



MAGIC VALLEY IRIS SOCIETY SHOW
May 27, 2017
Entry Time: 8:00AM to 10:30AM
Judging: 11:00AM to 12:00PM
Members: Lunch provided by the club
Public Viewing: 1:00PM to 3:00PM
Clean Up: 3:01PM

Friends and fellow Iris lovers,

We have been through a harsh winter that seemed like it wasn't ever going to end; now here we are several weeks into spring. Most have been out in the garden surveying winter's wrath on our favorite garden flower. I must say I wasn't happy with the loss of some of my newly acquired irises.

At times one wonders if it's worth the trouble, all the digging and sore backs that come with that particular activity, the constant weeding and aching hands that are inseparable, standing guard over our gardens like a roman soldier waiting for the neighbor's cat to come visit so we can fend them off with a good soaking of the garden hose.

Is it worth it? Once your first iris blooms that thought seems to fade a little bit. By the time your garden is in full bloom the thought seems very distant and when you are showing off your irises at our show, the thought of "is it worth it?" is all but gone. The beautiful colors and sometimes overwhelming scent of an iris garden in bloom seems to sooth the sore backs and aching hands; the admiration and amazement of friends and neighbors seem to put all that hard work into perspective. Is it worth it? :) See you at the show. Steve

Members-please bring all of your iris stalks so we can have a great show. You are also welcome to enter in three other categories-Artistic Arrangements, English Box and Educational. Our members are great with helping and supporting each other with our show. We want to have an outstanding show for our members, the judges and the public. The room is wheelchair accessible. The club does provide lunch and drinks for our members. If you would like to bring treats, they will be enjoyed by all.

I want to mention as I failed to in the last newsletter, we have a Sunshine Lady. Thank you Jessie Clifford for sending out the get well and sympathy card for our club.



TREASURER REPORT

Checkbook: \$2,622.36 Dues: \$7.00
CD: 25mth 1.64% \$3,232.49 Due 4-3-17 \$3,245.57
CD: 13mth 1.54% \$ 2,207.54 Due 5-4-17 \$2,213.45

BILLS;

Club, show, door prizes rhizomes: \$1,137.00
Printing for March Meeting \$13.74
Brochures and flyers: \$29.25
Coscto-Bottled water for meetings: \$7.41
Projector rental - Quale's Electronics; \$ 26.50

MVIS; 1750 8th Ave East, Twin Falls,Id 83301-6901
Dues are \$7 , Members receive newsletter, and rhizome

Culture Tips

Does anyone have slugs in their flower beds? Try getting them while they are small with ammonia and water--mix 50/50 I have lots of thrips and aphids that I am spraying but I am losing the battle.

It is always a good idea to keep your irises plants tidy by getting rid of dead leaves, cutting old bloom stalks off and pulling weeds at the same time.

Observe your plants and be thinking if you want to keep the plant or take it to the iris sale and replace it with a new plant. Are the plants too close and need more air?

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