











Historic Iris Collection

MSU Horticulture Farm




The MSU Horticulture Farm's collection of historic iris varieties was originally collected and cultivated by Don Heyden, a long-time Bozeman gardener and iris grower. Don has grown over 100 cultivars of irises, some of which date back as far as the 1930s. Don also propagates and sells iris tubers at Bozeman-area farmers markets, donating all his proceeds to local charities. This collection would not have been possible without his tireless dedication and a lifetime of work.


Tag No.	Cultivar Name	Type	Standard Color	Fall Color	Beard Color	Photo	Origin
16	Decolletage	Plicata	Orchid rose	Rose-edged cream	Golden yellow		Benjamin Ross Hager, Melrose Gardens, 1970
18	Smoke Rings	Plicata	Smoky orchid/creme	Cream, smokey orchid edge	Golden yellow		James M. Gibson, 1972





19	Hey Looky	Plicata	Blue violet/white	White with purple	White to blue		William Francis Brown, 1970
25	Emphasis	Plicata	Purple	White, purple edged	Purple tipped with yellow		Keith Keppel, 1977
30	Thunder Road	Self	Blue violet	Dark violet	Violet		Chester W. Tompkins, 1964




35	Ball Gown	Self	Purple rose or red brown	Rosy brown and violet	Yellow		Tom Craig, 1950
37	Arpege	Neglecta	Light blue	Dark blue	Yellow		Schreiner's Iris Gardens, 1966
38	Golden Majesty		Yellow	Yellow	Golden yellow		Carl Salbach, 1938




41	Wedding Candles	Amoena	Creamy white	Yellow	Golden yellow		Schreiner's Iris Gardens, 1982
42	Kahili	Variegata	Yellow	Maroon	Yellow		Schreiner's Iris Gardens, 1961
50	Orangeade		Orange buff	Orange buff	Tangerine		George Sutton, 2011




52	Cayenne Capers	Plicata	Brownish red	Brownish red on white	Brownish yellow		James Gibson, 1959
55	On Target	Self	Bright yellow	Bright yellow	Yellow		Beebee Knopf, 1970
56	Night Owl	Self	Dark violet-black	Dark violet-black	Dark violet		Schreiner's Iris Gardens, 1970

57	Channel Islands	Bi-tone	White	Yellow	Golden yellow		Marion Russel Walker, 1957
58	Helen Louise	Self	Salmon pink	Salmon pink	Orange		Elbridge Greig Lapham, 1952
59	Splash O' Wine	Plicata	White ground striped with rose burgundy	White ground striped with rose burgundy	Gold		Robert Vogel, 1975




61	Circus Stripes	Plicata	White with violet blue edges and stripes	White with violet blue stripes	White to yellow		Gordon W. Plough, 1976
63	Black Pansy	Self	Black	Black	Brown		Caroline DeForest, 1969
68	Spartan	Self	Dark red	Dark red	Golden brown		Schreiner's Iris Gardens, 1973
85	Caliente	Self	Wine red	Wine red	Bright gold		Walter Francis Luhn, 1968




86	Date Bait	Plicata	White ground with pink stitching	White ground with pink stitching	Pink		Duane Meek, 1985
88	Loop the Loop	Plicata	Medium blue violet/white	White/edged blue violet	Lemon yellow to white		Schreiner's Iris Gardens, 1975
89	Sultan's Palace	Self	Maroon red	Maroon red	Golden yellow		Schreiner's Iris Gardens, 1977


91	Study in Black	Self	Deep red-black	Deep red-black	Brown tipped blue-violet		Gordon W. Plough, 1968
92	Pacific Panorama	Self	Medium sea blue	Medium sea blue	Medium sea blue		Neva Sexton, 1960
94	Stepping Out	Plicata	Snowy white/pansy violet	Snowy white/pansy violet rim	Violet		Schreiner's Iris Gardens, 1964




98	Mary Frances	Self	Light blue orchid	White center	Lavender		Larry Gaulter, 1973
120	Michigan Pride	Variegata	Golden yellow	Maroon	Golden yellow		Tena Berndt, 1976
129	Kona Coast	Plicata	Yellow center to brown edge	Yellow center to brown edge	Orange		Gordon W. Plough, 1973




146	Blue Luster	Self	Violet blue	Violet blue	Blue		Opal Louise Brown, 1973
158	Dancing Beauty	Plicata	Sky blue/white	White edged with purple	Creamy white		Schreiner's Iris Gardens, 1973
212	Double Agent		Rose	Maroon	Tangerine		Maryott's Gardens, 1988




231	Momentum		Lavendar blue & white	White edged with purple	Violet		Mary Dunn, 1986
233	Dot and Dash	Plicata	Dark purple	White edged with purple	Purple tipped with yellow		David F. Hall, 1960
236	Emma Louisa		Lavender blue	Red plum	Yellow		Eugene Buckles, 1969




248	Spreckels	Plicata	Coppery red on yellow ground	Yellow with red edge	Orange		Schreiner's Iris Gardens, 1971
260	Mt. Cook A'Dawning	Self	Salmon pink	Salmon Pink	Tangerine red		Stanley Foote, 1972
269 (654)	Boom Boom Blonde		Yellow	Antique white	White		Gordon and Lorraine Nicholson, 2002




304	Crinoline (lighter)	Plicata	Pale raspberry rose	White, edged rose	Orange		Schreiner's Iris Gardens, 1965
324 (602)	Golden yellow		Bright yellow	Bright yellow	Yellow		Unknown
330	Jewel Tone	Self	Red brown	Red brown	Dull brown		Schreiner's Iris Gardens, 1966




336	Salmon Dream		Salmon pink	Salmon pink	Red orange		Nate Rudolph, 1970
337	Crinoline (darker)	Plicata	Raspberry-rose	White ground with maroon edges	Orange-yellow		Schreiner's Iris Gardens, 1964
351	Yellow/white or yellow		Yellow	Yellow	Golden yellow		Unknown

352	White	Self	White	White	Golden yellow		Unknown
357	Medium blue purple	Self	Dark purple	Medium purple	Golden yellow		Unknown
358	2 Tone burgundy	Self	Dark red	Slightly lighter red	Golden orange		Unknown

364	Zebra		Lavender blue	Lavender	Yellow		Unknown, pre-1950
369	Light blue violet/veined		Near-true blue	Near-true blue	White to yellow		Unknown
377	Purple black		Deep purple	Deep purple	Puple		Unknown




412	Starcrest		Warm orchid	Warm orchid	Tangerine		Schreiner's Iris Gardens, 1983
417	Sky Hooks		Soft yellow	Soft yellow, lighter in center	Gold ending in violet horns		Manley Osborne, 1980
422	Lemon Mist	Self	Lemon yellow	Lemon yellow	Yellow tipped with white		Nate Rudolph, 1972



423	Samurai Warrior	Self	Cherry red	Cherry red	Red		Schreiner's Iris Gardens, 1981
427	Pledge Allegiance	Self	Rich medium blue	Rich medium blue	Subdued blue		Schreiner's Iris Gardens, 1984
430	Glitz N' Glitter		Medium yellow	Medium yellow center into purple with brown edge	Bright orange yellow		Paul Black, 1988




434 (445)	Sierra Blue		Medium blue	Medium blue	Yellow		Edward Oliver Essig, 1932
439	Soft Jazz		Gold	Claret-purple	Gold		Schreiner's Iris Gardens, 1982
441	Banana Frappe	Self	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow orange		Richard C. Ernst, 1991




446	Clear Morning Sky		Light blue	Paler blue	Blue		Richard C. Ernst, 1991
448	Conjuration	Plicata	White to pale violet blue	White with wide blue-violet edging	Tangerine tipped white, white horns		Monty Joseph Byers, 1989
471	Palace of Thoughts		Pale blue-orchid	Pale blue-orchid	Blue frosted white		Richard C. Ernst, 2000




514	Grand Canyon		Pale copper	Copper and plum	Gold		Rudolph E. Kleinsorge, 1941
516	Blue Rhythm	Self	Cornflower blue	Cornflower blue	White to gold		Agnes Whiting, 1945
519	Black Ruby		Wine red	Dark wine red	Gold		John Dolman, 1946

523	Dalmatica	Self	Light blue lavender	Light blue lavender	White to gold		Unknown, pre-1600s
526	Blue Valley		Near true blue	Near true blue	Yellow, tipped white		Kenneth D. Smith, 1945
529	Gay Head	Variegata	Clear bright yellow	Deep maroon with yellow edges	Yellow		Harold W. Knowlton, 1954

532	Henna Stitches	Plicata	Henna-red	White with henna stitching	Orange		James M. Gibson, 1961
539	Desert Song	Self	Creamy yellow	Creamy yellow	Yellow		Orville Fay, 1946

540	Ola Kala	Self	Rich golden yellow	Rich golden yellow	Gold		Jacob Sass, 1943
543	Pink Giant	Self	Light cinnamon-pink	Light cinnamon-pink	Orange		Henry E. Sass
545	Lady Mohr		Pearly white	Pale yellow veined with brownish purple	Rust		Carl Salbach, 1944

578	Unknown		White	Yellow	Yellow		Unknown
653	Summer Olympics	Self	Brilliant yellow	White to yellow	Orange		Raymond G. Smith, 1976
678	Cee Cee		Icy blue	Dark blue	Blue black		Sterling U. Innerst, 1996

696	Light Show	Self	Sunflower yellow	Sunflower yellow ground with garnet brown wash	Cadmium yellow		Keith Keppel, 1991
797	Sultry Mood	Self	Cerise purple	Cerise purple	Purple		Schreiner's Iris Gardens, 1989
855	Unknown		Pale yellow	Gold	Gold		Unknown

