

# Tucson Area Iris Society Newsletter



Saturday February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**FREE - General Meeting**

Featuring guest speaker,  
Riley Probst - Fleur De Lis Garden -  
Modesto, CA

Reblooming Iris Society President

"Rebloom in Every Garden"

Time: 1:00pm

Location:

[Murphy-Wilmot Branch Library](#)

530 N Wilmot Rd,

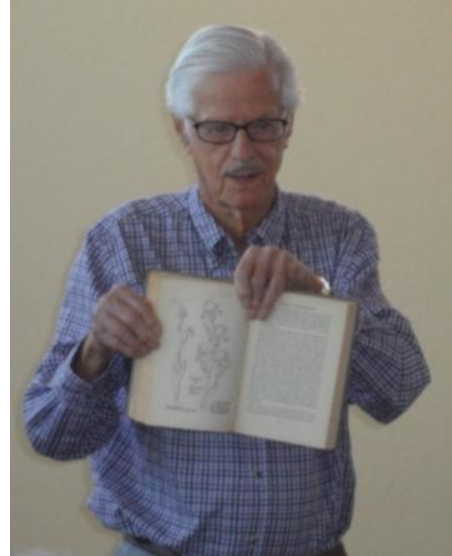
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A short Steering Committee meeting will follow the general meeting. All committee members please attend.

**Bert Detwiler**, long time TAIS member, passed away on December 30, 2014.

Marcia Detwiler Scupin has invited us to a [Memorial Service luncheon](#) for her dad. It will be on Sunday, Feb. 22 from noon to 2 at Lodge on the Desert, 306 N Alvernon Way.



Please let me know, 520-310-5222, if you are interested in attending the memorial luncheon. I need to let Marcia know by Feb 17<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend.

Would you care to take the microphone to speak about Bert and his participation in Tucson Area Iris Society?



Our **January meeting** featured recently returned member Jan Campbell giving a PowerPoint presentation about "Growing Irises in Southern Arizona". There were several varieties that I was unaware would grow well in our climate. Please view the pictures on Past Events page

[http://tucsoniris.org/media/event\\_photos/2015%20January%2010%20Meeting/](http://tucsoniris.org/media/event_photos/2015%20January%2010%20Meeting/)

New Member, Angela Powers



Angela Powers came to Tucson from Alaska where her husband was in the military. She worked as a nurse in a local hospital and grew tulips in her spare time. She's been in Tucson for 33 years working as a visiting nurse for the County and after she retired she became involved with the University of Arizona Extension program.



Three years later, in 1990, one of the gardeners encouraged Angela to go into Master Gardeners Program which she did big time! Angela was honored with Hall of Fame status after volunteering for 5,600 hours with the Extension program.



In 1992, the master gardeners gifted Angela with some of her tall bearded rhizomes which is why we are now lucky enough to have her as one of our members.



Oh, by the way, she loves growing bananas.

## Secretary's Report

Discussions of future meeting dates, places and times led to the change of the September rhizome sale being moved to September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Meeting was adjourned at 2:55pm.

## Treasurer's Report

Ending balance \$7,651.44 accepted for audit.

## DOWN MEMORY LANE . . .

In the fall of '65, Society was launched by Jen Jasper and Joe Fairbanks.

5/7/80 - Memo to members TAIS: Our list of 60 members is very impressive on paper but when it comes to participation, we can't count on more than 10 members for any activity. Options discussed: Do we disband? Do we continue? Do we wish to schedule a sale this September? Do we wish to schedule a show for April '81? (14 members entered show, 114 "stalks" entered.

1982 Roster included 29 families (Besseys, Detwiler, Fifers)

4/20-21/85 - 300 TB entries at Park Mall

4/86 - Silver medal for most blue ribbons won by Alex Brittain with 40! Titan's Glory chosen Queen of Show (again in 1992)

4/11-12/87 - Gary Carruthers wins Queen of Show with Heather Blush

1/23/89 - Club the second year of planting at TBG

3/91 - 34 members present for the meeting!

4/17/92 - Show had 303 entries, 20 artistic entries, Jim Sinski had 30 blue ribbons

1/94 - 5 members drawn for \$250 toward their Portland AIS Convention expenses

3/14/94 - "Eligible point system for New Iris Program" initiated

April '94 TAIS events - 4/2 Exhibition show (104 specimens!); 4/10 Members Garden Tour;

4/16-17 Show/Sale (253 specimens!); 4/23-24 booth at the County Fair!

8/94 - TAIS attempting to plant a complete collection of Dykes Medal Iris at TBG; members dug, divided, & labeled 500-800 iris!

1/95 - TAIS plans iris education & planting project at St. Luke's Home for Women

4/1/95 - Bus Tour to NW Tucson, Casa Grande (Myrleen Hunt), Phoenix (Shepards & Floyd Wickenkamp)

4/13/95 - Dr. Raymond C. Allen Memorial Iris Garden dedicated at TBG

4/12-14/96 - TAIS hosts Region 15 spring meeting & garden tour - 100 attendees

9/96 - Rhizome sale = \$6,494, net profit \$4,286

5/97 - Show at Park Mall in conjunction with Rose Society - 230 entries, 20 arrangements

8/97 - Mentor Program established - New members assigned to member of the board.

9/13-14/97 - TBG sale \$7,531, net profit \$4,883.79

From May 1996 newsletter: "An Iris Garden is like a cocktail party. Everyone starts off in their best dress and on their best behavior. Some leave early, and some arrive fashionably late. As the "party" wears on, some become obnoxious and disheveled, and others are falling down and need propping up. Finally, at the end of the "evening" the hangers-on look as if they've been doing shots of Jose Cuervo Tequila and singing Wild Thing."

