



Sumter's first Iris Festival was held in 1940, and it has been consistently ranked as one of the Top 20 Festivals in the Southeastern United States. Every Memorial Day weekend, gorgeous Japanese irises bloom, forming the backdrop for three days of flowers, food and family fun! Join thousands of travelers from all over the world in celebration of Swan Lake Iris Gardens!

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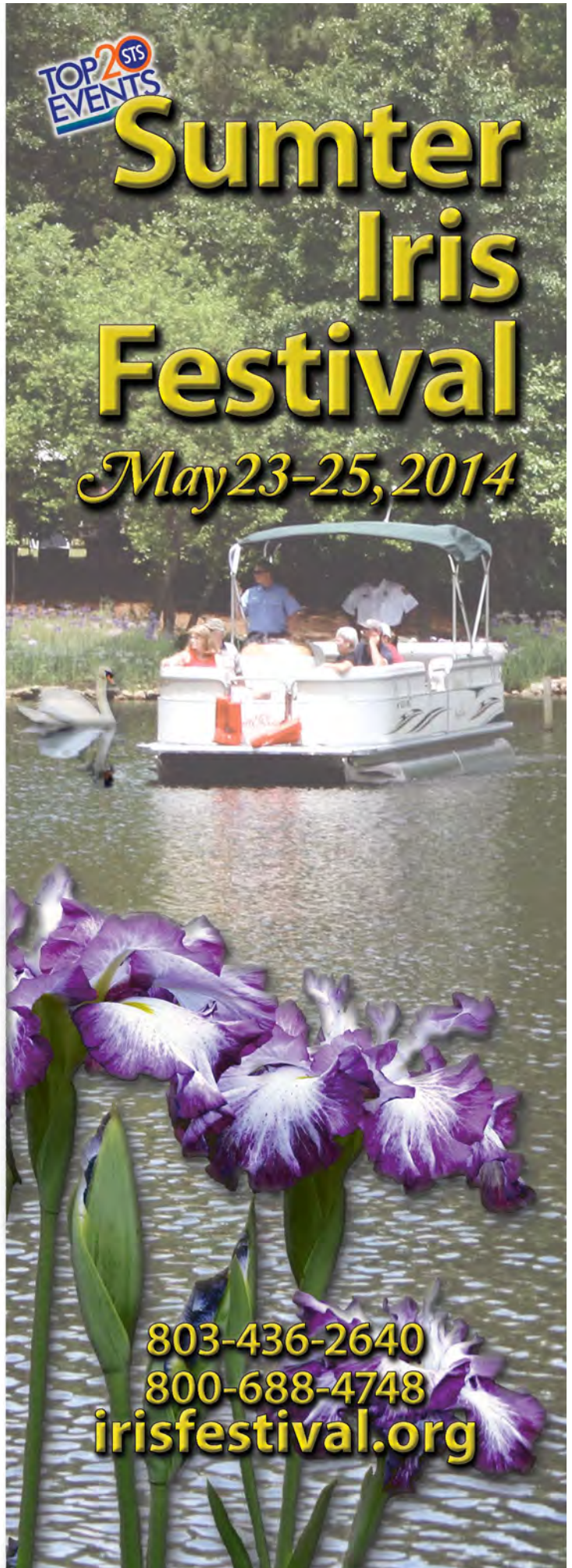
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**Swan Lake Iris Gardens**  
822 West Liberty Street  
Sumter, South Carolina 29150



TOP 20<sup>ST</sup>  
EVENTS

# Sumter Iris Festival

*May 23-25, 2014*

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## 2014 Schedule of Events

All events are subject to change or cancellation.

**Friday & Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

**Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Arts & Crafts/Food Court/Marketplace  
Swan Lake Boat Rides/ Live Entertainment

"The Art of Welding," presented by Central Carolina Technical College

Art in the Gardens (until 5 p.m.)

Gateway to Gardening (until 5 p.m.)

### SATURDAY, MAY 17

#### **Iris Festival Pageant**

Sumter High School Auditorium, 10:30 a.m.

### THURSDAY, MAY 22

#### **Ribbon Cutting/Crowning of the King & Queen**

Heath Pavilion, 5:15 p.m.

**Taste at the Gardens** featuring the  
**4-Way Stop** Band, Garden Street Stage, 6 - 9 p.m.  
(*Entry tickets for sale at gate*)

### FRIDAY, MAY 23

#### **Tuomey Community Health Initiatives**

**FREE Health Screening**, Swan Lake Visitors Center,  
9 - 11 a.m. (*Hypertension, Cholesterol, Diabetes--  
Requires 12-hour fast*)

**"Just Kidding Around,"** Children's Area,  
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**Children's Art in the Park**, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Education Day: "Wild about Education & Safety"**  
presented by Petco and **SAFE Kids Sumter County**,  
Swan Lake Visitors Center, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
(*Pre-registration required by May 9; call 436-2640*)

### SATURDAY, MAY 24

**9th Annual Shrine Day Parade** hosted by  
**The Jamil Streakers**, West Liberty Street, 9 a.m.

**"Just Kidding Around,"** Children's Area,  
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**Children's Art in the Park**, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Meet & Greet** with special guest **Troy Landry**  
from the **"Swamp People"**® television series,  
Swan Lake Visitors Center, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
(*Tickets required*)

**Pearl Fryar**, award-winning topiary artist featured  
in the documentary **A Man Called Pearl**,  
Bland Gardens, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

#### **Introduction of Iris Kings & Queens**

Main Stage, 10:45 a.m.

**Diaper Derby & Parade** presented by  
**Dreamworks Dance Academy**, Main Stage, 11 a.m.

**Quick Start Tennis Clinic**, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**SAFE Kids Adventureland**, sponsored by  
**SAFE Kids Sumter County & the Tuomey Foundation**,  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- **Kiwanis Kids Fingerprinting**
- **Bike Rodeo**
- **Rollover Simulator** hosted by the  
**SC Department of Public Services**
- **Informational Displays**

#### **East Coast Golf Cart Show**

Visitors Center Lawn, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Children's Pet Show** hosted by the **Sumter SPCA**,  
Heath Pavilion, 11:30 a.m. (*Registration at 11 a.m.*)  
**Please remember, pets are NOT permitted inside the  
garden gates.**

#### **Head Turnerz Classic Car Show**

Garden Street, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Iris Festival Flower Show**, Alice Boyle Garden Center,  
Friday & Saturday 2 - 5 p.m., Sunday 2 - 4 p.m.

### SUNDAY, MAY 25

#### **Sumter Cruisers Show & Shine**

Garden Street, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**"Just Kidding Around,"** Children's Area, 12 - 5 p.m.

**Children's Art in the Park**, 12 - 5 p.m.

**Please note:** Children's Area activities are  
**FREE** unless otherwise indicated, and will  
be held at the playground and  
surrounding areas.