



Sumter's Iris Festival began in 1940, and has been ranked as one of the Top 20 festivals in the Southeastern United States. Every Memorial Day weekend, Japanese iris blooms set the stage for three days of flowers, food and fun! Join thousands of travelers from the US and Canada in celebration of Swan Lake Iris Gardens!



Sumter Iris Festival

May 24-26, 2013

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Ongoing Events

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday & Saturday
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday

Art in the Gardens (until 6 p.m.)

Gateway to Gardening (until 6 p.m.)

Arts & Crafts/Food Court/Marketplace

"Just Kidding Around" Children's Area (until 7 p.m.)

Children's Art in the Park (Fri. 12-5, Sat./Sun. 10-5)

"Quilts of Valor" Display (Sat. & Sun.; closes at 5 p.m.)

Military Veteran's Display presented by

Sammy Way (Sat. & Sun.; closes at 5 p.m.)

Head Turners Classic Car Show (Saturday 9-4)

Sumter Cruisers Show & Shine (Sunday 10-5)

Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall (until 7 p.m.)

Wall is also open on Monday, May 27.

2013 Iris Festival presented by:



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

The 2013 Sumter Iris Festival is proud to present

The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall will be on display throughout the Sumter Iris Festival **until Memorial Day, Monday, May 27**. The Opening Ceremony takes place at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, May 24.

The Wall, a 3/5 scale replica of the famed Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC, is six feet tall at the center and stretches 300 feet long. As stated on the Traveling Wall website, the reproduction "stands as a reminder of the great sacrifices made during the Vietnam War. It was made for the purpose of helping heal and rekindle friendships and to allow people the opportunity to visit loved ones in their hometown who otherwise may not be able to make the trip to Washington, DC." For more information, visit www.TravelingWall.us.

The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall



Sumter Iris Festival Schedule of Events

Saturday, May 18

Iris Festival Pageant, Sumter High School Auditorium, 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 23

Ribbon Cutting/Crowning of the King & Queen
Heath Pavilion, 5:15 p.m.

TASTE AT THE GARDENS with CHIEF COMPLAINT

Garden Street Stage, 6-9 p.m. (*Tickets Required*)

Friday, May 24

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

◆ **Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall Opening Ceremony** ◆

Visitors Center Lawn Area, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 25

Please note: Kids' Area activities are FREE unless otherwise indicated, and will be held at the tennis courts and surrounding areas.

8th Annual Shrine Day Parade, 9 a.m.

Introduction of Iris Queens, Main Stage, 10:45 a.m.

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

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

SAFE Kids Adventureland, sponsored by **SAFE Kids Sumter County & The Tuomey Foundation**

- **Kiwanis Kids Fingerprinting**, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- **Bike Rodeo**, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Displays provided by Children's Trust of SC, Sumter Fire Department, Sumter Aquatics Center, Sumter Family Health Center & Women's Health, Palmetto Healthy Starts, Success by Six, and Sumter Behavioral Health Services.

Iris Festival Flower Show

Alice Boyle Garden Center, 2 - 5 p.m., Sunday 2 - 4 p.m.

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

Sunday, May 26

Sumter Civic Chorale, Patriot Hall, 4 p.m.

FEATURING LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AT THE HEATH GARDENS MAIN STAGE, THE GARDEN STREET STAGE AND THE BLAND GARDENS GAZEBO.

All events are subject to change or cancellation.

Shuttle service will be provided between the Sumter County Civic Center and the Garden Street Parking Lot at Swan Lake. Our thanks to SWRTA.

For more information, please call **(803) 436-2640**, or visit online at www.irisfestival.org.