



***Iris spuria* FINAL REPORT 2007-2009**

There were 40 entries in this trial of *Iris spuria*, which was assessed by the Iris Sub-Committee over three years. Ten cultivars were included in the display of previous Award of Garden Merit (AGM) winners; as such they were not judged but used as a standard for comparison.

- Objectives:** To assess, compare and demonstrate a range of cultivars submitted by individuals, raisers and nurserymen, following preliminary assessment by the Iris Sub-Committee.
- Judging:** Members of the Iris Sub-Committee inspected the trial on 4 and 16 June 2009, recommending the Award of Garden Merit (AGM) to the entries listed below.
- Record:** Date of first and last flowering.
- Cultivation:** The trial site was dug by hand and well-rotted manure incorporated prior to planting. Entries were planted during September 2006, from either existing or newly submitted material, at 60cm stations in rows 120cm apart. Three plants of each trial entry were grown. For those holding an AGM only one plant of each was grown as a standard.
Strulch, milled wheat straw mulch, was applied each spring to retain soil moisture and suppress weeds. Once the main threat of frost had passed, the dead foliage of the previous year was removed.

The Committee awarded the Society's **AWARD OF GARDEN MERIT (H4)** to:



'Hickory Leaves' AGM (H4) 2009

Raised by Mr O D Niswonger, sent by Mr C Russell, The Iris Garden, Yard House, Pilsdon, Bridport, Dorset. DT6 5PA

[Trial No.17]

Available from: The Iris Garden, Yard House, Pilsdon, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 5PA.

Height 110-130cm. Yellow gold, with falls of deeper gold closest to yellow-orange group 17A. Style arm lighter yellow, closest to yellow-orange 14 A.



'Luca Chard' (Sdg C-06-15) AGM (H4) 2009

Raised and sent by Mr C E C Bartlett, Old Mill House, Shurton, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA5 1QG.

[Trial No 23]

Available from: Mr C E C Bartlett, Old Mill House, Shurton, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA5 1QG, **and to be available from** Kelways Plants, Picts Hill, Langport, Somerset, TA10 9EZ.

Height to 155cm, and with 4-6 buds per stem. Lightly cupped white standards, closest to white 155A, with yellow veining, closest to 7B, deepening at the throat. Falls with an extended throat opening to ovate blade. Central blade and throat of fall closest to yellow 7B, with slightly deeper yellow-orange veining. Wide blade margins closest to white 155B.

Subject to availability:

The awards recommended to the following entries **cannot be published** until queries on availability have been resolved. It is the responsibility of the sender to inform the Trials Office at Wisley that all queries have been resolved.



'Lenkoran' AGM (H4) 2009, subject to availability

Raised by Mr G Rodionenko, sent by Mr A Whitehead [Trial No. 18]

To be available from: Aulden Farm Nursery, Aulden, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 0JT.

Height 110-130cm. Violet-blue standards closest to violet group N88 B. Lighter falls with violet-blue veining and central splash of yellow. Style-arms violet, closest to N87 B, and prominent.



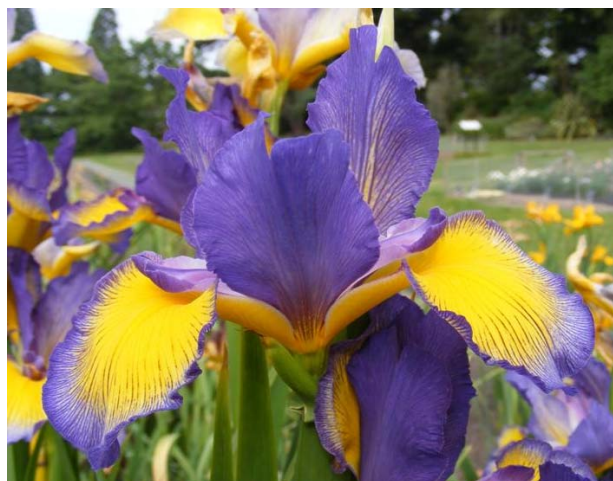
'Ambesten Sarah Alice' AGM (H4) 2009, subject to availability

Raised and sent by Mr R Goodey, 5 Pond Croft, Yateley, Hants, GU46 7UR.

[Trial No.38]

To be available from: the sender.

Height to 155cm, and with 4-6 buds per stem. Standards vibrant yellow, closest to 7B, and lightly frilled at the edges. Falls with extended throat to ovate blade. Central blade closest to yellow-orange 14A, deepening toward the midrib and fading toward the margins.



'Clara Ellen' AGM (H4) 2009, subject to availability

Raised by C Jenkins, sent by Mr A Whitehead, Aulden Farm, Leominster, HR6 OJT.

[Trial No. 20]

To be available from: Aulden Farm Nursery, Aulden, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 OJT.

Height 125-135cm. Standards and style arms light purple, closest to violet-blue group 90A. Falls yellow, closest to yellow-orange group 14A, veined purple. Light edging of purple toward the crimped margin.

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No	AGM	Cultivar	Sender
1	1998	'Clark Cosgrove'	B Hager
2	1994	'Belise'	V H Humphrey
3	1998	'Destination'	P G Wood
4	2002	'Sunset Colors'	The Iris Garden
5	2002	'Love for Leila'	The Iris Garden
6	2006	'Falcon's Crest'	The Iris Garden
7	2006	'Frigia'	Mrs T A Blanco White
8	2006	'Lucky Devil'	The Iris Garden
9	2006	'Philippa Baughen'	B C Baughen
10	2006	'Missouri Orange'	The Iris Garden
Replants			
11		'Cinnamon Stick'	The Iris Garden
12		'Wealden Sunshine'	Mrs O Wells
13		'Wealden Canary'	Mrs O Wells
14		'Missouri Rainbows'	S Linnegar
15		'Mary's Beau Brummel'	A R J Bailey
16		Sdg LG5054	Mrs T A Blanco White
17		'Hickory Leaves'	The Iris Garden
New entries			
18		'Lenkoran'	A Whitehead
19		'Cinnebar Red'	A Whitehead
20		'Clara Ellen'	A Whitehead
21		'Imperial Sun'	A Whitehead
22		'Diminuendo'	C Bartlett
23		Sdg C-06-15	C Bartlett
24		'Popped Corn'	C Bartlett
25		'Marilyn Holloway'	C Bartlett
26		'Lavender Parade'	C Bartlett
27		'Arizona Convention'	The Iris Garden
28		'Carole's Choice'	The Iris Garden

29		'Eleven Point River'	The Iris Garden
30		'Gasconade River'	The Iris Garden
31		'Megabrite'	The Iris Garden
32		'Missouri Moonlight'	The Iris Garden
33		'Megatrend'	The Iris Garden
34		'Chocolate Dreams'	The Iris Garden
35		'Kiss of Caramel'	The Iris Garden
36		'Short Circuit'	The Iris Garden
37		'Ambesten Evangeline'	R Goodey
38		'Ambesten Sarah Alice'	R Goodey
39		'Dandelion Smile'	The Iris Garden
40		'Sunrise Surprise'	The Iris Garden

Senders:

C/o The Trials Office: A R J Bailey, C E C Bartlett, B C Baughen, Mrs T A Blanco White, R Goodey, B R Hager, S Linnegar, Mrs O Wells.

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