



RAMBLING RHIZOMES

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Newsletter of the Tucson Area Iris Society

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OCTOBER 20TH MEETING

9:00 AM

At the home of Maxine Fifer

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**(From River Rd & Swan—go East on River about 1/4 mile to Cmo. Cardenal
Turn left & follow it about a mile 'til you see the Black Cat mailbox on the left)**

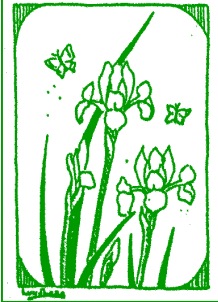
- **REGION 15 AUCTION**
- **NEW IRIS GIVEAWAY**
- **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**



CASTING CROWNS



GRATEFUL PRAISE



Peggi Ishman, our TAIS President of the last two years, has resigned due to personal reasons.

I know you all appreciate the wonderful job she has done and the tremendous amount of effort she expended to do the very best she could for TAIS. She was a joy to work with and brought a wonderful positive attitude to the position. Peggi and Richard are preparing to sell their home and wonderful garden. Richard is nearing retirement, and they plan to buy a motor-home and travel our great country for a few years. They will be missed tremendously and I wish them all the best. Please send us reports on your travel, Peggi, and I hope you will again settle down in Tucson when your wandering days are through!

TAIS October Meeting

Please come to the October 20th meeting and be prepared to take home some of the newest and most beautiful irises available anywhere. Between the Region Auction and the New Iris giveaways, it will be a wonderful opportunity to add some exciting irises to your gardens.

As Vice-President, I (Kathy Chilton) will finish out the few weeks until our Elections as

Acting President. We need to find some new officers at the October 20th meeting. Joyce Slekar will also be ending her term as Treasurer. We need to start over and choose a new slate of officers for 2008. The next two years have some exciting challenges, as we are scheduled to host the 2010 Region 15 Spring Trek here in Tucson.

I would challenge all our members to think about what you enjoy about TAIS and what events you like to participate in. What ways do you think we can improve & make membership more enjoyable?? I hope to start a dialog that will help us all have more fun & accomplish our goals at the same time, so put on your thinking caps & contribute your ideas and thoughts.

I will be attending the Region 15 Fall Meeting in San Diego on October 12th & 13th. I hope that some of you will also plan to join me in what will be a delightful series of programs about reblooming irises. There will be lots of giveaways and door prizes, as well as a well-stocked raffle & boutique—all in beautiful, cool San Diego. They are also planning a display of reblooming irises for our enjoyment. The San Diego club has put a lot of work into putting on a great time for all of us—please join me in attending!

~ Kathy



TAIS is saddened by the loss of **Fran Bessey**, a long-time member of the Tucson Area Iris Society. Paul and Fran Bessey were profiled in our February 2007 Newsletter.

A memorial service will be December 20th, which would have been their 60th wedding anniversary, at their home and from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

New Iris Program

We have a large collection of 2007 Introduction irises to be presented to the winners of the drawings at all our meetings this year.

If you have worked at TBG, our Show, our Sales, contributed meeting refreshments, served as an officer, etc., ***we have irises for you!***

These include new intros from Keith Keppel, Paul Black, Joe Ghio, Tom Johnson, Sutton's, etc. Make sure to come to the October meeting to claim your prizes. ***All irises will be distributed at the meeting!!!***

VINCENT CHRISTOPHERSON of ACCENT IRIS GARDEN has sent irises for the January meeting Winners :

Jeannie Allen, Navajo Code
Carolyn Cowan, Navajo Code
Ben Herman, Heartbeat Away
Joani (daughter Heather) Mahmoodi, In a Heartbeat
Stephanie Lee, Make A Wish
Irene Watkins, Make A Wish
Bert Detwiler, Magic Moonbeams
Doug Larsen, Magic Moonbeams



TAIS volunteers who traveled to Safford to dig irises donated for our sale by Terrell Taylor. Pictured are: Peggi Ishman, Gary Carruthers, Arlene Framboise, Kathy Chilton, Diane Curran, Terrel Taylor, and Bert Detwiler.



SALES RESULTS

Congratulations, TAIS members!!



All of you who volunteered your time and energy to our sales at Harlow's and Tucson Botanical Garden deserve a huge pat on the back!

Special thanks to Peggi Ishman and Ben Herman for co-chairing the sales, to all of you who dug, marked and hauled irises into the sales, and to Arlene Framboise for hauling everything off after it was all over!

Full report at the October meeting!



HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday, December 8th



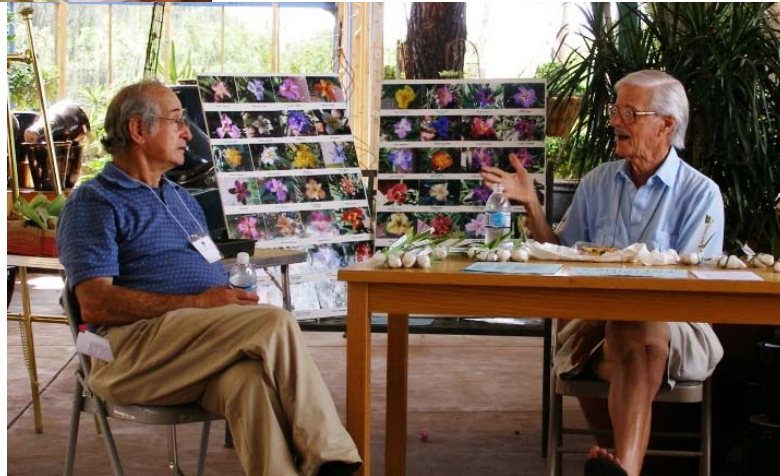
We need a location to celebrate the Holidays and a successful year for TAIS!

If you would be willing to host a Potluck and/or Cookie exchange, please call Kathy at 591-1729.

Another option would be meeting for lunch at a restaurant (dutch treat).

To be settled at the October meeting.....

HARLOW'S SALE





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