



RAMBLING RHIZOMES
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Newsletter of the Tucson Area Iris Society

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TAIS Calendar

Feb 11 - Landscaping with iris in Tucson. Main Library

Mar 24 - Kathy Chilton-Preparing iris for show. Duskenberry library

Apr 15 - Iris Show & sale - TBG.

April 16-22 - Nat'l Convention at So Calif.

February 11th

Catalina Room at the Joel Valdez Main Library

101 N. Stone Ave

Presentation:

**Landscaping with Iris
By Gordon Jensen**

Gordon has been landscaping with iris for 15 years, 5 in the Tucson area. His garden was on the 2010 Trek. In the 3 shows he has exhibited in here in Tucson, he has received one 1st place, Two second places, one best in show and a best seedling in show.



From the president What gorgeous weather we're having. So long as we don't have another 100 year freeze, we should have a great bloom. My irises are growing like crazy, as are my roses. I'm really looking forward to Saturday's meeting on "landscaping with irises in Tucson." Believe it or not, I get to start over with a clean slate. I'm having a new house built over in the Dell Webb community. Don't worry, I got a corner lot and will have plenty of room for garden. In fact, my back wall will be over 100 feet long and faces west. My 3,000 square foot home is just too big now that there are only 2 of us. So we're downsizing to 2,000 square feet.

We're very fortunate to have a world renown judge in our group and in March we are going to learn Kathy's secrets on preparing irises for show. Then we get to use what we learn at our April 15th show. It is my hope that we'll have a lot of exhibiter's. One of the beauties of having the show at TBG is that everyone will also get to see the iris garden at TBG which should be in full bloom. We also have some potted irises for sale. We thinned out part of the TBG iris bed last fall and potted over 100 irises.

The National Convention should be a great show. Kathy Chilton is the co-chair and I know she's been working like crazy to see that it's a success. It's so close this year, Ontario CA, that I hope several of you take the opportunity to attend. It will be years before it's this close again. Next year it will be in the Dallas area.

Another exiting thing for me about this year's convention is that I actually have some entries in the garden's. One of my seedlings will be in the "Blind judging garden." this means that the irises will be numbered and know one will know the hybridizer. That puts us unknowns on the same footing as the famous hybridizers. I also sent the Vance George iris that was created by Margie and named for my choir director with the San Francisco Symphony Chorus. I was able to present him with the iris at a concert I was in at Carnegie Hall.

By Gordon Jensen



Unfortunately, our Vice President had to bow out because of other commitments. Fortunately Gary Carruthers has agreed to fill in. Gary has previously be president of the Tucson Rose Society and has been an active member of TAIS for several years. Please help me welcome him as an officer in TAIS.

Thanks
Gordon





TUCSON AREA IRIS SOCIETY (TAIS) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)

PHONE _____ EMAIL

Make checks payable to TAIS. Check Category below:
Single \$15 _____ Dual \$18 _____ Youth \$5 _____

Mail this and your check to;
HL Swain, Treasurer, 4532 E HOLMES, Tucson, AZ 85711

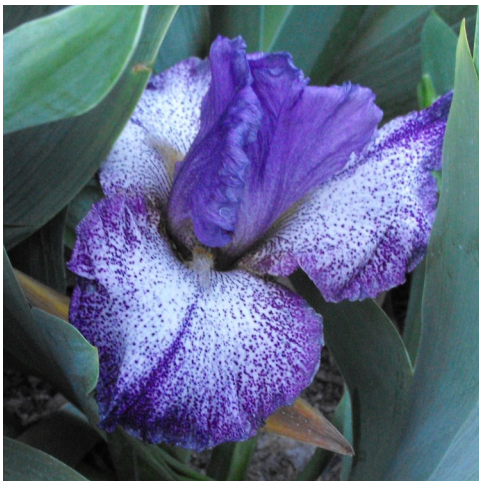
- Please check all opportunities that you would be interested in:
- _____ Assist at iris sales
 - _____ Assist at Spring Show
 - _____ Bring treats to a meeting



Cherry Glen



Avery's Hugs



Celestial Explosion



Star Surge

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