



May 31, 2025
Twin Falls Reformed Church
1631 Grandview Dr., Twin Falls
Please enter the Far West building.
Public viewing: 12:00 pm-3:00 pm

We will be at the church at 8:00 am. You can enter your irises from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. Judging will start at 10:30 am (you do not need to be a club member). The iris does need to be named for the American Iris Society.

The club provides lunch for members and judges. We will have chicken, fruit, bars, chips, and water. You are welcome to bring treats.

The club provides an iris for the winners of your entries if you win a blue ribbon, etc. Please look at the show schedule. Everyone is welcome to learn, and we can help each other with our entries. A great way to bring your show stalks is by using a pail filled with a packed with noodles. I put water in the pail and taped the noodles to the pail.

We will have a table for unnamed irises. You are welcome to bring in your iris stalks to share.

Please help at the end of the day by taking your Stalks. We help with the show bottles and pack the pickup with the show preparation items. It is always fun to see and smell the irises.



Notes on the MVIS meeting March 22, 2015

March's meeting was held at Perkins in Twin Falls, Idaho with 10 members in attendance. Several orders of business were covered:

- It was proposed that single blooms and potted iris be removed from the show schedule in 2026 (items P and Q). Nikki moved this to motion and it was seconded by Randy. There were no objections.
- It was proposed that we invite Gary from Montana as a judge and provide him \$300 for gas and lodging. Sandra moved this to motions and it was seconded by Drew. There were no objections.
- It was proposed that we invite Lorelei from Boise as a second judge. (Sadly, she passed away shortly after our meeting).
- It was proposed that we donate \$1500 to the Montana convention to supply snacks at each of the six gardens in the tour. Nikki moved this to motion and it was seconded by Drew.

Nikki gave a full report on the success of the online sales last summer, which grossed almost \$2000. The process included taking an inventory of all the irises, creating numerous themed collections (rather than allowing people to pick and choose among the remaining irises), posting the available collections on social media, collecting money via Paypal, boxing the final orders, and shipping them out via USPS flat rate boxes. Most of this work was completed by Nikki after the D&B sale in August, but she would like to thank Randy and Jeannette for providing packing material and helping pack up all the boxes for shipment. Every collection was sold and every customer paid their invoices within 24 hours. No complaints were received, and the sale is considered a success, though Nikki says if we want to do it again she will need help since it took a lot of time!

Jeannette provided a judges training session on iris color patterns including the main groupings like self, bicolor, plicatas, amoenas, and bitone. She also went into some of the markings that can show up independent of the main coloration grouping like thumbprints, rims, and chevrons. The AIS has a video on youtube covering the same topic if you missed it.

Door prizes were handed out and the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be our annual Iris Show! May 31, 2025, at the Twin Falls Reformed Church. Bring your named iris varieties to display and your friends to see all the lovely varieties!

TREASURER REPORT

Checkbook: **Dues:**
CD: \$6,269.56 Due 7-11-2025 Savings: \$25.00

Bills:

March newsletters, Show paperwork: \$14.76
AIS Ribbons (two): \$31.00
Big Sky Iris Convention: \$1,500.00
Median Iris Society (door prize): \$30.00
Membership, show prizes rhizomes: \$1,800.00
Silent Auction club basket for convention: \$100.00
City Of TF reserved Green Shelter: \$25.00

We have worked on the iris sale for August 2, 2025. The City of Twin Falls does not want anyone to drive on the grass. We do use the pickup and trailer for the sale and we do drive on the grass. We move the iris sale to Harmon Park, 1545 Harmon Park Ave, Twin Falls. We will be at the middle shelter which is called the Green Shelter. We will have parking, tables, a trash can, shade, and bathrooms. Please share with your friends about the new location.



Culture Report

After the irises are done blooming, I cut off the stalks from the ground up, around four inches. I do not break off the stalks anymore, as I feel the aphids, spider mites, and rot can enter the rhizome. I used a sharp knife to cut off the stalks. I do use Merit granular for the aphids. I don't think, it stops the grasshoppers. Yes, I still have worms, bees, and birds.

Please do not cut off the trimmed the iris leaves. The plant growth needs to stay at the rhizome to make increases for next year. If you have an iris that rots out, I like to take the plant and soil out. You can add coarse sand (we use it from the cement factory) to get more drainage. Wood chips rob your nitrogen from the soil. These are not your great-grandmother's irises!!!

