



Luncheon Meeting: March 5 2016

**Mountain View Barn 392E 300S Jerome, ID
on the corner going to Mosses Greenhouse**

11:30 AM-1:30 PM

Agenda: Luncheon, Memorial weekend, Show, Phil Williams

Magic Valley Iris Society

Our new officers for 2015-2016 are President-Steve Sayers, Vice-President Linda Aufderheide, secretary-Carolyn Turner, Recording secretary Darlene Wright, Treasurer Jeanette Graham. We want to thank Linda Fallon our past president for her ten years of good service.

The guest judge for our show and garden training is Phil Williams who owns Rocky Top Iris garden in Eagleville, TN. His Biography as he wrote it: I ordered my first irises in 1962 at the age of 11. We were a dairy farming family and those 2 first purchases were 12 for \$20 from Caro Cliff Iris Gardens in Missouri with a second order to my second grade school teacher, Mrs. Ruby Davis. Mrs. Davis bought iris from Schreinners and would sell me a rhizome from her 3 year clumps for \$3 each. I saved my dimes and nickels from farm chores to buy plants for irises thrilled me as did my love of piano.

I joined AIS in 1966 at a region seven meeting. Steve Moldovan (remember the beautiful iris 'Ming Dynasty'?) was the guest speaker and judges training instructor. The region and Memphis area (a huge local iris club!), in particular, was a hot bed of abundant iris activity after having held yet another national AIS convention in 1965.

I was selected to be RVP of Region 7 in the 1970's, but our retiring RVP insisted loudly that a young man was too unproven and unreliable to be in charge! I am a former editor for region seven, a guest editor for the AIS Bulletin and editor of the first judges handbook with a ring binder format. (A very slim majority approved that outlandish idea!) I served 3 terms as director on the AIS board when its membership was impressive, cash flow was positive and enthusiasm for promoting all things iris was contagious and exciting.

I still have plenty of iris plants to weed and cultivate. While laughing with iris friends a few years ago, the group asked how I wanted to be remembered in the iris world. I suggested that the iris world would eventually report that there was no record of any such person involved in the organization. (There are PLENTY around who agree!!)

People who grow irises are special creatures who remain young in spirit and invest in sharing their great delight with others.

TREASURER REPORT

**Checkbook: \$3521.28 Dues: \$53.00
CD: 13 months%1.35 \$3,157.74 \$35.21 (4-3-16)
CD: 25 month% 1.65 \$3,162.44 \$43.10 (4-3-17)**

Bills:

**Printing for November 2015: \$17.81
Projector rent for November: \$26.50
Frank Sone Web Page: \$200.00
AIS membership for officers and youth: \$174.00
Reserved park for August 2016 sale: \$20.00
Reserved KMVT for show:\$50.00 and refund from last year.**

Culture corner:

Spring time is great to spread iron and sulfur on your flower beds to bring out the colors in your plants, so instead of looking faded out and sulfur is great for disease too.

When my irises are a good six inches tall I use a 5-10-10 Lily Miller. I hope you do not have a lot of rot if so notice and mark those plants. Sprinkle on Ajax to stop and clean up the soil. I find it is best to remove the plant and soil and replace with coarse sand. Irises need lots of drainage. Always best to have clean plants by removing