



Magic Valley Iris Society Rhizome Sale and Potluck. The sale is at west side of Twin Falls City Park across from the United Methodist Church, August 6 2022. Public sale starts at 10:00am-2:00pm. Members please be early, put your donated rhizomes on the table and find your new irises to add to your iris garden. The club will provide chicken, silverware, napkins, plates and water.

Magic Valley Rhizome Sale is our only fund raiser for the club. Please tell me what you are donating so I can make a sale card. We have to have a photo to show the buyers what they are buying. Please let me know if you need Heaven Only Knows, bags (great sellers) Please only bring rhizome, YOU would want to buy. Most clubs set a price for all rhizomes at \$5.00 only for an rhizome. I would like to see the minimum amount of \$3 as even as club expensiveness has gone up. (food, prizes, webpage). Please let me know what you are bringing so I can have a sales card and box for you. You are welcome to call and we can get together before the sale.

TREASURER REPORT

Thank you Quale's Electronics, 1730 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. The projector screen was used for two days.

Checkbook: \$2735.52 Dues: \$30.00
 CD: \$5,940.32 @ 0.500 Due 5-10-24
 Donation for speaker fee from judges: \$210.53
BILLS
 Sale Adds MV Printing: \$6.63
 Time News ADD for the show: \$123.00
 Facebook Advertising: \$30.92
 Coscto food for two days: 180.49
 Pull Pork: \$150.43
 Speaking fee for Dell Perry: \$300.00
 Plane travel, parking, Insurance, mileage: \$775.00
 AIS ribbons, entry forms: \$80.00

CULTURE CORNER

Are you ready for your new irises? Please soak them over nite in water. Then add a couple Tablespoon of Consan. The rhizome is getting cleaned to prevent rot in the iris in the spring. I keep the rhizome damp till I see growth. Your soil needs: granular bug killer, iron nite, compost with out animal if you can find it, coarse sand too for drainage. I personally add straw and the fertilizer recipe. What is the fertilizer recipe? 8 cups of alfalfa pellets (no salt), 4 cups of 10-10-10 ratio or less of each ingredient, 1 cup Super Phosphate (not triple phosphate) Mix, add two tablespoons in a planting hole. Remix immediately before planting.

After you have planted your rhizome please write the name of the rhizome in a book. Please add the plant label to the rhizome. The plant labels are 25 for \$20.00. I use a brother label machine that has laminated tape. Otherwise, the sun fades out the print. I buy the tape from Amazon.

If you can not attend please contact Jeanette 2083087054 to get your membership iris and show iris if you won at the MVIS Show.



Mug shot winners, except for Linda Aufderheide 😊



MVIS had a wonderful time on Memorial Weekend with Dell Perry. Even with crappy cold wet weather, we had beautiful irises at the show. We had great food and friendship. Dell Perry explained how we can have a smoother show, techniques. We learned there is other irises than tall bearded to raised. Dell passion is Arilbreds. We had a great day on Sunday, learning about tall bearded garden plants and what is a tall bearded. Thank you Dell!!!

Thank you Steve Helsa for the great piano concert.

JUDGING PRESENTATION REPORT

On Sunday, May 29, 2022, Ms. Del Perry gave a presentation at Jeanette's home on how to judge an iris.

She gave tips on what to look for when viewing an iris on the bench: How does it look on the bench? Is it sellable? How will it look in a person's yard? She stated that she travels to people's gardens in various areas, noting how the iris reacts from area to area. Also, she noted that you should visit a garden more than once to see how it reacts over a period of time. You might measure it and take photos. She stated that, for example, Tall Bearded, are 27-1/2 " tall and up. Also look at it at a distance of about 10 feet. Take note of what the foliage looks like and how old the clump is looking for each rhizome. Also, take into consideration the area you are in for growing trends.

She sent those in attendance out into Jeanette's garden to view 6 selected irises for hands-on viewing and scoring according to the criteria she explained.

After a break for a great lunch, we were treated to a slide show on judge training rules. Ms. Perry explained that there may be different definitions of the categories of iris. Therefore, she stated that when judging a show, the judge must adhere to what the show is designating, particularly in the way the stalks are displayed.

Magic Valley Iris Show Report

On Saturday, May 28, 2022, the Magic Valley Iris Society held its annual show at the Twin Falls Reformed Church. There were 80 entries: 42 Tall Bearded, 10 Youth entries, 3 Seedling, 1 Space Age entrant, 5 Historical, 3 Border Bearded, 2 Miniature Tall Bearded, 5 Intermediate Tall Bearded, 2 Semi-Dwarf Bearded, 3 Miniature Tall Bearded, 1 English Box, and 3 Floral Arrangements.

The judges for the event were Dell Perry from Plano, Texas, and Gary Clark. Lori Bouffard, Eileen Allison, Jeanette Graham

Ms. Perry explained the "How to Show an Iris" Display. She began the judging of entries with the "standard" rules for judging and what the judges are looking for when they are judging an entry. During the judging, Ms. Perry gave many descriptions of how to stage blooms and their positioning in the vase for best presentation. When the judging was completed, the Best of Show honor went to "Plinko", entered by Steve Bouffard.

After a lunch break, Ms. Perry gave an extensive presentation on Aril and Arilbred traits and identification of each variety. At the end of her presentation, she had a drawing for 5 gift cards for an Arilbred, when they are cultivated later this year. The winners were Charolette Butler, Janet DeRouse, Linda Aufderheide, Sherry Jeff and Gary Clark. The meeting ended at 4:15pm with many hands cleaning up the church lobby area.

Every year, AIS and The AIS Foundation sponsor the Youth Ackerman Essay Contest, an exciting activity for our youth members. The youth are given a theme to write to each year. The deadline is late March or early April. This past year the theme was: Write a letter to a friend, family member, or teacher and explain to them why you love irises, describe some of your favorite irises, and tell them what you think they would like most about growing irises of their own. The age groups are 9 and Under, 10-12, and 13 and Over. All three age groups received a \$100 Reward for First Place, \$50 Reward for Second Place and \$25 Reward for Third Place (courtesy of The American Iris Society Foundation). Winners will also receive a new 2023 iris from Howie Dash Picacho Mountain Iris in Las Cruces NM. For the first time Region 11 had a youth write for the contest. Lysie Nebeker wrote an essay to Dear Sarah and placed 3rd the first time she entered. We are very proud of her!! The new theme will be announced this summer and we hope she writes to it also.

Dear Sarah,
Hello! How is college? How is being the teacher's assistant in the interiorscapes class? Have you gotten more plants? Dad and I have been working on our irises. I just love irises so much! They are so beautiful and they are all so different in so many ways. Raising irises with dad is something we can spend time doing together. They are pretty easy to take care of as long as you make sure to keep all the weeds away from them. The thing I love most about irises is how they come in so many shapes, sizes, colors, and even scents. You could plant them in color coordinates or you could just get a variety of many different colors. The way dad and I have it setup is in order from shortest to tallest with variations of colors. Another thing that I love about raising irises is that dad has let me be so involved and gave me a little rectangle in the flower bed where we put my miniature bearded irises that I get to raise all by myself with daisies to border the outside. I think that the main iris row along the driveway will turn out amazing. We haven't had all of them bloom together yet but once they do it will look so beautiful. A couple that I can't wait to see are Dark Universe and Woody Woodpecker. Dark Universe is categorized as a tall bearded and has an amazing indigo or dark purple, like the night sky, with white around the edges of the ruffles on the falls, as well as a yellow beard, which is the part going into the iris that looks like a caterpillar. Woody Woodpecker is a shorter iris with two shades of purple and a yellow beard. Since you love plants so much, you might just want to try some irises of your own. Some things you might like about them are that they aren't too much work, they don't take up too much room depending on how many breeds you want, all of the different colors available, and they would be perfect for you to start your family. The only little work that they require is sunlight, water and weeding around them. If you want to start off small and then grow in the number of varieties, then that is just fine. There are so many colors to choose from that you will find some perfect to your liking. Last, but certainly not least, since you are working on starting your own family, this would be an excellent bunch of flowers to grow as your family grows. You really just get to customize whatever space you are working in with irises. Let me know if you would like dad and I to share any of our rhizomes with you. (That's an iris bulb!) It is so much fun and I know you will love it! Love Lysie

