

Silent Auction Report Fall 2014

Debbie Strauss

I apologize for not attending the Fall board meeting. I was scheduled to have ankle surgery 3 months ago, which means I would have been able to walk again, before this board meeting. However, there were problems that arose, and I am on the schedule again in the next two weeks. I really must get this done, so I will be walking before the Portland convention. I will not be able to attend this board meeting as previously planned, I am sorry.

There were approximately 220 people registered for the Dallas 2014 convention. We had 64 people place winning bids on 369 items including 100 donated new iris. Total money received from the silent auction was more than \$4800.00. We had 13 AIS Region Raizin' Baskets donated by Regions 1, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 15, 17, 18, 21 & 22.

Nick and I want to thank everyone who donated so we could have such an awesome silent auction and for all who participated in the bidding process. We would also like to thank all the Regions who helped us out so much with the exceptional baskets. And lastly, we would like to give an enormous thank you to all the hybridizers who gave so freely of their lovely iris. It is because of you that we had such a successful silent auction.

I know the attendance in Portland will be quite a bit larger than Dallas. We have already started receiving donations of items. I received emails from two hybridizers who are donating their 2014 and 2015 introductions. I have the letter composed to send to the hybridizers asking for their donations. I will mail them in November and then follow-up with postcard reminders in February.

Nick and I give special thanks to the Ludi's for letting shipped donations come to their home.

For UPS shipments, send to

**AIS Silent Auction, c/o John Ludi
35071 SE Hwy 211,
Boring OR 97009-9584.**

For USPS shipments, send to

**AIS Silent Auction, c/o John Ludi
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Sandy OR 97055**

A couple of years ago I asked about possibly including a flyer in the show approval paperwork asking for donations for the silent auction. I know that currently many are done digitally and I personally love this. I still think it might be a good way to increase donations for the silent auction.

I would like to move that we send a flyer with all the show approvals and paperwork asking for AIS silent auction donations.

If this passes, I will make the flyers and get them, as well as a digital version (pdf) to the exhibitions committee.

Lastly, I challenge all the board members to go through your treasures and see what you can part with and donate it to our 2015 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. And of course when doing your estate planning, remember us as a way to get new loving homes for your treasures. I have already told my kids and husband, that AIS Silent Auction is to receive my 1000's of iris pretties!!