

Inspiring Irises!

You are invited to an evening talk about Irises.

Sarah Cook, a Chelsea gold medalist, will paint the picture of her National Collection: 'Sir Cedric Morris: Gardening, plants and irises'

Sue Applegate will reveal all about her National Collection: 'Langport and it's Intermediate Bearded irises'

Thursday 28 May 6.30pm to 8pm

Open to members and friends. Cost £4.00



Iris 'Benton Evora' from Sarah Cooks' National Collection
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Iris 'Langport Cherub' from Sue Applegate's National Collection



An evening with two Collection Holders and dedicated plantswomen, with time for questions and answers. Only virtual tea and coffee on offer! See joining instructions below.

Talk: **28 May, 6.30pm** - finish at 8pm, in time for 'Clap for the carers'.

Sarah Cook - Plant Heritage National Collection Holder of Irises bred by Sir Cedric Morris. Sarah worked as Head Gardener and Property Manager for the National Trust at Sissinghurst Castle, where Vita Sackville West had grown two of Morris' irises. Born near Benton End, Hadleigh, Suffolk the home of Morris, she retired to the Hadleigh area in 2004. She soon became obsessed with Morris' irises and began making a collection very shortly afterwards.

Sue Applegate - Plant Heritage National Collection Holder of Iris Intermediate Bearded (Langport cvs.). From production manager at Kelways Nurseries, growing 50 acres of Peonies and Irises, to lecturer at Cannington college, plus working in the UK fresh produce industry alongside growers of fresh fruit, vegetables and salad crops, Sue now has her own peony nursery in Somerset, rents a small vineyard, and holds a National Plant Collection.

To register: this will be a Zoom webinar with presentations. Please register in advance for this webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8ANVGaFDSL0n8MM9wXOX0w. The meeting will be available from 6pm, talk at 6.30pm.

On registering a payment of £4 will be requested by credit card via paypal but you don't need a paypal account to pay this way. If you scroll down, you also have the option to pay by credit card directly. You will receive an email receipt.



Any queries please email comms@plantheritage.org.uk.

This is our first virtual meeting with National Collection Holders, and we very much look forward to hearing their stories. See next page for more dates of talks.

SAVE THE DATE

**future evenings with National Collection Holders at
6.30pm**

Thur 11th June: Ravaging Roses - with experts Michael Marriot of David Austin Roses, Catherine Penny and Henry Robinson

Wed 24th June: Pompous peonies - with expert Claire Austin

Thur 9th July: Fragrant planting - Carnations and Sweet Peas, with experts Jim Marshall and Roger Parsons