

Request for Guest Beardless Irises

The Mio Irisarians are pleased to host the UP NORTH 2029 Siberian/Species Convention in conjunction with the Region 6 Spring Meeting. Hybridizers are invited to send guest seedlings and recent introductions of Siberian and other beardless irises to the guest gardens.

When sending guest rhizomes, please observe the following guidelines:

A maximum of three rhizomes of each variety will be accepted. There is no limit to the number of cultivars you send.

Bloom season will be targeted for peak Siberian/TB bloom season, however with weather swings early and later blooming varieties are always welcome.

Window for receiving guest plants is September 1 – September 20, 2026.

All guest plants should be shipped to:

Adam Cordes
22740 County Road 451
Hillman, MI 49746

Each cultivar should be clearly identified with name or seedling number. Each seedling should be clearly identified.

If a seedling becomes named during its stay in the guest gardens, please notify Adam Cordes no later than April 1, 2029, so the name can be included in the convention booklet.

A packing list should be included in the box of rhizomes that lists the cultivars and seedlings. On your packing list, please include your name and contact information.

At the end of the mini convention, a piece of each introduced variety will remain in the guest gardens to increase awareness of Siberian irises and support the host garden. Remaining introduced Iris variety divisions will be distributed via auction for support of the hosting club, Region 6, and SSI.

While Siberian Irises do well in our Up North climate, there are occasionally losses on the first year of overwintering. If any varieties you send fail to come up the first spring after transplant, the guest chairman will contact you for a possible replacement. (These plants will be distinguished as younger 2-year clumps during the garden tours.)

If you have any questions, please email Adam at cordesview@gmail.com. Or by phone (989) 574-7660. We hope you will consider participating in the AIS Region 6 spring meeting in conjunction with the Society for Siberian Irises Convention. We appreciate your dedication to Siberian and Species Irises and look forward to displaying your hybridization and selection efforts!

Iristatically Yours,

Adam Cordes