

Request for Guest Beardless Irises  
2017 AIS Convention  
Des Moines, Iowa

Region 21 will host The American Iris Society National Convention May 22-26, 2017. Convention attendees will tour at least four Des Moines area gardens, including two public gardens. Hybridizers of beardless varieties are invited to send rhizomes of recent introductions and seedlings under consideration for introduction. Please observe the following guidelines when sending guest irises as only officially submitted guest irises will appear in the convention booklet.

Up to two rhizomes of each variety will be accepted from August 25 through September 8, 2014.

Please ship plants to:

Kelly Norris/AIS 2017  
Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden  
909 Robert D. Ray Drive  
Des Moines, IA 50309  
[knorris@dmbotanicalgarden.com](mailto:knorris@dmbotanicalgarden.com)

The name of the variety or seedling number should be clearly marked on each rhizome. In addition, the following information should accompany each variety on a separate packing list:

- Hybridizer's name and address
- Name or seedling number of the variety
- Type of iris (Siberian, Species, Spec-X, etc.)
- Height, color, distinguishing features
- Year of introduction (if applicable)

The packing list should include the contributors email address to receive an electronic receipt. Contributors who do not provide an email will receive a confirmation via USPS.

If a guest seedling is later named, it will be the responsibility of the hybridizer to notify the Guest Iris Chair of change. Updates should include name and corresponding seedling number. Please send updates or direct inquiries about guest irises to:

Linda Wilkie  
Guest Iris Database Coordinator  
[lwilkie@unmc.edu](mailto:lwilkie@unmc.edu)

Shortly before the convention, contributors will be asked for instructions regarding disposition of the plants. Failure to reply by April 1, 2017 will be interpreted as permission to destroy all seedlings, and distributed named varieties, one to each host garden and the rest as determined by the Convention Committee. ***No rhizomes will be offered for sale on the internet or other means which compete with sales by the contributors.*** Guest iris returned will be sent freight paid, except for foreign addresses.

The Convention Committee and the owners of the host gardens will strictly adhere to the Code of Ethics as printed in the AIS Convention Handbook. The Convention Committee and host gardens will not be responsible for losses beyond their control.