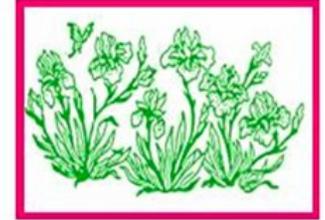


RAMBLING RHIZOMES
October 2008

Newsletter of the Tucson Area Iris Society

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- TAIS CALENDAR 2008
- October 18th: Fall meeting with recap of AIS convention in Austin by Kathy Chilton, election of new officers.

Fall Meeting, Saturday, October 18th

Mountain Oyster Club on E. El Dorado Circle, just NE of the Speedway/ Wilmot intersection.

Arrive starting at 11:30am. (gives some time to look at the art collection)

Lunch will be served at 12 noon
The program will start at 12:45pm
Board meeting to follow program.

Cost for Lunch will be \$15.00 payable to Kathy Chilton - pay when you arrive.

Menu: Choice of:

Chicken Caesar Salad or
Soup & Sandwich with cole slaw.
(Chicken Tortilla Soup, Roast Beef or Tuna Sandwich.)

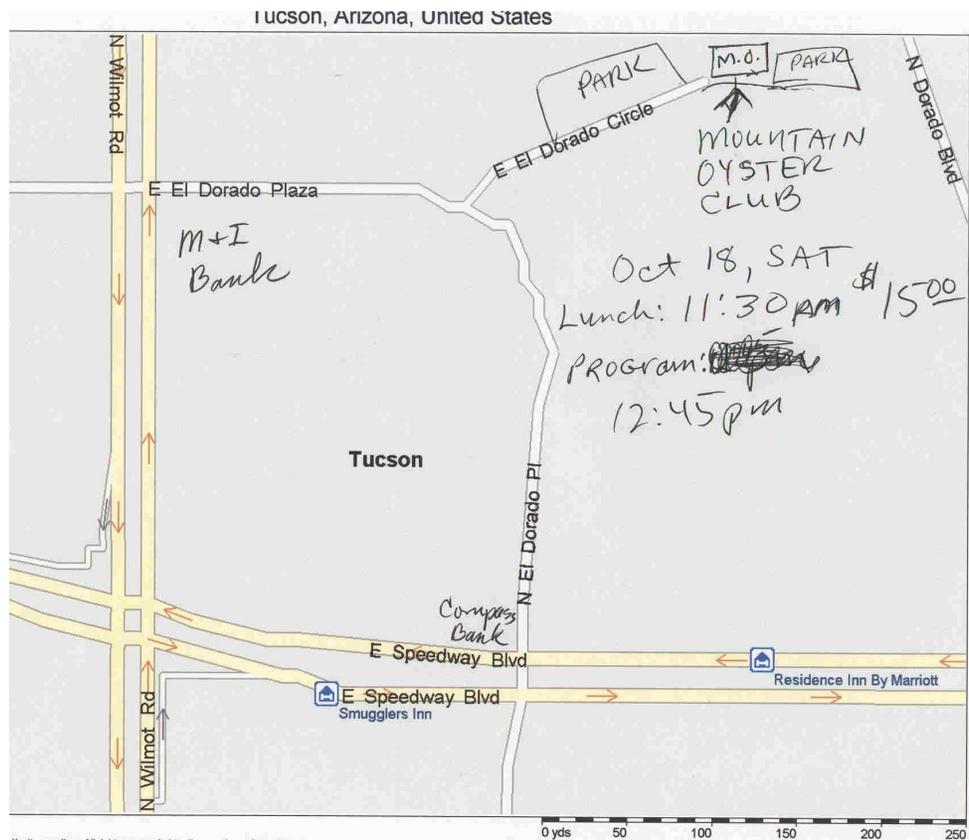
Includes choice of:
Cheesecake or Creme Brulee for Dessert

Coffee or Tea included.

Kathy will present a recap the AIS convention. The meeting will include election of officers and a discussion of plans for next year. Please come and participate.

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Election of officers

Slate of Officers :

Pres: Kathy Chilton
VP: Ben Herman
Sec.: Dian Curran
Treas: Maxine Fifer

Board Members:

2008-09:
Paul Bessey
Gary Carruthers
Ginny Hester

2009-2010:
Carolyn Cowan
Gordon Jensen
Fred Thorpe

Nominations can be made from the floor.

How I do it-Preparing Iris for winter by Kathy Chilton

In Tucson, irises grow over the winter months, after going mostly dormant during the hot summer. October is a good month to fertilize, so as to promote good vigorous development of rhizomes. You can dig in a balanced fertilizer, like Osmocote, between the clumps. Try to get it down several inches where it can be available to the

roots. MiracleGro can be used, but wait until it cools off, so the higher nitrogen won't fuel rot. MiracleGro needs to be applied monthly, while granular should last until the next regular fertilizing time, which is February. Remove dead & fading leaves to encourage new growth and increase air circulation. It is all right to trim off dry leaf tips for cosmetic

reasons, but not necessary.

Water regularly, but let the top layer of soil dry out between watering. This is also a good time to apply a weed preventer (pre-emergent) like Amaze. Sprinkle it lightly across the iris bed & then water it in thoroughly to prevent a winter weed crop.

HARLOW SALE REPORT . . .

Thanks to the support of 16 members, the sale was a great success. Saturday sales totaled \$1796 and Sunday sales totaled \$737 for a total of \$2533 in sales and \$43 in new memberships! Many thanks to the 12 members who agreed to "babysit" over 500 leftover rhizomes which should make for a super spring sale.

TREASURER'S REPORT . . .

As of 9/30/08 balance is \$5,325.29.



**All
in a
row**

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE . . .

Joining at the Harlow sale:

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Evelyn B. Wood, 613 Arizona, Bisbee 85603-1507, 520/432-2625

Also:

Leeann Shoef, POB 356, Vail 85641, 762-5198, lshoaf@g.com
Dr. A. & Maren McRae, POB 1946, Tubac 85646-1946, 520/398-2467, maren.mcrae@gmail.com

The McRaes heard about TAIS through the nursery in Green Valley. Dr. McRae was a dentist on the American side of Nogales for 36 years, and now has a practice in Green Valley. The couple have 8 children and have lived in Tubac 31 years.

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