Welcome to our Iris Garden

2500 Varieties of Historic to New IRIS

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Visitors Welcome

Zone 4

Newport Naturals at Spruce Corner
Since 1979

Alpaca's, FIBER ARTS, LICENSED MASSAGE THERAPY, WATERCOLOR PAINTINGS

Driving Directions

We are 42 miles northeast of Spokane on Highway 2, and 27 miles west of Sandpoint, ID.

As you enter Newport from Spokane, turn north at the Golden Spur Motel, (Cispell Avenue). Drive 4-way stop to Craig Avenue. Turn right. Drive two blocks to our garden entrance. You will see our Iris fields and our animals.

From Highway 20, follow Spokane signs to the Golden Spur Motel, (Cispell Avenue). Continue as above. From Sandpoint, follow the Spokane signs as for Highway 2.

Approximate Bloom Time

Varies with weather conditions. Call us or check our website for usual bloom dates:

- May 10: DBBB and SDB
- May 28: DBBB, early TB
- June 5: DBBB, and some Siberian
- June 17: 'Inferno' Japanese available for 2012

Japanese Iris available for 2012

Garden open Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Mother's Day - through Fathers Day. 10 AM-6 PM

Save yourself a trip and call or check our Facebook page or check the web site for what is blooming.

See us on Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/pages/Newport-Naturals-Iris/11370135048689

Bring your paints or camera!
IRIS HAVE BEEN AN IMPORTANT PLANT IN OUR GARDENS SINCE WE FIRST GARDENED IN 1962. SINCE WE HAVE BEEN IN NEWPORT, WE HAVE ADDED MANY VARIETIES OF IRIS TO OUR COLLECTION. ORIGINALLY, WE STARTED WITH ALL BEARDED IRIS, BUT WE NOW GROW THE VARIETIES LISTED IN THE THIRD COLUMN.

We are members of the American Iris Society, the Historic Iris Preservation Society, The Tall Bearded Iris Society, Region 13 of the American Iris Society, and the Town and Country Iris Society in Spokane. We are display gardens for Historic Iris, Standard Dwarf Bearded iris, Medlar Iris, and for The Tall Bearded Iris Society. We also belong to a number of iris-related list-serves and communicate with iris lovers worldwide. Our website www.sprucecorner.com lists some of our irises for sale for this year.

SEE US ON FACEBOOK: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Newport-Naturals-Iris/119701358048689

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY OUR GARDENS
Gardening of any type is a labor-intensive practice, but Iris are easy to grow in our climate and are not affected by iris borers.

Robert and Linda Karr

South Field, Newport Naturals Iris

Parts of an Iris

Iris Terms

Amoena white standards, colored falls
Beads (B) bushy hairs on falls
Bicolor standards and falls are different colors
Bitone standards and falls are different shades of the same color
Blend combination or mixture of two or more colors
Broken Color splashed or streaked with another color (usually white)
Dykes Medal (DM) highest award given to one iris annually
Falls (F) lower 3 flower petals
Historic Irises over 30 years old. Most dates are the year introduced into commerce. A few are registration dates.
Luminata light area under beard; rays on falls
Neglecta light blue standards, darker falls
Plicata speckled, stitched, or solid margin of color on lighter ground
Self an iris of one color
Space Age (SA) has horns, spoons, or flounces extending from the beard
Standards (S) upper 3 flower petals
Variegata yellow standards, dark colored falls

Bearded Iris Types

AB (Arilbred) is a hybrid between the exotic aril irises of the Near and Middle East and the bearded irises. Unusual color and form.
BB (Border Bearded) is a shorter version of the TB in the height range of 16" to 27 1/2". Usually bloom with the TB.
IB (Intermediate Bearded) is from 16" to 27 1/2" tall and are usually crosses between SDB and TB. Bloom near the end of the SDB season and the beginning of the TB bloom.
MDB (Miniature Dwarf Bearded) has stalks less than 10" tall. Bloom very, very early in the season.
MTB (Miniature Tall Bearded) is from 16" to 25" tall, very refined and dainty. Also called table Iris.
SDB (Standard Dwarf Bearded) has stalks from 8" to 16". Bloom very early in the season.
TB (Tall Bearded) is the most common and most popular bearded iris. Minimum height over 27".

OTHER IRIS TYPES YOU MAY SEE

Siberian
Spuria
Louisiana
Japanese (Ensata)

In our climate, Iris should be replanted before Labor Day. Our Iris are dug when dormant—usually after July 15. Iris are washed prior to delivery.
YOU CAN GROW GREAT IRIS

WHEN TO PLANT:    July and August in Zones 4 and 5
                  Later in warmer Zones

WHERE TO PLANT:   Half day of sun; good garden soil;
                  Well-drained soil

DISTANCE APART:   12 to 24 inches; in a row or circle

DEPTH TO PLANT:   Set top of rhizome 1/2 to 1 inch below the
                  surface of the soil; roots may be trimmed.
                  Roots should fan down into the soil.

WATERING:         Deep water upon planting; may not need additional water when
                  Established. Do not let iris stand in water.

FERTILIZATION:    10-10-10 or other balanced fertilizer, bone meal, alfalfa pellets
                  (FOR HORSES, NOT RABBITS), super phosphate, compost, etc.
                  Work into soil about 6 inches from rhizome early in spring and a
                  month after bloom

CARE:             May be mulched with very light mulch first year.
                  Remove mulch in very early spring. Watch for disease. Cut or
                  break flower stalks off close to rhizome after blooming. Use Preen
                  or equivalent to control germination of weeds. Do not spray
                  rhizomes or after bud stalks appear. Avoid cutting leaves in the
                  summer—they are needed to feed the new rhizome. Remove
                  old stalks.

FALL CARE:        Divide every 3 to 4 years or when crowded.

REFERENCES:       William Shear. The Gardener's Iris Book,

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