

# THE REBLOOMING IRIS RECORDER

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**Siberian Rebloomers  
Rebloomers in Canada  
2021 Bloom Data**

**At the AIS National Convention**  
**The Reblooming Iris Society presents:**

**A Conversation with Mike Sutton**

**Wed. at 4:00    Location: TBA**

**It is finally here . . .**

**The 2022 Cumulative Checklist of Reblooming Irises**

FYI, it is a continuously up dated list of rebloomers, many of which aren't registered as such, as bloom reports come in.

**The Checklist will be available at the AIS National Convention as a book and as a flash drive. Mail orders will be welcomed. More info to come later.**

A few quick notes:

This "newsletter" evolved into a publication, much more than was originally anticipated. One thing led to another and to another. . .

Please enjoy all the articles and the many photos! Our going digital allows for larger size images than before.

Many bloom recorders noted that the bloom season was delayed, which is reflected in the graphs. Consequently, many buds, which normally would have opened earlier in the fall, were hit with a freeze.

THANK YOU to all our new recorders and photographers!

I hope it is much easier than before to read the bloom information.

Please send me suggestions for an even better publication.

Mary

**Reduced Dues:** Although it still costs \$12 for one year, **3-year is \$25, basically \$8 per year.** No more "Dual" or "International" categories. **Please continue your membership to receive 2 colorful digital RI Recorders editions each year.**

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## From the RIS President

### The 2022 Winter Report

**Jim Landers**

Reblooming irises are the irises of the future. This phase has been around a long time and is very true, but in reality reblooming irises are the irises of now. There have never been so many varieties with the reblooming capability, and more are being introduced every year.

Hybridizers are working to increase the rebloom trait because that is what people want. And people want to see beautiful blooms and learn about what reblooms in their area.

Each of us can contribute to this effort by taking pictures of rebloomers in the garden and sending information about the bloom to their area director so that it can be transferred to Mary, the editor of the Reblooming Recorder. Mary needs us all to send her pictures and articles and any information we can gather on our favorite flower so that she can make the Recorder a most interesting and informative newsletter.

Mary has a form that we can easily record the information that she would like. The very easy to fill out forms are in this edition. No computer is necessary. Afterwards just send the bloom data to your area director so that it may be sent to Mary.

I would like to introduce the new Area Director for the Northwestern Region, Delane H. Langton, of Eagle Ridge Iris Gardens in Billings, Montana. Delane has been active in activities for many years, and we will all enjoy his reports. picture of Delane and Jane was taken in Austin, Texas at Iris Society of Austin show in April 2016.



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Regions 14, 15

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13, 20

Las Cruces is going to be a dream time for seeing iris flowers and iris people. We have been waiting for two long years for this event and the time is nearly here! Make plans to attend. So many iris friends are eagerly waiting to see you. And remember that reblooming irises are the irises of the future.

## Editor's Note



Let me first acknowledge: It has been a weird year for weather! And for most of us, the wild swings in weather impacted our plant growth and blooms. Not enough rain. Downpours. Sometimes both. Recording breaking heat. Early freezes. Roaring fires. Very high winds. Weird!

In addition, and equally weird the rebloom season has been delayed in many parts of the US. This obviously impacted our data so take it with a grain of a salt. For some of us, the rebloom season started in late October.

And the bloom data definitely reflects that. Some of the bloom data for this Fall isn't typical and should be taken with a grain of salt.

**Reduced Dues!** Yes, our membership is only **3 years for \$25**, basically **\$8 per year**.

Please help. . .Record the bloom times of your rebloomers, even if it is only for a couple rebloomers. Truly easy peasy. We very much need your help! Check out the forms in this edition. No computer is needed. Paper and pencil are fine. Honestly, it is EASY!

With more folks' recording bloom data, more locations, and more varieties will give members much more information. **This is THE main objective for publishing the Recorder.**

Hopefully 2022's weather will love our irises. And our irises will love the weather!

And last but certainly not least, thank you for being a member! This publication relies on it!

Take care,  
Mary Platner, Editor

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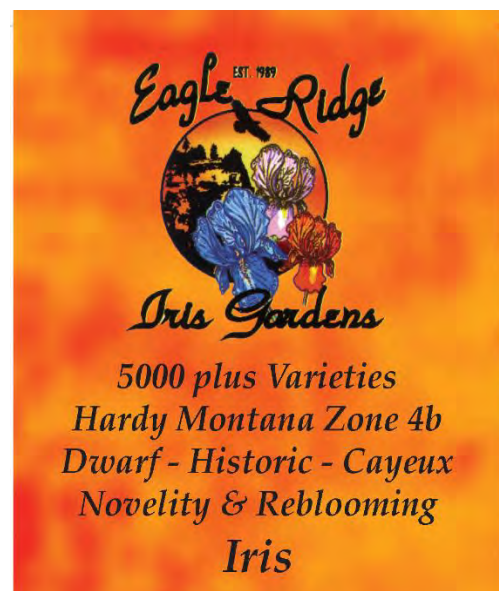
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## Treat Yourself to a Visit to Our Rejuvenated Website

In case you haven't been to <https://rebloomingiris.com> recently, you're in for a treat. Dave Banks, our IT extraordinaire, has been very busy not only improving the website's looks but also adding so much more content.

It's now easy to read on your phone or tablet. All the features you are used to are still there.

**New Features:** Back issues of the *Reblooming Iris Reporter* and *Reblooming Iris Recorder* are now available through 2014. Many thanks go to members who loaned copies to be scanned. Now you have access to issues and articles that you may have never seen before. These include the original articles by Edwin Rundlett and others who have gone before.

### Most of the website is now searchable.

Please contact Dave if you can loan these missing issues for him to scan. Dave's contact info: [rebloomingirisweb@gmail.com](mailto:rebloomingirisweb@gmail.com).

*REPORTERs* missing

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**Senorita Frog**

10"/D. Spoon, 2002

Photo Credit: Delane H. Langton



**Short Stitched**  
36"/D. Spoon, 2022



**Mad About Saffron**  
40"/Price, 2017



**Breaking Point**  
34"/M. Sutton, 2007

### The Reblooming Iris Society

## Membership Application or Renewal

Go to the American Iris Society's website, [irises.org](http://irises.org), to pay with a credit card or PayPal.

OR send this form along with a check made out to "RIS" to

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**Digital Membership dues are:** \_\_\_\_\_ \$12 for 1 yr. \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 for 3 years



**We are always in need of more photos from you. . .**

**Your name won't be on a marquee, but you will get photo credit.**

**As you can see, we use over 60 photos in each issue.**

**Grab your cellphone**

and SNAP! We need your cellphone photos of rebloomers! Submit your photos. Each issue has at least 60 photos. We NEED your photos to put in the Recorder's photo bank. When taking a picture, please get up close to the front of the bloom or a bit to the side of the bloom. The higher the resolution the better. No hands or red wagons in the background, please! Send your cellphone photos to either [maryplatner@msn.com](mailto:maryplatner@msn.com) or text to my cell: 480-540-6824.

**Submit photos:** Each issue has at least 60-70 photos. I maintain a bank of photos that members have sent me or given me permission to take from Facebook. When taking a picture, please get up close to the front of the bloom. The higher the resolution the better. And have a rather non-descript background. I had to "erase" a red wagon from behind an iris!



<b>Optional:</b> Please record your bloom data for Jan.-June, which provides the complete picture of a variety's bloom for the entire year. <b>IF you do this,</b> please list the variety's name with the same number on the July-Dec. form, e.g. if Winterberry is #5 on the Jan. form, it is #5 on the July form.																						
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Please send your bloom data at the end of the bloom season or the end of Dec. <b>whichever comes first.</b> Pls record "No Rebloom," too. Email: maryplatner@msn.com <b>OR</b> mail the paper/ pencil copy to Mary Platner, 8217 Del Camino Dr., Scottsdale, AZ 85258. MANY THANKS!!!																						
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## A Warm Welcome to Our Canadian Iris Lovers!

Mary Platner, Editor



Welcome to our Canadian iris lovers! I confess that I have very limited knowledge about Canada even though I have been there a few times. Delane Langton, the Reblooming Iris Society's Area Director, connected RIS to the British Columbia Iris Society (BCIS) and the Canadian West Iris Society (CWIS), which does NOT include British Columbia.

Canadian hardness zones and the USDA plant zones are frequently different. I have asked Chuck Chapman, who many Canadian iris growers know, to advise me on the equivalent USDA zone. Thank you, Chuck!

CWIS is a group of iris lovers who are primarily located in **CENTRAL** Canada, the Prairies and the North. Its southern boundary is the US/Canadian border. This part of Canada has winters below freezing and summer temperatures up to 100 F.

"The Canadian Prairies is a region in Central Canada and includes plant zones 2 and 3. It includes the Canadian portion of the Great Plains and the Prairie Provinces, namely Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba. These provinces are partially covered by grasslands, plains, and lowlands, mostly in the southern regions." (Wikipedia)

The Can-West Iris Society's webpage explains, "The Can-West Iris Society (CWIS) is an online group dedicated to the promotion of iris in cold climates. Our mandate is to promote interest in growing iris in cold climates, to encourage iris hybridizing and to recognize hybridizing achievements. We endeavor to provide the information needed to successfully grow different types of irises in the cold zones through educational opportunities, and a Facebook page!"

As noted earlier, the British Columbia Iris Society (BCIS) is not part of CWIS. As Canada's most western province, it has many different growing conditions/zones – everything from Pacific Coast Rainforest to the semi deserts of the southern interior. The coastal areas are generally mild year-round with high winter precipitation.

Much of coastal BC has low summer rainfall. The eastside of Vancouver Island can go nearly two months sometimes even more without significant rainfall. Around Vancouver and up the coast a bit, the climate is like that of Seattle and Portland.

The BCIS was established in 2006 and belongs to the American Iris Society Region 13. It produces several newsletters each year, offers garden tours, group purchasing, has a comprehensive website and an Annual General Meeting each spring. BCIS will host Region 13's meeting again in 2025.





## Canada



## What Again SDB-Re/Ensminger, 1991

Photo: Lesia Lalonde/Penticton

## News from the Okanagan Region, British Columbia (USDA Plant Zone 5a)

Editor's Note: The Okanagan Region is centered between the western and eastern boundaries of the province of British Columbia. Penticton is located in this region and is 40 miles north of the US border. This region has freezing winters and hot summers - Garden Zone Can 7a with temperatures ranging from -10F to 90F. It is a totally different climate from coastal Victoria and Vancouver on the Pacific Ocean, which is considered northern rainforest.

### By Lesia Lalonde

My husband and I have an acreage 5 minutes from downtown Penticton, B.C. We are retired and hobbyists having a collection of approximately 300 varieties.

Over the past few years, we have had success with some of the rebloomers we have planted including Blueberry Tart (SDB), Forever Blue (SDB), What Again (SDB), Many Mahalos (IB), Coral Caper (MTB), Breakers (TB), Champagne Elegance (TB), Georgia (TB), and Immortality (TB). Others that have rebloomed but are not considered rebloomers are Spun Gold (TB) and Stairway to Heaven (TB). Stairway to Heaven bloomed Sept. 24 one year, and Spun Gold reliably reblooms around Oct. 30.

Some new reblooming additions to our garden beds this year include Alberta Peach (SDB), Teagan (SDB), Wise Willow (SDB), and Love Goes on (BB). I look forward to reporting on the progress of these newbies and the established ones later this year.

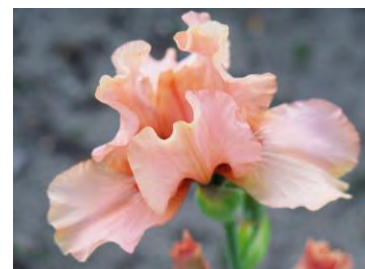
Photos: Coral Caper – Lesia LaLonde

Breakers – Blue J Iris

Many Mahalos – Aitken's Salmon Creek Iris Garden

Stairway to Heaven – Blue J Iris

What Again - Blue J Iris



**Coral Caper**  
MTB-Re/Aitken, 2007



**Breakers**  
37"/Schreinenr, 1986



**What Again**  
TB-Re/Niswonger, 1987



**Stairway to Heaven**  
Dykes Medal 2000  
TB-Re/Lauer, 1993



**Many Mahalos**  
IB -Re/Aitken, 2003

## Penticton in the Okanagan Region (USDA 5a)

### Penny Santosham

BC Iris Society Okanagan Director

My rebloomers this year were SDB: What Again, Portland Pink and Forever Blue. TBs were Champagne Elegance \*\*\*\* 5 consecutive blooming stalks throughout September, Mariposa Autumn, Gibson Girl, and an old historic called Spun Gold.

Photos:

Mariposa Autumn – Penny Santosham

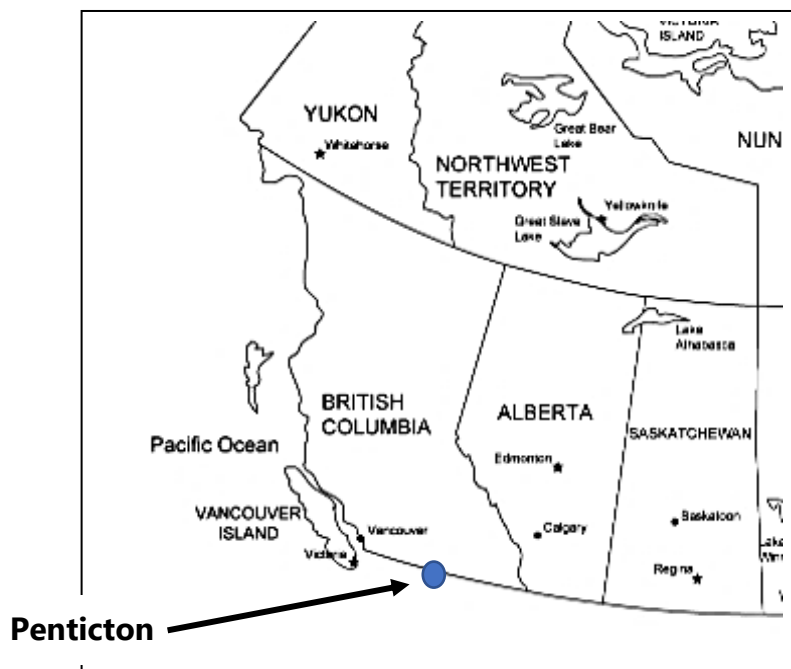
Spun Gold – Penny Santosham

Gibson Girl – Penny Santosham

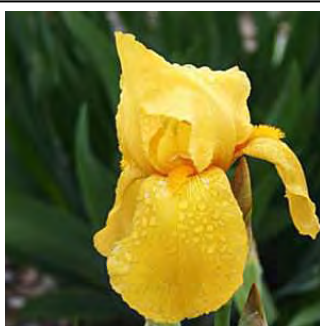
Portland Pink – Kent Pfeiffer



**Portland Pink**  
Cook-Douglas Medal 2021  
SDB-Re/Black, 2015



**Mariposa Autumn**  
TB-Re/Tasco, 1999



**Spun Gold**  
Dykes Medal 1944  
TB-Re/Glutzebeck, 1940



**Gibson Girl**  
TB-Re/Tasco, 1999



## South Central Canada

BJ Jackson

### The Rebloom Report for 2021

(Editor's Note: According to various articles on the Internet, the rule of thumb when converting Canadian plant zones to US plant zones is to add one to the US plant zone. Example: Canadian plant zone 3 equals US plant zone 4.)

These are *Canadian* Plant Zones



**Royal Overtime**  
11"/Chapman, 2000

As reported by Canada West Iris Society (CWIS) members and friends, rebloom was quite sparse in 2021. Too hot, too cold, too wet, too dry, few irises got a chance to show off after their initial spring and early summer bloom. That makes those that did extra special in my books!

The number one rebloomer was reported by Sandy Proulx (and dare I say overachiever?) is SDB Forever Blue (Chapman, 1997) growing in her daughter's garden in plant zone 3b in Winnipeg, Manitoba. It rebloomed

not once, not twice, but a total of five times during the late summer and autumn (July 24, August 23, September 4, September 15, October 1). It is by far the most reported rebloomer across the prairies. It wasn't the only one.

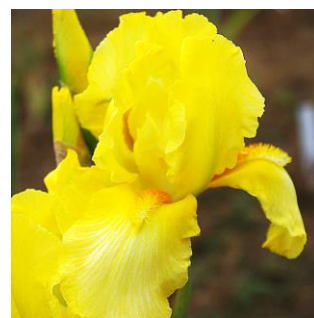
There were a few others including SDB Royal Overtime (Chapman, 2000) grown by Jodi Lockyer in Alberta, plant zone 3b, and Donna Reble in Saskatchewan, plant zone 3b. Donna also had SDB Forever Royal (Chapman, 2015) and IB Returning Fancy (Chapman 2020) rebloom for her.

Chuck Chapman certainly seems to have cornered the market on cold hardy rebloomers! And lastly, although we are not 100% sure of the identification, Kelly Leibzeit in Manitoba, plant zone 3b, reported rebloom on what we think is IB Star In The Night (Black, 2009). The ID will hopefully be confirmed when it blooms again next spring.

All Photos: Chuck Chapman



**Forever Blue**  
12"/Chapman, 1997



**Returning Fancy**  
23"/Chapman, 2020



**Forever Royal**  
16"/Chapman, 2015



## Rebloom in Southern Ontario, Canada

Compiled by Terry Laurin and Kate Brewitt  
(Ontario Iris Society)

Generally, the rebloom season in our Canadian zone 5b (USDA plant zone 5b) garden starts in late August and continues until there is a hard frost which usually occurs in late November/early December. Because weather plays a big factor, no two rebloom seasons are the same. An early frost can shorten the season by weeks while a dry autumn can result in little or no rebloom. The autumn of 2021 saw us with plenty of rain and warm temperatures which resulted in a lengthy reblooming iris season.

IB 'Precious Little Pink' (Byers, 1995) rebloomed for over three months. Starting in late August, this iris put up a multitude of bloom stalks. Just when we thought it was finished, another flourish of bloom stalks would appear. By late November, and with a hard frost in the forecast, the final three stalks were brought indoors for us to enjoy.



**Precious Little Pink**  
IB-Re/Byers/Dickey, 1995

MTB 'Lady Emma' (Jones, 1986) is another iris that reblooms reliably in our garden. She usually makes an appearance around our Canadian Thanksgiving (first Monday in October) and blooms for about four weeks. This year she put up seven bloom stalks the first week of November. Again, a threat of frost resulted in the stalks being brought indoors to finish their bloom.



**Perpetual Indulgence**  
SDB-Re/Aitken, 1995

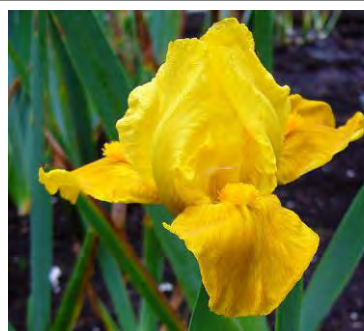
Other irises to rebloom were TB 'Starring Encore' (Spoon, 2008) which bloomed from the end of September through to the end of October, and SDB 'Ray Jones' (Spoon, 2011) which bloomed from mid-October until early November.

Members of the Ontario Iris Society were also enjoying rebloom in their gardens. This year there were reports of rebloom on SDB 'Autumn Jester' (Chapman, 2000), SDB

Photo Credits: Precious Little Pink – K. Lockyear  
Perpetual Indulgence – K. Brewitt

Baby Blessed' (Zurbrigg, 1979), MDB 'Forever Violet' (Chapman, 2002). IB 'Many Mahalos' (Aitken, 2003), SDB 'Perpetual Indulgence' (Aitken, 2005), and TB 'Immortality' (Zurbrigg, 1982). In fact, many of our members report 'Immortality' as being their most reliable rebloomer.

Over the years members have also reported rebloom on, 'Blueberry Tart' (SDB), 'Corn Dance' (TB), 'Double Your Fun' (IB), 'Maui Mango (MTB)', 'Plum Pink' (SDB), 'Purple Joy' (SDB), 'Sky King Returns' (TB), 'Sky Willow' (SDB), 'Stripling' (MDB – though not a registered rebloomer), 'Sugar Blues' (TB) and 'Summer Whitewings' (TB).



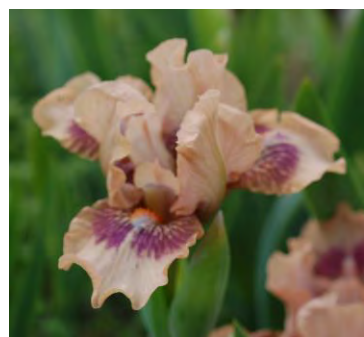
**Ray Jones**  
SDB-Re/D. Spoon, 2011



**Sky King Returns**  
TB-Re/Lauer, 2003



**Purple Joy**  
SDB-Re/D. Spoon, 2009



**Plum Pink**  
SDB-Re/D. Spoon, 2005



**Sugar Blues**  
TB-Re/Zurbrigg, 1995



**Sky Willow**  
SDB-Re/D. Spoon, 2005

Photo Credits: Ray Jones – K. Brewitt  
Plum Pink – G. Spoon

King Returns – Blue J Iris  
Sugar Blues – Blue J Iris

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	Name: Chuck Chapman		City: Guelph							Ontario, Canada												
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8	Autumn Tryst		J. Weiler	1993																		
9	Touch of Spring		C. Applegate	1971																		
10	Forever Royal	SDB	C. Chapman	2014																		
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12	Champagne Encore	IB	J. T. Aitken	1997																		
13	Snow Parasol		D. Spoon	1997																		
14	Mariposa Autumn		R. Tasco	1999																		
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## Yes, there are Siberians rebloomers!



**Chasing Fireflies**

Seedling 15X7B8  
Hollingworth, R. 2021



**Blushing Sapphira**

SIB-Re/Wendel, 2013



**Moonstone Marvel**

SIB-Re/Aitken, 2017

### Chad Harris' Reliable Rebloom Report

Zone 8

Cape Cod Boys	Schafer/Sacks, 2009
Reprise	Warburton, 1987

Left Photo: Reprise

Bottom Photo: Joyce Cole



#### Photo Credits:

Chasing Fireflies – Hollingworth

Blushing Sapphira –

Margaret Spence

Moonstone Marvel – Aitken's

Salmon Creek Iris Garden

Reprise – Chad Harris

Joyce Cole – Margaret Spence





**Seedling 15W6B11**  
Hollingworth, 2022



**Sapphire Starburst**  
Hollingworth, 2021



**Cream of the Crop**  
Aitken, 2020



**Am I Amethyst**  
Hollingworth, 2020

## Siberian Rebloomers

**Bob and Judy Hollingworth**

Location: South Central Michigan  
Plant Zone: **5b**

Bob: The cultivars I mention as repeat bloomers will perform similarly across the northern tier of states, but there are a few specific records to rely on - mainly word of mouth.

Siberian rebloomers send up sporadic stalks after their late spring bloom, and this may continue well into July. A few more recent cultivars may continue into August, but this is quite uncommon.

### Multiple Repeat Bloom in 2021

Cultivars in **BOLD** were still blooming in August.

Am I Amethyst	<i>Hollingworth 2020</i>	Tetraploid
<b>Burgundy Fireworks</b>	<i>Aitken, 2013</i>	Diploid
Cream of the Crop	<i>Aitken, 2020</i>	Diploid
Dancing Mood	<i>Hollingworth 2013</i>	Diploid
Encore Performance	<i>Hollingworth 2010</i>	Diploid
Glowing Reviews	<i>Hollingworth 2019</i>	Diploid
Judy Judy Judy	<i>Hollingworth 2019</i>	Tetraploid
<b>Maura</b>	<i>Hollingworth 2018</i>	Diploid
Moondazzle	<i>Bauer-Coble 2005</i>	Tetraploid
Sapphire Starburst	<i>Hollingworth 2021</i>	Tetraploid
See Ya Later	<i>Hollingworth 2006</i>	Diploid
Simply Brilliant	<i>Hollingworth 2017</i>	Diploid
Something Shocking	<i>Hollingworth 2013</i>	Tetraploid

### Selected Seedlings

<b>15W6B11</b>	<i>Hollingworth</i>	Diploid
15W6B19	<i>Hollingworth</i>	Diploid
15W6A27(T)	<i>Hollingworth</i>	Tetraploid
15W6A29(T)	<i>Hollingworth</i>	Tetraploid
15X7B8 ( <i>Chasing Fireflies R. 2021</i> )	<i>Hollingworth</i>	Chimera
15X7A21	<i>Hollinaworth</i>	Diploid

Seedling 15W6B11 – Hollingworth  
Cream of the Crop – Aitken's Salmon Creek

Sapphire Starburst – Hollingworth  
Am I Amethyst – Hollingworth

## Repeat Bloom in Siberian Iris

Jan Sacks and Marty Schafer  
Carlisle, Massachusetts Plant Zone, USDA 5

Some beardless irises, including Siberian irises, possess the ability to bloom a second time after their initial bloom period. Currier McEwen chose to call this feature "Repeat Bloom" rather than "Rebloom" as the latter refers to bearded irises which bloom a second time several months after their usual bloom time, usually in late summer or fall.

In beardless iris this second bloom usually occurs after only a short rest period from the initial bloom. Repeat bloom is fairly common in Siberians and Japanese iris, but we have also seen it in *I. lactea*, *I. setosa*, *I. tridentata*, and *I. ruthenica* and expect it might occur in other beardless iris. These species irises do not usually put up a big show or repeat, but is always nice to see a flower of *I. tridentata* blooming in late July.

A Siberian cultivar may finish blooming, take a week or several off, and then send up a whole new set of bloom stalks. This second bloom may be very similar to the first, or the bloom stalks may be taller and better branched, and/or the flowers may be more brightly colored. Occasionally repeat bloomers will bloom a third time.

Currier McEwen also identified a type of "repeat" called "Continuous Bloom". In this case a cultivar does not take any rest but just continues to bloom well beyond a normal bloom period. We believe these qualities are genetic.

Repeat bloom does not usually start until a clump becomes mature. Consequently, we cannot tell if a seedling will be a repeat bloomer for several years. Some cultivars are introduced, and the RE is added to the registration later. This will be true of the cultivar, Juniper Leigh, which was introduced in 2019. Furthermore, if a clump becomes very large or if it receives too much shade, it may no longer repeat bloom.

As noted earlier, we live in Carlisle, Massachusetts, which is NW of Boston. Our plant zone is USDA 5. We try to fertilize all our Siberians lightly with an organic (5-3-4) slow release fertilizer every spring. But we do not fertilize after bloom to encourage repeat.

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Gone Plummin – Margaret Spence

Juniper Leigh – Marty Schafer/Jan Sacks



**Carnivalito**  
SIB-Re/Schafer-Sacks



**Gone Plummin**  
SIB-Re/Schafer-Sacks



**Juniper Leigh**  
SIB-Re/Schafer-Sacks

In Siberians a single rhizome usually produces one bloom stalk plus several leaf fans for increase. In Photo A below, you are looking at a spring clump of Juniper Leigh which repeat bloomed the year before. Look at the chopped off bloom stalks in the front of the photo (the bright white circles with the holes in the middle). These were the repeat bloom from the year before. All the "increase" fans in this division actually turned into bloom stalks. This is how repeat bloom in Siberians happens.

All of that sounds pretty straightforward, but the complicated part of repeat bloom in Siberians is that a cultivar, which repeat blooms every year in one part of North America, may not ever repeat bloom in another. We don't know for sure why or what factors cause a cultivar with the genetic ability to repeat bloom to actually do it.

How do normal looking fans get a message to hurry up and produce bloom stalks. Also, a mystery is how these clumps can do this year after year in some locations. We do know that repeat bloom is more common in the northeast and northwest.

Repeat bloom is most prolific on the coasts, though it does occur in the center of the country as well. Currier McEwen, whose garden was literally on a cliff above the Atlantic Ocean, had substantial repeat bloom. Terry Aitken, who gardens in the state of Washington, Ted Baker in BC, and others in the Northwest have very good repeat bloom.



Photo A



Photo B

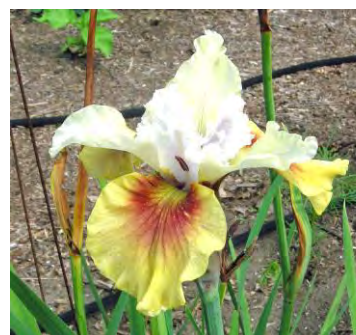


Photo C

While we used to have a lot of continuous and stop-and-start-again repeat bloom in the 80s and 90s, both types are becoming more unusual here in eastern Massachusetts. Lately we tend to have mostly the continuous type of repeat. We think this may be due in part to global warming. Terry Aitken thinks that repeat bloom is affected by soil temperature. When his soil temperature is around 60 degrees F, his repeating Siberians put up repeat bloom. And when the soil temperature goes above 60, they tend to stop or not start. We have not been so scientific. It may have to do with conditions that are happening throughout the season, including winter, and only manifests at bloom time.



We have also had some very frustrating experiences with repeat bloom where the repeat flower gorgeous, but the initial bloom was not! In photos B and you are seeing the same seedling. The pale flowers in Photo B are from the regular bloom period. The brighter colored flower in Photo C is from the repeat bloom. We not know why repeat would enhance these colors. Clearly this iris is able to produce both versions. Usually regular bloom, we get enhanced colors when the buds formed in cool weather. But repeat bloom almost always comes here in warm weather. This is quandary for sure.



**Cape Cod Boys**  
SIB-Re/Schafer+Sacks, 2009



**Seedling 15X7A25**  
SIB-Re/Hollingworth



**A National Convention Garden**



**Glowing Reviews**  
SIB-Re/Hollingworth, 2019

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Seedling 15X7A25 – Hollingworth  
Glowing Reviews – Hollingworth



## Repeat Bloom in Siberian Irises – An Update

Bob Hollingworth

In the 2015 (fall/winter issue) of The Reblooming Iris Recorder I tried to give an overview of the nature and status of repeat bloom in Siberian irises. Since then progress has been steady if perhaps slower than hoped.

As pointed out in 2015, Siberians, with very rare exceptions, do not rebloom in the fall as some bearded cultivars can do. The term “repeat bloom” refers to the production of further flower stalks one to several weeks after the first bloom is finished. Obviously if this second bloom generous it would greatly increase the garden interest of these irises. Regrettably, it rarely is, but even seeing one or several new bloom stalks on the plant catches the eye, creates interest and is worth some effort to try to enhance. It is sometimes hard to separate this isolated repeat bloom from continuous bloom in which flower stalks are produced continually for several weeks, and, in fact, the two behaviors may well be examples of the same trend.



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**Burgundy Fireworks**  
SIB-Re/Aitken, 2013



**Simply Brilliant**  
SIB-Re/Hollingworth, 2017

So what gives hope that this trend of extended bloom might be improved? First, and most important, it has a genetic basis. Most Siberians don't show repeat bloom, a few do so occasionally, and a small group do so quite regularly. Crossing these “preferential repeat bloomers” gives progeny that also repeat bloom, but, so far not with the increased intensity of repetition that would make them truly notable.

An additional factor that is frustrating is to understand the environmental factors that also govern repeat blooming. Clearly they are there, since repeat varies from year to year state has developed an interesting line of “everblooming” Siberians and believes that bloom continues until soil temperatures approach 70° which in that

cooler climate may not occur until well into August. In addition to earlier introductions in this series – Burgundy Fireworks (Aitken 2013), Pacific Sea Hawk (Aitken 2015) and Moonstone Marvel (Aitken 2017), he recently introduced a fourth one, Cream of the Crop (Aitken 2020). Burgundy Fireworks and Cream of the Crop grow well here and even though we typically experience warmer summers in Michigan, these varieties show the same continuing bloom pattern as in their home state – and they are very attractive irises and would deserve a place in the garden even if they didn't. However, in our garden, things seem more complicated and hard to figure out. I have not been able to discern any simple relationship that associates repeat bloom with cool versus hot summers, or with wet versus dry ones.

For example, this year was a really outstanding one for repeat/continuous bloom – up until early June things were hot and dry – not conditions Siberians prefer, although bloom started as usual in very early June. In mid-month the rains did come in abundance while warm temperatures continued – was this

conductive to repeat bloom? It doesn't seem to fit with the idea that lower soil temperatures are the determining factor, nor has this weather pattern always resulted in impressive repeat bloom in the past. Another possible influence was a hard freeze in late April that caused leaf (and perhaps bud) damage on some varieties. Late freezes have also been suggested as a possible cause of repeat bloom perhaps as new shoots are initiated to compensate for those lost earlier.

A list of cultivars with multiple later bloom stalks in 2021 is provided below, but please note that it naturally is strongly biased in favor of our own varieties that grow here in greater amounts. Bloom started early in June and for most cultivars is usually over by the end of the month. Bloom in July is notable and any in August is highly unusual.

*List of cultivars (attached)*

This report does not discuss repeat bloom in seedlings in any detail although it was impressive, but several cultivars from one cross are worth a mention. They are the result of a cross between a sib to Simply Brilliant (Hollingworth 2016) and Cinnamon Sugar (Schafer-Sacks 2010). These seedlings were treated with colchicine and quite a few tetraploids (chimeras or complete conversions) resulted. A number of these seedlings (in series 15W6 and 15X7) regularly show extended bloom. However, tetraploidy seems to have no obvious effect on this – both types respond similarly.



**Pacific Sea Hawk**  
SIB-Re/Aitken, 2015



**Cinnamon Sugar**  
SIB-Re  
Schafer-Sacks, 2010

This year, seedling 15X7A21 was in continuous bloom from mid-June to early August, often with several stalks in bloom together as shown in the photo taken on mid-July. In addition, the later stalks generally had three buds in the terminal and one or two had four – quite unusual in modern Siberians. This is, of course, a desirable trait that in itself leads to longer bloom. Seedling 15W6B11 distinguished itself by opening up the very last bloom in the garden on August 5<sup>th</sup>. The bouquet shown of Maura (lavender), 15X7A21 and 15X7A27(T) (dark red) was gathered at the end of July.

Finally, seedling 15X7B8 gave several repeat bloom stalks, which it has done regularly each year since 2016. We are planning for 15X7B8 to be introduced by Ensata Gardens in 2022 as "Chasing Fireflies". It is not unusual to see that repeat bloom flowers have deeper colors than those opening earlier, as in this case.

Perhaps it's needless to say that crosses between these seedlings and others that repeat reliably, including the extended bloom series from Terry Aitken, are in the pipeline. Let's see what happens.

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Burgundy Fireworks – B. Hollingworth

Maura – Ensata Iris Garden

Cinnamon Sugar – Ensata Iris Garden

Simple Brilliant – Ensata Iris Garden

Pacific Sea Hawk – Jan Sacks

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# Repeat Bloom in Siberian Irises - An Update

By Bob Hollingworth



**Judy, Judy, Judy SIB**  
(R. Hollingworth 2010)

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Judy, Judy, Judy, C. Buchheim  
Light Of Heart,  
R. Hollingworth

Siberians are best adapted to the northern tier of states (as their name might suggest!) They are plants of temperate woodland margins and mountain meadows, not of the desert. They are quite tolerant of an acidic soil pH but do not do well where the pH is much above 7-7.5, as it can be in the western states. They require a cold rest period with temperatures at or below freezing for several weeks, and enjoy moisture (although not permanent boggy conditions), particularly as they grow and develop flowers in the spring. Mulching can help with both moisture conservation and weed control. They look best when there is a reasonably slow rise in temperature in that developmental period. If they experience prolonged hot weather as they approach bloom, they often flower on shorter-than-ideal stems as they have been rushed into bloom prematurely.

Generally, they do not look perfect (or even flower at all) in the most southerly states of the US. USDA zones 7 or 8 may represent a good cutoff line, but it's hard to generalize on such a single characteristic as climatic zones based only on winter low temperatures; after all, Ben Hager grew and bred Siberians in Stockton, CA (zone 9), but coastal southern California is a step too far for most.



**Light Of Heart SIB**  
(R. Hollingworth 2007)

As you might expect, there are some exceptions and variations between cultivars, e.g. the old but remarkable **'Caesar's Brother'** SIB (F. Morgan 1932) seems happy well south of most others. For anyone in warmer climates of the US who is interested in exploring Siberians, an article by Jim Wilson from Kentucky in the fall 2014 issue of *The Siberian Iris* discusses cultivars that grow best in the southern border states. In a warming world, it would be desirable to work towards Siberians that grow and bloom well under warmer conditions.

The fact that some Siberian cultivars can sometimes throw up a second crop of flowers has been noted for many years. At least for us in the Midwest, this is not the same as the



**Bob Hollingworth** standing by a clump of **Judy, Judy, Judy SIB** (R. Hollingworth 2010)

rebloom typically seen with the bearded irises in late summer or fall. Repeat bloom in Siberians occurs one to several weeks after the normal bloom of late spring/early summer. Repeat bloom of the bearded type in the fall is very unusual in Siberians and in the few cases I have seen, the flowers appeared at the base of the plants with little if any stem development.

So what do we know about repeat bloom? **First**, it is not the common case that repeat bloom occurs. You might group cultivars into three classes (as did Currier McEwen in his book *The Siberian Iris*, Timber Press, 1996).

1. Ones that never repeat – the majority
2. Ones that show occasional modest repeat bloom
3. Ones that repeat every or almost every year

Another class also seems to exist: continuous or extended bloomers. In this case, production of flower stalks is continuous over the normal and repeat seasons, though this does not mean that it is always prolific throughout the period. This, in my experience, is quite rare – the only one from our breeding that tends to do this is **'Light Of Heart'** SIB (R. Hollingworth, 2007). From a garden-worthiness point of view,



this continuous bloom trait would be a significant advantage if a flower show of reasonable intensity was maintained for several weeks.

**Second**, there is a genetic component. As the rough categorization above suggests, repeat bloom is not a random event; some cultivars show it regularly but most never do. And, if you cross two “class 3” repeat bloomers, the progeny are likely to have a significant number that show the same tendency. This suggests that a breeding program to enhance the repeat bloom might be successful with patience. At the moment, under our conditions, repeat bloom has never equaled the first bloom and is more of a novelty than a serious contribution to the garden. An example is shown with repeat bloom of ‘**Encore Performance**’ SIB (R. Hollingworth, 2010) which is our best repeater. Even at its best, the second flowering does not equal the floral display of the first bloom. However, as noted, below, experience in different climates may be more favorable.

**Third**, there is a cultural/environmental component. Strong, healthy plants are more likely to repeat, but the environmental component is a complete mystery to me. In some years repeat bloom is noticeably more common and vigorous than in others. Also, you can have two vigorous clumps of a proven repeat bloomer growing

within a few yards of each other. One will have repeat bloom stalks while its clone nearby has nothing. Despite observing this phenomenon for over thirty years, I have never found a correlation with weather or any other obvious factor – warm or cool springs, wet or dry springs, level of fertilization, early or late season, hard winter or milder. My wife, Judy, thinks that late freezes may help with repeat bloom because of damage to the primary buds and subsequent encouragement of secondaries that appear later. Attractive as this

idea is, I’m not sure it fits my observations. But I did note this year that a plant damaged earlier in the Spring with a careless shot of Roundup threw up an impressive amount of repeat stalks, so maybe the “plant damage” idea has some merit as one among several factors encouraging repeats.

In fact, repeat bloom may have its own regional influences. Cultivars from the East Coast that are designated as repeat bloomers sometimes, but by no

means always, repeat here in the Midwest. The best in our garden recently have been ‘**Sea of Dreams**’ SIB (M. Schafer/J. Sacks 2000) and ‘**Ginger Twist**’ SIB (M. Schafer/J. Sacks 2009). The West Coast may be somewhat different again. Terry Aitken claims that soil temperature is the key factor – he measures soil temperature and finds that for some cultivars e.g. ‘**Burgundy Fireworks**’ SIB (J.T. Aitken 2013) and ‘**Pacific Sea Hawk**’ SIB (J.T. Aitken 2015), bloom contin-

ues for many weeks when soil temperatures a few inches down stay below 68° F. Under ideal conditions, Siberian bloom can continue there for three months and well into August. Terry suggests that a major factor is the cool summer nights of the Pacific Northwest – so many reasons to be envious of that climate!

I assess repeat bloom in our Siberians almost every year and a list of the cultivars that do this regularly in our garden is given below – keep in mind that we obviously grow more clumps of our own introductions than those of others so the list is strongly weighted to Hollingworth cultivars. It also supports the idea that tetraploids are just as capable of repeat bloom as diploids.

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**Ginger Twist SIB**  
(M. Schafer/J. Sacks 2009)



**Sea Of Dreams SIB**  
(M. Schafer/J. Sacks 2000)

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Ginger Twist, B. Hollingworth  
Sea Of Dreams, Schafer/Sacks  
Encore Performance clump,  
B. Hollingworth  
Encore Performance single,  
B. Hollingworth  
Burgundy Fireworks,  
J.T. Aitken  
Pacific Sea Hawk, J.T. Aitken



**Burgundy Fireworks SIB**  
(J.T. Aitken 2013)



**Encore Performance SIB**  
(R. Hollingworth 2010)

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**Pacific Sea Hawk SIB**  
(J.T. Aitken 2015)





**See Ya Later SIB**  
(R. Hollingworth 2006)



**Seedling #14V20A1 SIB**  
(R. Hollingworth)

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Something Shocking,  
R. Hollingworth



**Simon Says SIB**  
(R. Hollingworth 2007)



**Doreen Cambray SIB**  
(R. Hollingworth 2007)



**Something Shocking SIB**  
(R. Hollingworth 2013)

### **Siberian Repeat Bloom from 2012 to 2015**

*D = Diploid, T = Tetraploid*

#### **Every Year**

Doreen Cambray (R. Hollingworth 2007) . . . . D  
Encore Performance (R. Hollingworth 2010) . . D  
Light Of Heart (R. Hollingworth 2007) . . . . D

#### **Three Years out of Four**

Sea Of Dreams (M. Schafer/J. Sacks 2000) . . . D  
See Ya Later (R. Hollingworth 2006) . . . . . D  
Judy, Judy, Judy (R. Hollingworth 2010) . . . . T  
Who's On First (R. Hollingworth 2008) . . . . . D

#### **Two Years out of Four**

China Spring (B. Bauer/J. Coble 1999) . . . . . D  
Blushing Saphira (B. Wendel 2013) . . . . . D  
Colorflash (R. Hollingworth 2012) . . . . . D  
Dancing Mood (R. Hollingworth 2012) . . . . . D  
Emily Anne (R. Hollingworth 2002) . . . . . T  
Ginger Twist (M. Schafer/J. Sacks 2009) . . . . D  
Lavender Fair (R. Hollingworth 2000) . . . . . T  
Moon Dazzle (B. Bauer/J. Coble 2005) . . . . . T  
Petite Purple (R. Hollingworth 2012) . . . . . D  
Simon Says (R. Hollingworth 2007) . . . . . T  
Something Shocking (R. Hollingworth 2013) . . . T  
Sweet Surrender (R. Hollingworth 1992) . . . . D

This year (a fairly good one for repeat bloom after a harsh winter and cool, damp spring) I counted 83 cultivars with at least one repeat bloom stalk out of a total of perhaps 4,000 seedlings and named cultivars. Six had more than five stalks and the winner had seven.

Perhaps the most interesting repeat bloom was on a tetraploid seedling, 14V20A1, which had three husky repeat stalks on a second-year plant each with seven buds. Let's hope for a similar performance next year.

Coincidentally, there were 83 SIB repeat blooms in 2013 too, with two co-winners at 12 stalks. Although fewer overall repeaters were seen in 2014, the winner had 16. These numbers exaggerate the general trend to give repeat bloom because they include at least one cross made between two repeaters, 'Encore Performance' SIB (R. Hollingworth 2010) and 'Dancing Mood' SIB (R. Hollingworth 2013), where about 25% had a second bloom period. In a random selection of Siberians probably less than 2% would be repeat bloomers under our conditions.

Only modest attention seems to have been given to improving this trait in Siberians in recent years and it remains an attractive goal for some new hybridizer to pursue, although success may take some time and devotion. Also, if you yearn for awards, repeat or continuous bloom gets little extra credit from AIS Judges (who generally are not there to see it happening after the Conventions and garden tours are over). Despite this, the obvious advantages of prolonged or repeat bloom for the garden make me hope someone will pick up the challenge.



## Northwestern Area (AIS Regions: 11, 12, 13, and 20)

Alaska, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming  
Canada: British Columbia and Yukon

### EAGLE RIDGE IRIS GARDENS

2021 Bloom Season from Montana, Zone 4b

Delane H. Langton and Jane Tibbs



**Back Again**  
36"/D. Spoon, 2020

After a relatively mild, open winter, we had a very nice spring bloom. Then the rain stopped and as I write this in November, we are still 4.5 inches behind in moisture, keeping in mind that we only get 14 inches in a NORMAL year. We have to haul all our water to our iris garden and haul a lot we did! We ended up with our best rebloom ever, with 68 varieties reblooming. We also added hundreds of rebloomers to our collection and many of those put-up stalks and did their thing.

SDB Autumn Jester (Chapman, 2000) started the show as always in mid-July and again the end of September and the start of October. It is a favorite and very reliable for us. I will highlight a few others for those Northern folks looking for early rebloom. (We have also started hybridizing for this early, cold season rebloom and already have 4 SDB seedlings in the pipeline). The IB,

Precious Little Pink (Monty Byers, 1995) came at the same time and again the whole first half of October. Again, very dependable for us several years in a row. Not much happened in the awful heat of mid-late August except for the hauling of water. I watered deeply once a week.

These next varieties put on extended rebloom though all of September. Belvi Queen (Jensen, 1976), and Traffic (Lauer, 2004). George Sutton's Double Shot (2000) bloomed through September, October, and November until we had a hard freeze. Back Again (Don Spoon, 2020) bloomed the beginning of September and came back for an encore the end of October and the first week off November. An IB, Fall Decor (G. Sutton, 2016) had also been reliable and we just love it. It rebloomed late September all the way through October until and November 1st when it was 21degrees overnight.



**Midsummer's Eve**  
27"/D. Spoon, 199



**Returning Rose**

37"/Maryott, 1998

As always, old reliable Cantina (Byers, 1990), Barn Dance (Byers, 1991), Lady Emma (B. Jones, 1986 MTB) made appearances. We loved Autumn Garnet (D. Spoon, 2011) and Midsummer's Eve (D. Spoon, 1999 BB). Uriah The Hittite by Bernice Miller (1979) has become a real favorite by showing off 2 years in a row with many, many bloom stalks. Autumn Embers (Chapman, 1996 SDB) has also earned a permanent home with consistent rebloom in fall colors! We did have light frost several times starting September 17th. Overnight lows were right at 32 degrees. The iris are not much affected as long as it doesn't stay colder than 28 degrees for long. We also got 5-inches of snow on October 11th while we were out of town and again the iris didn't mind as it wasn't super cold. I'm guessing the snow actually insulated them. A big surprise was Summer Whitewings by G.P. Brown (1961). It was lying down in the snow, so we cut the stalk, brought it in the house and enjoyed the flowers the rest of October. My point to make here is if any bud is showing color and you expect a hard freeze, you can cut the stalks, bring them in the house and enjoy a week's worth of bloom as the rest of the buds develop and open!

The grand finale was Returning Rose by Bill Maryott (1998) finishing in the house November 11th. Several overnight lows in the 20-degree range starting November 1st finished our rebloom here at Eagle Ridge Iris Gardens. Can spring be far away??



**October Storm, 26"/Geo. Sutton, 2002**

Photo Credits: Back Again – D. H. Langton  
Returning Rose – Blue J Iris

Midsummer's Eve – G. Spoon  
October Storm – F. Cheswick

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3	PRECIOUS LITTLE PINK	IB	BYERS	1995																			
4	ALABANZA		B. SPOON	2013																			
5	BELVI QUEEN		C. JENSEN	1976																			
6	TRAFFIC		L. LAUER	2004																			
7	DOUBLE SHOT		Geo. SUTTON	2000																			
8	FEELING SPICY TONITE		C. DEATON	2012																			
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13	AUTUMN RAIN		M. SUTTON	2008																			
14	AHWAHNEE PRINCESS	SDB	Geo. SUTTON	2003																			
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19	ALL THAT MAGIC	SDB	TASCO	2004																			
20	WIZARD RETURN	SDB	TASCO	1999																			
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22	AUTUMN TRYST		WEILER	1993																			
23	LOVE CONTINUES		B. SPOON	2016																			
24	CANTINA		M. BYERS	1990																			
25	AUTUMN GARNET		D. SPOON	2011																			
26	DOUBLE YOUR FUN	IB	AITKEN	2000																			
27	Sky Willow	SDB	D. SPOON	2005																			





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## Plant Zone 4 Rebloom Report for Billings, Montana

Tina Muller

Again and Again  
Augustine  
Autumn Circus  
Belvi Queen  
Bernice's Legacy  
Best Bet  
Bolder Boulder  
Bountiful Harvest  
Breakers  
Buckwheat  
Cantina  
Celestial Happiness  
Champagne Elegance  
Coral Chalice  
Cruise to Autumn  
Cry Baby  
Dark Crystal  
Daughter of Stars  
Double Scoop  
Duke of Earl  
English Charm  
Eternal Bliss  
Feedback  
Forever Blue  
High Ho Silver  
Immortality  
Jennifer Rebecca  
Juicy Fruit  
Low Ho Silver  
Luminosity  
Midsummer's Night Dream  
My Friend Jonathon  
Pagan Dance  
Peach Jam



**Cantina**

TB-Re/Byers, 1990

Pink Attraction  
Pinkness  
Pure as Gold  
Queen Dorothy  
Remember Spring  
September Frost  
Sign of Leo  
Sky King Returns  
Speed Limit  
Then Again  
Total Recall  
Victoria Falls  
Violet Returns  
Winterland

Some that rebloomed for me that I don't  
have any more are:

Autumn Encore  
Betty Dunn  
Lichen  
Mother Earth

Photo Credit: Addison



## Notes from the Seattle Area

Linda Khandro, a reblooming newbie, submitted a report from the Seattle area, plant zone **7**. Thank you for the bloom report! We are looking forward to your longer report for 2022.

As a re-blooming newbie (the irises, not me!) I do have what I think is an interesting story about 2 irises.

1. **Champagne Elegance**: planted as a rhizome in summer 2020, no bloom then (of course) or in spring 2021. But in September 2021, it bloomed with about 4 flowers over about 3 weeks. I was surprised - I had a re-blooming that really wasn't a "re-" bloom!

2. **Autumn Tryst**: 2 were planted in summer 2021, one as a rhizome and one as a flowering potted plant. One of these did send up a flower stalk with 3 buds, but it was in late November-early December! The weather was very cold and rainy, so it didn't surprise me that the buds didn't open. I'd have to look again around the rhizome to see if I have an original tag, because that would tell me whether it was purchased as a potted plant or not. Given the small size of that bed, I think it was not the pot.

I planted lots of re-bloomers in 2020, most of which didn't bloom even once, in spring. A few did bloom in spring but not a second time in late summer or fall.



**Champagne Elegance**  
33"/Niswonger, 1987

John and Linda Vacchiery, plant zone **8b**, offer:

We are reporting a 2-yr clump of SDB- **Baby Blessed**, rebloomed in late November, near Seattle Wa. this year. Also, IB- **August Treat** has been reblooming for several years, including 2021. Both irises are growing at Highline Botanical Gardens, which King Co. Iris Society maintains irises of many types.

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## Please keep bloom data!

See the form in this edition.

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Or you can print it off and record with a pencil/pen.

## Eastern Area (AIS Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7)

Virginia to Maine, Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia, and PennsylvaniaCanada: Newfoundland, Labrador, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Quebec, and Prince Edward Is.

**Mike Lockatell**

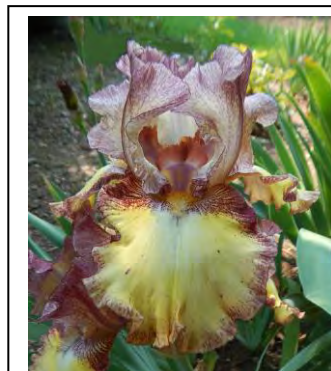
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### Fall Rebloom Overcomes Fickle Weather in Central Virginia

Weather conditions played an important role in affecting fall bloom results for reblooming bearded irises in Metro Richmond and Central Virginia micro-climates for 2021. Rain totals for August and September at first glance appear normal at 7.21" and 5.79" respectively. Upon closer examination, each month was dry with just a few days spiking the overall totals. The script did not change much in October. Precipitation amounted to 5.61" with two days 10/6 (2.14") and 10/16 (2.51") supplying most of the month's total.

Night temperatures in October were another major concern. Late September saw evenings below 60° F, but the following month had just a few days below the mark by 10/17. The twin impediments therefore help explain puzzling delayed rebloom on many reliable varieties into early November. As usual, there are always exceptions to the baseline. Some seedlings in particular turned heads at my J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College (Goochland County, VA) and BP Market (North Chesterfield, VA).

The JSRCC area was actually drier than most of the region. Little rainfall was recorded in Goochland County during summer and early fall. A few new seedlings did produce short or stunted summer bloomstalks. **Lockatell BB Re 2121** did produce nice ruffled white median flowers in mid-June. **Lockatell TB Re 21438**, a red plicata with yellow ground repeated its early September 2020 rebloom again in 2021 on two stalks. The parentage is (TB Re Echo Location (Wilkerson, 2007) X sib to BB Re Double Dare (Lockatell, 2014). Flower quality improved, so this promising seedling will be closely watched in the coming year.



**Seedling 21438**

Two Lockatell tall bearded introductions turned in outstanding fall performances at JSRCC. **TB Re Metro Blue** (Lockatell, 2015) flowered from 9/30 to 11/14. It was the best ever fall rebloom for the moorish blue self in Goochland County. By the time Jack Frost arrived, there were ten bloomstalks in the clump with with open blooms or color in the flower buds.

**TB Re Gate of Heaven** (Zurbrigg, 2004) and **TB Re Daughter of Stars** (D. Spoon, 2001) child has turned in consistent fall flowering in many micro-climates around the US. According to Scarlett Ayres, Co-Chair for the upcoming AIS National Convention in Las Cruces, NM, "Metro Blue rebloomed everywhere October through December." A special thank you to Howie Dash for posting a snow covered fall bloom of Metro Blue in 2020.



The first Metro Blue child was introduced in 2021. **TB Re Hidden Sky** (Lockatell, 2021) would commence a mid-September rebloom sequence in previous years. The prevailing weather conditions led to a shorter rebloom period in 2021. The hyacinth blue with a white area on each fall flowered from 10/5 to 11/14 at JSRCC. The good news is more Metro Blue offspring either flowered or had developing bloomstalks this past fall at both JSRCC and BP Market.

Other tall bearded named varieties growing at JSRCC with notable fall flowering were **TB Re Belvi Cloud** (K. Jensen, 1988) and **TB Re Liquid Amber** (G. Spoon, 2003). Each selection bloomed from mid-September to first frost in mid-November. **TB Re Just Call Me** (Wilkerson, 2008), **TB Re My Friend Jonathan** (B. Miller, 1996) and **TB Re Gate of Heaven** (Zurbrigg, 2004) had significant fall rebloom on short bloomstalks.

**SDB Re Baby Blessed** (Zurbrigg, 1979) was tops amongst medians flowering from 10/3 to 11/14. The light yellow with white spot on falls is still one of the best SDBs for cool season rebloom. Other medians with fall flowering at JSRCC were **MTB Re Lady Emma** (FP Jones, 1986), **SDB Re Rosalie Loving** (D. Spoon, 2003) and **MDB Re Trimmed Velvet** (D. Spoon, 2006) had blooms from mid to late October ending with first frost in mid-November.



**Lockatell BB Re 21221** not only produced summer blooms, but the border bearded seedling resumed flowering on 9/20 lasting the entire rebloom season at JSRCC. The ruffled white with yellow shoulders and orange-red beards still had developing bloomstalks stopped by frost. Another median seedling deserving mention was **Lockatell SDB Re 21620-02 Re**. This reselect produced a viable bloomstalk in mid-July and then began a second rebloom sequence with open blooms on 9/26 through 11/3. More developing bloomstalks were present before being cut down by frost. Flowers are yellow with a red thumbprint on each fall. Parents are **SDB Rosalie Loving** and a Lockatell SDB Re Seedling.

My display bed at BP Market was established in 2013 to bring attention to cool season reblooming bearded irises at a major intersection on VA State Route 60 (Midlothian Turnpike) in South Richmond. By planting the best performing tall bearded and median named varieties, passing motorists and customers visiting the convenience store would notice and be encouraged to add these versatile heirloom perennials to their home landscape. By not being the primary business on the property, county government ordinances would not allow me to post any signs to bring attention to the reblooming irises in the planting.



This reality led me to use the display bed to test reselect and new seedlings for their fall flowering potential in a unique micro-climate. Thanks to asphalt surrounding the growing space along with the constant traffic flow on Midlothian Turnpike, air temperatures could stay above freezing in both November and December to initiate possible rebloom on medians. Weather conditions in 2021 would support this contention. Even though frost ended most quality tall bearded rebloom in mid-November, unseasonably warm daytime temperatures would eventually drive further median flowering in December ending with snow and bitter cold on January 3, 2022. Winter bloom at Christmas and New Year's Eve was an unbelievable sight.

Two tall bearded seedlings take the rebloom spotlight at BP. **Lockatell TB Re 21424-9** was planted there in 2019. The fragrant diamond dusted white had already turned in encouraging fall performances at JSRCC starting in 2017. Despite dry conditions, 21424-9 began flowering on four stalks beginning on 9/26. Bloom finally ended on November 1<sup>st</sup>. The parents are **TB Re Harvest of Memories** (Zurbrigg, 1985) and **TB Re Just Call Me**. Rebloom hybridizers should take notice.

The other tall bearded hopeful to mention is **Lockatell TB Re 21233 RB**. It continues to produce flowers each fall with little care and watering. Rebloom began on 10/15 and stopped on 12/9 after a hard freeze. There were still viable bloomstalks with flower buds ready to bloom on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. The same seedling planted at JSRCC had flowering from 10/8 through 11/3 on multiple bloomstalks. The parentage is **TB Re Northward Ho** (Zurbrigg, 1991) X **TB Wearing Rubies** (Blyth, 2001-2002). This tall bearded blended red won "**Best Seedling in Show**" at the Region 4 Fall Flower Show.



The best tall bearded cool season rebloom named variety at BP Market was **TB Re Hidden Sky**. Two clumps produced open flowers from 10/20 to 12/19 despite November and December frosts. The hyacinth blue grows well with little attention or watering. **TB Re Belvi Cloud** and **TB Re Over & Over** (Innerst, 2001) also turned in early flowering. **TB Re Rosalie Figge** (McKnew, 1993) and **TB Re Unchained Melody** (Mahan, 1999) chipped in November rebloom.

The best overall median performer at BP Market was **SDB Re Baby Blessed**. There are three clumps residing in the planting and rebloom was recorded from 10/9 until 12/29. There was still additional bloomstalks waiting to flower prior to the January 3<sup>rd</sup> snow and cold. **MTB Lady Emma** turned in a similar performance as Baby Blessed. The light yellow rebloomed on two clumps starting on 10/7 and lasting until December's end.

**IB Constant Companion** (Marsh, 1995) began its fall flowering in late October and continued to bloom

until the new year. The two-tone red-violet flowered on two clumps in the back of the planting. Honorable Mention goes to **SDB Re Forever Blue** (Chapman, 1997), **SDB Re Sailboat Bay** (Zurbrigg, 2004) and **SDB Re Smell the Roses** (Byers, 1988). Each selection benefited from November and December warmth to produce open flowers. It was surely a nice show for BP Market customers to enjoy while the surrounding landscape had already fallen asleep.

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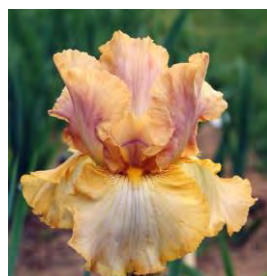
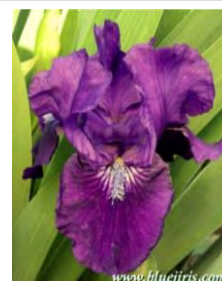
Metro Blue – M. Locketell

Liquid Amber – G. Spoon

Seedling 21620 – M. Locketell / Harvest of Memories – Malini Rao / Unchained Melody – Blue J Iris—

Smell the Rose Over and Over -

Constant Companion – Blue J Garden



Name: M Locketell			City: N. Chesterfield			State: VA			Zip: 23235													
Plant Zone: 7			E (the 1-10 of the Month) / M (11-20) / L (the 21-31 of the month)																			
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	All TBs unless noted				E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L
1	Belvi Cloud		K Jensen	1988																		
2	Born Again		B. Miller	1978																		
3	Hidden Sky		Locketell	2121																		
4	Lunar Whitewash		Innerst	2003																		
5	My Friend Jonathan		B. Miller	1996																		
6	Over & Over		Innerst	2001																		
7	Rosalie Figge		McKnew	1993																		
8	Unchained Melody		Mahan	1999																		
9	21220-02		Locketell																			
10	21231 Apricot																					
11	21231 Yellow																					
12	21233 Red Blend																					
13	21424-9 White																					
14	21526																					
15	21935																					
16	NN2																					
17	Autumn Elf	IB	G.P. Brown	1935																		
18	Baby Blessed	SDB	Zurbrigg	1979																		
19	Constant Companion	IB	Marsh	1995																		
20	Forever Blue	SDB	Chapman	1997																		
21	Lady Emma	MTB	F.P. Jones	1986																		
22	Midsummer Night's Dream	IB	Baumunk	1999																		
23	Sailboat Bay	SDB	Zurbrigg	2004																		
24	Smell the Roses	SDB	Byers	1988																		
25	21068	SDB	Locketell																			
26	21245-02	SDB	Locketell																			



Name: M Lockatell		City: N. Chesterfield		State: VA		Zip: 23235															
Plant Zone: 7		E (the 1-10 of the Month) / M (11-21) / L (the 21-31 of the month)																			
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27	21256 BP	SDB	Lockatell																		
28	21348 Bicolor	SDB	Lockatell																		
29	21429-12 Red Plic	SDB	Lockatell																		
30	21618B Yellow	SDB	Lockatell																		
31	21628	SDB	Lockatell																		
32	21896	SDB	Lockatell																		

Name: Linda Mann		City: Kingston		State: TN			Zip:																
Plant Zone: 7b		E (Beginning of the Month) / M (Middle) / L (End of the month)																					
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All TBs				E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L		
1	Coconut Ruffles Returns	Mann	2016										B										
2	I Do	Zurbrigg	1973																				
3	Northward Ho	Zurbrigg	1990																	B			
4	November Sun	Mann	2021														B		B				
5	Oxmoor Hills	Ennenga	2003																				
6	Remembering Lloyd	Mann	2018																				
7	Renown	Zurbrigg	1992																				
8	Returning Chameleon	Wilkerson	1995														B						
9	Summer Honey	Wilkerson	2012											B									
10	Sugar Blues	Zurbrigg	1984																				
11																							
12	Sdlg. 17-skit10THT5-2re yellow	Mann	2022																				
13	Sdlg. 17-skitDrN3-1re yellow	Mann	2022												B		B						
14																							
16	* freeze, 32° F, Nov 7																						
17	B = in bud																						

	Name: Winterberry Iris Garden		City: Cross Junction				State: VA													
	Plant Zone: 6b		E (the 1-10 of the month) / M (11-20) / L (the 21-31 of the month)																	
	p. 1 of 2      Year: 2021			HYB	Year	July			August			Sept.			Oct.			Nov.		
	All TB unless noted.					E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L
1	Autumn Jester	SDB	Chapman	2000																
2	Summer Fantasy		GP Brown	1965																
3	Bolder Boulder		Magee	2000																
4	Peach Echo		Bryan Spoon	2016																
5	Precious Little Pink	IB	Byers/Dickey	1995																
6	Storm Compass	MDB	Chancellor/Rust	2014																
7	Helen's Sister		Zurbrigg	1977																
8	Margaret Wilson Thomas		D. Spoon	2009																
9	Summer Green Shadows		G. Brown	1965																
10	Constant Companion	IB	Marsh	1995																
11	Pink Returns	BB	B. Spoon	R. 2018																
12	Summer Whitewings		G. Brown	1961																
13	Persimmon Pie	BB	D. Spoon	2000																
14	Sunny Disposition		Zurbrigg	1991																
15	Over and Over		Innerst	2001																
16	Gate of Heaven		Zurbrigg	2004																
17	Again and Again		Innerst	1999																
18	Sarah's Laughter		B. Miller	1988																
19	Redelta		R. Smith	1994																
20	Dime Spot		W. Moores	1985																
21	Lichen		M. Byers	1989																
22	Anne Lowe	SDB	D. Spoon	1989																
23	Winter Embrace	SDB	D. Spoon	2005																
24	Eric Simpson	SDB	D. Spoon	2011																
25	White Autumn King	IB	H. Hass	1935																
26	Purple Joy	SDB	D. Spoon	2009																
27	Autumn Orangelite	BB	D. Spoon	2009																
28	Back Again		D. Spoon	2020																



	Name: Winterberry Iris Garden		City: Cross Junction				State: VA													
	Plant Zone: <b>6b</b>		<b>E</b> (the 1-10 of the month) / <b>M</b> (the 11-20) / <b>L</b> (the 21-31 of month)																	
	p. 2 of 2    Year: 2021		HYB		YEAR	July			August			Sept.			Oct.			Nov.		
	All <b>TB</b> unless noted.					E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L
29	Baby Prince	SDB	D. Spoon	2020																
30	Ray Jones	SDB	D. Spoon	2011																
31	Pretty Girl	SDB	D. Spoon	2001																
32	Prince Lollipop	SDB	D. Spoon	2002																
33	Rebound		Wilkerson	1996																
34	Senorita Frog		D. Spoon	2002																
35	Matrix		Hall/Zurbrigg	1991																
36	Lady Emma	MTB	F. Jones	1986																
37	Lunar Whitewash		Innerst	2003																
38	Harvest of Memories		Zurbrigg	1985																
39	Rosalie Figge		McKnew	1993																
40	Uriah the Hittite		B. Miller	1979																
41	Purple Magic		D. Spoon	1997																
42	Lady Essex		Zurbrigg	1991																
43	Bountiful Harvest		B. Hager	1991																
44	Glitter Bit	SDB	Weiler	1997																
45	Double Time		Hager	1994																
46	My Friend Johathan		B. Miller	1994																
47	Mother of Dragons		D. Spoon	2019																
48	Daughter of Stars		D. Spoon	2001																
49	Lest we Forget		Geo. Sutton	2008																
50	Lime Pie	SDB	D. Spoon	2017																



**Rosemary Trompeter****2021 Report****Darien, CT****Zone: 6a/7l**

Grapelet	early April	jun		
Forever Blue	2nd week April	July		
<u>Jewel Baby</u>	<u>2nd week April</u>	<u>no</u>		
Lo Hi silver	Late April	no		
Constant Comp	Late April	mid Sept	Oct	again warm early Dec
<u>Blessed Again</u>	<u>mid-late April</u>	<u>no</u>		
Fast Forward	mid-late April	late Aug	Sept-Oct	
Immortality	Early May	early Sept	Oct	
<u>Feedback</u>	<u>Early May</u>	<u>transplanted</u>	<u>No rebloom</u>	
Anxious	Early May	transplanted	No rebloom	
Cornharvest	Early May	transplanted	Oct-Nov	
<u>Clarence</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>transplanted</u>	<u>No rebloom</u>	
Rosalie Figgie	mid May	3-Oct	mid Oct	
Over and Over	mid May	tranplanted	no rebloom	
<u>Gate of Heaven</u>	<u>mid May</u>	<u>tranplanted</u>	<u>no rebloom</u>	

\*\*\* Oct 4 cold night- buds out in yard suffered, but if plants were in microclimate they bloomed later

23-Oct 49 degrees evening

Oct 25 we had a freeze, micoclimate iris suffered too, but did not die back.

George Hildenbrandt			Slatington, PA			Zone: 6	
	Date of 1st bloom	Variety					
1	9/15/2021	Over And Over	7	10/23/2021	Mariposa Autumn		
2	9/22/2021	Sailboat Bay	8	10/25/2021	Doubleday		
3	9/25/2021	Hidden Sky	9	10/25/2021	Double Dare		
4	9/25/2021	Autumn Shower	10	10/26/2021	Midsummer Night's Dream		
5	10/1/2021	Polar King	11	10/31/2021	Mulligan		
6	10/5/2021	Cricket Song					

Name: Anita Moran			City:     Aberdeen		State: MD			Zip:   21001														
Plant Zone: 7			E (the 1-10 of the month) / M (the 11-20) / L ( the 21-31 of the month)																			
	Year: 2021		HYB	YEAR	Jul			Aug			Sep			Oct			Nov			Dec		
	All TBs unless noted.				E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L
1	Silver Dividend		Lloyd Zurbrigg	1989																		
2	Daughter of Stars		Don Spoon	2001																		
3	Autumn Trist		Weiler	1993																		
4	Mango Parfait		Don Spoon	2008																		
5	Metro Blue		Mike Lockatell	2015																		
6	I Do		Zurbrigg	1973																		
7	Liquid Amber		G. Spoon	2003																		
8	Rosalie Loving	SDB	Moran																			
9	Royal Maroon	MDB	Moran																			
10	11SMop02	SDB	Moran																			
11	11SMop04	SDB	Moran																			
12	11JLrl01	SDB	Moran																			
13	11JLrl09	SDB	Moran																			
14	11RRrl04	SDB	Moran																			
15	11RRrl02	SDB	Moran																			
16	11WEt01	MDB	Moran																			
17																						

Name: Steve Addison		City: Woodruff		State: SC			Zip: 29388															
Plant Zone: 7b		E (the 1-10 of the month) / M (the 11-20) / L ( the 21-31 of the month)																				
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All TBs unless noted.					E M L			E M L			E M L			E M L			E M L			E M L		
1	Back Again	D. Spoon		2020																		
2	Kind Candace	D. Spoon		2012																		
3																						

Name: REG 4			City:			State: MD /VA									Zip:							
Plant Zone: 6A-7A			B (the 1-10 of the month) / M (the 11-20) / E ( the 21-31 of the month)																			
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All TBs unless noted.	ST	GP			B	M	E	B	M	E	B	M	E	B	M	E	B	M	E	B	M	E
Again and Again	VA		Innerst	1999																		
Amazing Grace	VA		Rees	1959																		
Amazing With Grace	VA		Roberts	2012																		
Another Bridge	VA		Wilkerson	2005																		
Anxious	VA		Hager	1992																		
Autumn Circus	VA		Hager	1990																		
Autumn Sky	VA		D. Spoon	2016																		
Autumn Trist	MD		Weiler	1993																		
Back Again	VA		D. Spoon	2020																		
Bolder Boulder	VA		Magee	2000																		
Born Again	VA		Miller	1978																		
Bouncing Blue	VA		D. Spoon	2014																		
Bountiful Harvest	VA		Hager	1991																		
Brother Carl	VA		Zurbrigg	1983																		
Cayenne Capers	VA		Gibson	1959																		
Christiane Elizabeth	VA		Mahan	2001																		
Clarence	VA		Zurbrigg	1991																		
Corn Dance	VA		D. Spoon	2008																		
Corn Harvest	VA		Wyatt	1977																		
Coronation of David	VA		Miller	1999																		
Daughter of Stars	VA/MD		D. Spoon	2001																		
Dime Spot	VA		Moores	1985																		
Double Time	VA		Hager	1984																		
Earl Of Essex	VA		Zurbrigg	1980																		
Echo Of Spring	VA		Price	2013																		
Emma Louisa	VA		Buckles	1969																		
Feedback	VA/MD		Hager	1983																		
Garden Club Delight	VA		Zurbrigg	1997																		
Garden Grace	VA		Zurbrigg	1981																		
Gate Of Heaven	VA/MD		Zurbrigg	2004																		
Golden Encore	VA		Jones	1973																		
Harvest Of Memories	VA		Zurbrigg	1985																		
Haunting	VA		Crump	2006																		
I Do	VA/MD		Zurbrigg	1973																		
Iceland	VA		Byers	1991																		
Il Stutter	VA		Kanarowski	2012																		
Istanbul	VA		Byers	1990																		
July Yellow	VA		Chadwick/Werner	2001																		
Lady Essex	VA		Zurbrigg	1991																		
Latest Style	VA		Zurbrigg	1979																		
Lest We Forget	VA		G. Sutton	2008																		
Lichen	VA		Byers	1989																		
Liquid Amber	MD		G. Spoon	2003																		
Lunar Autumn	VA		Thimsen	1985																		
Lunar Whitewash	VA		Innerst	2003																		



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Mango Parfait	VA/MD		D. Spoon	2008																		
Margaret Wilson Thomas	VA		D. Spoon	2006																		
Mariposa Autumn	VA		Tasco	1999																		
Maryland Ho	VA		Hornstein	2003																		
Matrix	VA		Hall	1991																		
Metro Blue	MD		Mike Lockatell	2015																		
Mother Of Dragons	VA		D. Spoon	2019																		
My Friend Jonathan	VA/MD		Miller	1994																		
Northward Ho	VA		Zurbrigg	1991																		
Over and Over	VA		Innerest	2001																		
Peach Echo	VA		B. Spoon	2016																		
Pearls Of Autumn	VA		Hager	1993																		
Perfume Counter	VA		Zurbrigg	1972																		
Pink Attraction	VA		Hall	1988																		
Polar King	VA		Donahue	1939																		
Purple Magic	VA		D. Spoon	1997																		
Queen Dorothy	VA		Hall	1984																		
Rebound	VA		Wilkerson	1996																		
Redelta	VA		Smith	1994																		
Renown	VA		Zurbrigg	1992																		
Rosalie Figge	VA		McKnew	1993																		
Sarah's Laughter	VA		Miller	1988																		
Silver Dividend	MD		Zurbrigg	1989																		
Sister Helen	VA		Zurbrigg	1977																		
Soda Fountain Shuffle	VA		Loctatell	2015																		
Spirit Of Memphis	VA		Zurbrigg	1977																		
Starring Encore	VA		D. Spoon	2008																		
Summer Fantasy	VA		Brown	1964																		
Summer Green Shadows	VA		Brown	1965																		
Summer Olympics	VA		Smith	1976																		
Summer Whitewings	VA		Brown	1960																		
Sunny Disposition	VA/MD		Zurbrigg	1991																		
Total Recall	VA		Hager	1992																		
Uriah The Hittite	VA		Miller	1979																		
Winterland	VA		Byers	1990																		
Zurich	VA		Byers	1990																		
Anne Lowe	VA	SDB	D. Spoon	2011																		
Autumn Jester	VA	SDB	Chapman	2000																		
Autumn Surge	VA	SDB	Aitken	2005																		
Baby Blessed	VA	SDB	Zurbrigg	1979																		
Blueberry Tart	VA	SDB	Chapman	2002																		
Cara	VA	SDB	D. Spoon	2011																		
Dinky Pinky	VA	SDB	G. Sutton	2016																		

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Eric Simpson	VA	SDB	D. Spoon	2011																		
Forever Blue	VA	SDB	Chapmen	1997																		
Glitter Bit	VA	SDB	Weiller	1997																		
Lime Pie	VA	SDB	D. Spoon	2017																		
Little Blackfoot	VA	SDB	Reinhardt	1966																		
Plum Wine	VA	SDB	Weiler	1986																		
Pretty Girl	VA	SDB	D. Spoon	2001																		
Prince Lollipop	VA	SDB	D. Spoon	2002																		
Purple Joy	VA	SDB	D. Spoon	2007																		
Ray Jones	VA	SDB	D. Spoon	2011																		
Rosalie Loving	MD	SDB	D. Spoon	2003																		
Sailboat Bay	VA	SDB	Zurbrigg	2001																		
Senorita Frog	VA	SDB	D. Spoon	2002																		
Sky Willow	VA	SDB	D. Spoon	2005																		
Smell The Roses	VA	SDB	Byers	1988																		
Sweethearts Again	VA	SDB	Jill	2004																		
Winter Embrace	VA	SDB	D. Spoon	2005																		
Hilda's Gift	VA	MDB	D. Spoon	2002																		
Pokemon	VA	MDB	G. Sutton	2003																		
Royal Maroon	VA/MD	MDB	D. Spoon	2001																		
Storm Compass	VA	MDB	Chancellor/Rust	2014																		
Blessed Again	VA	IB	Jones	1976																		
Club Tattoo	VA	IB	Nichols	2000																		
Constant Companion	VA	IB	Marsh	1995																		
Double Your Fun	VA	IB	Aitken	2000																		
I Bless	VA	IB	Zurbrigg	1985																		
Low Ho Silver	VA	IB	Byers	1989																		
Many Mahalos	VA	IB	Aitken	2003																		
Midsummer Night's Drea,	VA	IB	Baumunk	1999																		
Mulligan	VA	IB	M. Sutton	2015																		
Precious Little Pink	VA	IB	Byers	1995																		
Sipping Chartreuse	VA	IB	Crump	2015																		
Tawny	VA	IB	Pray	1974																		
White Autumn King	VA	IB	Sass	1935																		
Cricket Song	VA	MTB	Silvers	2013																		
Lady Emma	VA	MTB	Jones	1986																		
Autumn Ivory	VA	BB	G. Spoon	2001																		
Autumn Orangelite	VA	BB	Brown	1962																		
Double Dare	VA	BB	Locketell	2014																		
Flo	VA	BB	D. Spoon	2011																		
Persimmon Pie	VA	BB	D. Spoon	2000																		

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## Southern Area (AIS Regions 5, 10, 17, 22, 23, and 24)

Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, and Texas

### Gailmae Suite

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**Bonus Mama**  
30"/Hager, 1990

After a devastating loss of so many of my reblooming irises last February (2021), it's been a slow journey to replace and add new reblooming irises to my garden.

I was delighted to have two irises, Bountiful Harvest and Feedback, rebloom for me in September! It was wonderful to see them. I think I told everyone that I knew about their bloom.

This was a very difficult experience for me, but I have learned a garden can be rebuilt. Good friends have helped me all they can with iris societies' providing valuable information. Others' help was bountiful since I belong to a few iris societies. These include the Johnson Iris and Daylily Society, the Lonestar Iris Society, and the Fort Worth Iris Society.

And a shout out goes to Cynthia Wilson of the Mesilla Valley Iris Society for being very kind to help me.



**Chestnut Cheeks**  
40"/Austin, 1965



**Summer Waltz**  
34"/Geo. Sutton, 2002



**Holiday in Mexico**  
Williamson-White  
Medal 2018  
24"/Probst, 2012

Photo Credit: Bonus Mama – Elaine Garner  
Summer Waltz – R. Probst

Chestnut Cheeks – F. Cheswick  
Holiday in Mexico - Platner

	Name: Gailmae Suite		City: Venus	State: TX			Zip:				
	Plant Zone: 8		All TBs unless noted								
	p. 1 of 2	Year: 2021		HYB	YEAR	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	Bountiful Harvest		Hager	1991							
2	Feedback		Hager	1983							
3	Rossalie Figge		McKnew	1991							
4	Daughter of Stars		D. Spoon	2000							
5	Billionaire		Byers	1986							
6	Second Show		Byers	1986							
7	Corn Harvest		Wyatt	1974							
8	Immortality		Zurbrigg	1982							
9	Say Okay		Burseen	1990							
10	Autumn Tryst		Weiler	1993							
11	Kerfuffle		Burseen	2020							
12	Fruit Stripe		Sutton	2008							
13	Lady Essex		Zurbrigg	1990							
14	Fruited Plain		Sutton	2011							
15	Definition		Sutton	2010							
16	Just Call Me		Wilkerson	2008							
17	Pumpkin Cheesecake		Niswonger	1995							
18	Gold Reprise		Moores	1987							
19	Fast forward	IB	Aitken	2002							
20	Low Ho Silver		Byers	1989							
21	Clarence		Zurbrigg	1990							
22	High Ho Silver		Byers	1988							
23	Autumn Ring		Sutton	2009							
24	Chartered Course		Kerr	2004							

Name: Gailmae Suite		City: Venus		State: TX		Zip:			
Plant Zone: 8		All TBs unless noted							
p. 2 of 2    Year: 2022		HYB	YEAR	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	Victoria Falls	Schreiners	1997						
2	Mariposa Autumn	Tasco	1999						
3	Royal Wings	Gage	1935						
4	Double Exposure	Sutton	2005						
5	Golden Immortal	Sutton	1996						
6	Molokini	Sutton	2016						
7	Pleasant Peasant	Stanek	2003						
8	My Generation	Lauer	2009						
9	Starring Encore	D. Spoon	2008						
10	Many Happy Returns	Hager	1987						
11	Hallowed Thoughts	Zurbrigg	1976						January
12	Harvest of Memories	Zurbrigg	1984						January
13									
14	<b>Second Bud Stalks</b>			<b>Third Bud Stalks</b>					
15	Corn Harvest			Corn Harvest					
16	Autumn Tryst			Rosalie Figge					
17	Rosalie Figge								
18	High Ho Silver								
19	Low Ho Silver								
20									
21	<b>Buds Lost to Freeze on Jan. 1-2, 2022</b>								
22	Jolly Goliath	Amp It Up		Wild and Free			Oh Carol		
23	Poppa John	Summer Waltz		Ample Chasm			Sweetheart Ring		
24	Grape Reprise	Yosemite Star		Eleanor Roosevelt			Mulberry Memories		
25	Snowmelt	Bolder Boulder		Shipshape			Superstition		
26	Recurring Dream								







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	TEXAS	All zone 8	p. 5								
	All TBs unless noted		HYB	YEAR	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
1	Carver, Happy and Gordon		Weatherford								
2	Again and Again		Innerst	1999							
3	On Golden Pond	IB	Dyer	1998							
4	Coral Charm		Johnson	2013							
5	Golden Lantern	SDB	D. Spoon	2013							
6	Spirited	SDB	Sutton	2006							
7	Buckwheat		Byers	1988							
8											
9	Dunaway, Kenneth		Gainesville								
10	Floor Show		Byers	1988							
11	Immortality		Zurbrigg	1982							
12	Midnight Caller		Byers	1989							
13											
14	Smargiasso, Laura		Cleburne								
15	My Friend Jonathan		Miller	1996							
16	Glazed Gold		Brown	1985							
17	Autumn Tryst		Weiler	1993							
18	Obi-Wan Kenobi		Mahan	2002							
19	Clue	SDB	Wood	1995							

	Name: Arlyn Madsen		City: Lyndon	State: IL	Zip:																	
	Plant Zone: 5		E (the 1-10 of the month) / M (the 11-20) / L ( the 21-31 of the month)																			
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	All TBs unless noted.				E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L
	Note: Killer froze on Nov. 2-3																					
	Bess Bergin		Denman	1972																		
1	Baby Blessed	SDB	Zurbrigg	1979																		
2	Summer Whitewings		Brown	1960																		
3	I Bless	IB	Zurbrigg	1985																		
	Laura Smargiasso from Texas		Report on NW Minneapolis Municipal Iris Garden																			
	p. 1 of 1      Zone 4b    2021		HYB	YEAR	Jul			Aug			Sep			Oct			Nov			Dec		
1	Belvi Queen		Jensen	1976																		
2	Rosalie Figge		McKnew	1991																		
3	Autumn Jester	SDB	Chapman	2000																		
4	Bonus Mama		Hager	1990																		



The Mesilla Valley Iris Society		City: Las Cruces				State: NM						Zip:										
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p. 1 of 2 <b>Year: 2021</b>			<b>HYB</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>Jul</b>			<b>Aug</b>			<b>Sep</b>			<b>Oct</b>			<b>Nov</b>			<b>Dec</b>		
All <b>TBs</b> unless noted.					<b>E</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>L</b>
Metro Blue			Lockatell	2013																		
Cantina			Byers	1989																		
Witch of Endor			Miller	1978																		
Royal Thunder			Sutton	2005																		
Billionaire			Byers	1986																		
Rosalie Figge			McKnew	1991																		
Summer Waltz			Sutton	2001																		
Low Ho Silver		IB	Byers	1989																		
Harvest of Memories			Zurbrigg	1984																		
Raspberry Frost			Sutton	2001																		
September Frost			Sutton	1997																		
Forever Yours			Hager	1992																		
Rim of the World			Sutton	2017																		
Snow Day			Sutton	2014																		
Autumn Breeze			Sutton	2012																		
Boundless			Sutton	2009																		
Doubledown			Sutton	2009																		
Double Shot			Sutton	2000																		
Double Your Fun			Aitken	2000																		
Golden Immortal			Sutton	1997																		
Kontiki			Plough	1965																		
Lest We Forget			Sutton	2008																		
Next In Line			Sutton	2001																		
Plasma		IB	Blyth	2006																		
Priscilla of Cornith			Miller	1994																		
Renewal			Sutton	2004																		
Sugar Maple		SDB	Sutton	2003																		

	Name: The Mesilla Valley Iris So		City:				State: NM				Zip:												
	Plant Zone: <b>8</b>			<b>E</b> (the 1-10 of the month) / <b>M</b> (the 11-20) / <b>L</b> ( the 21-31 of the month)																			
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	All <b>TBs</b> unless noted.					<b>E</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>L</b>
1	Seedling 21450A-31			Lockatell																			
2	Seedling 21415			Lockatell																			
3	Seedling 21429-12			Lockatell																			
4	Melon Squeeze			Toth	2019																		
5	Baby Ribbon Pink		BB	B. Spoon	2017																		
6	Dinky Pinky		SDB	Sutton	2016																		
7	Hi Buddy			Burton	2015																		
8	Keep Going			Black	2017																		
9	Journey Through Time		BB	Rieniets	2020																		
10	Mulligan		IB	Sutton	2015																		
11	Poetry in Bloom			Cadd	2021																		
12	Sugar Coma			Toth	2019																		
13																							
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	Name: Cynthia Wilson		City: Las Cruces			State: NM			Zip:		
	Plant Zone: 8		All TBs unless noted.								
	p. 1 of 1      Year: 2021		HYB	YEAR	Jul		Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	Billionaire		Byers	1987							
2	Rosalie Figge		McKnew	1993							
3	Raspberry Frost		Sutton	2001							
4	Low Ho Silver	IB	Byers	1989							
5	Priscilla of Corinth		Miller	1996							
6	Double Shot		Sutton	1999							
7	Autumn Breeze		Sutton	2011							
8	Double Down		Sutton	2008							
9	Cantina		Byers	1989							
10	September Frost		Sutton	1997							
11	Constant Companion	IB	Marsh	1992							
12	Flirting Again	SDB	Aitken	2002							
13	Fresh Flavor		Sutton	2005							
14	Boundless		Sutton	2009							
15	Seedling 21429-12		Lockatell								
16	Forever Yours		Hager	1993							
17	Summer Waltz		Sutton	2002							
18	Summer Peach		D. Spoon	2017							





## Midwestern Area (AIS Regions 6, 8, 9, 28, and 21)

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, N. Dakota, Ohio, S. Dakota, and Wisconsin Canada: Alberta, Manitoba, Nunavut, NWT, and Saskatchewan

### Bill Turner

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In Minnesota 2021 has been a tough year for growing re-blooming irises, and for bearded irises in general. Spring started positively with early rains which really helped the early bloomers primarily the MDB and 5 of the SDBs. One of the TB bloomed once in June. I watered the plants regularly, but weather went intense with drought conditions and higher temperatures than normal. I went on a week's vacation and couldn't find any one to do the watering. As luck would have it here, the temperatures soared around 100 for several days with no rain.

It stayed hot and dry; thankfully I kept the irises alive but no further blooms. I imagine several of the Directors have had the same situation. I wonder if this weather pattern of intense heat and drought will be with us next year as well, I hope not.

On a positive front, two new TB re-bloomers have been added to my collection: Best Bet and Autumn Ring.



**Carmel Celeste**  
13"/Tasco, 2008/Zone 6



**Autumn Ring**  
32"/M. Sutton, 2010

Photos:  
Top: Ginny Spoon  
Left: Debbie Fetner  
Right: Ginny Spoon



**Best Bet**  
36"/Schreiners, 1988

	Name: Bill Turner		City: Apply Valley, MN	State:	Zip:																	
	Plant Zone: <b>4b</b>		E (the 1-10 of the month) / <b>M</b> (the 11-20) / L (the 21-31 of the month)																			
	<b>page: 1 of 1</b> <b>Year: 2021</b>		<b>HYB</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>JAN</b>			<b>FEB</b>			<b>March</b>			<b>APR</b>			<b>MAY</b>			<b>JUNE</b>		
	All <b>TBs</b> unless noted.				E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L
1	Absolute Joy	SDB	Aitken	2006																		
2	Autumn Jester	SDB	Chapman	2000																		
3	Baby Blessed	SDB	Zurbrigg	1979																		
4	Beetlejuice	MDB	BlalK	2013																		
5	Blueberry Tart	SDB	Chapman	2002																		
6	Buckwheat		Byers	1989																		
7	Forever Blue	SDB	Chapman	1997																		
8	Midsummer Night Dream	IB	Baumunk	1999																		
9	Replicator	SDB	Tasco	2006																		
10	Rosalie Figge		McKnew	1993																		
11	Victoria Falls		Schreiners	1977																		
12	Best Bet		Schreiners	1988																		
13	Orange Harvest		B. Jones	1986																		
14	Doozey	MDB	Hager	1994																		
15	It's Not Over	SDB	Black	2014																		



Variety		Hybridizer	Year	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Eric Simpson	SDB	D. Spoon	2011				15 thru Frost and Beyond	
Again and Again	TB	Innerst	1999			4 in RW		
Baby Blessed	SDB	Lloyd Zurbrigg	1979				1 thru Frost and Beyond on F	
Forever Blue	SDB	Chapman	1997		19 on FE		5 thru Frost on Replan	
Rosalie Figge	TB	McKnew	1993				15	Still Oct 1
Bells And Whistles	SI	Shaefer/Sacks	2006	22				
Devil's Dream	SI	Shaefer/Sacks	1990		21			
Encore Performance	SI	Hollingworth	2010	2				
Forever Orange	SDB	Tasco	2018					
Judy Judy Judy	SI	Hollingworth		22				
Moonlight Fair	SI	Hollingworth	2011	30				
Something Shocking	SI	Hollingworth	2013	30				
Autumn Jester	SDB	Chapman	2000	rebloom 3-22	All month			
Summer Waltz	TB	Geo. Sutton	2002				16-Jan	Still Oct 1
Ahwahnee Princess	SDB	Geo. Sutton	2013				27	Thru Frost
Baby Tears	SDB	Weiler	1980					12 to Frost
Belvi Queen	TB	C. Jensen	1976			22	Still S. 29	Still oct 1
Blue Moonlight	TB	Byers	1989					Oct 19 thru Frost
Blueberry Tart	SDB	Chapman	2002		27	22	8	
Cameo Blush	BB	Weiler	1998					22
Cantina	TB	Byers	1990			13	Still Sept 1	
Champagne Encore	IB	Aitken	1997			24	Still Sept 8	
Dawn of Fall	TB	C. Jensen	1976		26	Still 8th		
Earl of Essex	TB	Zurbrigg	1980					12 to Frost
Fast Forward	IB	Aitken	2002					Oct 20 Thru Frost
Feed Back	TB	Hager	1983				21	Thru Frost
Gibson Girl	TB	Gibson	1946			23		
Gilded	TB	Byers	1989					12 to Frost
Harvest of Memories	TB	Zurbrigg	1986					8 to Frost
I Repeat	TB	J Roberts	1998			9		
Little Stitches	SDB	R. Shadlow	2016				21	continue to Frost
Lovely Again	TB	R. G. Smith	1966			25	19	Still Oct 1
Masterwork	TB	Zurbrigg	2001					22 to Frost



Variety		Hybridizer	Year	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Mulligan	IB	M. Sutton	2015					22 to Frost
Queen Dorothy	TB	E. Hall	1984			7	Still Sept 29	Continues Thru Frost
Reboot	SDB	R. Shadlow	2017					17 thru Frost
Return of Innocence	TB	Geo. Sutton	2001					20 to Frost
Royal Overtime	SDB	Chapman	2000		26			
September Replay	TB	F. Jones	1992				8-Sep	Still Oct 1
Sign of Leo	TB	Zurbrigg	1976			28	still Sept 29	
Sign of Virgo	TB	Zurbrigg	1991				30	
Summer Recall	SDB	Chapman	2003		15	Still 8th	still Sept 29	
Summer Whitewings	TB	G. P. Brown	1961		7	23	still Sept 1	new stalk 3
Tenderly	TB	D. C Nearpass	2000				17-Sep	
Then Again	TB	Byers	1989			23		4 to Frost
Trimmed Velvet	MDB	D. Spoon	2006				27	thru Frost and beyond
Twilight Fancies	TB	Zurbrigg	2001		28	Still 8th		
Violet Returns	TB	E. Hall	1988			18	Still sept 10	
Zurich	TB	Byers	1990					3 thru Frost

Name: Laura Smargiasso from Texas				Report on NW Minneapolis Municipal Iris Garden							
p. 1 of 1	Zone 4b	2021		HYB	YEAR	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	Belvi Queen			Jensen	1976						
2	Rosalie Figge			McKnew	1991						
3	Autumn Jester	SDB		Chapman	2000						
4	Bonus Mama			Hager	1990						

Name: Arlyn Madsen			City: Lyndon		IL		State:			Zip:										
Plant Zone: 5			E (the 1-10 of the month) / M (the 11-20) / L ( the 21-31 of the month)																	
page: 1 of 1			Year: 2021		HYB		YEAR		Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec	
All TBs unless noted.									E M L		E M L		E M L		E M L		E M L		E M L	
Note: Killer froze on Nov. 2-3																				
Bess Bergin					Denman		1972													
1	Baby Blessed		SDB		Zurbrigg		1979													
2	Summer Whitewings				Brown		1960													
3	I Bless		IB		Zurbrigg		1985													

## The Chicago Report (Zone 5)

Diane Miller

Eternal Summer, Chapman, was the first of my iris to bloom this year: in late April with half a dozen blooms. After the initial set of blooms, it took about 3 weeks off and has bloomed every other week for a total of 5 re-bloom, producing 2-4 blooms per appearance, between April and Mid-August. Eternal Summer made a re-appearance on Oct. 18th and presented me with one or two blooms a day until November 3rd.

Autumn Embers, Chapman, SDB. Bloomed in April and again in May. I love this perky little iris. She has been the one of the first to bloom both years since she was planted. I was surprised at how much I love her, because she isn't as showy as the large iris.

Refined, Weiler, SDB. In May it produced 5 or 6 blooms and in June it produced 2 more. Both last year and this year, it produced a deformed bloom during the second blooming. Both last year and this year the second blooming produced 2 blooms, one normal and one deformed.



Forever Blue, Chapman, SDB bloomed twice in June.

Northward Ho, Zurbrigg, TB, bloomed in late May. I was away and when I returned on 8/7 it was in bloom and bloomed daily until Sept 15. It re-appeared October 1 and remained in daily bloom until Oct 17. It made it's final brief appearance Oct 26-30. It has large 8" blooms, but it behaves very badly.

In the spring we had a heavy wind and all my iris that were over 36" blew over and needed staking. Northward Ho was among them. I have only one clump of Northward Ho. It was planted on Labor Day 2019. This year, so far, 3 of the fans have produced two stalks. In all three cases the stalks are squeezed up right next to each other. One pair stood straight up. All the rest of the stalks have spread out, sprawling over a 6 foot area. I don't know if being blown over in the spring affected later stems, but each time it bloomed, it sprawled. Last year it only re-bloomed once and it sprawled that time, too. The iris planted right next to it sprawled, too, probably just a coincidence. Possibly, the dead tree next door is causing too much shadow and they are reaching for the light, but they are sprawling both to the east and to the west.

Double Shot, George Sutton, TB was planted Labor Day 2019 and did not bloom until August 29, 2021. During September and October, Double Shot was the star of the garden. It stood straight and tall, with 13 blooms or buds on it for weeks at a time. It was in constant bloom from August 30th until





**Double Shot**  
6"/Geo. Sutton, 2000

October 20 and tried to bloom again in November. It had buds on 3 stems when we got hit with a hard frost on or about November 5th. My son in law is not a fan of iris because of the short bloom time. He told me Double Shot is his "Favorite!" and when I divide it, he wants ALL the children.

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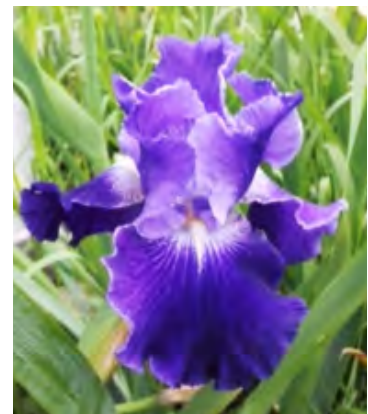
Constant Companion, IB, Marsh '92, was a disappointment. She bloomed twice during the spring with only 2 or 3 blooms each time. Then she re-bloomed Sept 17-23 with only 1 or 2 blooms visible at once. This iris is very similar to Eternal Summer, who lived up to her name. It is very likely Constant Companion will leave the garden next summer to make room for someone who produces more.

I love the buttery color of Again and Again. The first morning she was in bloom, I looked out the window and immediately rushed out to see what that beautiful iris was! She first bloomed Sept 22 - Oct 1 and then re-appeared Oct 17 - 21, again to a large intake of breath for me. Yellow is not my favorite iris color, but this one attracted me daily.

Daughter of Stars has had a hard life in my garden. First, she got planted too near the street, which had never been salted prior to my acquiring her. I'm surprised she survived that first winter of multiple saltings. Then I moved her to a raised bed, and we got so much rain I was again surprised she survived. She did not bloom this spring, but produced a few blooms between Oct. 17 - 21, 23 - 31, and again Nov 4 - 7.

Harvest of Memories TB, Zurbrigg, 1985, has been tenacious. She has been the last of my TBs to bloom each spring. Three years ago she was located near a drip line that malfunctioned and she got saturated twice a day for two months. She got divided a year after being planted (the year of the wet accident), with 14 divisions. Two of those divisions got transplanted to the raised bed and the following year, 2021, needed dividing again, resulting in 18 more plants. This is one of the iris that got blown over in May. She has

always looked spectacular in the spring with blooms larger than my splayed hand. The blooms literally sparkle in the sun. They look like they've been sprinkled with phosphorescent dust. Harvest of Memories contains multiple blooms per stalk and bloomed 3+ weeks in the spring. She was also prolific



**Daughter of Stars**  
Wister Medal 2007  
35"/D. Spoon, 2001

in the fall; blooming from Sept 29 - Nov 3 and still had 3 stems, each with several large buds when our hard frost hit on or about Nov 5th. She is planted right next to Northward Ho, blew down in the spring, and also sprawls badly in the fall. She also sprawled in the wet location.

Northward Ho, Harvest of Memories, and Raspberry Frost, TB, G Sutton, 2001 were all in heavy bud when we had our first hard frost in early November.

I have around 3 dozen re-bloomers. These are the only ones that have been active, this year. Those that have re-bloomed in past seasons have done so, primarily in September and October, with some stretching into November.

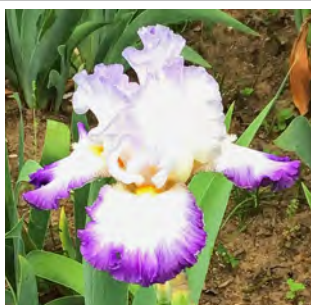
Both last year and the year before, when a hard frost was predicted, I covered iris with buds with a tall box with a 24 hour votive or a jar candle in it. Doing this extended my bloom season by a couple of weeks. This year, I was out of town during the first hard frost, so was not able to continue my experiment.

## Southwestern Area (AIS Regions 14 and 15)

Arizona, California, Hawaii, and Nevada

### Riley Probst

Well, this has been another strange year. Not quite as bad as 2020. We did have a few iris activities in 2021 but still no AIS Convention. But, the irises did not know about Covid; they bloomed well and rebloomed. Due to few garden visits, most irises were not seen by many. See the rebloom report by garden for details on the rebloom. Some of the data was obtained from Facebook. Those of us on Facebook got to see all the rebloomers posted on the Facebook Reblooming Iris Society site. If you have not checked it out; try it, you might like it. Some of us are hooked on it.



**Conjuration**

36"/Byers, 1989

In our own Fleur De Lis Iris Garden rebloom this year, 2021/2022 was better than last year, 2020/2021. That is probably because we have had about five times as much rain this year compared to last year. Last year we had 19 varieties of iris rebloom in December. This most recent year we had 35 varieties rebloom during December. See the table below. Our best rebloom season ever was 2017/2018. This is the fifth rebloom season in a row with no killing frost all winter. Global warming is here now. For reblooming iris in our climate, it is good. Previously, before 2017, we used to always get a killing frost (below 28F) in December or January that pretty much ended all rebloom. For five years straight that has no longer happened.

MONTH	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022
JUN	7	29	2	1	7
JUL	1	20	5	2	1
AUG	2	6	2	3	2
SEP	10	4	2	0	2
OCT	39	10	12	4	19
NOV	64	23	27	12	34
DEC			32	19	35

CANTINA (Byers 1990) repeated as our best rebloomer, reblooming 5.3 months out of the 8 months between May thru December. Tied for second most were AUTUMN CIRCUS (Hager 1990), SKYHOPPER (Sutton, G.) 2003 & ZURICH (Byers 1990) with 3.0 months each. We had 48 different varieties rebloom. Our newest rebloomer was BLACKBIRD STARS (Nichols, H.) 2020. Thirteen of our reblooming varieties are now historic (1992 or older).

Photo Credit: Addison



	Fleur de Lis Garden, Modesto, CA E (1-10 of the month)/M (11-20)/L (21-31 of month)												
	p. 1 of 3 2021 Zone 9		Hybridizer	Year	MAY			JUN			JUL		
	All TBs unless noted				E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L
1	CANTINA		BYERS	1990									
2	SKYHOPPER		SUTTON,G.	2003									
3	MAD ABOUT SAFFRON		PRICE	2017									
4	MANY MAHALOS	IB	AITKEN	2003									
5	CHAMPION BLOODLINES		McNEAL	2018									
6	CORN DANCE		SPOON,D.	2008									
7	EARLY MORNING RAYZ		TOTH	2019									
8	PEARLS OF SUMMER		SUTTON,G.	2012									
9	LOVE STREET	BB	LAUER	2019									
10	DOUBLE SHOT		SUTTON,G.	2000									
11	SUMMER WALTZ		SUTTON,G.	2002									
12	AUTUMN SHOWER		LOCKATELL	2021									
13	AUTUMN CIRCUS		HAGER	1990									
14	VIOLET MUSIC		MAHAN	1991									
15	ZURICH		BYERS	1990									
16	LADY ESSEX		ZURBRIGG	1991									
17	FOREVER ORANGE	SDB	TASCO	2018									
18	SODA FOUNTAIN SHUFFLE		LOCKATELL	2015									
19	REPLICATOR	SDB	TASCO	2006									
20	AUTUMN WINE	BB	CHRISTOPHERSON	2003									
21	OVER AND OVER		INNERST	2001									
22	ANXIOUS		HAGER	1992									
23	MURPHY'S LAW	SDB	JONES,B.	2004									
24	BLACKBIRD STARS		NICHOLS,H.	2020									
25	DELTA LADY		LAUER	2009									
26	DOUBLE DARE	BB	LOCKATELL	2014									
27	FALL DÉCOR	IB	SUTTON,G.	2016									

	Fleur de Lis Garden, Modesto, CA				E (1-10 of the month)/M (11-20)/L (21-31 of the month)																	
	p. 2 of 3	2021	Zone 9		Hybridizer	Year	AUG			SEP			OCT			NOV			DEC			
	All TBs unless noted.						E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L	
1	CANTINA					BYERS	1990															
2	SKYHOPPER					SUTTON,G.	2003															
3	MAD ABOUT SAFFRON					PRICE	2017															
4	MANY MAHALOS				IB	AITKEN	2003															
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17	FOREVER ORANGE				SDB	TASCO	2018															
18	SODA FOUNTAIN SHUFFLE					LOCKATELL	2015															
19	REPLICATOR				SDB	TASCO	2006															
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27	FALL DÉCOR				IB	SUTTON,G.	2016															
28	MIDNIGHT CALLER					BYERS	1990															
29	MAIDEN					BYERS	1988															
30	BROKEN BORDER				BB	TYSON	2016															
31	JOY RETURNS					SHADLOW	2016															
32	NORTHWARD HO					ZURBRIGG	1991															
33	SO NOTED				SDB	JOHNSON,T.	2019															
34	YONKERS				IB	SUTTON,G.	2013															
35	DOUBLE OVERTIME				IB	TASCO	2005															
36	BARN DANCE					BYERS	1991															
37	WIZARD'S RETURN				SDB	TASCO	1999															

	Fleur de Lis Garden, Modesto, CA      E (1-10 of the month)/M (11-20)/L (21-31 of the month)																		
	p. 3 of 3      2021 <b>Zone 9</b>		<b>Hybridizer</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>AUG</b>			<b>SEP</b>			<b>OCT</b>			<b>NOV</b>			<b>DEC</b>		
	All <b>TBs</b> unless noted.				E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L
38	HAPPY NEW YEAR		BYERS	1990															
39	LITTLE BUTTERBALL	SDB	SORENSEN	2012															
40	ALL RUFFLED UP	SDB	TASCO	2011															
41	BABY BLESSED	SDB	ZURBRIGG	1979															
42	MATRIX		HALL,E.	1991															
43	I I STUTTER		KANAROWSKI	2012															
44	CHARTERED COURSE		KERR	2005															
45	VIOLET MOON	IB	REMARE	2018															
46	AUTUMN TRYST		WEILER	1993															
47	GOLDEN VIOLET	SDB	WEILER	1993															
48	AUTUMN EXPLOSION		TASCO	2013															



2021 SW REBLOOM

**JO CHISOLM, LOS GATOS, CA R14**

DOUBLE SHOT	SUTTON,G.	2000	SEP	NOV
MARIPOSA AUTUMN	TASCO	1999	SEP	
GINNY MITCHELL	KERR	2013		NOV DEC
AUTUMN EXPLOSION	TASCO	2013		DEC
AUTUMN JOY	SPOON,D.	2001		DEC
FOND REMEMBRANCE	WEILER	1997 IB		DEC
LIGHT BEAM	BLYTH,L.	1985/1986		DEC
MARIPOSA AUTUMN	TASCO	1999		DEC
SPRING BLISS	KERR	2009		DEC

**JANE JORDAN, SAN JOSE, CA R14 ZONE 9**

CANTINA	BYERS	1990	SEP	
MOMMA ROSEMARY	SPOON,B.	2012	SEP	
ROSALIE FIGGE	McKNEW	1993	SEP	
AWESOME ALEX	BURSEEN	2004	OCT	
BOUNTIFUL HARVEST	HAGER	1991	OCT	
DUAL FUNCTION	SUTTON,M.	2018	OCT	
FOREVER YOURS	HAGER	1993	OCT	
MASTERWORK	ZURBRIGG	2001	OCT	

**PHYLLIS WILBURN, RESCUE, CA R14 ZONE 9**

BELVI QUEEN	JENSEN,C.	1976	OCT	
TINK	DURRANCE	1991 BB		NOV

**MIKEY LANGO, SANTA CLARA, CA R14 ZONE 9**

II STUTTER	KANAROWSKI	2012	OCT	DEC
BOUNDLESS	SUTTON,M.	2010		DEC
BRING ME DIAMONDS	BLYTH	2016		DEC
EARL OF ESSEX	ZURBRIGG	1980		DEC
EDGE OF THE WORLD	SUTTON,M.	2011		DEC
FIRST PRIZE	TASCO	2017		DEC
HAPPY NEW YEAR	BYERS	1990		DEC
MAMMOTH ORANGE	SUTTON,M.	2017		DEC
QUIET BEAUTY	SUTTON,M.	2017		DEC
TANGO IN THE NIGHT	DASH	2017		DEC
TOP DOWN	NICHOLS,H.	2015		DEC

**DIANA FORD, HOPLAND, CA R14 ZONE 9a**

BOUNTIFUL HARVEST	HAGER	1991	OCT	
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**LORI RHODES, SAN BERNARDINO, CA R15 ZONE 9**

BLATANT	BYERS	1990		NOV
CARDINAL EXPRESSION	AITKEN	2014		NOV

**BETH TRAIN, CA R15**

COLD CREEK	SUTTON,M.	2011		NOV
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RIDGECREST	SUTTON,M.	2016 BB	NOV
AUTUMN BREEZE	SUTTON,M.	2012	DEC
GOOD MORNING BEAUTIFUL	STANTON	2015	DEC
LEST WE FORGET	SUTTON,G.	2008	DEC
<b>MARY ANN HORTON IRIS GARDEN, LOOMIS, CA R14 ZONE 9b</b>			
AUTUMN TRYST	WEILER	1993	NOV
BILLIONAIRE	BYERS	1987	NOV
CORN HARVEST	WYATT	1977	NOV
FEEDBACK	HAGER	1983	NOV
HEMSTITCHED	HAGER	1990	NOV
HI BUDDY	BURTON,L.	2015 BB	NOV
INNER SPACE	TASCO	2009 SDB	NOV
MARIPOSA WIZARD	TASCO	2004 IB	NOV
METRO BLUE	LOCKATELL	2015	NOV
OCTOBER	BYERS	1989	NOV
OVER AND OVER	INNERST	2001	NOV
PLUM WINE	WEILER	1986 SDB	NOV
ROSALIE FIGGE	McKNEW	1993	NOV
SUMMER HOLIDAYS	ZURBRIGG	1979	NOV
<b>JIM CUMMINS, SCOTT'S VALLEY, CA R14 ZONE 8b</b>			
MARIPOSA AUTUMN	TASCO	1999	NOV
<b>BILL TYSON, COARSEGOLD, CA R14</b>			
OVER AND OVER	INNERST	2001	NOV
RASPBERRY FROST	SUTTON,G.	2001	NOV
<b>HELEN BLIVEN, BERKELEY, CA R14 ZONE 10a</b>			
HARVEST OF MEMORIES	ZURBRIGG	1985	DEC
<b>MARY PLATNER, SCOTTSDALE, AZ R15</b>			
GOLDEN IMMORTAL	SUTTON,G.	1997	DEC
HOLIDAY IN MEXICO	PROBST	2012 MTB	DEC
JOY RETURNS	SHADOW	2016	DEC
<b>ANDI RIVAROLA, LOS ANGELES, CA R15</b>			
PURE AS GOLD	MARYOTT	1993	DEC
<b>DIANE SAMPSON, WATSONVILLE, CA R14 ZONE 9b</b>			
BRING ME DIAMONDS	BLYTH	2016	DEC
DOUBLE SHOT	SUTTON,G.	2000	DEC
MAMMOTH ORANGE	SUTTON,M.	2017	DEC
<b>ROSA RADICCHI SANTA CRUZ, CA R14 ZONE 9</b>			
BUTTERED BURGUNDY	MARKHAM,S.	2017	DEC

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W
1		Claire Schneider		City: Ramona	State: CA												Zip: 92065						
2		Plant Zone: 9b		E (the 1-10 of the month) / M (the 11-20) / L (the 21-31 of the month)																			
3		p. 1 of 1 Year: 2021		HYB	Year	Jan			Feb			Mar			Apr			May			Jun		
4		All TBs unless noted.				E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L
5	1	Chihuahua Night	AB OGB	H Dash	2019																		
6	2	Dream Keeper	AB OGB	Brown	2005																		
7	3	Hakuna Matata	AB OGB	Cadd	2000																		
8	4	Rose Colored Glasses	AB OGB	S. McAllister	1995																		
9	5	Sand Dancer	AB OGB	Tasco	2010																		
10	6	Unclaimed Treasure	AB OGB	S. McAllister	1990																		
11	7	Xerxes	AB OGB	L Baumunk	2010																		
12	8	Concertina	IB	Geo. Sutton	2000																		
13	9	Crimson King	IB	Barr	1892																		
14	10	Hi	IB SA	M Byers	1990																		
15	11	Low Ho Silver	IB	M Byers	1989																		
16	12	Precious Halo	BB	Kerr	2012																		
17	13	Precious Little Pink	IB	Byers/Dickey	1995																		
18	14	Ruby Sands	IB	Mike Sutton	2010																		
19	15	Sixteen Candles	IB	M Byers	1989																		
20	16	Breakfast in Bed	MTB	C Bunnell	2014																		
21	17	Dividing Line	MTB	Bunnell	2004																		
22	18	Baby Blessed	SDB	Zurbrigg	1979																		
23	19	Dark Crystal	SDB	M Byers	1988																		
24	20	Unexpected Surprise	SPX	C Harris	2018																		
25																							





	Name: Nola's Iris Garden		City: San Jose				State: CA						Zip: 95132										
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	<b>page: 1 of 1</b>	<b>Year: 2021</b>		<b>HYB</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>Jul</b>			<b>Aug</b>			<b>Sep</b>			<b>Oct</b>			<b>Nov</b>			<b>Dec</b>		
	All <b>TBs</b> unless noted.					E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L	E	M	L
1	Anxious		Hager	1992																			
2	October Sky		Lauer	2000																			
3	Double Shot		Geo. Sutton	2000																			
4	Again and Again		Innest	1999																			
5	Citoyen		Anfosso	1989																			
6	Violot Music		C. Mahan	1991																			
7	Ravenwood		Lowry	1971																			
8	Porcelain Frills		Hager	1993																			
9	Iceland		Byers	1991																			
10	Rosalie Figge		J. McKnew	1993																			
11	Saxon		Byers	1990																			
12	Mariposa Autumn		Tasco	1999																			
13	Winterland		Byers	1990																			
14	Dime Spot		Moores	1985																			
15	Gold Reprise		Moores	1988																			
16	Feedback		Hager	1983																			
17	Recurring Dream		Hager	1993																			
	<b>David Burke</b>		<b>West Valley City, UTAH</b>										<b>Zone 7</b>										
1	Silk and Honey		Blyth	2006																			
	The blossom was killed by a freeze.																						

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Name: Mary Platner

City: Scottsdale

State: AZ

Zip: 85258

Plant Zone: A hot zone 9b

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	All TBs unless noted					E M L	E M L	E M L	E M L	E M L	E M L
1	Teagan	SDB	D. Spoon	2009							
2	Joy Returns		Shadlow	2016							
3	Golden Immortal		Geo. Sutton	1997							
4	Holiday in Mexico	MTB	Probst	2012							
5	Skyward Bound		Jarrett	2016							
6	Daughter of Stars	TB	Many stalks and buds but record breaking heat for 2 weeks destroyed the buds								



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Convention both as a flash drive  
(which is searchable)  
or as a book, Mail orders will also  
be taken after the Convention.