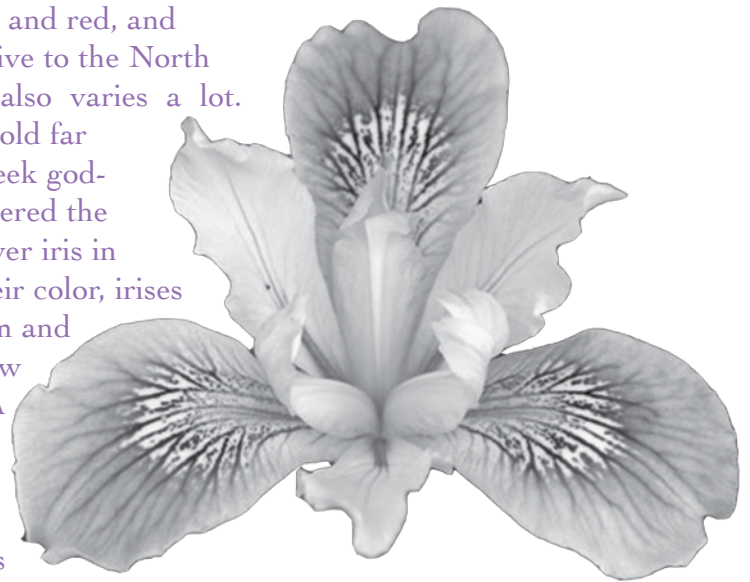


flower talk

IRIS

The word Iris is Greek for "Rainbow". Irises come in many colors such as blue and purple, white and yellow, pink and orange, brown and red, and even black. The genus Iris has about 200 species and is native to the North Temperate regions of the world. The habitat of irises also varies a lot. Some irises grow in deserts, some in swamps, some in the cold far north, and many in temperate climates. Since Iris is the Greek goddess for the Messenger of Love, her sacred flower is considered the symbol of communication and messages. Therefore the flower iris in the language of flowers symbolizes eloquence. Based on their color, irises convey varied messages. A purple iris is symbolic of wisdom and compliments. A blue iris symbolizes faith and hope. A yellow iris symbolizes passion while white iris symbolizes purity. A gift of iris can be used to convey many emotions. The juice of iris can be used as a cosmetic to remove freckles from the skin, its root is used to treat skin diseases. The fresh root of iris germanica is a powerful cathartic, that is why its juice has been employed in dropsy. Used in dry state is said very helpful for complaints of the lungs, hoarseness and coughs. Essential oils from the iris plant are used in aromatherapy and in making perfume.



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Helpful Hint:

When wanting to make sure your flowers last for as long as possible, you may be interested to know that warm water works much better than cold. Cold water carries more air that can get up into the flowers stem, allowing it to die faster due to not getting enough water. Warm water also helps to dissolve any preservative you may be using, allowing it to act faster and do its job as soon as possible.

Another Helpful Hint:

When cutting the stem of a flower it is important to cut it diagonally using a sharp knife. This provides a larger opening for the stem to drink the water, but also if you cut it straight then the stem will be sitting flat on the bottom of the vase or container you are using. If this happens, the stem takes in too few resources and will die much more quickly. Repeat this process every few days, in order to eliminate any bacteria build up that will block the stem.

Dates to Remember

Public Energy Runway Challenge and Wearable Art Show:	February 9th
Passover:	March 25th
Easter:	March 31st
April Fools:	April 1st
Scrabble Day:	April 14th
Leahy Concert, Norwood:	May 4th
Star Wars Day :	May 4th
Iris Day:	May 8th
Mother's Day:	May 12th
Best Friends Day:	June 8th
Father's Day:	June 16th

Featured Arrangement

Sun Kissed

Brighten any day with this sun kissed bouquet with hydrangea, tulips and roses.

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Do you have a cupboard filled with vases, baskets, or containers? Reduce reuse and recycle. Bring your containers in to us at East City Flower Shop, and we will give you a green plant in exchange. Some green for your home, while you make our Earth a greener place.

