

RAMBLING RHIZOMES

January 2007

Newsletter of the Tucson Area Iris Society



JANUARY 27TH MEETING

**At Marie Callender's
Restaurant**

Tucson Mall, Oracle Rd & Wetmore



**LUNCH @ 1:00PM (dutch)
PROGRAM @ 2:30PM**

Featuring

**VINCENT CHRISTOPHERSON
OF
ACCENT IRIS GARDENS**

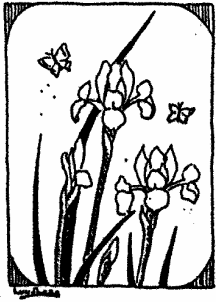


**IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR
TAIS MEMBERSHIP!!**

**WE WANT YOU—WE NEED YOU!
DON'T MISS OUT!**

**Fill out the Membership Form in this Newsletter.
Mail it in or bring it to the meeting!**





Peggi's Corner

from TAIS President Peggi Ishman

First of all, I would like to wish every TAIS member a Happy New Year! We have a great line-up of programs and events scheduled for 2007. Kathy Chilton has gotten Vincent Christopherson for the January 27th program, which will include an optional lunch at 1:00 p.m. at Marie Callender's Restaurant on the south side of the Tucson Mall parking lot at 220 W. Wetmore Rd. His talk will begin at 2:00 or 2:30 p.m. depending on when we wrap up the luncheon. This should be a wonderful slide show and informational update from one of the up and coming iris hybridizers. What a start for the year!

Look for the rest of the meetings dates and events we have planned elsewhere in this issue of the January Rambling Rhizomes. Hang on, this will be an exciting year!

I want to encourage all our members to renew their TAIS membership dues, and to also think of joining the American Iris Society to start receiving the AIS quarterly bulletin that membership includes. This year's annual AIS convention is close by in Oklahoma City, OK and should be a good one to plan on attending. The garden tours give you the opportunity to see the latest and greatest in new irises, beside meeting gardeners from all over the country and world.

Membership in TAIS includes your meetings, a chance to display your prize winning irises in either design or horticultural exhibits at our annual mall spring show in April, receive the member discounted prices for rhizomes at our various sales, and attend the fun auction and potluck.

This year we will be adding a Christmas party. These events will also have raffles, door prizes. By renewing or giving a gift membership you will receive the Ramblings Rhizomes Newsletter with tips on what to do each month in the garden. This year we are offering the option to receive the newsletter by e-mail. It will be a cost savings measure for the club, and will arrive in your home faster than snail mail. If doing that sounds better for you, check the box for that option, and include your e-mail address when you renew your 2007 dues.

I hope every TAIS member will consider the gifts that membership affords them. These include the comradery and helpful wisdom of fellow iris gardeners and the enjoyment of attending meetings and events that keep you better informed on growing your beautiful irises. There is real joy in sharing the knowledge you have with those just starting out. TAIS offers a network of iris friends that share your love of this hobby.

This month in the garden we should be weeding, removing brown leaves from the clumps and starting our fertilizing for a great bloom in April. I'm sure you are seeing the new green shoots coming up around the old rhizomes now. Our recent rain was perfectly timed. I am using 10-30-20 OR 20-20-20 on the irises this month. Either of these fertilizers are good to apply monthly now. It is a good time to update the garden plot map information, if you haven't already. I also am working on making sure all the iris signs are clear, correct, and up to date. If you keep records on the irises you grow, this is the time to update your lists and any other records to what you currently have in the garden.

If any members have questions please call me on 825-1771.
See you at the meeting on Saturday the 27th.

Happy gardening!
Peggi

OCTOBER 2006 MEETING



The October TAIS meeting held in Maxine Fifer's beautiful poolside patio and porch was our most attended meeting to date in 2006 with 30 members. It was a lovely sunny morning, and we were well fed by Maxine and her daughter Susan Fifer making custom designed omelettes in a bag for the TAIS members. Tasty! Thank you, Maxine, both for hostessing and providing a wonderful location and assortment of refreshments to go with the omelettes.

Elections were held and all TAIS officers and 3 board members were reelected.

The new iris program was the main focus of the meeting with over 50 potted new 2006 introduction (these are normally \$50.00 each) irises being given away to members and officers who helped out with our TAIS events. These will now be grown in our gardens for the next two years. Then we will be donating the increases from them to the fall rhizome sales. This program allows us to have new expensive rhizomes climaxed and available back into the club gardens through our sales at a really reduced cost for the members

It was a wonderfully fun time for all those in attendance.

TAIS 2007 CALENDAR

JANUARY 27, SAT. 1pm	VINCENT CHRISTOPHERSON "SPACEAGE IRISES"
FEBRUARY 17, SAT. 1PM	BOB VAN LIERE "IRISES4U GARDEN"
MARCH 10, SAT. 1PM (MARCH TBG SALE??)	EILEEN FIUMARA FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP
APRIL 15, SUN 1-5 PM	SPRING SHOW (ONE DAY SHOW) FOOTHILLS MALL
APRIL 21-22	REGION 15 SPRING TREK RIVERSIDE, CA
APRIL 22	ISHMAN GARDEN TOUR FUNDRAISER
APRIL 30-May 5	AIS NAT'L CONVENTION OKLAHOMA CITY, OK
JUNE 16, SAT 1PM	OKC CONVENTION RECAP KATHY CHILTON
AUGUST 25, SAT 5PM	POTLUCK/AUCTION
SEPTEMBER 15, SAT. 9-4 (SEPT/OCT TBG SALE??)	RHIZOME SALE AT HARLOW'S
OCTOBER 20, SAT. 1PM	ELECTION, NEW IRISES
NOVEMBER	BD MTG (TBA)
DECEMBER 8, SAT 12:00PM	HOLIDAY PARTY

Check our website for updates and additional information!

TAIS NEWS

TAIS BOARD MEETING 11/15/05 AUSTIN'S RESTAURANT

All present except: Charlotte Clarke, Ben Herman, Perri Larson
 Meeting called to order by Peggi at 5:40 pm.
 6/17/06 Minutes: MSP approving
 2007 events currently scheduled (additional events/sales awaiting finalization):
 1/27, 1 pm: Vincent Christopherson, "Space Age Irises"
 2/17, 1 pm: Bob Van Liere, "Iris4U Garden"
 3/10, 1 pm: Eileen Fiumara, "Flowering Arranging Workshop"
 Sun., 4/15, 1-5 pm: Spring Show & Sale, Foothills Mall
 6/16, 1 pm: Kathy Chilton, "Oklahoma City AIS Convention Recap"
 8/25, 5:00 pm: Potluck/Auction
 9/15, 9am - 4pm: rhizome sale at Harlows
 12/8, Noon: Christmas/Holiday party with cookie/recipe exchange & silent auction.
 Sale of raffle tickets for iris items as a fundraiser at every meeting discussed.
 Financial report: Balance on hand 11/15/06 \$5,040; proposed budget for 2007 \$9,265
 Newsletter distribution: 68 of the 100 presently receiving have email. In an effort to reduce postage and printing costs, it was decided to ask on member renewal forms if members want to receive by email or snail mail.
 Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.
 Next board meeting: 6/16/07 following regular meeting

IT'S THAT TIME . . .

If your name DOES NOT appear below, please complete the Renewal Application for TAIS below and mail with your dues **NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31st**. New directories will be available at the February meeting.

The following are paid up for 2007: Shirley Andrews, Karen Bergamo, Ruth Cely, Ina Gable, Werner Kuster.

Name(s) _____ Phone # _____

2nd name if dual membership (in same household) _____

Address _____ email _____

(√ box) Single \$10 ___ Dual \$13 ___ Youth \$5 ___ Total \$ _____

TOTAL CHECK ENCLOSED (Make check payable to TAIS) \$ _____

I would like to:

___ Receive newsletters by email (instead of snail mail hard copies)

___ Assist at the 4/15/07 Spring Show (Foothills Mall)

___ Assist with the Fall Iris Sales (dates and places TBA);

___ Assist at the TBG Sales

___ Bring treats to a meeting

___ Help with the newsletter

___ Care for TBG's iris bed the month of _____

Mail Application to Sue Burg, Member Chair, 4115 N. Avenida Del Cazador Tucson, AZ 85718
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