

MARCH 2014 NEWS BULLETIN



Tucson Area Iris Society, tucsoniris.org

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 29th - 1:00 p.m. - NO POTLUCK AT TBG

Where: Eckstrom-Columbus Library, 4350 E. 22nd, 594-5285

Program: Tucson Organic Gardeners - Presentation followed by Tour of Community Garden at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church.

HELP NEEDED SAT., MAR. 22: Pots to be sold at Loft Theatre, 3233 E. Speedway, beginning at 7:00 for 4 hours. Please contact Maxine, 743-7993, if you can help.

IRIS EXHIBIT (NOT SHOW) SAT., April 12th at Wilmot Library. Change was due to Herman & Jensen unable to show that day, an indication that there would be far fewer entries. SO, please plan to bring whatever you have blooming in your garden to enhance the display, to be voted on by the public. If you can help any time between 1:30-4:00pm (set up on Friday, April 11th) and Saturday, Apr. 12th, 8am (check in) -4pm (tear down), there are many jobs for willing hands, i.e., assisting exhibitors, answering public inquiries, helping at the hospitality table. This is our greatest opportunity to display our blooms for the public's enjoyment.

RECAP of 2/8/14 General Meeting: The meeting began at 1:00 pm with sign-ins and refreshments served by Carolyn Cowan, Sandra Hallenbeck, Cheryl Creeger and Dianne Tweedy. 22 members and 22 guests were present. Maxine Fifer welcomed the group and introduced TAIS steering committee. Representatives from the following groups spoke about their club's history and projects: Sun Country (Ardi Kary); Prescott Iris Society (Dennis Luebkin); Quail Creek Iris Club (Harold Ables) and Vintage Gardeners (Bill Leth). Ben Herman then introduced Speaker Steve Schreiner, whose powerpoint presentation was very informative. At the conclusion of his talk, 7 door prizes were awarded. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Recap of 2/1/14 Steering Committee Meeting: Financial Report 11/13/13-1/11/14 (Thorpe): Beg. Balance \$7,654.37; Expenditures: office expense & supplies, \$203.81 Ikabana program \$150.13; Income \$70.00 (dues \$45.00, pot sales \$25.00); End. balance \$7,370.43. **Program Updates:** Feb. 8th - Finalizing Schreiner Program. Cost: \$150 honorarium, plane fare, 2 nights room; Mar. 29 - Potluck at TBG (See change above); Apr. 12, 10am-4pm - Exhibit at Wilmot Library. Entries 8:30-9:30; public viewing 9:30-3:30. Maxine to chair, Melania to do publicity. Setup scheduled 1-5 Fri; entry Sat. at 8 am.; May 10 - Kathy contacted re program on trip to Australia; Aug. 9 - Auction. Maxine to contact Reg. 15 about rhizomes. Venue? Lucille's clubhouse available (changed to TBG). Sept. 20 - Sale at Harlows - Greta to chair. Ordering \$800 rhizomes: Suggestions Sutton, Stout, Superstition, Van Liere, Ardi Kary, Bay View (Ghio), Schreiner; Oct. 11 - Annual Meeting - TBA; New business: 150 potted rhizomes: Need to be sold this spring. Possible venue: Palomino Plaza or Loft Theatre (see above announcement).

Last call for Dues - deadline is March 15th! This will be your last issue of the newsletter if your 2014 dues are not received by March 15th. **Please** fill out the attached application, checking the boxes, and either mail with your payment or bring to the March meeting.