

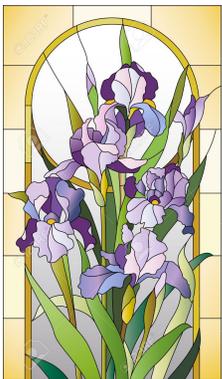
MAGIC VALLEY IRIS SOCIETY

WELCOME!

To the Magic Valley Iris Society. We are located in south central region of Idaho in the Twin Falls, Idaho area. We are affiliated with the American Iris Society in Region 11. Region 11 includes Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. We are bound together by the common, shared appreciation of the Iris. We invite you to learn more about irises and their wonderful beauty, color and form. Bring your comments and questions about irises to a meeting where you will find experienced iris growers to share with and also have lots of fun.

Each year we sponsor an Iris show, 4 issues of our newsletter, a potluck lunch in the Twin Falls City Park with our annual rhizome sale, and 2 meetings. The meetings often feature informative and interesting guest speakers and or iris hybridizers. Often we have color photos to illustrate their discussion. We've had an occasion garden judging with an guest iris judge.

***We invite all newcomers
to attend any of our events.
Come and expand your
knowledge of the iris.***



Planting and Growing Irises

Irises are among the easiest of perennials to grow, and they give an abundance of beauty with minimum care. The iris has a thick fleshy root called a "rhizome" (pronounced rye-zome)_ about a like a tough potato in texture. When you buy a new iris, you will probably receive a rhizome with clipped roots and leaves. It can remain out of the ground for a week or two without serious harm, but the sooner it is planted, the better. It helps if you soak the rhizome overnight in water just before you plant.

To plant your irises, choose a sunny spot in well drained soil. Prepare soil well, by spading or turning over the soil with a garden fork to a depth of at least 10 inches. Spread fertilizer and work it into top of the soil. A well prepared bed will result in better growth and more blooms. The soil should be light. If it is clay soil, add very coarse sand and humus. Bone meal and a good good garden fertilizer, low in nitrogen, are good for irises, but manure should be used only after it has aged for about a year. Otherwise, it may cause rot. The roots must be buried firmly to hold the plant in place, but the rhizome should near the surface.

If you have several plants, plant them at least a foot and half apart, "facing" the same way. The rhizomes will then increase in the same direction, without crowding each other too soon. Irises need good drainage.

In about 2 or 3 years, the new rhizomes will begin to crowd each other and you will want to divide the plant.

You will have so many new rhizomes that you can share them with your friends and neighbors. Perhaps you received your first rhizomes from a friend. When digging, keep all plants carefully labeled with names, for sure identification. It is wise to keep diagrams of your planting area to double check individual labels on the plants.

The digging and separating is best done between one and two months after bloom season, usually in July or August for this Idaho area. Soon after this the irises grow roots which help to hold the plant firmly during the winter in areas where freezing and thawing can result in heaving the rhizome out of the ground. Some members mulch in the winter but you will want to remove the mulch early in the spring to prevent rotting of the rhizomes.



AIS Membership

Below are membership rates for the American Iris Society. Benefits to the AIS include subscription to 4 color AIS Bulletins per year and the rates are:

Annual Single: \$30.00	Dual; \$35.00
Triennial Single: \$70.00	Dual: \$85.00
Life Single: \$1000.00	Dual: \$1500.00

Send AIS membership dues to the the AIS Membership Secretary: Tom Gormley P.O. Box 177 DeLeon Springs, FL 32130 AIS website: www.irises.org

MVIS Membership

There several types of memberships relating to irises, but one of the best is to our Magic Valley club. Benefits include informative quarterly newsletters, emails, great meetings and good old fashioned fun sharing with friends the love of irises. Our annual dues are very reasonable at only \$10 which also includes 1 free rhizome to each paid members Send dues to the address of:

Magic Valley Iris Society
1750 8th Ave East
Twin Falls, Id 83301-6901

***We also have a web page: magicvalleyirissociety.com
Facebook: Magic Valley Iris Society***

**MVIS
Schedule of
Events**

SCHEDULED EVENTS EACH YEAR:

MARCH— 1st Saturday (meeting)

MEMORIAL WEEKEND— (Saturday) include Iris show and lunch is provided for participant's

AUGUST— 1st Saturday includes Iris Rhizome Sale and club picnic for members

AUGUST-2nd Saturday include leftover irises at D and B Supply Co, 2964 Addison Ave E, Twin Falls from 8:00AM-2:00PM

NOVEMBER— 1st Saturday (meeting)

All meetings are held in the Magic Valley area which is in the Twin Falls, Idaho region. Our Magic Valley Iris Club encourages all members to participate and bring friends to share in our love of the beautiful Iris.

*Not Your Grandma
Flags !!!*

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