



**RAMBLING RHIZOMES**  
**June 2009**

**Newsletter of the Tucson Area Iris Society**

**tucsoniris.org**



TAIS CALENDAR 2009

- August 29 Potluck and auction
- September Sale
- October 17 meeting

**TAIS Show**  
**and**  
**TBG Sale a Big Success**



**Queen Table**  
First place Gordon Jensen, Second place, Maxine Fifer



## The 2009 TAIS Show



Pictures by Lee Hester





Best Specimen in Show  
Afternoon Delight  
Shown by Gordon Jensen



Must Unite  
Shown by Maxine Fifer



Best Intermediate in Show  
Special Kay  
Shown by Ginny Hester





Black Mercury



Coral Point

#### SALE RESULTS:

Thanks to the following "Babysitters" who wonderfully nurtured the pots through the winter: Greta, HL, Charlotte, Bert, Susan, Melania, Paul, Kathy, Carolyn, Ginny, Ben, Arlene, Stan; and to the following who assisted at the TBG and Foothills sales: Kathy, Lucille, Paul, Ben, Gary, Gordon, Arlene, Dian, Ginny. TBS gross sales totaled \$1,632 (included \$56 new memberships). Foothill sales totaled \$363 (included \$30 new memberships). Congratulations on these stunning results!

For the volunteers who were not at the Show and would like to select from the following pots as your "awards," please contact either Ginny, 883-2475 (Elegant Girl, Klondike Lil, Lady Gretl Armitage, Lark Ascending, Lava Moonscape, Owyhee Desert, Say Okay, White Elephant) or Bert, 886-9040 (Habit, Helen Dawn, His Royal Highness) who can reserve those for you.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT:

From 11/1/08 to 6/1/09, receipts totaled \$2,408 and expenditures totaled \$2,128.31. Current bank balance is \$5,500.84.

#### INTRODUCING NEW MEMBERS

Fran Janssen and Ira Nadborne are dance enthusiasts (he teaches privately). Ira has lived here 18 years via NYC, FL, NYC, Tucson, and is a serious amateur entomologist. Fran is an artist and writes poetry. They have a butterfly garden, native wildflowers, perennials, etc. - and would love for you to drop by (mid-town).

Connie Steinman retired to Tucson over a year ago from Pennsylvania, where she was employed with the State of PA Medicaid Agency. She grew up in Missouri, has a sister in Oro Valley and will be helping her Mom (along with some PA iris) move to Tucson this summer. Before leaving PA, she learned at an herb festival in Lancaster that "Yes, iris do well in Arizona!" She purchased some pots at the Harlow sale and was thrilled that one of them bloomed.

Others not yet interviewed: Judy Constantine, Wenton Carlton, Katrina Goodman, Joyce Knill, Ronda Stock-Stanage and Barbara Tewksbury.

## **TAIS Contact Info**

**President, Kathy Chilton**

(520) 591-1729

[Ranchiris@aol.com](mailto:Ranchiris@aol.com)

**Vice President, Ben Herman**

**(520) 296-2129**

[herman@atmo.arizona.edu](mailto:herman@atmo.arizona.edu)

**Secretary, Dian Curran**

(520) 762-9710

[Dian\\_b\\_curran@raytheon.com](mailto:Dian_b_curran@raytheon.com)

**Treasurer, Maxine Fifer**

(520) 743-7993

[wetypefast@aol.com](mailto:wetypefast@aol.com)

**Editor: Gordon Jensen**

(520) 203-8259

[redheadclan@cox.net](mailto:redheadclan@cox.net)