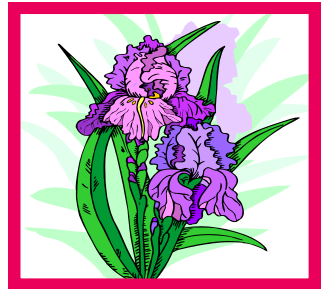




RAMBLING RHIZOMES
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Newsletter of the Tucson Area Iris Society

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TAIS CALENDAR 2009

- April 3rd and 4th Sale at TBG
- April 11 Show at Foot-hill Mall.
- August 29 Potluck and auction
- September Sale
- October 17 meeting

April 3rd and 4th

Sale at Tucson Botanical Gardens

Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N.

Alvernon

Fri., April 3, 12-6 (TBG members)

Sat., April 4, 9am-4pm (public)

For this sale, we need volunteers for the following shifts:

FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD - 11 A.M. (SETUP) TO 2 P.M., OR 2 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH - 9 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. OR 1:00 - 4:30 P.M. (BREAKDOWN)

My records show the following members have been "babysitting" plants: Greta, HL, Charlotte, Bert, Susan, Melania, Paul, Kathy, Carolyn, Ginny, Ben, Arlene and Stan. Please send me the names and numbers of those you have for sale NO LATER THAN MONDAY, MARCH 30TH, and when you will be able to deliver your plants.

Please call and let me know how you want to help. Also, if you need help getting the pots to the sale, let me know.



Guest Iris for 2010
Lauer Seedling 2125-3
Picture by Gordon Jensen

Hello Fellow TAIS Members!

I hope you are all seeing nice green growth on your irises. Bloom is almost here! In fact, I have the Arilbred 'NOBLE WARRIOR' in bloom right now & a few early TBs showing signs of putting up stalks. The extra warm weather in January and February seems to have brought on an early bloom this year. Remember that with the warmer weather and impending bloom, your irises need more water. Making sure that they have plenty of water will definitely enhance the quality of your bloom. That should bode well for our show on April 11th at Foothills Mall. It is so important for every member to bring iris stalks for display at our show! Plan for it now! If you have questions, please contact me at 520-591-1729 or email at Ranchiris@aol.com.

Since we have the opportunity to sell some of our many container irises at the TBG Spring Sale on April 3-4, the board decided to cancel the March 21st meeting and concentrate on the two April events. Be sure and contact Maxine Fifer, who is chairing the TBG sale about when you will be able to help with all that will need to be done. If you are growing irises for the club sales and need help with transporting them to the TBG sale or the sale at the Spring Show, please let her know that, too. We will have lots of newer, quality irises at our sales!

See you at TBG and the show!
Kathy

SPRING IRIS SHOW

Presented by the Tucson Area Iris Society, An affiliate of the American Iris Society
Saturday, April 11, 2009, Foothills Mall, Tucson, AZ
Tucsoniris.org

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SHOW COMMITTEE

Show Chair..... Kathy Chilton
Judges..... Kathy Chilton
Awards.....Kathy Chilton
Property.....Gordon Jensen
Sales.....

GENERAL SHOW RULES

1. The show is sponsored by the Tucson Area Iris Society and conducted according to American Iris Society regulations, which cannot be violated.
2. Exhibition privileges are free and available to anyone who grows irises. Exhibitors need not be members of any sponsoring or affiliated society. All entries must have been grown and entered in person by the exhibitor whose name appears on the entry tag.
3. Entries must be made between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 11, 2008. The closing time of 9:30 a.m. for receiving all exhibits will be strictly observed. Please allow enough time to prepare your entries.
4. Official entry tags will be supplied. All exhibits must have entry tags.
5. Judging will begin at 10:00 a.m. No persons except authorized show personnel will be allowed inside the roped off area during judging. Decisions of the judges

are final, and the judges may withhold any award at their discretion.

6. The show will be open to the public at no charge on Saturday April 11th at 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
7. No exhibits may be removed before 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 11th, and all awards must remain with the exhibit until that time. All exhibits must be removed Sunday between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., or they will be disposed of at the discretion of the staging committee.
8. It is the intent of TAIS that show judges may not enter a Division which they are judging. An exception may be made to this rule if an emergency substitution of a judge is necessary.
9. The Tucson Area Iris Society is not responsible for loss or damage to the exhibitor's property.

DIVISION I - HORTICULTURE

RULES:

1. This is a variety/cultivar show. Each cultivar will constitute a separate class and will be placed in alphabetical order according to the name of the iris.
2. Only correctly named varieties will be eligible for awards; those unnamed or misnamed will be for display only.
3. Exhibitors may enter only one stalk of a variety, but may enter any number of varieties. Under no circumstances may an individual transport and enter for competition specimen stalks for another person. All entries must have been grown and entered in person by exhibitor whose name appears on the entry tag.
4. Seedlings must be designated by name or number and entered in the name of the hybridizer.
5. Containers will be furnished, except for Section 8- Collections. The exhibitor may provide containers for Dwarf Irises too small for regular containers.
6. Sections or groups for bulbous irises and collections are eligible to receive award ribbons, special section awards and section rosettes. Award ribbons are included in the tally for Silver and Bronze Medal although these entries **are not eligible for the "Best Specimen of Show" award.**

SECTIONS

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| Section 1. | Tall Bearded |
| Section 2. | Median Bearded |
| | a. Standard Dwarf |
| | b. Intermediate |
| | c. Border |
| | d. Other |
| Section 3. | Aril or Arilbred |
| Section 4. | Beardless |
| | a. Spuria |
| | b. Louisiana |
| | c. Other |
| Section 5. | Bulbous (not eligible for Best Specimen) |
| Section 6. | Any iris not falling under any of the above sections |
| Section 7. | Seedling (not eligible for Best Specimen) |
| Section 9. | Youth, under 19 years of age. |

DIVISION II - EDUCATIONAL

Reservations are required, please contact Show Chair. Covered 6 ft. tables will be provided.

AWARDS

American Iris Society Awards

All exhibitors are eligible for American Iris Society Awards. One First, Second, or Third Place Ribbon is given to each variety. One or more Honorable Mention Ribbons may be given to each variety except Seedling Section.

Best Specimen of Show Rosette – Winners of all sections except 5, 7, & are eligible.

Horticultural Sweepstakes AIS Silver Medal & Rosette awarded for the most blue ribbons won.

Horticultural Sweepstakes Runner-Up –AIS Bronze Medal & Rosette awarded for second most blue ribbons won.

AIS Section Rosettes -One each for best specimen in the following sections if eligible: (minimum required: 3 exhibitors per section, 3 entries per class): Tall Bearded, Arils & Arilbreds, Beardless, Bulbous, Median. Best Arrangement of Show.

Tucson Area Iris Society Awards

TAIS will provide additional awards to the winners of all Sections, Best Specimen of Show, Sweepstakes , Sweepstakes Runner-Up except Sections 5,7,& 8.

TAIS Special Award for Best Purple Iris.

PLEASE JOIN US!!

Tucson Area Iris Society – Membership is \$10 Annual Single, \$13 Dual
See our website: Tucsoniris.org for details.

American Iris Society

Membership Chair: Tom Gormley, 10606 Timber Ridge Street, Dubuque, IA 52001-8268

Annual, Single: \$25 Triennial, Single: \$60
Dual: \$75

Life, Single \$450 Youth, without Bulletin \$5
Dual \$545 With Bulletin \$9

Here are the results of the voting in Region 15 in the nationwide AIS Symposium. There were a lot of ties, which made for the strange looking ranking numbers. You will see a lot of old favorites here, as well as some outstanding newer cultivars.

<u>Ranking</u>	<u>CULTIVAR</u>		
1	MESMERIZER	12	EXPOSÉ
2	THORNBIRD	12	FLORENTINE SILK
3	LADY FRIEND	12	JESSE'S SONG
4	CONJURATION	12	LACED COTTON
4	DECADENCE	12	MARY FRANCES
6	HOLLYWOOD NIGHTS	12	OREO
6	QUEEN'S CIRCLE	12	PAUL BLACK
6	THAT'S ALL FOLKS	12	SEA POWER
9	BEVERLY SILLS	12	YAQUINA BLUE
9	STARRING	24	DRAMA QUEEN
9	VICTORIA FALLS	24	DUSKY CHALLENGER
12	DEVONSHIRE CREAM	24	GOING MY WAY
12	EDITH WOLFORD	24	GOLDEN PANTHER
12	EPICENTER	24	PERSIAN BERRY
		24	RING AROUND ROSIE
		24	RIO
		24	SKATING PARTY
		24	SPLASHACATA
		24	SUPERSTITION
		24	TELEPATHY
		24	TOUR DE FRANCE
		24	VANITY



Mesmerizer



Thornbird



Lady Friend



Conjuration

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