

Silent Auction Raises \$5,000

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The AIS Silent Auction would like to give a big thanks to everyone for making this annual fundraiser a huge success—we raised over \$5000 for AIS. First, a large thank you to Region 17, all their members and workers for hosting the wonderful AIS National Convention in 2013! Second, we would like to thank all the bidders for their diligent efforts to win the item of their hearts desire. Third, we would like to thank everyone who donated their wonderful treasures so others could enjoy them.

We would like to congratulate all the regions who made such imaginative and exciting Raisin' Region Baskets full of unique and desirable goodies. We appreciate all the efforts put into getting the baskets together. It was fun and educational to see where each region was and what unique items each region brings to the table. The following regions participated:

Region 1 – Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Newfoundland/Labrador, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick & Prince Edward Island – **RVP Norine Veal**
Region 7 – **Made two** – Kentucky & Tennessee – **RVP Sue Ann Barnes**
Region 8 – Minnesota & Wisconsin – **RVP Carol Jo Shonka**
Region 9 – Illinois – **RVP David Kelly**
Region 10 – Louisiana – **RVP Ron Killingsworth**
Region 11 – Montana, Idaho & Wyoming – **RVP Angelique Violette**
Region 13 – Washington & Oregon – **RVP Dwayne Booth**
Region 17 – Texas - **RVP Gordon Carver**
Region 18 – Kansas & Missouri – **RVP Ginni Hill**
Region 22 – Oklahoma & Arkansas – **RVP James Bledsoe**
Region 23 – **Made two** – New Mexico – **RVP Frances Day**

Top 15 Irises from the 2013 Convention

'Notta Lemon' (Burseen, 2010)
'Double Platinum' (Ghio, 2012)
'Bohemia After Dark' (Kerr, 2011)
'Bottle Rocket' (M. Sutton, 2010)
'Trumped' (Burseen, 2010)
'Center Ice' (Ghio, 2010)
'Jeanne Clay Plank' (Kerr, 2010)
'Boy Genius' (Ghio, 2012)
'Greatest Show on Earth' (Kerr, 2010)
'American Goddess' (H. Nichols, 2013)
'Oceanside Sparkle' (Ernst, 2011)
'All Smiles' (M. Sutton, 2010)
'Birds and Bees' (Black, 2011)
'Easter Candy' (Keppel, 2010)
'Fiery Springs' (H. Nichols, 2013) ♣

2013 Convention Awards

PRESIDENT'S CUP

'Notta Lemon' (Burseen, 2010, TB)	43 votes
'Trumped' (Burseen, 2008, TB)	29
'American Goddess' (H. Nichols, 2013, TB)	16

FRANKLIN COOK CUP

'Double Platinum' (Ghio, 2012, TB)	26 votes
'Bottle Rocket' (M. Sutton, 2010, TB)	16
'Bohemia After Dark' (Kerr, 2011, TB)	13

BEN HAGER MEDIAN CUP

'Boy Genius' (Ghio, 2012, BB)	22 votes
'Birds And Bees' (Black, 2011, IB)	21
'Holiday In Mexico' (Probst, 2012, MTB)	20

Photos, clockwise from top left: John Ludi receiving the AIS Distinguished Service Medal; Judy Keisling and Jill Bonino after receiving their Distinguished Service Medals; Tom Burseen receiving the President's Cup from AIS Awards Chairman Gerry Snyder; Special guest lecturer Nina Alexeeva and her husband Igor after her program during the SIGNA meeting.