

FEBRUARY 2013 NEWS BULLETIN



Tucson Area Iris Society, tucsoniris.org

NEXT MEETING: February 9, 2013, 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Himmel Library, 1035 N. Treat, 791-4397

PROGRAM: Bob Van Liere of Iris4U Gardens with a presentation on "Dirt and how we can improve it". Some of "Iris Bob"'s cultivars include Angel's Awe, Casting Crowns, Christmas Eve, Fun Lovin, Special Kay, Going Dutch, Mighty Warrior, Quiet Reflections & Mixed Berry Tart. See iris4u.com.

It's confirmed! The spring iris show will be held at Foothills Mall on Saturday, April 20th. More details in the March newsletter. For show blooms it's time to begin fertilizing with Triple Phosphate (0-45-0) or Super Bloom (12-55-6).

Dues deadline is March 15th! Please fill out the attached application, checking the boxes, especially if you will be on the Bus Tour April 6th (guests welcome), and either mail with your payment or bring to the next meeting.

Don't miss the bus! The 275 mi. round trip **bus tour on April 6th** includes 1.5 hr guided tour at Boyce Thompson Arboretum in Superior (5 demonstration gardens, greenhouses) and a visit at Kary Gardens in Scottsdale. **Only \$25/person** (lunch & \$8 entrance fee extra) - guests are welcome. Questions? Contact Maxine, 743-7993 or wetypefast@aol.com. Deadline March 15th.

REPORT OF 1/12/13 MEETING: 14 members and 8 guests (2 from Sun Country Iris Society) attended. Refreshments were served by Melania & Tony Kutz, and Angela Powers. Door prizes won by Fred Thorpe & Angela Powers. Guest speaker Ardi Kary of Kary Iris Gardens gave a very informative powerpoint talk (assisted by Gordon Jensen) about Arilbred Iris, with handouts/quiz, followed by drawings for Kary Gardens rhizomes and generous arilbred donations. The business meeting consisted of 1) passage of the revised Bylaws, 2) February 16th meeting featuring Bob Van Liere, 3) stainless steel plant markers at 75 cents each, 4) spring show and 5) April 6th Bus Tour info. New members Ginger Ludeke, Anne Cotton and Celia Keener were introduced. SCIS Member Jack Weber spoke on their club's innovative awards program, using \$10 gift certificates from Superstition Gardens (multiples for show awards and judge's gifts), as well as paying AIS dues for Board Members.

NEW - CLASSYFIEDS! Got something to sell, give away, trade, etc.? Email wetypefast@aol.com.

Wanted! 6' aluminum folding tables in good condition. Contact Property Manager Bob Foltz, chorganalong@gmail.com.

WE'VE LOST OUR HISTORY. If anyone has newsletters, etc., from 2006 through 2012, please mail to Historian Bert Detwiler, 6925 E. Paseo San Andres, 85710-2203, **OR** email documents to wetypefast@aol.com, **OR** bring donations to the next meeting.

Meeting Hosts Needed: Sign up at the February meeting for March 9th - PLEASE!!

REGION 15 SPRING TREK: April 26-27 in San Diego with Guest speaker Steve Schreiner. Complete details at region15ais.org/index.php. A registration form is also attached to this newsletter.