

NOVEMBER 2013 NEWS BULLETIN



Tucson Area Iris Society, tucsoniris.org

SPECIAL MEETING - NOVEMBER 9, 1:00-4:00 PM.

WHERE: Murphy-Wilmot Library, 530 N. Wilmot Rd., 594-5420

You do not want to miss this meeting. Our very special program will be a demonstration of Japanese Flower Arranging (Ikebana) with autumn and holiday themes. You will wonder why we saved this program for our last of the year, but Presenters Joann Hyde and Judy Hansen were in great demand. They are bringing an array of materials and containers for this event. You will leave with much knowledge about this ancient art and an appreciation of the beauty which results from its application. Teachers in the Ohara School of Ikebana, they hold extremely popular classes at Tucson Botanical Gardens. As members of the Ikebana Society, they have been involved in designing the Japanese Yumi Garden located just south of TBG.

BRING A GUEST AND GET AN EXTRA TICKET FOR DRAWING OF GIFTS!

Thank all of you who joined us for the Annual meeting, and for those who couldn't, we missed you and hope to see you soon. Sandy Britain provided a buffet for our enjoyment. Two door prizes given by Britain and 3 TAIS door prizes were awarded. 15 members and 4 guests attended. Here's a recap of that meeting.

Business Meeting Highlights (Pres. Greta Dunnigan): **Accomplishments** in 2012-2013 - Bylaw revisions, storage cleanout, inventory/dig & replant of center Tucson Botanical Garden bed, spring show, Region 15 auction, and Harlow rhizome sale. **Thanks you's** were extended to board members Paul Bessey, Sandy Britain, Maxine Fifer, Kevin Kartchner, Tony Kutz, Susan Oates, HL Swain, Fred Thorpe. In addition, she thanked Bob Foltz for storage assistance, hauling at show and sale; Ben Herman for negotiating rhizome purchases; Melania Kutz for publicity; and all who volunteered with refreshments or at special events.

Nominating Chair Report (Fifer for Oates): Since no one volunteered to act as President or V.P. in 2014, the board met and an alternative "Steering Committee" plan was suggested. Motion made and passed that a Steering Committee of 10 members, including Contact Person, Secretary, and Treasurer be appointed. The names of prospective committee members were announced: Britain, Fifer, Kartchner, Tony and Melania Kutz, Oates, Swain, Thorpe, Dunnigan, Kristee West and Anne Boyer Cotton. Motion made and passed to accept this committee.

Treasurer's Report (Swain): Instead of an annual report (11/1/12-10/31/13), she reported sale proceeds of \$8,532.83 and outstanding expenses of \$659.52, for a balance of \$7,873.31.

Remaining rhizomes: Approx. 250 (from 1,300) rhizomes remain from sales. Setups at Palomino Plaza and Farmers Markets are scheduled, after which remaining rhizomes will be potted. Britain, Swain, Kutz, Powers volunteered to pot rhizomes. (**After recent sales at various venues, remaining rhizomes now total 80.**)

October Program Recap: Brandon Merchant of SW Victory Gardens presented "Creating Organic Pest Controls for Your Garden" which was very informative. Merchant also distributed "kitchen

recipes" for Insecticidal Soap, Mosquito Repellent, Ant & Roach Killer and Vinegar Herbicide and demonstrated how to prepare them.

11/2/13 Steering Committee Mtg Recap: Volunteers for committee chairs were accepted, Fred Thorpe is Treasurer, Maxine Fifer is Secretary (a full list appears on our website); Financial report for 2012-2013 prepared by Greta reviewed and financial projection for 2013-2014 completed; program suggestions and dates were discussed. **Some exciting events are planned - WATCH FOR THE JANUARY NEWS!**