



October 28 2017

11:30AM-1:30PM

KMVT Bldg, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. North, Twin Falls

Potluck lunch, meeting and program: Irises 411 presented by Linda Aufderheide and Sandra Ruebel

Club will provide water, plates and silverware

Friends and Fellow Iris lovers,

Winters rest: By now you should have your irises planted and showing growth before winter assuming that you didn't find yourself a little overwhelmed with other things like yours truly. Hopefully you have had a chance to remove any dead foliage from your plants and clean up your iris beds prior to winter setting in. If so consider yourself ahead of the game. You may use light mulch to cover your irises like straw or pine needles but don't use grass clippings or heavy mulches that will compact and trap moisture around the rhizomes as this will contribute to rot. You may even consider the use of sand around your plants as this will keep the rhizome protected against winter's cold and help drain away moisture. Remember to remove all mulches in early spring and enjoy your spring blooms. Steve

Wow: we had two great iris sales for the support of MVIS. Thanks to all of our members for digging, cleaning, bringing and buying rhizomes and helping at the park. The City Park Sale was great at the new area. The Rotary Club needed more room and we needed the shade. The Rotary Club supplied new banners and supplied ten tables. Irises were donated by Evalyn Meiers, Steve Sayers, Darlene Wright, Kathy Kruse, Linda Aufderheide, Sandra Ruebel, Jessie Clifford, Loretta McMinn and the Grahams. I want to thank Loretta for donating garlic and nuts. Heaven Only Knows bags sold very well. I was surprised. Thank you to the cashiers: Darlene Wright, Carolyn Turner, Ron Dingwall, Kathy Sayers and Ashley Clifford. The cashiers were great with customer relations and working with Square. We did well at D & B. All five of us were busy. Thank you Margie Adams, Linda Aufderheide, Randy Graham, and Evalyn Meiers. We also couldn't do the sales without the Steve Sayers family helping loading and unloading the boxes, setting up and taking down at the Park and D & B. I also want to thank my husband, Randy for supporting me in the iris club. He helps in so many ways; I can't list all of his jobs. Did you notice our boxes are getting more uniform? Thank you Sandra Ruebel for providing boxes that we can recycle. Randy made sure the boxes fit in our carrying boxes. I love iris. You never know what you will see or do. While Linda was helping at D & B her husband bought her a new UTV.

Members please look on your address label. If the number is 17 that means your dues are due. Please send dues of \$7.00 to MVIS 1750 8th Ave East, Twin Falls, Id 83301-6901 by March 1, 2018 or bring to the November meeting. Your dues include newsletters, emails and a rhizome given out at the August meeting.

Please welcome our new members: Carole Eklund, Eileen Seheldt, Charolette Erickson, Laural Nelson, Melissa Tattersall, Marsha Sanders, Courtney McMillen, Robin Rawson, Deborah Pauls, Nikki Polson, Suzanne Broner, Monie Smooth, Rose Fisher, Donna Norgard, Lori Ellis, Mathew Rafferty, Karrie Ricketts, and Tina Covey.

TREASURER REPORT

Checkbook: \$5,489.07 Dues: \$203.00

CD: \$ 3,245.86 12 months due 4-3-18 .37%

CD: \$2,221.73 12 month due 5-4-18 1.54%

Park Sale: \$3,389.82 with plant labels

D & B Sale: \$594.00 Plant labels: \$38.00

Total: \$4021.82 (bad check, bank fee and replaced \$13.00)

EXPENSES:

June show meal: \$56.12

Printing for August newsletter: \$6.00

Irises for the club: \$325.00

Paper sacks for members, Heaven Only Knows: \$23.48

Ron Dingwall Facebook Advertising: \$200.00

Food: August Sale: \$59.50 D & B Sale: \$23.32

Culture Corner

Please do not trim off the iris leaves. If you do, you eliminate the energy that goes to the rhizome to produce many flowers next year. Do take off the dead leaves and weed. I also put on sulfur as we have alkaline soil. This keeps the plants green.

I find that using a welder's paint pen on metal or plastic lasts longer than "permanent" inks. I use Forney Pens in white or black and get them at the local Tru-Value store. They're also available at Norco Welding Supply. I have several metal signs that I painted over five years ago and the writing is still clear. For writing on leaves I've found the BIC Marking fine point permanent marker works better than Sharpie, it doesn't smear or quit writing after doing a few leaves. Pat Canter