

Iris Encyclopedia Spring 2020 report

It seems very soon to give a report after the fall report was late in the year but there are a few new things in progress.

First: The activity on the wiki seems to have returned back to a normal upward curve rather than the spike that was seen in December and January. I have no explanation for that spike. Nonetheless the recent months continue to increase over last year. I am told by every club that I talk to that they use the wiki as their primary official source of validation for show entries. Since there have been almost no shows obviously the wiki is being used for much more.

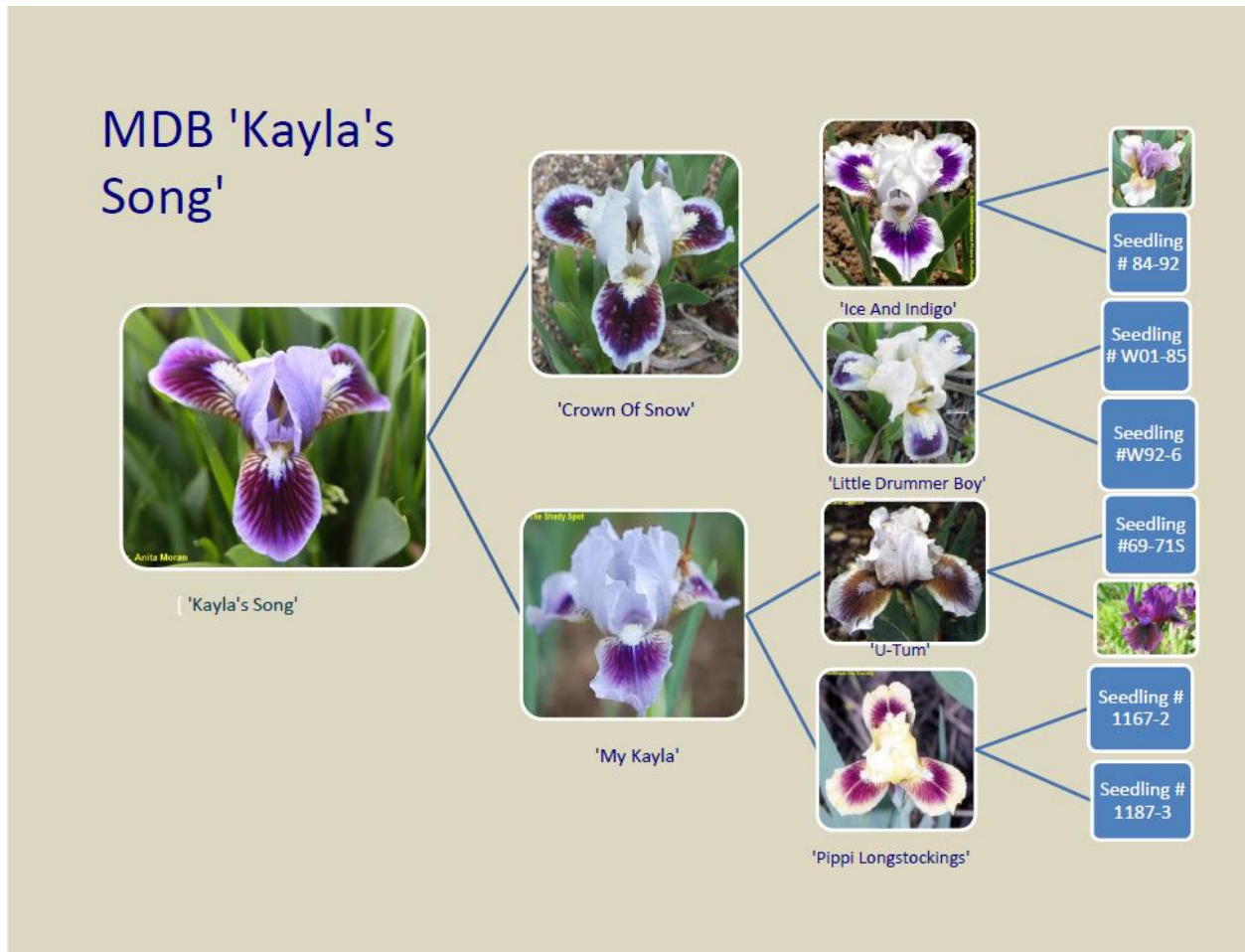
Second; I continue to expand the information in the Irid section of the encyclopedia. I have been studying the plant *Schizostylis* which has been changed to *Hesperanthe*. For the last couple of years I have been experimenting with plants seeds etc. I now have



six cultivars either blooming or coming into bloom. See illustration I hope to expand the information on *Crocus*, *Gladiolus*, *Crocsmia* and other common garden Irids. If you are growing any of the Irids the wiki would appreciate your images.

Pedigrees; see second page

I have also been working on Iris pedigrees.



These take a large amount of time to complete one but I like the way they can show parentage. Fortunately in some cases Hybridizers have provided pictures of seedlings which greatly helps to inform the diagram.