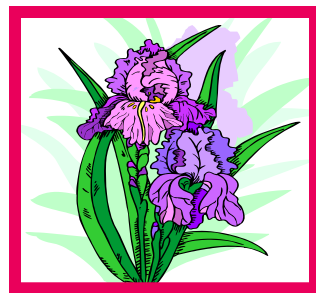


RAMBLING RHIZOMES
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Newsletter of the Tucson Area Iris Society

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TAIS CALENDAR 2009

- August 22 5:00 TBG Potluck and auction
- Sept 12-13 TBG Dig and replant on 19-20.
- September Sale at TBG 25th and 26th
- October 24 meeting to vote for Officers and board members.

Potluck and Auction
August 22 5:00-7:00
At TBG

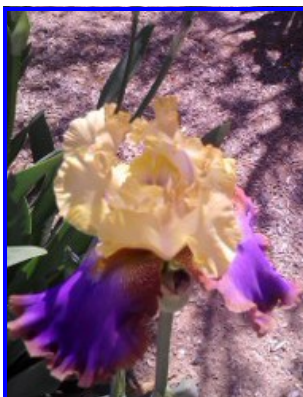
Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N. Alvernon Way, has generously made available Porter Hall and access to the gardens, free of charge (ordinarily a \$400 fee), for our potluck/auction event, beginning at 5 p.m. This is a great opportunity for you to bring along guests, arrive early and stroll through the gardens and then enjoy scrumptious food, good conversation, and - since you'll be bringing your purse (earmarked for irises), a chance to get involved in the brisk competition to buy, buy, buy! Just bring your favorite potluck goodie (tableware, ice, tea, water will be available) and join in one of TAIS' favorite events! The irises auctioned off at our annual auction are some of the "Guest" irises from this year's trek in Phoenix. Those of us that attended are looking forward to purchasing some of the beautiful irises we saw. I am including some pictures I took on the trek to whet your appetite.



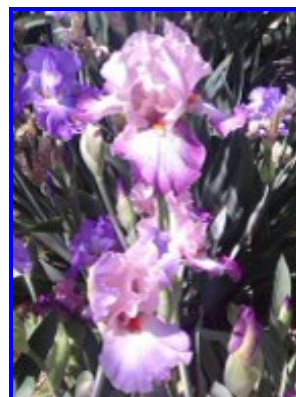
Indian Sunset
Lauer 2007



Peekaboo Zebu
Kasperek 2005



Rachel Julia
Edwards 2009



Staying Alive
Lauer 2008

Next year, Region 15 Trek will be here in Tucson on April 17th. We have four gardens that have been growing guest Iris since last fall. Below are some of the Iris that will be featured at next year's Trek.



Seedling TBSYNC
Deaton



Teeny Bopper
2009 Keppel

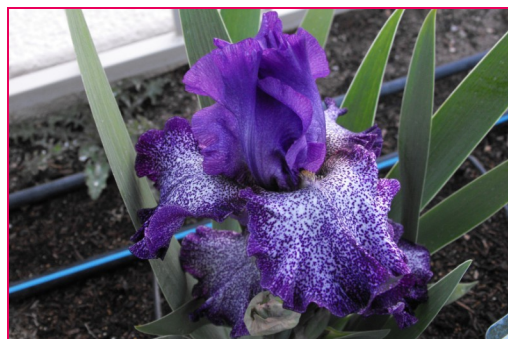
Pictures by Gordon Jensen



Seedling 22-685
Van Liere



Neuveau Riche
2008 Keppel



Celestial Explosion
2004 Tasco



Easter Wonder
2008 Valenzuela



Calabash
2008 Sutton



White Hot
2008 Tasco



Orange King
2008 Schreiner



None Surpassed
2006 Earnst



Seedling 2125-3
Lauer



Dakota Smoke
2008 Schreiner

Minutes of the July 18th 2009 Board Meeting

Location was at Martha Cooper Public Library

Attendees included Gordon Jensen, Fred Thorpe, Paul Bessey, Carolyn Cowan, Maxine Fifer, Kathy Chilton, Ben Herman, Ginny Hester and Dian Curran

- Meeting started at 1:40pm
 - Meeting started with discussion of the calendar for the remaining of the year
 - o The annual potluck and auction was moved up to Aug 22nd due to some conflicts with the original date of Aug 29th. It was brought up that we can have one event at no cost at the Tucson Botanical gardens (TBG). If this is the case and Aug 22nd does not conflict with something they have there, we will have it there otherwise it will be held at Gordon's house.
 - o Digging at Tucson Botanical Gardens – Sept. 12-13 along with Sept 19-20 if work is not finished during the weekend of the 12th.
 - o The fall sale at TBG will coincide with their fall sale Sept 25-26th. We will not do Harlow's this fall but instead will pot the leftovers of the TBG sale and sell them at Harlow's in the spring. There was some talk of having a potting party at Dian's house but no date or final decision was made.
 - o The fall Regional Trek will be held in Lompoc California on Oct. 9-10th.
 - o The next member meeting will be held on Oct. 24th at a location TBD. This member meeting will call for nominations of new board members. However, even though we encourage volunteers from qualified members (those who are members of AIS for at least a year), we have enough from the present board who wish to renew to not need new candidates. An announcement of this will be made in the upcoming newsletter and at the auction.
 - o We got an award plaque from TBG. It will be displayed there.
- Our Spring Trek will be held Apr. 17th, 2010.
- ✦ The region gives us \$1500 for speakers, expenses, awards and supplies needed to run the trek. We will try to keep it low budget.
 - ✦ We will organize self-transport and car pooling to the various gardens. Volunteers will provide refreshments.
 - ✦ The registration fee will be \$50/person and will cover the banquet.
 - ✦ Ben will check with local weather stations for help in publicity. Maybe they could do a weather forecast from one of the gardens just prior to the trek.
 - ✦ Paul will do a column in the paper on the Spring Trek.
 - ✦ Judges training will be held at Fenwick's garden.
 - ✦ Meeting adjourned at 2:50pm

Next board meeting will be Oct 24th after the member meeting. Location and time TBD

News and announcements

We will be looking for volunteers to dig and divide iris at TBG on Sept. 12th & 13th as well as the 19th and 20th. We also need volunteers for the sale at TBG on the 25th and 26th, so please leave your calendars clear. Also, get your iris divided and your extras ready for the sale. Please notify Maxine of the names and numbers of rhizomes you will have for the sale. Also remember that you receive a free iris for each event you volunteer for. We are going to have a lot of member iris at the sale. If you need advise on dividing iris, refer to the article in the September 2008 news letter. You will find it at the TAIS web site www.Tucsoniris.org.

The October meeting will include the election of officers and board members for 2010. The existing officers and board members have volunteered to stay on. If anyone is interested in being on the board or desires to be one of the officers for next year, please notify one of the officers or board members.

DOWN MEMORY LANE . . .

In the fall of '65, Society was launched by Jen Jasper and Joe Fairbanks.

5/7/80 - Memo to members TAIS: Our list of 60 members is very impressive on people but when it comes to participation, we can't count on more than 10 members for any activity. Options discussed: Do we disband? Do we continue? Do we wish to schedule a sale this September? Do we wish to schedule a show for April '81? (14 members entered show, 114 "stalks" entered.

1982 Roster included 29 families (Besseys, Detwiler, Fifers)

4/20-21/85 - 300 TB entries at Park Mall

4/86 - Silver medal for most blue ribbons won by Alex Brittain with 40! Titan's Glory chosen Queen of Show (again in 1992)

4/11-12/87 - Gary Carruthers wins Queen of Show with Heather Blush

1/23/89 - Club the second year of planting at TBG

3/91 - 34 members present for the meeting!

4/17/92 - Show had 303 entries, 20 artistic entries, Jim Sinski had 30 blue ribbons

1/94 - 5 members drawn for \$250 toward their Portland AIS Convention expenses

3/14/94 - "Eligible point system for New Iris Program" initiated

April '94 TAIS events - 4/2 Exhibition show (104 specimens!); 4/10 Members Garden Tour; 4/16-17 Show/Sale (253 specimens!); 4/23-24 booth at the County Fair!

8/94 - TAIS attempting to plant a complete collection of Dykes Medal Iris at TBG; members dug, divided, & labeled 500-800 iris!

1/95 - TAIS plans iris education & planting project at St. Luke's Home for Women

4/1/95 - Bus Tour to NW Tucson, Casa Grande (Myrleen Hunt), Phoenix (Shepards & Floyd Wickenkamp)

4/13/95 - Dr. Raymond C. Allen Memorial Iris Garden dedicated at TBG

4/12-14/96 - TAIS hosts Region 15 spring meeting & garden tour - 100 attendees

9/96 - Rhizome sale = \$6,494, net profit \$4,286

5/97 - Show at Park Mall in conjunction with Rose Society - 230 entries, 20 arrangements

8/97 - Mentor Program established - New members assigned to member of the board.

9/13-14/97 - TBG sale \$7,531, net profit \$4,883.79



Paul Bessey & Myself (Kathy Chilton) accepting TBG "Founder's Award" for TAIS and Tucson Gardeners. TBG gave these awards to groups that have been a part of TBG since the beginning & in TAIS's case, for maintaining the iris garden. I told them that I was honored to accept the award for TAIS & that Stan Jankowski should have accepted it!

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