

*Sumter's first Iris Festival was held in 1940, and has been consistently ranked as one of the top 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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**Swan Lake Iris Gardens**  
822 West Liberty Street  
Sumter, South Carolina 29150

**TOP 20<sup>STS</sup>  
EVENTS**

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**Sumter  
Iris  
Festival**

*May 22-24, 2015*

**800.688.4748  
www.IrisFestival.org**



# Sumter Iris Festival

## 2015 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

Community Displays hosted by the Swan Lake Visitors Center:

"History of the Sumter Iris Festival" and "Sumter's Military History"

"We Weld America," presented by Central Carolina Technical College Welding Program

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

Gateway to Gardening (until 5 p.m.)

### **SATURDAY, MAY 16**

#### **Iris Festival Pageant**

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

### **THURSDAY, MAY 21**

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

Heath Pavilion, 5:15 p.m.

#### **Taste at the Gardens featuring Chief Complaint,**

Garden Street Stage, 6 - 9 p.m.

*(Entry tickets for sale at gate)*

### **FRIDAY, MAY 22**

#### **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.

#### **"Flowers Raised in the South," Installation Art**

Project (*Flowers made by Sumter students*),

Bland Gardens, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

#### **Children's Art in the Park, Bland Gardens,**

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

#### **10th Annual Shrine Day Parade** hosted by

**The Jamil Streakers**, West Liberty Street, 8:30 p.m.

*(Begins at Sumter County Civic Center)*

### **SATURDAY, MAY 23**

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

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

#### **"Just Kidding Around," Children's Area,**

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

#### **Children's Art in the Park, Bland Gardens,**

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Mary Hinson Flower Show**, Alice Boyle Garden Center, 10 a.m. - 5 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
- Informational Displays...*and more!*

**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.

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

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

*(All proceeds from contestant entry fees will benefit the Sumter County SPCA.)*

**Bobby Richardson**, 1960 World Series MVP, formerly of the New York Yankees, **Personal Appearance**, Swan Lake Visitors Center, 1 - 5 p.m.

**75th Anniversary Celebration Laser Show**, Sumter County Civic Center, 3:00, 5:00, and 7:00 p.m.  
*(Admission \$5 for adults; children 12 & under FREE)*

### **SUNDAY, MAY 24**

#### **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**, Bland Gardens, 12 - 5 p.m.

**Mary Hinson Flower Show**, Alice Boyle Garden Center, 1 - 4 p.m.

**Please note:** Children's Area activities are FREE unless otherwise indicated and will be held at the Playground and surrounding areas, with the exception of **Children's Art in the Park**, held in the **Bland Gardens** on the north side of West Liberty Street.