



Magic Valley Iris Society

***March 26 2022 from 11:30am-2:30pm
Idaho's Pebble Ponds Bar & Grill
4035N 2300E Filer, Idaho (turn north
at the Filer High School)***

***We will be planning the show, judging
training with guest judged-Dell
Perry-Texas.***

***Jeanette Graham will be showing iris
slides.***

***Please help and support out officers for
2021-2022 President: Linda Aufderheide,
Vice-President: Sandra Ruebel, Secretary:
Kathy Kruse, Treasurer: Jeanette
Graham, Sunshine: Jessie Clifford***

TREASURER REPORT

***Checkbook: \$4,792.00 Dues: \$50.00
CD: \$5,907.87 % 0.500 Due 5-10-2024
Savings account: \$25.00***

BILLS:

***Web page-Frank Stone: \$200.00
AIS Bulletins-youth and officers: \$204.00
AIS Affiliation: \$30.00***

***American Iris Society are having zoom
meetings on varieties of irises. They
are great easy way to learn.***

Dell Perry was born in Connecticut and moved to Texas when she was 9. She was headed for a career as a veterinarian, but Texas A&M would not allow women to enroll unless they transferred in from an A&M affiliate school, so she attended Tarleton State College in Stephenville, TX with the intent of transferring to A&M. While at Tarleton she met her husband, became a Berger, and moved with him to Fairbanks, Alaska where he was stationed in the Army. They survived the Great Flood, a few earthquakes and 72 degrees below zero before moving back to Texas. She divorced in 1981, reverted back to being a Perry, and has never remarried.

Dell and her son Seann started Seandel Iris Gardens in the early 1990's. She comes by digging in the dirt naturally, her Mother being from a Winters, Texas farm family. Although Seann no longer lives at home, Dell continues to run the commercial operation, maintain and expand the gardens and be a bane to the little grass left in her yard. She has over 1500 varieties of iris – including tall bearded, median, dwarf, arilbrid, Louisiana, eyansia, spuria, Japanese, species, Laevigata, species-x pseudata and Siberian-growing on her corner city lot in Plano. Her love for irises started in Connecticut, when at age 6, she saw some cast-offs growing along a stream, dug them up and took them home-thus the madness begun.

She retired in March 2012 from the City Of Plano where she had worked as a programmer/analyst for over 33 years and now spends her time running her commercial iris garden, traveling, trying to keep orchids alive, giving garden club programs, judging training programs and doing other “iris things”.

Her “second son”, a rescued retired race horse named Iron Man, lives it Tierra Madre Horse and Human Sanctuary in Cave Creek, AZ where he does wonderful work with PTSD veterans, autistic kids, and people with other disabilities. Dell is currently a member of the American Iris Society, three local iris societies where she is newsletter editor to two, and Past President of all three; and seven AIS subsections – the Aril Society International, the Median Society, the Society for Louisiana Irises, the Historic Iris Preservation Society (HIPS), the Novelty Iris Society, the Society for Japanese Iris, and the Species Iris Group of North America (SIGNA). She is on the Boards of Directors for the Aril Society International, where she is both the Membership Chair and the Plant Sale Chair, and the Median Iris Society, where she is the Symposium Chair. She is an AIS Garden and Exhibition judge, the current AIS Region 17 Judges Training Chairperson, and the AIS Region 17 Newsletter Editor. Her garden is an Aril Society International and a Median Iris Society display garden, and has been a tour garden for various American Iris Society National Conventions, Society for Louisiana Iris Conventions, and local iris and garden clubs' garden tours, and will be again for the AIS National Convention to be held in Dallas, TX April 11-16, 2022.

