

December 2014 Bulletin

### **50 Years and Growing Strong**

As you know, **there is no meeting in December 2014**. Please enjoy all of your holiday parties and activities.

I am pleased to report that the first 4 months of 2015 are falling into place for TAIS. Melania has obtained meeting rooms for January through April.

January 10<sup>th</sup> we will meet at Wilmot Library. Jan Campbell will be presenting a talk about various subjects from iris culture to iris hybridizing.

February 8<sup>th</sup> we will meet at Wilmot Library. If the Steering Committee agrees to pay his travel expenses and lodging, we will be able to have a presentation by Riley Probst about Remontants (Reblooming irises).

March 14<sup>th</sup> we will meet at River-Dusenberry Library, speaker to be announced.

April 11<sup>th</sup> the large meeting room at Wilmot Library is reserved all day for our Iris Exhibition. Greta informed me that she would be unable to chair that event, but Kevin Karchner, with the assistance of 6 members, will chair the event. That will allow us to hold the event as scheduled. Melania has a great suggestion about displaying yellow and gold irises in a separate table for our **“Golden Anniversary”**. Thanks, Kevin and all his helpers.

**Melania, many thanks**, I don't think that the libraries usually allow groups to reserve rooms that far in advance.

### **November General Meeting Report**

Of the 16 people attending, we found that 7 were AIS members, 2 were Tall Bearded Iris Society members, 1 was a Reblooming Iris Society member and 2 were Louisiana Iris Society members.

The members suggested that they wished to have speakers next year to talk about: hybridizing, show training and iris culture. They also wanted to have a 5 minute presentation at each meeting that would be geared to new iris growers.

In general, meetings in 2015 will be held on the second Saturday of Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Aug, Sep, Oct and Nov. (No Jun, Jul or Dec meeting.) Kristee suggested that the group might want to support the Region 15 meeting in Prescott in October in lieu of a local meeting in October. That decision will be made by the Steering Committee at a later date.

### **2015 Assignments**

- Storage Room Second Key holder: **Kevin Karchner**
- Second Signature on bank account: **Kevin Karchner**
- New 501c(3) responsible person: **Kristee West**
- Badges and sign in sheet: **Angela Powers**

- Pot Keepers: **Kristee, Melania, Angela**
- Bylaws and Parliamentarian: **Gary Caruthers**
- Community Projects: (There have been no community projects for some time. We may need to amend the by-laws to either combine this position with the TBG Garden Minder or to eliminate the position.)
- Ethics: **Board of Directors**
- Rhizome and Potted Iris Chair: **Jan Campbell, Maxine Fifer, Greta Dunnigan**
- Publicity: **Melania Kutz**
- Photos: **Tony Kutz**
- Refreshments: **Angela Powers and Diane Tweedy**
- Historian: **Bert Detwiler**
- Web Page: **Tim Valenzuela**
- Membership: **Madeleine Glaser**
- Newsletter: **Kristee West**
- Property Manager: **Bob Foltz**
- TBG Garden Minder: **Greta Dunnigan**
- Nominating: **Kevin Karchner**
- Flower shows/exhibitions: **Kevin Karchner**
- Hospitality: **Angela Powers and Diane Tweedy**
- **Steering Committee Meeting**

Called to order at 2:05pm

- Secretary's report approved
- Treasurer's report approved for audit

Starting balance	9492.64
Expenses	14870.81
Income	15.00
Ending balance	7636.83

- Motion made by Lucille and seconded by Fred that the 2015 Spring Exhibition should be a local (non-AIS-judged) show. Motion carried.
- Sign-up sheet: Angela and Diane will provide the refreshments for the January meeting. We will have a sign-up sheet for people to volunteer for future meeting refreshments. The people providing refreshments will receive up to \$20 for the refreshments. It is recommended that the beverage provided be water.
- Kevin will look into whether we can borrow the projector from Gordon Jenkins for January. If not, we will need to find a projector to rent for the January meeting.
- Disposition of remaining potted irises: The group agreed that the remaining potted irises should be used for new members and door prizes until they are gone.
- Lucille Skerston will contact the new members and prepare a bio for a future newsletter introducing them to the group.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05pm