new acquisitions for the collection. The main source is the collection of Andrey Treshchenkov (Moscow), the largest in Russia. In addition, in autumn 2003, Dr. Tomas Tamberg gave us some of his cultivars. I would like to take this opportunity to express my

great appreciation to him, as well as of thanking Marty Schafer and Jan Sacks, who kindly sent me their hybrid seeds in spring 2001. The seedlings planted from these seeds will allow us to enlarge our very modest range of Siberian irises and gratify gardeners, who are not favored by nature in the north. Unfortunately, unfavorable weather conditions have impeded the development and blossom of the seedlings, and, consequently, the selection of the promising ones among them.

You cannot imagine how flower gardeners in Russia are ignorant of the modern diversity of Siberian irises. A typical answer on this



Figure 1

subject is: 'Well, I have a blue iris, perhaps a white or a yellow one could be of interest'. There are several reasons for such an attitude. First, the great majority of gardens have either a wild form (the geographical range of *I. sibirica* nearly reaches St. Petersburg), or very old cultivars. Second, unlike bearded irises, Siberians are not photogenic. Statuesque and apparently posturing, Tall Bearded irises are quite easy to photograph. But to catch the charm and vivacity of Siberian irises is as difficult as making a portrait of a person with mobile features. Furthermore, photos often cannot render the nuances and tinges of flower colors that are a very specific virtue of many modern cultivars. For this reason, it is difficult to advertise Siberian irises by means of photos.

Also, under the conditions of St. Petersburg, most Siberian irises flower together with the Tall Bearded ones, which, with their large size and bright color, literally depress everything flowering around them. And certainly our gardeners, tired of the endless gray and gloomy autumn, winter and spring days, turn first and foremost to those enormous, loudly colored flowers. Some become their fans and cannot be interested in any other irises. However, thermo- and xerophilous bearded irises are quite unhappy with our climate.

But let us return to the cultivars of Siberian irises. Flowering first of all, with a big start to the season, is '**Khanka**' (4 June 2004). Then the baton is passed to '**My Love**' (15 June), and then to '**Helen Astor**' (26 June) – unfussy and flowering well in our conditions. Like many others, I discontinued planting '**Snow Crest**', loved by Dr. Rodionenko. It proliferates very fast, but has a normal blossom only once in several years, in other years sprouting only 3–5 flowering stems. Good performers are '**Dreaming Yellow**', '**Ruffled Velvet**', '**Super Ego**', '**Silver Edge**', '**Lady of Quality**', '**White Swirl**', '**Lilting Laura**', and '**Gelbe Moeve**'. Among the acquisitions of 2001-02 that have already performed quite well are '**Pas-de-Deux**', '**Moon Silk**', '**Isabelle**', '**Indy**', '**Percheron**' and '**Roaring Jelly**'. I am delighted with their first bloom. Despite the large size of the flowers, their unusual beauty can be appreciated only at close range. '**Lorena Cronin**' charmed us, but it will be less popular with our gardeners, most of who prefer large flowers (and

not only among irises). The leaning to large-flowered plants is a Russian peculiarity. **'Plissee'** and **'Prussian Blue'** also were in bloom for the first time. They grow vigorously, and I believe they will become sure and beautiful components of our gardens. **'Heliotrope Bouquet'** surprised us. It flowered for the first time this year, but the first flowering stems appeared only in mid-August, and the last in late September.



Figure 2

There is not enough warmth for such cultivars as **'Butter and Sugar'**, **'Ewen'**, **'Harpswell Happiness'**, **'Shirley Pope'**, and **'Marshmallow Frosting'**. In my garden, they usually do not produce more than 2–5 flowering stems, but the beauty of the flowers compensates for their small number. **'Liberty Hills'** and **'Lake Keuka'** still proliferate weakly, but the latter produces more flowering stems and is loved by women. Our conditions are especially hard for **'Ruffled Round'**. It produces 1-2 flowering stems, but rains often prevent us admiring its glamorous flower because the bud margins rot and it cannot open properly. Dr. Rodionenko's favorites of this year were graceful **'Lorena Cronin'** and powerful **'Plissee'**. I have a motherly attitude towards my "kids", and choose no favorites. Every iris is good in its own fashion.

The season of 2003 was unfavorable, with a cold May and June. The weather this year was worse than I ever remember. Several unusually hot days in early May (25°C, the temperature of a hot summer) brought perennials into premature growth, and then their gentle sprouts were attacked by cold combined with rains. For several days running the night temperature fell below 0°C (down to -4°C on May 13th and 14th). Fig. 1 shows, how much the unfavorable conditions retarded the development of **'Jewelled Crown'**

as compared to **'Indy'**. The latter not only proved to be more cold-resistant, but sprouted 14 flowering stems, while **'Jewelled Crown'** had none. They were both planted in autumn 2001. June is usually the warmest and driest month, but this time it gave only a continuation of the cold and rainy May. High humidity combined with cold caused fungal diseases of Siberian irises. Young plants and those enfeebled by replanting were injured most of all (Fig. 2). In July-August it got warmer, and at last, though for a short time, the rain stopped. The irises, warmed by the sun, revived. Instead of brown leaves, young green ones started growing.

As regards pests, Siberian irises in wet weather especially attracted garden ants. They inhabited the roots under ground, congregated between the closely grouped leaf fans, and used the leaves to "graze" aphids. Fortunately, the chemical 'Muravyed' (diazinon emulsion) has helped to control them. About 4 years ago, an avalanche of large snails, which had not occurred here before, descended on our gardens from the NorthWest. First, they were particular about their food and liked delphiniums and lupines most of all. But then they multiplied so much that they began eating anything, including irises. It is especially unpleasant to find them on raspberries, currants, and plums. I did my best to kill them off, but they propagated very quickly. Last year, in the late summer I saw, to my sorrow, the leaf tips of a young iris suddenly turning brown. I supposed it to be scorch, dug the plant out and found the roots healthy, but dotted with aphids. I never read about aphids living on the roots, nor heard this from gardeners, but had several times found them on the roots of cabbage lettuce. I did not know what to do, so I rinsed the roots in water, transplanted the iris to a new place, and scalded the old one with boiling water. Unfortunately, the weakened plant could not overwinter.

In addition to 28-chromosome Siberian irises, I would like to see exotic Sino-Siberian growing in our gardens. I have a form of *Iris chrysographes*, selected by Dr. Rodionenko and resistant to our conditions, and *Iris forrestii*. We are most grateful to Marty Schafer and Jan Sacks, who in 2003 sent the seeds of *Iris wilsonii*, *Iris bulleyana*, *Iris clarkei*, *Iris delavayi*, *Iris dykesii* and the seeds from some Lorena Reid's hybrids. It is a pity that the seeds of *Iris*



Figure 3

wilsonii never came up, and among 9 seedlings of *Iris clarkei* only one has overwintered, but the foundation is laid after all. Hopefully, later on we will be able to use the irises that have survived in hybridizing work.

The main obstacles to growing Siberian and Sino-Siberian irises are an insufficiency of warmth and the resulting short growth period. There is a good reason for calling the Russian NorthWest a zone unsafe for agriculture. Growth starts in late April to early May, and in the

first half of October the leaves need to be cut, because snow may already fall. The leaves at that time are mostly green and still growing, which indicates that the plants are not prepared for winter. Straw, used in the USA as a protective material, is not available to us. I shelter only the seedlings of the Sino-Siberians using oak leaves gathered in city park and spruce branches. All my hopes are on snow; but it is an unreliable partner, and may fail. That is why I worry about my wards in winter as well.

For all that, despite all my difficulties and disappointments, every year I look forward to the flowering of my irises and I am always amazed at their diversity and daintiness.

Captions of illustrations

Fig. 1. Lower left: 'Pas-de-Deux', right: 'Jewelled Crown'. Central left: 'Ruffled Round', right: 'Indy'. May 2004.

Fig. 2. Cold wet weather has led to diseases of Siberian irises.

Fig. 3. Aphids on a Siberian iris.



JOTTINGS BY THE EDITOR

A February snowstorm deposited an additional 5 inches of lovely snow on the garden last night. We welcome it here in our New Hampshire mountains where the temps can plummet to -40 but not this winter. We were solidly in the Zone 4 camp (as opposed to our usual Zone 3) which was cause for concern in the garden but not for Siberian irises and a few other hardy perennials. As I proofread this on March 11, we just had 2 more feet of snow and are expecting 2 more feet tomorrow!

Siberian Popularity Poll

Speaking of our wonderful Siberians, please vote the popularity poll. It is helpful to read the comments especially when the climate, weather and soil are known.

Barbara Schmieder, our popularity poll tabulator, and I have discussed the downward trend of responses. In 2002, we had 131 SSI members voting (as opposed to 69 in 1999). Every year since 2002, there has been a decrease in participation even when we have supplied the ballot and increased the cultivar vote to 20. We may be the only section who doesn't supply a pre-printed ballot. The reason being that this has always been viewed as "our" popularity poll not a judging ballot. Is it time to change? We don't know and we are asking you to make your views known so we can better serve the Society.

Changes are already in place for this 2005 Popularity Poll:

- 1) **There will not be a printed Pop. Poll in this issue.** So few tend to use it that it has lost its usefulness. We will still allow up to 20 cultivars in the poll.
- 2) **Barbara Schmieder has e-mail and will take your votes electronically** as well as by postal mail. Her e-mail is: ornacirises@verizon.net

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Remember, this is your poll and you can contact me at:
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Simply send in your favorite Siberians either by postal mail or e-mail.

Thank you for voting in **your** Popularity Poll!

Ellen Gallagher

SIBERIAN IRIS DISPLAY GARDENS

by Bill Dougherty, Minnesota

Again this year Bill Smoot and I will co-chair the Siberian Display Garden (SDG) Program. The goal of the SDG program is to promote Siberians in our gardens.

SDG owners grow and maintain a quality collection of Siberian Iris and are willing to open their gardens to show and educate the gardening public about the qualities and culture of our cherished iris. Where better to praise the virtues of Siberian iris than in the garden? Not only does the gardening public have a place to examine well-grown Siberians but AIS members and Judges could use SDGs to examine the latest hybrids and introductions if available.

Qualifications

(1) SDG owners must be members of SSI.

They are willing to have their addresses and contact information publicized.

They should have a collection of well-grown Siberians and be willing to tell others about their culture.

The Program

- * Program enrollment will be in November when new gardens will be enlisted. (Enrollment is closed for 2005)
 - * Existing garden owners will complete a yearly activity report and determine if they wish to continue in the program.
 - * SDGs will be published in the Spring TSI, the SSI website, new SSI membership material and other SSI publicity opportunities. SDG owners will receive SSI membership brochure's culture sheets, annual questionnaire and activity report.
 - * Annual publication of the member list will detail the contact name, address, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses. Visits will be appointment only arranged with the garden owner.
- Please call or e-mail in advance.**

We have talked to some commercial growers and they have shown interest in providing a small discount to SDG owners. Commercial

growers that wish to provide a discount to SDG members contact either co-chair listed below. We are eager to answer questions or respond to comments.

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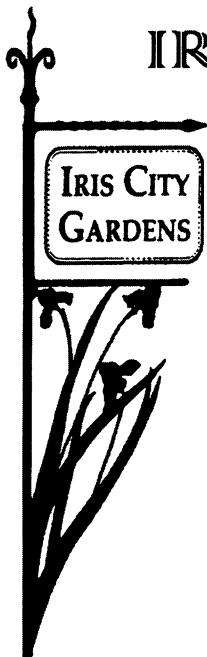
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