

OCTOBER NEWS BULLETIN



Tucson Area Iris Society, tucsoniris.org

When: Saturday, October 20th, starts at NOON.

Where: Dusenberry-River Library, 5605 E. River, 594-5345. Due to construction of the Whole Foods Market at the corner of Craycroft & River, Members are encouraged to use the River Road entrance to the parking lot. Additional parking is available around the side of the center near the Kid's World daycare, then use one of two arches to access the front of the shops. The library is at the NE corner of the mall. Refreshments will be provided by Carolyn Cowan and there will be door prizes!!

Program:

1. Election of Board of Directors
2. Review of Annual Financial Report
3. Suggestions for 2013 programs

REPORT ON TBS DIG 9/8-9/12: Thanks to Gordon, Susan, Paul, Gary, Nick, HL and Greta 397 rhizomes were dug, groomed and bagged for the sale, and some were replanted at TBG.

SALE OBSERVATIONS

Despite some unprecedented bumps in the road, the sale was a success because of . . .

Great Rhizomes & pots (TB & Louisianas) - furnished by Kathy, Ben, Gordon and TBG (thanks to Greta's care/delivery).

Great Volunteers: Angela, Bob, Terry, HL, Gordon, Tony, Susan, Lucille, Kathy, Kevin, Greta, Paul, Ben, and Maxine. Especially to HL, Bob and Tony who spent the entire day, to those who returned to help with teardown/cleanup/removal, and to Paul who stepped in to give the scheduled talk.

Innovative Ideas: Pictures stapled onto bags, TAIS host handing out boxes to incoming customers, informational pamphlet about TAIS and iris culture (Melania's suggestion).

Some Overheard Comments: Where are the rebloomers, requests for specific colors? (no detailed lists for salespeople to refer to) Do rabbits eat iris? Do javelina eat iris? What do you do with the money you make on the sale? I've been watching "Garden News" for your sale. I got your email or postcard about the sale. Can I have a cookie?

SALES RESULTS: Gross receipts, \$4,315.00, expenses \$1,632.27, net Sales \$2,622.73. New memberships brought our ranks up to 42! PLEASE PRINT OUT THE LATEST ATTACHED NEW MEMBERSHIP LIST.

Board Meeting held 10/6/12: Present: Paul, Greta, HL, Melania, Tony. Items discussed: Change of meeting date; unauthorized purchase of \$469.12 projector; slate of board members; potting of 200 rhizomes at Paul's, and pots left from the sale at Greta's.

A Source Worth Checking: You know the name of an iris but need to get a full description and picture. Go to Americanirissociety.org, search the database(a wiki) of the American Iris Society. Click on the picture of the type of iris you are searching for and you will be given a letter range to browse by variety name.

Please keep the following members in your kindest thoughts and prayers: Kathy Chilton, Carolyn Cowan, Bert Detwiler, Walt Glaser, Ruth Over, husband of Ekristee West. Also Gary Petterson, scheduled to be our speaker in February from Sun Country Iris Society in Phoenix, and Don Shepard, former owner of Shepard's Iris Nursery and former TAIS member.

The finalized ballot and financial report will be forwarded later this week.

MEMBERS, WE ALL LOVE IRISES - PLAN ON BEING AT THE DUSENBERRY-RIVER LIBRARY ON OCTOBER 20. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Due to Walt Glaser's continuing health issues, this Bulletin was prepared by Maxine Fifer for Editor Madelaine Glaser.