

## Silent Auction Report Fall 2011

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Once again I am unable to attend the board meeting. Please don't think it is because I am not interested or going to do my job(s). My co-chair Nick Steward will be attending. I will see you all in California.

At the moment the donations for the 2012 silent auction are slim. We have some books, quite a few old bulletins and a few small iris items. Janet Smith said we will have some items from John Weiler's estate. Thank you Janet for all of these.

I challenge all the board members to go through your treasures and see what you can part with and donate it to our 2012 silent auction. Please spread the word to anyone you know who might be doing spring cleaning (or winter sorting) to consider donating to The American Iris Society.

I have an idea that I would like to throw out there for discussion. I would like to send a message to all the RVPs and ask them to coordinate a drive in their region to ask for donations and then get it to the convention either by mailing or bringing it. I would like to make a section in the silent auction that is clearly labeled with that region number and a description of the area(s) it covers. I plan to put the items donated by that region all in the same area, and recognize them for their concentrated efforts. Of course I will give anyone who donates the option to put their donation in their region also, if they would like. Depending on time and how much work it will involve, I may make a goodie basket with several items and auction them that way. If this sounds acceptable to all, I will compose an email with all the details which can be sent to all the RVPS.

Rick and I have the excel program that Kitty designed and used it at the Median Iris Society Convention in Oklahoma City. It worked wonderful. We have tried to determine what the room will need and have communicated with Paul.

I gave information for the bulletin to Kelly to get publicity out. I will also have information in the next bulletin. Thanks Kelly and staff.

Could we send a flyer asking for donations out with all the show approvals and paperwork? If so, I will make the flyer and get it to the exhibitions committee.

Special thank you to Jill for letting shipped donations come to her home.

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