

The HIPS Rhizome Sale: 2018 Edition

By Judy Schneider & the Rhizome Sale Committee

The HIPS Annual Rhizome Sale was a great success last year with its “live” format. Buyers knew quickly what they had already purchased and what was still available to buy. Buyers without computer access can still purchase irises—see **NO COMPUTER ACCESS?**, below.

DONORS

THANK YOU in advance for your donation! The Rhizome Sale is the main fundraiser for HIPS. Without you, it wouldn't be possible.

Please email or mail a list of cultivars you can probably donate to our Rhizome Sale Chair, Judy Schneider <hipsirissale@gmail.com> by mid-June. This will give us time to find links or photos of each iris, and have them ready for viewing when the sale starts. If you can't send a cultivar at dig time, just let Judy know. If you find you can send an iris you didn't include on your list, do send it. It's welcome!

DONORS, please see the article “To Our Wonderful Donors” on the following page (brief form) and on the HIPS website (full length) for simple instructions on preparing irises for the HIPS sale, or write or call Cathy Egerer for a print copy (see Contacts). Even if you're experienced at shipping irises, the HIPS sale is challenging because the irises are shipped, stored, and shipped again.

All rhizomes must arrive by Friday, July 13. Using ordinary Priority Mail, not Express or Priority Express, send rhizomes to:

Cathy Egerer
PO Box 456 (postal mail only)
E22540 East Bay Lane (other shippers only)
Grand Marais MI 49839

BUYERS

The list of available cultivars and quantities will be available on the HIPS website <www.historiciris.org> on or before July 17. The list will include links to photos and information about the cultivars whenever possible. **Rhizomes will cost US\$6.50 each, which includes postage. The minimum purchase is four rhizomes.**

Canadians, please see **CANADIAN ORDERS**, below.

To be fair to people in different time zones, the irises will be offered in two rounds, one starting in the morning and one twelve hours later—see **TIME ZONE CHART**, below.

Each round will contain half the rhizomes of each cultivar. For instance, if we have 20 rhizomes of ‘Acropolis’, 10 will be offered in Round One and 10 in Round Two. You may buy ‘Acropolis’ during either round of the sale, but not both. Only ONE rhizome of each cultivar is allowed per buyer in the first three days. You can come back and buy other cultivars in Round Two, though. Only HIPS members may purchase irises for the first two days.

Not a HIPS member? For the best selection, you can join as an e-member for only US\$10 or as a regular member for US\$13.

We process all requests as quickly as possible, in the order in which they are received. Many cultivars are in very limited amounts and sell out almost immediately. Requests sent via postal mail are processed as soon as possible upon receipt.

TIMELINE

July 17, 2018: We'll post the iris sale list on the HIPS website so you can study it and make your choices. We'll post photos and links to each cultivar if we can find them. We'll add to this list as we receive rhizomes and remove cultivars if a donor cannot send them. We will also send out paper lists today to those who have requested them.

July 21, 2018, 8AM Central Time (8:00 in the MORNING): Round One begins for HIPS members only, and just one rhizome per cultivar for now. The spreadsheet for Round One will be locked 30 minutes before the start of Round Two. All remaining irises will be transferred to Round Two and will be available for purchase during that round.

July 21, 2018, 8PM Central Time (8:00 in the EVENING): Round Two begins for HIPS members only, and just one rhizome per cultivar for now.

July 23, 2018, 8AM Central Time: General public may now purchase irises. Also, anyone may now

buy more than one rhizome of each cultivar.

July 23, 2018, 11:59PM Central Time: Canadian orders due.

July 26, 2018: LAST DAY TO ORDER!
Ordering ends at 6:00PM Central Time.

TIME ZONE CHART

These hours are when Round One starts in the morning and Round Two starts in the evening:

9:00AM or PM Eastern Time
8:00AM or PM Central Time, as in our example
7:00AM or PM Mountain Time
6:00AM or PM Pacific Time

HOW TO ORDER

(or see **No Computer Access?** below)

1. At the start of your preferred Round, email your list of chosen cultivars to <hipsirissale@gmail.com>, along with your full name, email address, phone number, and mailing address. **ORDERS WITHOUT ALL OF THE REQUESTED INFORMATION CANNOT BE FILLED.**
2. When your request arrives, we'll add it to the online spreadsheet. Requests are posted in the order received and listed by email name. For instance, <irisbuyer@gmail.com> would be listed simply as **irisbuyer**. As each request is posted, those rhizomes are subtracted from the total, so you can see how many of each are left to buy and which are sold out. You may send additional lists as needed. Please be patient, as there is typically a huge rush at the beginning of each round, and entering the data in the spreadsheet takes a few minutes.
3. You may buy again in Round Two if you miss out on a cultivar during Round One of the sale. Each cultivar is limited to one per buyer, however, until July 23 (see **TIMELINE**, above).
4. Once you are sure you're done ordering, email us at <hipsirissale@gmail.com> and tell us that. We will then send a PayPal invoice to you and you pay the total. Credit cards are accepted through PayPal without an account. HIPS members may mail a check, but your order will not be shipped until your check is received. If you're not a HIPS member,

you **MUST** use PayPal. **DO NOT SEND PAYMENT** until you receive an invoice. Payment must be received within five days of invoice date.

5. ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 6PM JULY 26 (Canadian orders by 11:59PM, July 23).

6. Once your order is paid, we'll pack and mail it quickly, so you can get the plants in the ground as soon as possible. We ship by US postal mail only.

NO COMPUTER ACCESS?

You may request a paper list of available irises from **Judy Schneider, 1778 CR 107, Whitesboro TX 76273**. Judy will send you the list as soon as it's available. Because Judy must have your request by July 10 at the absolute latest, we suggest you send your request **NOW**, while you're thinking of it. We need your mailing address; **MAKE SURE WE CAN READ YOUR HANDWRITING.**

If you do not have computer access for purchasing irises, you may phone Judy Schneider at 940-594-5557 with your request, starting at 8AM Central Time on July 20 (see **TIME ZONE CHART**, above).

CANADIAN ORDERS

Canadians, you must be HIPS members to buy irises. Please follow the **HOW TO ORDER** instructions, above. We will send all Canadian orders in one shipment to the Canadian Rhizome Sale Coordinator, B. J. Jackson. You will pay the regular US\$6.50 per rhizome price, plus a US\$7.00 surcharge per customer to cover the cost of the phytosanitary certificate and initial shipping to B.J. The individual shipping costs, from B.J. to you, are included in the rhizome price. **CANADIAN ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 23.**

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions before the sale, email our Rhizome Sale Chair Judy Schneider at <hipsirissale@gmail.com> (preferred) or phone her at 940-594-5557. ☞