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Our 30th year

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General Information

Call or Visit

We are pleased to have you come by to visit. **This year the gardens are open Wednesday through Sunday, 9 am to 4 pm (Central) from April 10 to June 30. We are closed Monday and Tuesday.** Outside of these dates and times, we are generally available, but you should call to let us know you want to visit and to be certain we will be here. We are located approximately 45 minutes southwest of Nashville (see Directions). Our number at the farm is 800-934-4747. We are in and out but will return your calls as soon as possible, and next to growing plants we like best to talk about them.

You will notice that our catalog offerings are substantially reduced from prior years. We are not listing bearded iris but we still have many iris in beds and in pots that are not listed here, but are available at the nursery. Bearded iris bloom late April to mid May, followed by Louisianas mid to late May. Species iris and species crosses bloom at various times throughout April, May and June. Our peak peony bloom is around mid-May and daylilies mid-June. We also grow many reblooming bearded iris that bloom in the Spring and rebloom from June to November, depending on weather. Bring a lunch, the kids and pets, and spend the day; we'll supply the picnic tables, flowers and beautiful country setting. Please call near the dates you want to visit to be sure weather hasn't changed our bloom schedule.

Directions

From I-40/West Nashville area

Take I-40 toward Memphis to exit 176 and take I-840 East.
Take exit 7, Fairview/Centerville exit and go right on Hwy 100 West.
Then 0.3 miles and turn left on Hwy 46 East/Pinewood Rd.
Then 3.8 miles to Lampley Rd and turn right.
Then 0.8 miles to Younger Creek Rd and turn left beside the yellow house.
Then 0.4 miles to 7675 Younger Creek Rd on the right.

From I-65/South Nashville/Franklin Area

Take Hwy 96 West to Franklin. Go through Franklin then 4.8 miles on Hwy 96 and turn left onto Hwy 46 West/Old Hillsboro Rd.
Then 5.7 miles (through Leiper's Fork) and turn right on Hwy 46 West/Pinewood Rd.
Then 8.1 miles and turn left on Shoals Branch Rd.
Then 1.3 miles and turn right on Younger Creek Rd.
Then 0.7 miles and turn left at 7675 Younger Creek Rd.
***Alternately**, take I-840 West as noted on the next page.

From Columbia

Take Hwy 7 West from Columbia. Go 15.7 miles and turn right on Leiper's Creek Rd.
Then 12.9 miles and turn left on Hwy 46 West/Pinewood Rd.
Then 8.1 miles and turn left on Shoals Branch Rd.
Then 1.3 miles and turn right on Younger Creek Rd.
Then 0.7 miles and turn left at 7675 Younger Creek Rd.
***Alternately**, take I-840 West as noted below.

From Dickson

Take I-40 exit 176 and take I-840 East.
Follow the directions noted above at **From I-40/West Nashville area**.

***From I-840 West**

Take exit 14, Pinewood Rd/Natchez Trace Pkwy and go left on Pinewood Rd/Hwy 46 West.
Then 2.7 miles and turn left on Shoals Branch Rd
Then 1.3 miles and turn right on Younger Creek Rd.
Then 0.7 miles and turn left at 7675 Younger Creek Rd.

Ordering and Payment

Our minimum order is \$20, plus shipping for each shipment required. We will accept orders from this catalog through September 1. **We do not ship in the spring and are not able to export.** Please order early as some of the plants listed are in very limited supply and will sell out. You can print the order form from our web site and mail it in, fax it to us at 800-934-4747 or call in your order to 800-934-4747. We also accept orders by email. Be sure to completely fill in all information on the order form, include a street address and telephone number, and directions if you are hard for UPS to find. In lieu of wholesale prices, we offer the following discounts to all:

10% discount on orders over \$250,
15% over \$500 and
20% over \$1,000

Full payment by check or money order should accompany your order. We accept most credit cards if that is more convenient for you. We deposit your checks and process your credit cards when we receive your order and withdraw the plants from our available inventory.

Gift Certificates

Available at any time. Give us a call and you can give an iris gift during any season.

Shipping

We send fine, large, bare-root plants, freshly dug. Planting and care instructions specific to your order will be included. (Also see Growing Tips in the back of this catalog.) We use UPS Ground or USPS for all shipments. We do not export plants. **We do not ship iris in the Spring** as we have had a much higher success rate planting after bloom.

If you have a specific time you need your plants to be shipped, let us know and we will try to accommodate. Those in colder areas should order to plant in time for the iris to become established, at least four weeks, before the ground freezes. (Alternately, we have heard good things about holding plants over the winter indoors in pots in the lower zones, then planting out in the Spring.) For best growing results, we ship Louisiana iris in September.

For shipping in the continental U.S., please add:

\$18 for each shipment if your Zip Code is below 80000 or
\$24 for each shipment if your Zip Code is above 80000
plus \$0.50 for each plant over 10 plants ordered

If you are in Alaska or Hawaii we will compute your actual shipping charges and let you know the amount. If your Zip Code is above 80000 we will send your plants by Priority Mail. **Air service is not necessary for Zip Codes below 80000.**

Substitutes and Bonus Plants

Some varieties are in short supply and will sell out early. Also, weather conditions occasionally reduce the performance of some plants so that supplies are less than we planned. Please indicate a few acceptable substitutes, or allow us to substitute varieties of equal or greater value. We will substitute only with your permission, but we promise that you will be happy. We always include bonus plants (unless you indicate not to on your order) and will do our best to select those from your substitute list.

Guarantee

We guarantee our plants to be true to name and to arrive in good condition. If they do not arrive in good condition, give us a call immediately and we will take corrective action. If we made a mistake in filling your order or you are not satisfied for any other reason, let us know as soon as possible and we will make amends. We trust that you will follow our Growing Instructions in the back of this catalog.

Iris Awards and Terminology

CA/CDM	Cook-Douglas Award - The highest award given for a Standard Dwarf Bearded iris beginning 1959. Changed to medal status in 1966.
CWM	Caparne-Welch Medal - The highest award given for a Miniature Dwarf Bearded.
DM	Dykes Medal - The highest award any iris may achieve. (A-Australian Iris Society, B-British Iris Society, F-French Iris Society)
FSM	Founders of SIGNA Medal - The highest award given for a species iris.
HJS	Hans and Jacob Sass Medal - The highest award given for an Intermediate Bearded iris.
JCW	John C. Wister Medal - The highest award for a Tall Bearded iris.
KM	Knowlton Medal - The highest award given for a Border Bearded iris.
MSD/MSDM	Mary S. DeBaillon Award/Medal - The highest award given for a Louisiana iris beginning 1948. Changed to medal status in 1986.
RPM	Randolph-Perry Medal given annually to a species cross.
WW	Williamson-White award for the top Miniature Tall Bearded iris.
AM	Award of Merit - The next award that can be received after HM.
HM	Honorable Mention - First garden award for introduced varieties.

E, M, L	Early, Mid and Late season bloom.
Beard	The fuzzy "caterpillar" extending from the base of the falls.
Falls	The lower three petals of the flower.
Self	Standards and falls same color.
Signal	Colored blaze, patch, spot or line on falls in beard area or in place of beard.
Standards	The upper three petals of the flower.
Style arms	Small flower segments covering the beards or signals.
Substance	The thickness of the petals.
Tetraploid	Each cell has four sets of chromosomes resulting in larger flowers and a more vigorous plant.

2024 Introductions

No new introductions this year.

GARDEN MARKERS—RECYCLED

These are the garden markers we use in our plant beds. We stopped manufacturing these legs several years ago but as we have downsized our beds we have accumulated a number of leftover used marker legs. They are double stainless steel legs, 18" tall, and use a 3½" by 1⅞" aluminum plate with rounded edges. These legs have been used in our gardens but, as they are stainless steel, look brand new. They might have a slight deer-induced bend but can be bent and unbent easily. The plates are new.

The plates can be marked with a variety of markers. We use a Listo pencil, which lasts well and can be removed so that the plate can be reused. We use the Brother label system for long-lasting printed labels. We've also had good success with Avery clear labels printed with a laser printer and have heard that paint pens work well, particularly the Y-TEX cattle ear tag marker pen sold by Tractor Supply.

Unlike most, **these marker legs will not rust**, an unappealing sight in an otherwise beautiful garden, and can be used over and over for years to come. The stainless steel legs will fit most of the popular marker plates sold, so you can replace those rusty legs and not have to re-mark all the plates.

	18"
Garden Markers	
25 count legs and plates	23.00
25 legs only	10.00
25 plates only	13.00

Louisiana Iris

A hybrid of the series *Hexagone* which includes *I. hexagona*, *I. fulva*, *I. brevicaulis*, *I. nelsonii* and *I. giganticaerulea*, Louisianas will grow in standing water but are perfectly happy in regular garden conditions if the soil pH is 6.5 or lower. They bloom about two weeks after tall bearded, mid to late May for us. Louisianas require a rich acid soil and heavy feeding of a balanced fertilizer. They should be kept well mulched and can be moved in late summer to early fall. Set the plants at least two feet apart as they multiply and spread rapidly. The rhizome should be planted horizontally, about 2" deep, and should be kept moist, particularly during the growing season.

<i>I. giganticaerulea</i>	36"	15.00
Light blue and very vigorous.		
BLUE MOUNTAIN MIST (Pryor 2007)	28" M-L	15.00
Pale sky blue with a fine white rim and white reverse. Triangular flower form.		
BLUEBERRY MOUSSE (Jackson 2016)	40" M	25.00
Standards light blue-magenta, fine lighter edge; style arms light blue-magenta, fine white center line; falls same as standards, veined green center line, 6 gold star shaped signals.		
BRONWYN MARIA (Grieves 2020)	34" M	20.00
Standards dark burgundy; style arms burgundy; falls burgundy, lighter reverse, veined, ruffled; 6 large canary yellow steeple signals; reflexed standards and falls.		
CHANGING SHADOWS (Norvell 2015)	36" EM	15.00
Standards dresden yellow base, sea lavender petal with light yellow center line and rim. Falls lettuce green base, dresden yellow center, wide lavender band overlaid brown first day, all edges picoteed with light yellow rim; musky fragrance.		
CREAM GALORE (Grieves 2021)	39" M	15.00
Standards cream to pale yellow, ruffled; style arms primrose yellow, green center; Falls slightly deeper creamy yellow, signals yellow gold, three blaze, three small narrow; slight musky fragrance.		
DAY AND NIGHT (Jackson 2018)	35" ML	35.00
Standards white, soft violet midrib and stippling; style arms dark violet; Falls violet, fine green-gold line signal; ruffled.		
DEJA VOODOO (O'Connor 2011)	MSDM2018 32" M	15.00
Standards, Falls, and style arms deep purple; bright yellow arrowhead signal; lightly ruffled.		
EYES WIDE OPEN (Pryor 2016)	AM2021 39" M	20.00
Creamy-yellow standards with a 'hot' cyclamen blush at 1/4" edge. Falls are medium cyclamen-pink with white rim and very large yellow blotch signal which is surrounded with a strong red 'eye-line'. Falls are slightly re-curved. Sweet fragrance.		
FEATHER MY NEST (Jackson 2022)	29" EM	35.00
Standards cream washed and veined soft blue-pink; style arms cream overlaid blue-pink, ruffled cream tips; Falls velvety wine-red, fine pink edges, large two-tone gold signals; heavily ruffled.		

FRIENDS' SONG (Haymon 2004)	32" EM	15.00	Standards medium pink, darker streaks; style arms dark green shading to cream at tips; falls dark pink, darker streaks, green-tipped gold steeple signal, ruffled.
GEISHA EYES (Arny 1990)	AM1999 30" ML	15.00	Standards dark blue-violet with large yellow-green signal with extended line crest. Falls same.
GIRLS' NIGHT OUT (Jackson 2022)	33" M	35.00	Standards and falls cream-lavender, grading to creamy lavender veined pink; style arms cream-lavender, cream tips; 6 gold signals with green center line; ruffled.
GRIS GRIS (O'Connor 2011)	AM2017 38" M	15.00	Standards and falls deep red; style arms red wine; yellow dagger signal outlined wine red.
HUSH MONEY (Dunn 1998)	HM2002 36" M	15.00	Standards cream, blue cast; falls cream, raised gold line signal.
JEAN BETZER (Betzer 2019)	HM2022 32" ML	15.00	Standards rosy pink, light yellow interior; style arms rosy-pink, yellow edge; Falls same as standards, green-yellow line signal; wavy; slightly recurved petals. Named for the hybridizers mother who loved the rosy pink and yellow coloring. JEAN BETZER has great stalks with fine bud placement like its pollen parent CALA . It has good increase with well mannered rhizomes and makes an elegant appearance in the garden.
JOBI (Grieves 2021)	35" E	15.00	Standards and style arms yellow; Falls yellow, gold line signals.
LAKE JINDABYNE (Jackson 2019)	35" ML	15.00	Standards light mid blue, fine blue veining; styles cream overlaid lavender. Falls, same as standards. 3 gold steeple signals, ruffled, overlapping.
LIME AND SODA (Jackson 2020)	28" ML	25.00	Standards and falls soft lemon, green veining heavier in throat; style arms lemon; signals veined green in throat; ruffled, overlapping form.
MARGERY ROSE (Grieves 2018)	40" M	15.00	Standards mauve, pale mauve random veining; style arms pale mauve over green-yellow; Falls mauve, slightly veined, green-yellow steeple signal. Registered rebloomer.
MELODY WILHOIT (Nichols 2013)	MSDM2023 36" E-L	20.00	Standards dark yellow, ruffled; style arms dark yellow; Falls same as standards, gold raised signal; huge flowers; saucer shaped.
MENTIDA (Norris 1981)	38" M	15.00	Rich cobalt blue with tiny yellow signals.
MINING FOR GOLD (Betzer 2020)	34" M	15.00	

Standards light golden yellow, styles darker golden yellow; falls golden yellow, edges can be darker, yellow thumbprint signal.

MOOMBA FLARE (Jackson 2018)	35" M	15.00
Standards light garnet red, darker veining; style arms garnet red, edge lighter; Falls garnet red, gold line signals; ruffling on all petals.		
MOONLIGHT MUSIC (Jackson 2019)	45" M-L	20.00
Standards white, fine gold veining; style arms cream, lightly overlaid soft gold; Falls white overlaid gold, three deep gold veined signals with a hint of green; ruffled.		
MOUNTAIN SMOKE (Jackson 2018)	38" E-M	15.00
Standards lavender-grey, style arms lavender-violet; Falls mid lavender-rose, 3 gold steeple signals; ruffled.		
MULBERRY RIPPLE (Jackson 2020)	37" ML	35.00
Standards cream washed and marbled mulberry pink; style arms cream overlaid mulberry; falls mulberry pink, three gold signals, green tinge patch, flared, ruffled.		
NADINE SARAH (Grieves 2018)	36" M	15.00
Standards very pale violet, fine veining; style arms cream, throat green; Falls same as standards; 6 light yellow signals.		
OPTICAL ILLUSION (Treadway 2020)	34" E-M-L	25.00
Standards and falls medium orchid, maroon veining, thin white halo, serrated edge and white reverse. Style arms pale yellow, bright yellow midribs, flushed orchid and white at tips. Gold line signals extending over thumbprint signal on all petals.		
ORIENTAL FLIGHT (Jackson 2019)	41" M	20.00
Standards light violet, magenta veining; style arms magenta-violet, lighter edge; Falls deep magenta-violet, signals yellow-gold with green-gold center line.		
ORIENTAL PARASOL (Jackson 2021)	38" M	35.00
Standards lavender-white variable, slight line; styles lavender, white edge; Falls lavender, fine dark red center veining, gold variable steeple signals, pendant form.		
PILBARA DREAMING (Grieves 2020)	33" E	15.00
Standards greyed red; style arms yellow flushed greyed red; falls greyed orange, yellow orange edges and reverse, 3 yellow gold steeple signals on yellow orange ground; slight fragrance.		
PRINCESS LEIA (Pryor 1998)	45" M	15.00
Cyclamen purple, white rim and reverse, raised lime-yellow steeple signal with crimson veining; style arms white, with early pale pink blush.		
PURPLE GLOAMING (Grieves 2019)	39" M	15.00
Standards beetroot purple, distinct white edge; style arms maroon over dresden yellow; Falls maroon, lighter at light yellow edge, 3 steeple signals chinese yellow.		

RED VELVET ELVIS (Vaughn 2000)	MSDM05 36" E-L	15.00
Very dark red, falls a shade darker than the standards, very velvety texture and light ruffling. Small orange-yellow signal, near black style arms. Blossoms are flat with very wide petals.		
REVERCHON SNOWFALL (Nichols 2013)	HM2017 34" M-L	15.00
Standards white, green veined midrib. Falls white with slight green veining, ruffled.		
RINGS OF ROMEO (Betzer 2020)	32" EM	20.00
Standards light carmine, lightly veined darker; style arms cream, blushed carmine; falls carmine, dark lines extending from yellow steeple signal tips to edge, round, cream edge.		
ROOSTER (Betzer 2014)	MSDM2021 29" E-M	15.00
Light yellow standards with a slight claret streak thru the middle and lightly feathered edges. Style arms are claret with some yellow shading. Falls are yellow with rusty red veining and sometimes a full rusty red wash which seems to be dependent on the soil and climate of the season (all flowers on a plant are consistent over the bloom season). Very attractive in all its variations. Serrated claret edges and a yellow blotch overlaid with a light green steeple signal.		
SANDRA GAYE (Grieves)	35" EM	15.00
Standards aster violet, slight veining; style arms green, very pale mauve crests; falls darker veining, raised green signals on falls.		
SELENA ROSE (Grieves)	31" E-M	15.00
Standards violet-blue; style arms same blending to veined green-yellow throat; falls same as standards, 3 yellow-green steeple signals.		
SIGNALS FROM SPACE (Jackson 2020)	31" L	20.00
Standards violet, edge lighter; style arms red-violet, deeper in throat, light violet lined edge; Falls violet, fine lighter edge; 6 gold patch signals with extended center line on standards.		
STUBBORN LOVE (Betzer 2020)	40" EML	20.00
Standards brick red, interior lightens with age, sometimes with brown overtone; stylearms brick red, hints of green on edge and base; falls brick red, dark red lines from yellow steeple tips to edge.		
SWIRLING WATERS (Pryor 2009)	43" EM	15.00
A regular rebloomer in Australia. Heavily ruffled, deep blue-violet self. Standards have fine yellow line signal. Yellow blotch signal on falls, overlaid with a yellow steeple signal. Style arms apple green. violet tips.		
SWIRLYGIG (Jackson 2021)	37" M	25.00
Standards honey tan, pronounced darker veining; style arms honey cream, darker tips; Falls same as standards; 6 yellow spear signals; all petals waved and overlapping.		
TASMAN WHIRLPOOL (Jackson 2021)	39" L	25.00
Standards honey tan, pronounced darker veining; style arms honey cream, darker tips; Falls same as standards; 6 yellow spear signals; all petals waved and overlapping.		

TRIP THE LIGHT (Pryor 2016)	41" ML	15.00
Standards mid pastel blue with very fine green line signals; Style arms lemon-lime with white tips; Falls paler pastel blue with raised golden steeple signals; ruffled.		
VERY VEIN (Grieves 2016)	38" M	15.00
Standards cream, veined red-purple; style arms yellow-green; Falls same as standards, lemon-yellow signal on both standards and falls.		
VIOLET VISION (Treadway 2019)	HM2022 35" E-M-L	20.00
Standards and falls blue violet, red violet overlay, maroon veining, serrated edge with slight halo; Style arms blue violet, pale yellow midrib and edges; Bright yellow arrowhead signals with darker yellow line signal.		
WAIHI WEDDING (Pryor 1999)	45" ML	15.00
White, lime green line signal on all petals, style arms lime green at base, white reflexed tips, pronounced fragrance.		
WE ARE SAILING (Jackson 2005)	37" E	15.00
Medium light blue, laced edge, white spray pattern around signals, raised yellow signal line over green throat.		
WEARING VELVET (Jackson 2021)	35" E-M	25.00
Standards mid purple, darker veining; style arms mid purple, washed dark purple; Falls purple, faint lighter edge, 3 gold signals; ruffled.		
WHEN PIGS FLY (O'Connor 2013)	MSDM2021 31" M-L	15.00
Standards pale amber on opening fading to pearl-white; style arms cream-white; Falls same as standards, deep yellow dagger signal outlined in bright violet radiating out about half the length and width of falls		

Growing Tips

In general, your growing area should be kept clear of debris, including dead foliage, so that insects won't have a place to hide and winter over. The seed pods should also be removed as soon as possible to keep bee-pollinated seeds from dropping into your beds. Otherwise, you may suddenly find a lot of iris in your beds that you didn't order and which may not be as attractive as the plants you paid for. If you want to see what the new crosses look like, remove the seed pods and plant the seed in pots.

Louisiana and other Beardless Iris

Louisiana iris must not be allowed to dry out during transplant. It is beneficial to soak them in water overnight before planting. Once planted, they should be kept moist. After they are established they will be very hardy.

Most beardless iris want a sunny location and a slightly acidic soil for best performance and bloom. The beds should be prepared with plenty of humus and the plants mulched well. Plant Louisiana iris 2" deep. They will grow in standing water or in moist garden soil.

Fertilize with a balanced fertilizer, 15-15-15 for example, in the early spring and again after bloom. Remove the bloom stalks after flowering and cut the foliage down to just a few inches in early winter. Transplanting should be done in the early fall to avoid the hot summer days.

I. tectorum

The "Japanese Roof Iris" is very low maintenance and, in fact, resents too much care. It is nearly as drought tolerant as tall bearded iris and can flourish with very little sunshine (although not full shade). Regular garden soil covering the rhizome ½", a light application of a balanced fertilizer, 10-10-10, in the spring and water only during very dry spells are ideal conditions.

Bearded iris

Bearded iris are not listed in our catalog but we still have a limited number available. July and August are the best months to plant the bearded iris although they can be planted almost any time of the year except winter. They prefer sunny, well-drained locations and should be watered until the first new center leaf appears. Take care not to overwater. Plant the rhizomes just below the surface of the soil so that after the first rain the top is exposed. A good low-nitrogen fertilizer such as 6-12-12 or 6-10-10 can be used at planting and again early in the spring. Do not overwater or mulch.

United States Hardiness Zone Map

The USDA periodically publishes a hardiness zone map with zones ranging from 3 (coldest) to 10 (warmest). We are zone 6/7 and can grow all the iris listed in this catalog outside in the ground. However, some types of iris will not winter over, grow well or bloom in certain zones.

The following is our attempt to suggest which iris do well in which zones. However, small local micro-climates, seasonal weather severities and general care can cause variances.

Zone 3 - *I. versicolor*, most species crosses.

Zone 4 - *I. versicolor*, most species crosses, Louisianas if planted early enough to become established before severe freezes.

Zone 5, 6, 7 - EVERYTHING IN OUR CATALOG.

Zone 8 - Louisianas do great, bearded if not too humid, *I. virginica* do well.

Zone 9, 10 - Not cold enough for *I. versicolor* or most species crosses. Louisiana iris are the best choice. Usually too hot and humid for Bearded.

We are happy to answer your questions regarding which species of iris we believe will do best in your climate. However, we also suggest you contact your local iris society (go to www.irises.org to determine a contact for your region). You should also consult nearby botanical gardens and garden centers.

Plant Societies and Associations

Your enjoyment of irises will be greatly enhanced by membership in the various Societies. As a member you receive periodic bulletins full of interesting information and beautiful pictures. For membership contact:

The American Iris Society, www.irises.org.

The Historic Iris Preservation Society, www.historiciris.org.

The Society for Louisiana Irises, www.louisianas.org.

The Species Iris Group of North America, www.signa.org.

History

In 1931 a group of iris growers and hybridizers formed the Nashville Iris Association to foster the planting and cultivation of irises, with the goal of having Nashville become known as "The Iris City." It seems they succeeded, for by 1948 four Dykes medals, the top honor given to an iris, were won by Nashvillians. Those winners were DAUNTLESS (Connell in 1929), COPPER LUSTRE (Kirkland in 1934), MARY GEDDES (Stahlman-Washington in 1936) and CHIVALRY (Wills in 1945). Additionally, the American Iris Society held three of its annual conventions in Nashville; 1935, 1941 and 1948.

Macey's grandfather, Thomas A. Williams, was among the best known of those irisarians. In the 1930s and '40s he had a long-running local and CBS radio show on gardening and was known as the "Old Dirt Dobber." Mr. Williams wrote a book on gardening and published a catalog of iris under the name Iris City Garden. He was an avid hybridizer of tall bearded iris until his death in 1949. Our logo is the frame that held Mr. Williams' mailbox. We are pleased and honored to be able to carry on his garden name.

Due largely to the efforts of the Nashville Iris Association, the Tennessee Legislature named the iris the state flower in 1933. Although no color or variety was specified, a purple tall bearded is usually depicted.