Iris Society of Minnesota (ISM)

Program and Meeting Agenda  
April 27, 2025  
Program starts at 1:00 PM, followed by the meeting.

# Agenda

## Call to Order

## Attendance

Reminder to sign in and recognize any new or first-time attendees.

## Minutes

October 26, 2024, Annual Meeting minutes are available on the website under News and Views. Read and vote to approve.

## Treasurer’s Report – Andrea McCready

- Financial overview  
- CD maturity update  
- Budget highlights

## Announcements & Old Business

1. AIS News  
 - Membership special: March 1–November 1, 2025 — $10 for new members (print/full qualify).  
 - Newly revised Basic Iris Culture booklet available online; print copies for new print members only.  
 - TB Iris Symposium suspended for 2025.  
 - Electronic popularity poll this fall.  
 - 2025 AIS National Convention: Billings, MT (June 2–7).  
 - 2027 Fall Board Meeting to be held via Zoom (in-person canceled due to costs).  
2. Storage unit renewal  
3. Art in Bloom removed from the budget  
4. 2025 calendar available on the website  
5. Purchased: tables, signs, brochure holders  
6. Get-Together was held April 12  
 - Consider earlier timing (Jan/Feb) and adding a gift exchange  
 - Alternative: true Holiday Party in December  
 - Need Chair or Co-Chairs for next year

# Committees & Events

## Financial Committee

- Formed per bylaws audit requirement  
- Quarterly meetings  
- Members: Andrea McCready, James Bonkoski, Harry Lefto  
- Current work: Treasurer duties & inventory review

## Membership

- Please check to see if you are current with your dues. Members can pay at meeting or send dues in to Marte, info on website under membership.

## NEMMIG Team

- Members to maintain designated garden beds  
- Budget line needed for supplies, gas, stipends

- Park Stewardship Work Plan approved

## Farmers Markets

- May 10 & 24, August 16 (Richfield)  
- One booth each date in May, four in August  
- Volunteers needed: 2 each May date, 4 for August

## Garden Judging

- At the Moore residence  
- Garden tour, luncheon, judging  
- Open to all, including Region 8

## Iris Information Booth at Gertens

- May 18 & 24, 11 AM – 2 PM  
- Volunteers needed to share info and handouts

## Iris Show at Bachman’s

- Show: May 31 | Setup: May 30  
- Show Schedule and Rules on website  
- Volunteers needed for setup and takedown  
- All metro members encouraged to participate

## Gardens to Visit

- Info will be emailed to members

## Digs

- NEMMIG: Saturday, July 26  
- Arboretum: Saturday, August 2  
- Many volunteers needed

## Sales

- Main Sale: Bachman’s, Saturday, August 9 | Setup: August 8  
- Alternative Sale: August 2 at Ordway Shelter (during Arboretum dig)  
- Arboretum rental fee too high ($2,500/day)  
- Auction irises for members only at both digs and Bachman’s sale - Thanks to Tim & Gerry Moore, who are the Co-chairs

# New Business

## Volunteer Coordinator

- Listed under 'Committees' on website  
- Position open; can be co-chaired  
- Help needed to coordinate volunteer efforts

## Awards Banquet

September 20

## Annual Meeting

October 18

## Joint Board Meeting

November 8