





Magic Valley Iris Society October 19th, 11:30 am-2:00 pm Snake River Grill, Hagerman Idaho

Jeanette Graham will give a program on color patterns of the irises. Judges, this will be two two-hour judging sessions. Everyone is welcome to come and have fun. PS: Plus great door prizes.

Officers Of Magic Valley Iris Society President: Linda Aufderheide Vice-President: Sandra Rueble Secretary: Nikki Polson Treasurer: Jeanette Graham Sunshine Lady: Jessie Clifford

The 2024 American Iris Society awards have been posted on the wiki.irises.org website. This year, the American Dykes Winner is Perry Dryer (AB). Paul Black 2017 received the following awards: HM19, Walther Cup 2019, Favorite Guest 2019, AM 21, Favorite Guest 2022, Franklin Cook Cup 2022, William Mohr Medal 2023, and American Dykes Winner 2024.



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BILLS:

D and B lunch for workers: \$106.22 Copy It, flyers, newsletter, RE sign: \$40.55 Chicken for 8-3-2024 sale: \$89.96 Facebook adds for 8-3-2024 sale: \$20.00 Sales Tax on sales: \$304.33 8-3 \$3,340.14 8-10\$1,682.03 Facebook sale: \$1,641.68 \$ other's \$224.00 Total sales: \$7,407.85. (WOW)

Members it is time to renew for the next year, to receive your membership iris at the August meeting of 2025. You send your dues too: Jeanette Graham, 1750 8th Ave E, TF, ID 83301 There is a membership form on our website <u>magicvalleyirissociety.com</u> questions: 2083087054 It is a great deal, we have four meetings, a show, a sale and two meetings, wonderful emails, and iris.

CULTURE CORNER

Please stay on top of the weeds as there is a new crop every week. I do not cut or trim the iris leaves as I want growth to go the rhizome. Yes, it is cold in the spring, but I am ready to be outside. Later, in the fall, I sprayed a fungicide on the iris plants. Copper fungicide in the spring. I am having good not having the rot in the rhizomes. We are working on getting the iris beds for next summer for the new plants. We solarize the beds for a month. We rake the beds and then we green crop. Next spring, Randy will rototille. This is a way, to clean your soil and get good-sized rhizomes. Irises, they like new soil.



Magic Valley Iris Society had three iris sales this August. On the 3rd, we met at the Twin Falls City Park. Considering how hot, smokey, and muggy the day was, we had an excellent turnout of people and members. Ten people, club and non-club members, donated irises from their gardens to the club sale. Other flowers available included day lilies, succulents, and crocus. Show and member irises were passed out to the attending members. We also had a great potluck and it was great to see our iris friends. Thank you, members, who helped set up and take down the sales tables.

On the 8th, we headed to D&B Supply Co. with the remaining 14 boxes of irises. Members could stop by and pick their irises up here too. Remember, one of the bonuses of being a member is a free Iris every year. At the end of the day, we left the remaining daylilies and some irises for the D and B employees.

Nikki Polson volunteered to attempt to sale the rest of the 10 boxes by posting on Facebook. It was a little more complicated than she thought it would be. First, she made an inventory of every iris left over from the sales, then divided them into 11 themed collections with names like The Great Outdoors. An Evening Out, and Just Send Me Some Irises for a total of 41 boxes ranging in price from \$25-\$80. We sold every box! Then came the dividing and sorting into the named collections and orders. Overall the process took more than 20 hours! The Grahams supplied packing material and helped box up the irises into flat rate Priority Mail boxes. Nikki added in bonuses to every box, printed shipping labels off paypal and took everything to the post office. Then she decided there were too many irises left and created two boxes of 'Leftovers' with more than 20 rhizomes per box! A total steal. But they sold too even though the pictures weren't very good.

We couldn't have a great sale without our members and customers. MVIS is very grateful to our members for donating, adding up the buyer's bags, and taking payment. We had two cashiers who used the Square app for credit cards or took cash for purchases. Having a credit card reader has really helped our sales! Thank you to the members for helping set up, handing out bags to the customers, and packing up at the end of each day. It all makes a difference and we appreciate you! (Edited by Nikki Polson and thank you very much, Jeanette