



RAMBLING RHIZOMES

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Newsletter of the Tucson Area Iris Society

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TAIS MEETING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16th

ROMA CAFÉ
4140 W. Ina Road
(Between I-10 & Thornydale, N. side)

Lunch @ 11:30
Program @ 12:30



“EXOTIC ARILBREDS”

By
KATHY CHILTON



TAIS CALENDAR 2008

JANUARY 19th - 11:00AM Lunch meeting, at Cafe Ramey. Speaker Larry Lauer

FEBRUARY 16th - 11:30 AM Lunch at Roma Café, 4140 W. Ina Rd. Program @ 12:30 "Exotic Aril-breds" a Digital Powerpoint program by Kathy Chilton.

MARCH 15Th: Margie Valenzuela will present on hybridizing and showing iris.

APRIL 5Th - Proposed bus trip to Phoenix.

APRIL 13th - Spring show at Foothills mall.

AUGUST 23rd - Potluck and Region 15 auction - at the home of Dr. Paul Bessey

SEPTEMBER 13th - Tucson Botanical Garden dig for sale.

SEPTEMBER 20th - Fall sale at Harlow's nursery

SEPTEMBER 27TH - Tucson Botanic Garden sale

OCTOBER 4th - Fall meeting with recap of AIS convention in Austin by Kathy Chilton, election of new officers and distribution of New Iris Program rhizomes.

TAIS FINANCIAL STATEMENT 11/1/07-1/31/08

BALANCE ON HAND 10/31/07		6,154.48
RECEIPTS		
DUES	235.00	
LUNCHEON	<u>187.00</u>	<u>422.00</u>
		6,576.48
EXPENDITURES		
CHECKS	21.50	
BESSEY MEMORIAL	100.00	
LAUER MEETING	375.04	
LUNCHEON	204.00	
JANKOWSKI/TBG	24.00	
AIS AFFILIATION	50.00	
VALENZUELA/WEB	<u>450.00</u>	<u>1,224.54</u>
BALANCE ON HAND 1/31/08		5,351.94

Just a brief President's update this month. We started off the year wonderfully with a fantastic opportunity to meet and listen to Dykes Medal hybridizer Larry Lauer. I think everybody loves iris presentations but it is really special to have the hybridizer there to give you some background information on what went into the hybridizing of that specific iris. Many thanks to Larry and his wife for driving down to Tucson to share his time with us. Maxine picked a great place for lunch – in fact they had to shoo us out of there.

I plotted the Zip codes of TAIS 2007 members, and after throwing out the non Tucson Zips, I found that 24% live in the northwest, 24% live in central Tucson, 21% are on the south side of Tucson (southeast and southwest were combined – and this included Vail), 12% live east of Wilmot, and 18% live north of River Rd and up into the foothills. If those members living in the southern, eastern, and northern areas would scout out some future meeting places that would be very helpful. I would like to rotate to different parts of town for our meetings. As I am not familiar with those areas of town, I would appreciate some input at the February meeting regarding a site for the March 15th meeting.

Iris growers are updating their websites for 2008, and soon new catalogs will show up in the mail. Don't throw those old (or new) catalogs away! TAIS uses catalog photos at the iris sales so people can see what the iris will look like.

Gordon Jensen redheadclan@cox.net will be taking over as the Editor of Rambling Rhizomes, many thanks to Kathy for all of her marvelous past issues.

Winners of Larry Lauer Iris

Drawings:

Its All Right – Kathy Chilton
That's Hot – Stephanie Lee
Ragin River – Gordon Jensen
Royal Express – Jeannie Allen
Staying Alive – Stan Jankowski
And Away We Go – Christina Karchner
Drive My Car – Fred Thorpe
California Fiesta – Ginny Hester
Company of One – Bert Detwiler
Heather Marie – Kevin Karchner

You can request Larry's 2008 catalog by e-mail:

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or snail mail:

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Door Prize Winners @ Jan 19

Meeting:

Maxine Fifer, Gordon Jensen, Stan Jankowski
Sue Burg, Ina Gable, Dian Curran, Ben Herman
Carolyn Cowan, Jeannie Allen, Bert Detwiler
Christina Karchner, Stephanie Lee

*****Door prizes needed for Feb 16 Meeting*****

This is your LAST newsletter, if you haven't paid your 2008 dues!!



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