



RAMBLING RHIZOMES

April 2008

Newsletter of the Tucson Area Iris Society
tucsoniris.org



TAIS MEETING SATURDAY, April 12th

Tucson Botanical Gardens
from 10-noon.

Those not members of TBG must pay T
entrance fee.

“Hybridizing Iris”

By

Kathy Chilton



Black Hills Gold



Earthborn

Spring show and Sale at the Foothills Mall April 13th



Batik and Saguaro – Courtesy of Dian Curran

Things to do

- Tour to Phoenix – email to redheadclan@cox.net if you hare planning to accompany us on our trip to Phoenix. Details below.
- Iris Show – email to redheadclan@cox.net if you plan on showing iris on the 13th.
- Iris Sale – email to redheadclan@cox.net if you have iris in pots to sell, and how many.
- Be sure to sign up to volunteer at the show and sale. Sign up form sent separately.

Instructions for preparing Iris for show

- Cut the iris stalks at the very bottom, near the rhizome. Try to touch the stem as little as possible - handle at the leaf bases.
- Put them in a container with water.
- Bring them to the show during the entry hours - 7am-9am.
- You need to know the name of the variety. The hybridizer would be helpful, but can be looked up.
- Kathy Chilton will be on hand to prepare them at the show for those of us who are new to showing iris.

TAIS CALENDAR 2008

April 12th: Kathy Chilton will present on "How to hybridize Iris" at the Tucson Botanical Gardens between 10 and 12

April 13th: Spring show at the Foothills Mall.

April 19th: Car pool trip to Phoenix for garden tours with the Sun Country Iris Club. We will leave from Walmart, just west of I10 at I-10 & Cortaro Farms by 7 AM. Please email Gordon Jensen at redheadclan@cox.net to sign up by April 14th.

August 23rd: Potluck and iris auction – at the home of Dr. Paul Bessey.

September 13th: Tucson Botanical Garden dig for sale.

September 20th: TAIS sale at Harlow's Nursery

September 27th: TAIS Tucson Botanical Garden Sale

October 4th: Fall meeting with recap of AIS convention in Austin by Kathy Chilton, election of new officers.

TAIS FINANCIAL STATEMENT

3/01/08-4/01/08

Balance on hand 3/01/08
\$5,170.19

Receipts - None

Expenditures

Outgoing President's gift	34.95	
Jan-Feb-March newsletters		
Postage	37.31	
Printing	44.71	82.02
Total expenditures		<u>116.97</u>
Balance on hand 4/1/08		5,053.22





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