

# January 2009 VAIS Meeting Minutes

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The VAIS Meeting was held at the Cottonwood Public Safety building on January 28, 2009. Opened with Pledge of Allegiance at 5:30 PM by President – Linda Smith.

- March meeting will be held on April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Treasurer Report as of Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2008 Bank Statement; \$1,249.07
- Discussed AIS Region 15 newsletter.
- A presentation was given by Harold Abels on taking pictures of iris. He discussed different types of cameras that he uses, camera settings, camera angles, uses of props in pictures, downloading from cameras and sd cards and computer editing programs and techniques. Harold also talked about the iris garden that his wife Paula started and their gardening techniques they use living in the Flagstaff area. Harold and Paula were presented with a ceramic picture frame, painted by Cookie Best, as a gift of thanks for giving the presentation.
- Request was made for members to send in pictures of their iris that can be used for next rhizome sale.
- Janice Montgomery will be conducting Vegetable Gardening classes on February 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Beverly Emerson gave a presentation on master gardening classes and requirements for certification. Applications will be available in November and classes will begin in January of 2010 and continue through May in Cottonwood.
- The Spring Trek will be held April 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. For more info, contact Jane McGraw.
- The Verde Valley Fair will be held April 29<sup>th</sup>-May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Members are encouraged to submit flowers for judging and donate money prizes to the club fund.
- AIS National Convention will be May 11<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> in Kansas City, MO.
- The Regional meeting will be February 7<sup>th</sup>.
- An informal house tour was suggested discussed. Suggested dates are April 5<sup>th</sup> or April 12<sup>th</sup>.
- The club needs to make a donation to the Spring Trek. Possible items for donation were discussed.
- Local watercolor artist Julie Talbot brought in iris paintings for exhibition and sale.
- Raffle auction for donation from Harold Ables Photo Collection was organized by Mary Wagner.
- There being no further business, meeting adjourned 7:15 PM.