



We will meet at Twin Falls Reformed Church, Twin Falls, Idaho, from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm, on **March 21, 2026**. Please enter the church through the main doors and proceed to the far west building to the Legacy room. We will have a short meeting. The Program is: How to show an Iris in the Show, by Linda Aufuderheide.

President: Linda Auderhiede  
Vice President: Sandra Ruebel  
Secretary: Niki Polson  
Treasurer: Jeanette Graham

Thanks for the wonderful hospitality Jeanette!! Beautiful trip and great people!

August 1 2026 Rhizome sale at Harmon Park (green shelter), Twin Falls. 9:00 am-2:00 pm public sale. Members are welcome to help and buy before the public.

August 8 2026 at D and B Supply Co, Twin Falls. 8:00 am- 2:00 pm second sale. Members are welcome to help and take down.



Iris Reticulata blooming 2-15-2026  
I am a month early for blooming compared to last year. It is time to fertilize the irises.

### How To Hybridize New Irises

On a fresh flower in the morning, apply pollen to the top of the stigmatic lip. Now, seal the pollen, gently squeeze the stigmatic lip and the style crest together to consummate the pollination process. You're not done yet, apply pollen to the TOP of the stigmatic lip on all three stigmatic lips of the pod parent for best results, said Dr. Weiler. He also recommended that you back-cross and pollinate the pollen plant as well. Tag the pod parent and write on a paper tag. The first name is the Mother (pod parent), 2nd, then Father (pollen parent), 3rd duplicate the information in your breeding journal. Tag placement under the ovaries. The flower has been stripped down to its most basic elements (falls pull off). You can do multiple crosses on the same plant, even using different pollen parents. Watch for the pod mature, and put dry seeds in a cup or nylon bag from the pod. You have the option of soaking seeds, rinsing, and refrigerating seeds. Or plant seeds in the fall with the crosses written on the plant label. Keep watering to get the coating off the seeds. After the frozen spell, keep them damp and new starts will start growing. When the plants are three inches tall, plant in the ground. Take the pots that have seeds that did not grow, and put them in an area where you will not grow any irises. Those seeds can still grow after 18 years. Mike Sutton: recipe is soak for one week in clean water, \* replace every day, then refrigerate until germination, usually three months.

### From Lynda Miller

Oregon, where we get a lot of rain in the winter. We plant the seeds in late October, lightly cover the seeds, then top with grit or sand (seeds can float). They are then placed in an area that is sunny and can get rained on. Seeds will come up in the spring. If they need watering in the spring, do so with a liquid fertilizer that is high in phosphorus; this will help make little rhizomes.

I don't think I was ever told how long iris seeds will lay dormant, in dry containers, the seeds can last years. I've planted four-year-old seed, and I think Tammy Clarke had Brad Kasperik seed that was 10 years old germanite. Most of the time if seed is still viable, it germanites the next year in the soil, but it might take a couple of years. The problem is that people planting their seeds directly into the soil, then reuse the same area to plant their

Thank you, Margie Adams, for organizing and taking care of the two door prizes for our October meeting. The irises in the pots looked great.

Randy and Jeanette Graham pick up Hugh on Friday at Boise airport. We ate lunch and drove through Suttons. We stop at the Graham home and show Hugh our garden. We took Hugh for supper at the Duke's. Linda and Gary joined us. Since our meeting started at 1:30 pm, we headed to Sun Valley. The fall leaves were beautiful. We saw three elk along the road. We ate the Big Wood Bread. We had a meeting with Hugh. We all learned to look for the iris in the garden and on the Exhibition show bench. The church worked great for the meeting room as we used the TV. Thank you to Charlie for helping with the laptop. Thank you to everyone for carrying the Iris Club items to the Subie. We had an hour break. We took Hugh to the bridge. We ate at Jaker's and had seven members join Hugh. It was great to get to know Hugh. On Sunday, we ate at T&T Cafe. We headed up to Boise by going through the Hagerman Valley. Hugh was so impressed seeing the crips being harvested.

### TREASURER REPORT

Checkbook: \$4,482.19      Dues: \$50.00  
Savings: \$26.00

CD: \$6,632.53 Due 7-11-2026 %4.13  
CD: \$5,000.00 Due 4-16-2026 % 4.11

### BILLS:

AIS storefront door prize: \$20.00  
Copy It for 10-17-2025: \$3.87  
AIS memberships for officers, youth: \$ 207.00  
Hostinger yearly: \$18.17  
Sutton's door prize: \$28.00  
Reserve Harmon Park, 8-1-2026: \$25.00  
Twin Falls Reformed Church meeting: \$25.00  
Hugh Stout food, motel, flight, speaking fee: \$1,383.92  
Door and show prizes: \$2,400.00  
AIS Affiliates membership: \$35.00  
MagicValleynews, West End Wrap Up: \$57.00



