

## MARCH 2013 NEWS BULLETIN



Tucson Area Iris Society, [tucsoniris.org](http://tucsoniris.org)

**NEXT MEETING: Saturday, March 9th beginning at 9 a.m ,**

**WHERE:** Dusenberry-River Library, 5605 E. River, 594-5345.

**PROGRAM:** Marshall Coyne, President of the Tucson Orchid Society will be the speaker. Tucson Orchid Society is dedicated to the culture, protection, and appreciation of orchids from all over the world. The society brings together orchid enthusiasts who are interested in the culture, propagation, and pure enjoyment of owning orchids. **Free Show at Mesquite Valley Nurseries, Sat., March 2 (judging until noon) 8-4; Sun., March 3<sup>rd</sup> 8-1.**

**You're probably wondering . . . why orchids?? What does this have to do with TAIS?** Well, this year TAIS is reaching out to the many other garden clubs in Tucson in an attempt to exchange information about our club and learn about what other garden clubs do. Many gardeners are members of several clubs - and the thing we have in common is we all like to work in the dirt! Pssst . . . Our October 12<sup>th</sup> annual meeting will feature Tucson Organic Gardeners!

**Minutes of 2/16/13 Meeting:** Called to order by President Dunnigan at 1:00 p.m. with 24 members and 6 guests present. Refreshments were served by Melania & Tony Kutz, Angela Powers assisting. Club door prizes won by Susan Oates and Bob Foltz. Following opening welcome, the business meeting consisted of the passage of January Minutes, information about the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, April 6<sup>th</sup> Bus Tour and Spring Show April 20<sup>th</sup> at Foothills Mall. Speaker Bob Van Liere of Iris4U Gardens, Denver, CO, gave an informative power point presentation featuring his family owned 3-acre garden (with over 1,000 TB's & 10,000 seedlings), the mysteries of hybridizing, soil culture and his introductions since 2005. He generously donated 14 gift certificates for his newest introductions.

**Last call for Dues - deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>!** This will be your last issue of the newsletter if your 2013 dues are not received by March 15th. **Please** fill out the attached application, checking the boxes, especially if you will be on the Bus Tour April 6<sup>th</sup> (guests welcome), and either mail with your payment or bring to the March meeting.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS...** April 20<sup>th</sup> is the annual show at Foothills Mall. If you can help any time between 7am (set up) and 5pm (tear down), there are many jobs for willing hands, i.e., assisting exhibitors and judges, answering public inquiries, helping at the hospitality table. This is our greatest opportunity to SELL TAIS.

**Still needed!** Garden themed articles (pots, tools, giftware, etc.) that can be given as door prizes. As a 501(c)(3) organization, an acknowledgment can be provided. AND TAIS still needs to buy used 6-foot aluminum folding tables in good condition (for the September sale).

**REGION 15 SPRING TREK:** April 26-27 in San Diego. Includes dinner and raffles at Holiday Inn with guest speaker Steve Schreiner. Gardens that will be visited are in 3 different climate zones! Complete details at [region15ais.org/index.php](http://region15ais.org/index.php).