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Daring
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Are You Crazy



Absolute Zero



Advantage



Baby I Love You



Best and Brightest

ABSOLUTE ZERO (Black '12) TB Early-Midseason 40" (102cm)
Standards of the icy, cold white flowers are blushed palest lavender. Each petal is crisply incised with tight ruffles and lace. Strong, healthy plants produce show stalks with 3 branches carrying 8-9 buds. Sdlg. Q10A: Oklahoma Centennial X Drifting Bubbles **\$50.00**

ADVANTAGE (Black '12) TB Early-Midseason 35" (89cm) For those working with rebloomers and broken color, **Advantage** should supply some worthy genes to advance your project. All its parents rebloom. Strong vigorous growth produces stalks having 2-3 branches and 7-8 buds. It begs to be paired with Wizard of Odds which is half rebloom blood. It is producing seedlings with heavily saturated color. Sdlg. Q16BR: (End of Summer x Mariposa Skies) X I'm Back **\$50.00**

ARE YOU CRAZY (Black '12) TB - small flowered - Early-Midseason 33" (84cm) Some people would say yes, but I continue with my small flowered TB project. As with most new projects, it will require time to develop and refine the results. **Are You Crazy** would be very much at home in the BB class if it were a little shorter. Show stalks have 3 branches plus spur and 8-9 buds. Sdlg. N233A: ((Tom Johnson x Red Zinger) x Romantic Evening) X Dolce **\$35.00**

BABY I LOVE YOU (Black '12) TB Midseason-Late (35" (89cm) This buxom beauty is one of four varieties being introduced this year from crosses made while in the Blyth garden in Australia several years back. Falls are strongly arched, wide and overlapping. Two branches and 7 buds is normal. Sdlg. P209TJ: (Candy Clouds x Safari Sunset sib) X (Cast of Characters x Decadence) **\$50.00**

BEST AND BRIGHTEST (Black '12) TB Midseason-Very Late 36" (91cm) You simply can't ignore a blazingly bright clump of **Best and Brightest** when it blooms. Notice the underlying green tones in the falls and bright, glistening yellow edge. Three well-spaced branches produce 8-9 buds. A sibling gives positive proof that we can have white ground plicatas with yellow markings. Definitely an interesting parentage. Sdlg. P76B: Magic Masquerade sib X Cheap Frills **\$50.00**



Blue Seduction



Bluebird of Happiness



Claim to Fame



Cool Mist



Common Thread

BLUE SEDUCTION (Black '12) TB Early-Midseason 36" (91cm)
 Blue Seduction is all about clump effect. These moderately sized seductive bitone flowers are born in abundance on show stalks having 3 branches and 9-10 buds. Clumps are full of stalks but still have plenty of increase left for the following year's bloom. Should be a nice parent for IBs and BBs. Sdlg. Q33B: (Entangled x Silverberry) X (((Northern Jewel x Dolce) x (Viva Mexico x Complimentary))) x Jersey Bounce **\$50.00**

BLUEBIRD OF HAPPINESS (Black '12) TB Midseason-Very Late 45" (114 cm)
 The entrancing song of this little bluebird will put a smile on your face and a song in your heart. These classically styled, near-perfectly formed flowers are supported by strong show stalks having 3 branches and 8-9 buds. Plants are quite disease resistant and growth is strong and vigorous. Sdlg. P218B: Blue Rising sib X Paul Black **\$50.00**

CLAIM TO FAME (Black '12) TB Early-Late 34" (86 cm) Claim to Fame
 sets a new course for broken color TB irises. It is a complete departure from the original Ensminger lines. The color separation and contrast isn't as bold as ones based on Ensminger lines, but it is there in the next generation, which is also considerably stronger and taller with better branching and buds. Sdlg. N114AA: (Contemporary Art x I've Got Rhythm) X (El Cerrito x Puccini) **\$50.00**

COMMON THREAD (T.Johnson '12) TB Early-Midseason 37" (94cm)
 The **Common Thread** is the precisely stitched lavender bands on a sparkling white silk background. Wide, nearly overlapping falls help create a big, billowy form that makes sure **Common Thread** won't be overlooked. Growth is strong and disease resistant. Well-branched stalks have 3 branches and 8-9 buds. Sdlg. TZ218AA: Ink Patterns X (Crowned Heads x Blackberry Tease) **\$50.00**

COOL MIST (T.Johnson '12) TB Early-Midseason 37" (94cm)
Cool Mist is a bit like a winter day in the Willamette Valley in Oregon. A darker, overcast layer sits atop a somewhat brighter space closer to the ground. Show stalks have 3 branches and 9-10 buds. Growth is strong and vigorous. Sdlg. TZ16AA: Rippling River X Mythology **\$50.00**



DANCING GHOST (T.Johnson '12) TB Midseason 36" (91cm)

The hauntingly subdued standards float above ruffled falls of chalky white with a whispered, ghostly mauve haze over them. **Dancing Ghost** lures you closer to confirm that it is more than a dreamy apparition. Lovely show branched stalks are produced by strong, healthy plants. Sdlg. TB36B: (Brussels x Presentation) X Silk Run **\$50.00**

DARING DECEPTION (T.Johnson '12) TB Midseason 35" (89cm)

Daring Deception was a favorite from its maiden bloom and has remained so. It is a great show-off in the garden with its bold contrasting colors including bright red beards. You won't need a name tag to know what it is. From crosses I made while in Australia. Sdlg. TB127B: By Jeeves X (Hold My Hand x Brave Face) PHOTO FRONT COVER **\$50.00**

DIPPED IN DOTS (Black '12) TB Late-Very Late 46" (117cm)

From the moment it first opened, **Dipped in Dots** demanded to be kept and rightfully so. It once again demonstrates the versatility of the Ring Around Rosie family. Its uniqueness is immediately obvious from the picture. Perfectly branched show stalks have 3 branches plus spur and 9-10 buds. No tag needed to be able to identify this one in your garden. Sdlg. O174XX: Magic Masquerade X Ring Around Rosie **\$50.00**

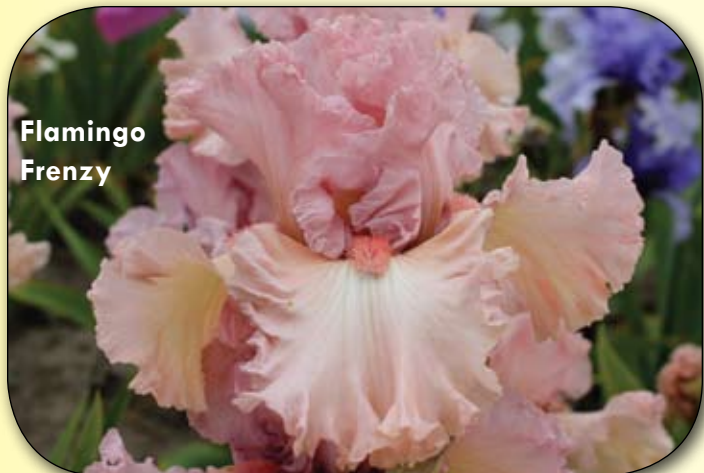
EARLY TO RISE (Black '12) TB Early-Late 34" (86cm)

What better way to start TB bloom season than with vigorous clumps filled with these yummy citrus splashes of color. Flowers are smaller and very much in keeping with refined stalks having 3 branches and 9-10 buds. Vigorous clumps insure a grand display. It should be helpful in creating brightly colored BBs and IBs. Sdlg. Q26B: Bundle of Love X Abbondanza **\$50.00**

FEAST OF KINGS (Black '12) TB Midseason-Late 34" (86cm)

Feast of Kings is cut from the cloth of royalty, rich intensely saturated royal purple. A fine filigree of indigo blue threads overlays standards and falls. **Feast of Kings** grows rapidly to form big clumps filled with show stalks. Three branches have 8-9 buds. Sdlg. P200C: Classic Wine X Palace Symphony **\$50.00**





Flamingo Frenzy



Flying First Class



Gypsy Lady



Handmade



Fire and Ice

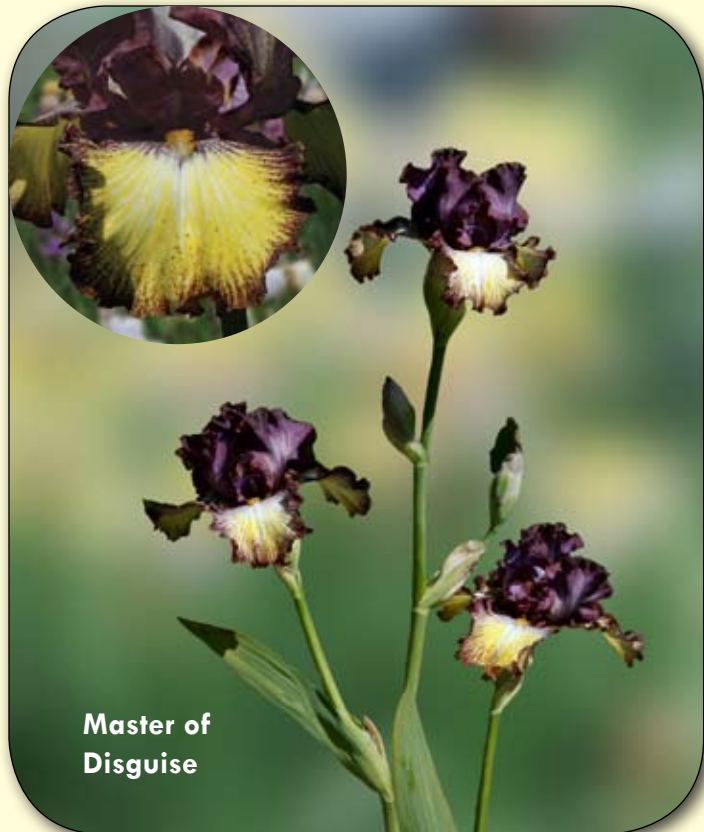
FIRE AND ICE (Black '12) TB Early-Late 40" (102cm) Ruffled icy white blooms appear as elegant ice carvings set ablaze by fiery red-orange beards. Precisely branched show stalks have 3 branches and spur with 9-10 buds. It easily opens 3 flowers at once making it a great contender for 'Queen of Show'. Husky plants help insure the stalks won't find a home on the ground. Sdlg. O15XX: Cloud Berry X Bliss Bomb **\$50.00**

FLAMINGO FRENZY (T.Johnson '12) TB Midseason-Late 36" (91cm) Looking at a clump of these rich pink beauties, one could easily imagine a shoreline populated by a flock of brightly colored flamingos. Strong stalks and vigorous growth are distinguishing features of **Flamingo Frenzy**. You'll notice the beards are solidly in the pink range rather than the more usual and often jarring tangerine to orange palette. Sdlg. TA40D: In Love Again X Secret Affair **\$50.00**

FLYING FIRST CLASS (T.Johnson '12) TB Midseason-Late 35" (89cm) The superb quality of **Flying First Class** is what one would expect from two Dykes Medal winners. Strong show stalks are produced in abundance by strong disease resistant plants. Sdlg. TX38AA: Paul Black X Sea Power **\$50.00**

GYPSY LADY (T.Johnson '12) TB Midseason-Late 37" (94cm) **Gypsy Lady** is a worthy update of Melba Hamblen's older 'Jazz Swinger'. What **Gypsy Lady** wouldn't be happy wearing these dazzling glad rags? Do make note of the fine gold filagree veining imposed upon white standards. Growth is strong and stalks sturdy although a bit top branched, but definitely worth a spot in your garden. Sdlg. TZ6D: In Living Color X Mastery **\$50.00**

HANDMADE (Black '12) TB Midseason-Late 35" (89cm) Putting blue beards on yellow TB irises has been just as elusive or maybe more so than putting them on pinks. **Handmade** is a small move forward in that quest. While it isn't what I was looking for, it has enough character and appeal to introduce. Strong, clean growth produces stalks with 3 branches plus spur and 7-8 buds. Sdlg. Q23C: (Peacetime x Ride the Tiger) X (Crash Course sib x (Cameo Appearance sib x (Lotus Land x Intimidator))) **\$50.00**



Master of Disguise

IN THE MIX (T.Johnson '12) TB Early 36" (91cm) Many hybridizers continue to mix pink and blue genes in hopes of producing clear pink and blue irises in various patterns but with a stronger emphasis on blue standards and pink falls. **In the Mix** helps push that goal forward with the addition of 'Dream Team' which is from a pink and a blue parent and is one of the strongest growing irises in the garden. **In the Mix** is elegant and superbly formed and is a fine introduction in its own right. Vigorous growth produces stalks having 7-8 buds. Beards are soft tangerine with an icy lavender tip. Sdlg.TB27A: Treasured X Dream Team **\$50.00**

INSANIAC (T.Johnson '12) TB Midseason 33" (84cm) What a crazy mixed up potpourri of color and pattern. **Insaniac** carries on with another variation of 'Wild Angel' type patterning. Flowers are fuller and more ruffled. The addition of gold edges on standards and styles makes a lovely accent. A clump of **Insaniac** will be a sure showstopper in your garden. Sdlg. TA93A: Bright Sunshiny Day sib X Painter's Touch **\$50.00**

MASTER OF DISGUISE (Black '12) TB Midseason-Late 36" (91cm) Here is convincing proof that it is possible to have yellow plicata markings on white ground. White falls have fancy yellow plicata sanding. It would also seem to indicate the possibility of pink or orange markings on white ground. The close to clear orange markings on some of the Cheap Frills seedlings hint that it is ready to emerge. Show stalks with 3 branches and 8-9 buds are produced by healthy, vigorous plants. Sdlg. Q20A: (Out of the Dark sib x Out of the Dark) X ((Tangled Web x (Different Design sib x I've Got Rhythm)) x (First Page sib x Musician)) **\$50.00**

NAME GAME (Black '12) TB Midseason-Late 33" (84cm) Creation of a "red" iris moves forward at a snail's pace. Many hybridizers continue to tackle this seemingly unachievable goal, but with each successive generation it seems more and more a possibility. We tell ourselves, "just one more generation and we'll have it". **Name Game** is an easy grower, forming impressive clumps full of stalks. Backlit with sun it appears very red. Sdlg. O18XX: Cranberry Sauce X Drinks at Sunset **\$50.00**

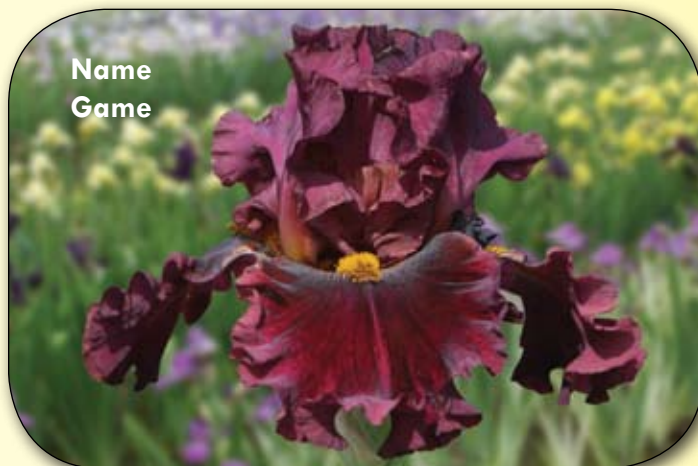
NOTE TO GOD (T.Johnson '12) TB Late 35" (89cm) This flawlessly formed reverse pink amoena has it all: clean strong growing plants, fine show branching and great clump effect. It combines the best of both parents. Sdlg. TA76B: Simply Sensational X Waterfall Mist **\$50.00**



In the Mix



Insaniac



Name Game



Note To God



Now
Playing



Scandinavian
Gal



Rumor
Has It



Strawberry
Freeze



NOW PLAYING (T.Johnson '12) TB Early-Mid 38" (97cm) On first glance, Now Playing would seem to be a strongly colored reverse blue amoena. Look again. There is a touch of yellow on the hafts that repeats on the fall reverse creating the look of a reverse blue and lemon bicolor. Yellow styles add to its intrigue. Growth is strong and clean as would be expected from its grandparent 'Mythology'. Show stalks have 9-11 buds. Should be a nice parent for reverse blue and yellow bicolors. Sdlg. TA51A: (Quite the Reverse x Mythology) X Crystal Gazer **\$50.00**

PRINCESS GRACE (Black '12) TB Midseason-Very Late 32" (81cm) Princess Grace was very fond of beige to rosy beige colors. This lovely flower hopefully captures a bit of her beauty in a palette she would find attractive. Plant habit is top notch in every way, from strong vigorous growth to show stalks having 8-9 buds. Clumps transport one to a place of quiet, serene elegance. One of the last to finish blooming. Sdlg. N133A: Blushing Bashful sib X (Good Humor x Weekend Update) **\$50.00**

RUMOR HAS IT (T.Johnson '12) TB Late-Very Late 36" (91cm) It's no rumor, it has ruffles in abundance. Standards have pure white ground color while falls ground is chalky, palest buff. Plicata banding around the falls is a unique bubblegum grape color that is emerging. Growth is vigorous and disease resistant as one would expect from its parent 'Ink Patterns'. Show stalks are the norm. It is one of the last to bloom. Sdlg. TZ219AA: Ink Patterns X sib to Sorbonne pod parent **\$50.00**

SCANDINAVIAN GAL (T.Johnson '12) TB Early-Midseason 37" (94cm) Here's a lovely flower to start your TB season. Flowers have a definite greenish tone that is very appealing. Flowers are quite large and carried on strong show stems. Sdlg TB129B: (Wintry Sky x Mango Daiquiri sib) X Audacious Amber **\$50.00**

STRAWBERRY FREEZE (T.Johnson '12) TB Midseason 35" (89cm) Yummy, yummy, yummy, it looks good enough to eat. What could be better than a bowl of strawberries topped off with a scoop of vanilla ice cream? Like its sister, Daring Deception, clumps create a vibrant accent of color that is unmistakable. Ample increase insures you'll have enough for a second helping of this luscious creation. Sdlg. TB127C: sib to 'Daring Deception' - By Jeeves X (Hold My Hand x Brave Face) **\$50.00**



STRIPTEASE (T.Johnson '12) TB Midseason 33" (84cm) The quest goes on for a quality, stable variegated foliage TB. Flower form and color are very average but what **Striptease** does have is variegated foliage that has few all green reversions. Stalks are also variegated. Growth is healthy and vigorous for having so much white in the variegation. Sdlg. TW151A: Verdict X Canadian Streaker **\$50.00**

TEAM PLAYER (T.Johnson '12) TB Midseason 36" (91cm) From one of the parents of Decadence comes this multi-colored treasure. Large flowers are kept upright by strong stalks having two branches and 6-7 buds. It won't cost you millions to have this cool player on your team. Sdlg. TA67C: (Brussels x Presentation) X Temple of Time **\$50.00**

VERY SPECIAL (Black '12) TB Midseason-Late 35" (89cm) You too will think it is **Very Special** when you see mature clumps of this superb garden iris. Its forte has been consistent strong performance each year. Strong show stalks have 3 branches plus spur and 8-9 buds. Make note of the bicolored beards. It is a great candidate for use in pink/blue breeding. Sdlg. N44A: Paris Fashion X Waterfall Mist **\$50.00**

WICKED GOOD (Black '12) TB Midseason 35" (89cm) It is wicked only in that the color conjures up images of something a bit sinister. Garden visitors are drawn to its dramatic and captivating color. Take note of the purple wire rim around the falls. Growth is strong and durable. Stalks are variable with 2 or 3 branches having 5-7 buds. Sdlg. P211D: Sirocco Mist X Dinner Talk **PHOTO BACK COVER \$50.00**

WINK AND A SMILE (Black '12) TB Early-Midseason 36" (91cm) Duplicate the description of Blue Seduction, change the color from blue to maroon and you have **Wink and a Smile**. The accent is again on clump and garden effect which doesn't preclude cutting one of its show stalks to enter in a show. The diversity of the parentage was amply demonstrated by the diversity in this cross. Sdlg. Q33A: sib to Blue Seduction **\$50.00**

YIELD (Black '12) TB Midseason-Late 36" (91cm) The decision to introduce this iris has been challenging. One day I look at it and think it isn't different enough. The next time I think "what a stunning and vibrant display of color; I can't throw it out". Obviously the choice to introduce it won out. Show stalks with 3 branches carry a generous complement of 10-11 buds. Red-brown haft veining hints at its strong plicata heritage. It should give bright, heavily saturated yellow to gold ground plicatas. L72A: Spiced Cider X Chiffon Ruffles **\$50.00**





ACTOR (Black '12) SDB Early-Midseason 15.5" (39cm) It is a plicata but with ground color showing only at base of standards and fall hafts. Very showy clumps. Sdlg. Q85A: Ghost Ship X Fido sib **\$18.00**



DOXIE DOODLES (Black '12) SDB Midseason-Late 13" (33cm) What a crazy bit of graffiti applied by a little dachshund. Makes a striking clump. Sdlg. Q80R: sib to Dare **\$18.00**



GOLDEN COMPASS (T.Johnson '12) AB-Midseason 24" (58cm) Bright and bold. Sdlg. TX144AA: Jazzamatazz X Domingo **\$25.00**



BRASH AND SASSY (T.Johnson '12) SDB Early 10" (25cm) Richly saturated color. Plic marking variable from sparse to almost completely overlaid. Sdlg. TB63B: Mosaic X ((Sweet Bite x Music) x (Rebus x Music)) **\$18.00**



ENERGIZER BUNNY (Black '12) SDB Early-Midseason 12" (30cm) Bright and clear color. Close to being a glaciata but anthocyanin haze over the falls keeps it from being so. Sdlg. Q43A: Bit of Gilt sib X Pink Potion **\$18.00**



IT'S AMAZING (Black '12) IB Early-Midseason 19" (48cm) Amazing color! Very short IB. Sdlg. Q115A: (Tickety Boo x (Spree x Cachet)) X Giddy pollen parent sib **\$18.00**



CLEAR BLUE SKY (T.Johnson '12) SDB Midseason 13" (33cm) The name says it all. Nicely ruffled clear mid blue. Sdlg. TY164A: Microwave X Little Sweden **\$18.00**



EVERY LITTLE STEP (Black '12) SDB Early-Midseason 13" (33cm) Many smaller pastel flowers create a very pretty clump. Note pink in styles. Sdlg. Q86F: Ghost Ship X (Dollop of Cream sib x Stormy Circle) **\$18.00**



KEEP OFF (Black '12) MDB Midseason-Late 7" (18cm) You can't ignore this bright little cutie. Sdlg. Q91A: True X Pink Potion **\$18.00**



DARE (Black '12) SDB Midseason-Late 13" (33cm) One of several quality plicatas being introduced from this cross. Variable plic marks. Sdlg. Q80X: Chart X Kaching **\$18.00**



EYES ON YOU (Black '12) AB+ Midseason 26" (66cm) From a distance it appears as white with a big black spot. One branch and 3 buds. Sdlg. O364A: Lancer X Onlooker **\$25.00**



LITTLE STEPS (Black '12) SDB Midseason-Late 14" (36cm) One more **Little Step** toward clear pink and blue combinations. Subtle and lovely with a satiny finish. Sdlg. Q108B: ((Dancing Bunnies x Cachet sib) x (Navy Ruffles x Hot Jazz)) X ((Sweet Baby x Flights of Fancy) x (Baby Soft x (Honey Bunny x sib to Matter of Fact pollen parent))) **\$18.00**



LITTLE SWEETIE (T.Johnson '12) SDB Midseason 10" (25cm) Lovely pastel plicata for that more intimate space. Sdlg. TB86A: ((Sweet Bite x Music) x (Rebus x Music)) X Black N339A: ((Rebus x ((Tweety Bird x Hot Jazz) x Voices)) x (Pookie x Pussycat Pink sib)) **\$18.00**



POP CULTURE (Black '12) IB Midseason-Late 27" (69cm) Awesome color and pattern arising from combining pink/blue work in SDBs and TBs. Some fertility. Sdlg. Q74D: Amorous Duet sib X Champagne Bubbles **\$24.00**



WHEEL (T.Johnson '12) SDB Midseason-Late 12" (30cm) Darker purple marking is extremely variable with weather. Sdlg. TB60A: Ghost Ship X ((Imbue x Brash) x (Snickers x ((Tweety Bird x Hot Jazz) x Voices))) **\$18.00**



LOOK INSIDE (Black '12) SDB Midseason 15" (38cm). Inside are darkest burgundy styles. Wonderful! Sdlg. Q80G: sib to Dare **\$18.00**



SHORTY (Black '12) IB Early-Midseason 20" (51cm) Bright clumps. It is fertile & parent of my best hot pink SDB seedling. Sdlg. Q32A: (Dolce x Pink Flyaway) X Juicy Tidbit sib **\$20.00**



WILD (Black '12) BB Early-Midseason 27" (69cm) The brightest orange ground plicata. Can push the BB class. Sdlg. P222A: Fancy a Flutter sib X Drama Queen **\$30.00**



MINI MOUSE (Black '12) SDB Midseason-Late 14" (36cm) Note *pumila* spot influence in center of fall. Interesting parent for unique seedlings. Sdlg. Q80DD: sib to Dare **\$18.00**



WELL-SPOKEN (Black '12) SDB Midseason-Late 13" (33cm) Lovely form, color, pattern and clumps. Sdlg. Q79A: Chart X (Dollop of Cream sib x Gal Pal) **\$18.00**



WITTY (Black '12) IB Early-Midseason 26" (66cm) Classic form and bright, healthy clumps filled with bloom. Sdlg. Q58D: Blackberry Tease X (Brash x Pink Frosting) x **\$24.00**



MY CHER (Black '12) SDB Midseason-Late 15.5" (40cm) Awarded "Best Seedling" at Median Convention in Oklahoma City, 2010. Unique and beautiful luminata. Sdlg. Q95B: Trust in Dreams X Astro **\$18.00**



WHAT'S NEW PUSSYCAT (Black '12) BB Midseason-Late 26" (66cm) Pretty color, gorgeous form and heavy substance Sdlg. P103A: Bundle of Love X ((Viva Mexico x Complimentary) x Jersey Bounce) **\$30.00**



WORRY WART (Black '12) SDB Midseason-Late 15.5" (40cm) Hauntingly beautiful. Another result from pink/blue breeding. Sdlg. Q107A: ((Dancing Bunnies x Cachet sib) x (Navy Ruffles x Hot Jazz)) X Giddy pollen parent sib **\$18.00**



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