



RAMBLING RHIZOMES
February 2010

Newsletter of the Tucson Area Iris Society

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- TAIS CALENDAR
- February 27 Meeting: We will have a presentation on Artistic flower picture framing. Please bring pictures to share.
- March 26, 27 Plant Sale ; TBG
- April 16, 17 Spring Trek. Locations are Fenwick's garden, Ben Herman's Garden, Paul Bessey's Garden, and Gordon Jensen's Garden.
- June 26 Meeting - topic and location TBD
- Aug 28-29 - Dig guest gardens.
- Sept 11 Potluck and auction
- September Sale - at Harlow's Nursery Date TBD
- October 16 meeting choose officers for 2011.

February 27th

12:00 Lunch

Sam Hughes Place

747 N. Campbell

Presentation:

Artistic Flower Picture Framing

By Jeff Clark with a Special Guest

Water color artist Deane Locke

Sam Hughes Place is located on the SE corner of N. Campbell and 6th St. Their luncheon menu consists of salads, overstuffed sandwiches, soup, soup and half sandwich or salad, all of which are \$10 to \$12. They also have more complete meals in the \$10 to \$15 range.

Program follows lunch: Jeff Clark has been doing framing for 9 years and has a quality printer. He can blow up good digital photos and has a matting machine that does perfect mats. His mother Deane Locke is an award winning water color artist from Yucca Valley who will bring a sample of her work with iris pictures.



Picture of "Vance George " Iris framed by Jeff Clark for presentation



"Purple & White Iris"
Watercolor by Deane Locke

Tucson 2010 "Low-Tech Trek"
(All the Fun - No Frills!)
Tucson, AZ
April 16th & 17th, 2010

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Headquarters: Ramada Inn & Suites Foothills www.ramadafoothillstucson.com

6944 East Tanque Verde Road

Tucson, AZ 85715

Phone (520)886-9595

Reserve by phone & mention "Iris Society" for rate: Regular room \$64.95 - Suite \$ 74.95

Free Breakfast & Happy Hour @ 5pm. All rooms have coffee maker, microwave & refrigerator.

Schedule

Friday, April 16th, 2010

Registration 2pm - 7:30pm

3:30pm **Region 15 Board Meeting**

4:30pm **2012 Convention Committee Meeting**

(Dinner on your own)

7:30pm **Judges Training -1Hour "Ethics" Karen Bergamo**

Saturday, April 17th

Registration 7:30am- 8:30am

8:30-11:30am -- 1pm-4pm : Garden Tours

- Maps & schedule available @ registration.

No busses - provide your own transportation. Lunch on your own.

6:00pm Buffet dinner & Meeting @ Hotel

(Chicken Divan, Grilled Veg., Salad, Rolls, Dessert)

Speaker: **Hugh Stout , Dancing Tree Iris & Daylilies, OKC**

Registration Form

Name(s) _____ Email (for confirmation) _____

Address: _____ State &

Zip _____

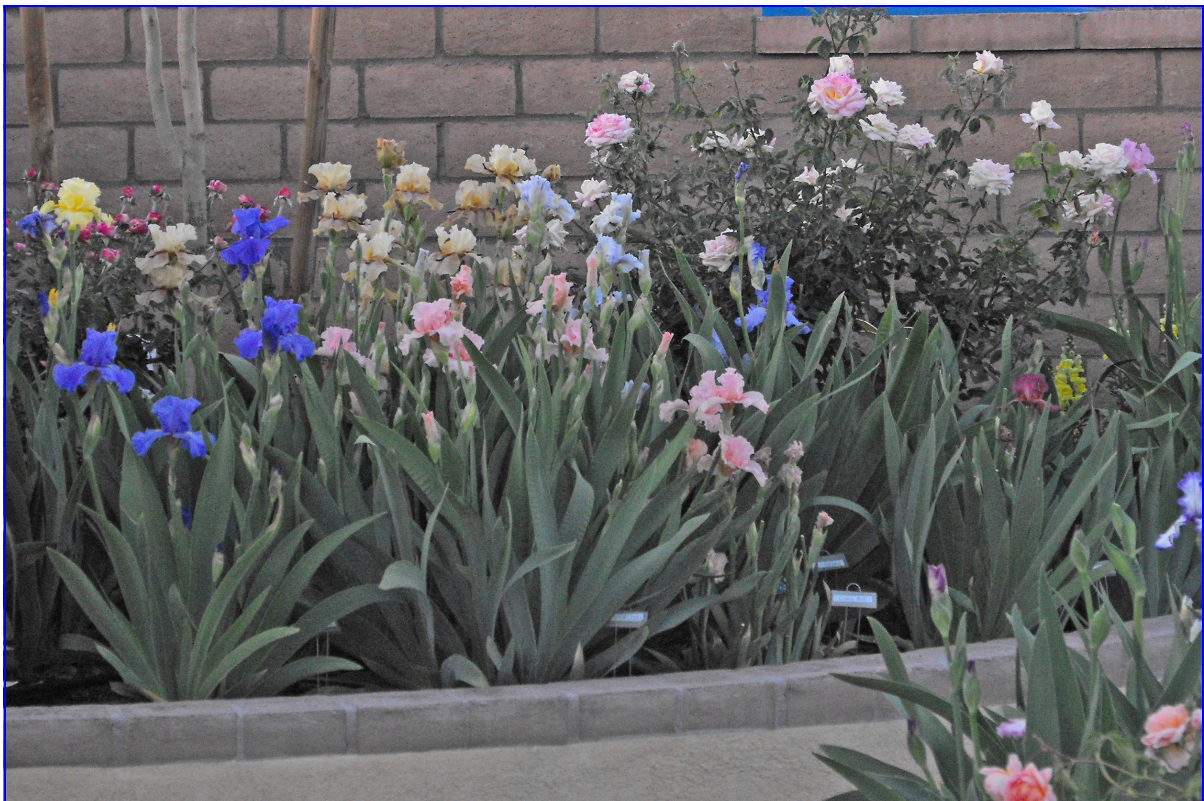
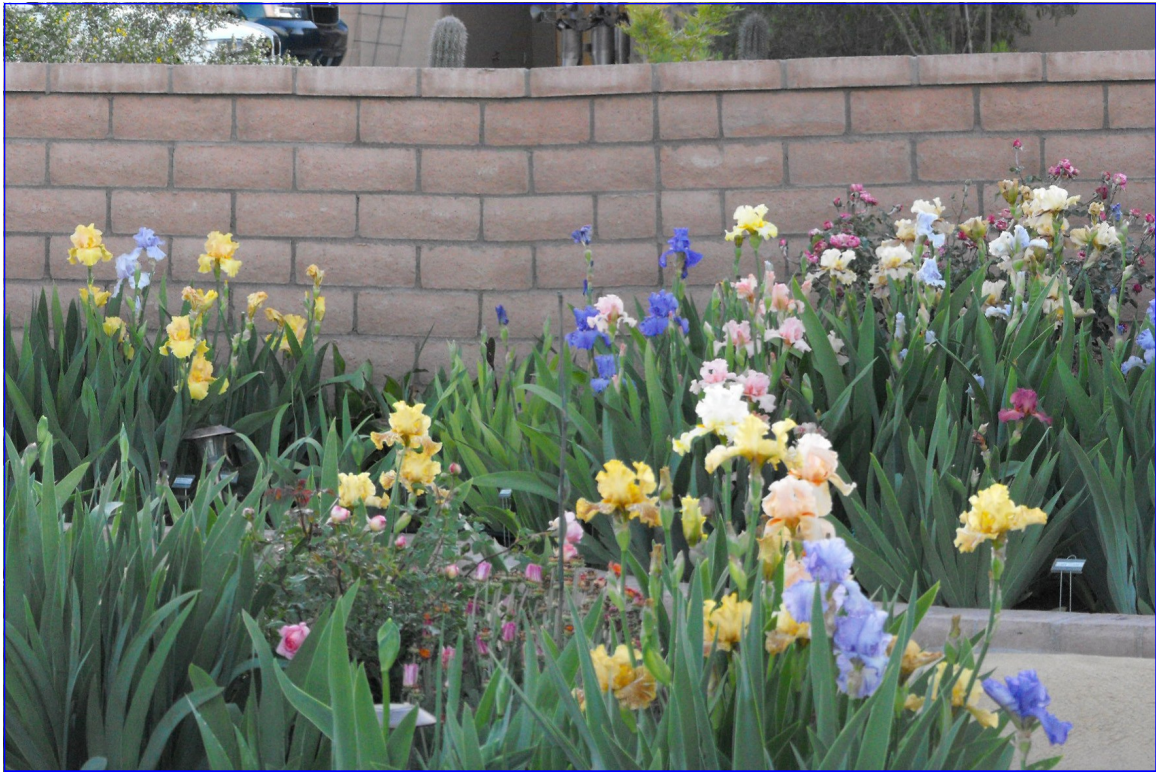
FULL REGISTRATION - includes Garden Tour & Banquet # _____ @ \$40.00 = \$ _____

Partial reg. (please circle choice) **GARDEN TOUR** or **BANQUET** Only # _____ @ \$20.00 = \$ _____

Make checks payable to TAIS. Total Enclosed \$ _____

Send form & payment to: MAXINE FIFER, 4527 N Camino Cardenal, Tucson, AZ 85718
(wetypefast@aol.com)

We need volunteers to Help the host's at each garden. Anyone willing to help out, contact Kathy, Gordon, Ben or Paul.



Gordon's Garden

Tucson Area Iris Society meeting January 23, 2010 at the El Parador Tucson Tropical Garden Restaurant Meeting unofficially called to order at 12:10pm. We started with an introduction of a new member Margaret Tewksbury. Then there was an introduction from each present where we all gave the name of our favorite iris along with a brief history of our iris experience.

Members present: Kathy Chilton, Carolyn Cowen, Dian Curran, Bert Detwiler, Maxine Fifer, Ben Herman, Ginny Hester, Gordon Jensen, Tony & Melinda Kutz, Frank & Ruth Over, HL Swain, Barbara Tewksbury.

Meeting officially started at 1pm with Kathy Chilton gave announcements on updates on the 2010 Spring Trek. The spring trek is April 16 – 17, 2010. On the 16th will be the board meeting and the tours will be on the 17th. The guest gardens are Gordon Jensen, Ben Herman, Paul Bessy and Richard & Diane Fenwick. Kathy will ask Margie Valenzuela if she will be willing to give a talk on the 17th. Cathy Chilton gave a presentation of Universal Reblooming TB Irises in 4-8 USDA Zones program on CD that is

distributed by the reblooming society. The climate regions covered here are not regions 4-8. What is meant here is that they show pictures of successful irises in several regions. The presentation with the least amount of regions is one with pictures from four regions, the most is eight different regions. An itemized list was passed out for the membership to take notes of the irises pictured. Care for encouraging reblooming: 1) Fertilize after spring bloom, 2) Water enough in the summer to prevent dormancy and 3) dig them up regularly and put them a little further apart.

Door prizes: Burt Detwiler, one of the mugs, Gordon Jensen the other mug, Maxine Fifer wall hanging, Tony Kutz one of the wall plaque Ben Herman the other wall plaque. Next month's meeting will be Jeff Clarke on his flower art on Feb 27th location TBD. Meeting adjourned at 2pm.

Financial report:

Income 1/1/09-12/31/09 = \$3,845

Memberships 549

Rhizome sales 3,396

Expenses 1/1/09-12/31/09 = \$4,877.42 (\$443.27/yr storage 2010-2011)

Proposed Expenses 2010 = \$3,460

Anticipated Income \$3,500



Ben's garden

TAIS board meeting.

Started at 2:10pm

Members present: Maxine Fifer, Ben Herman, Carolyn Cowen, Jenny Hester, Kathy Chilton, Gordon Jensen and Dian Curran.

Spring Trek: Have \$1500 from region to spend. Present known expenses are \$400 for port a johns, \$200 refreshments. Hotel will have complementary breakfast and happy hour. The hotel will be \$64.95 + tax. The honorarium of the speakers is furnished by the region. Registration fees are usually around \$100 but ours will be set to Lists and maps to the tour gardens will be furnished. Registrants will pick up their maps at the Ramada. The local members can also pick up the maps at Ben's.

Ben, Fenwik, 1hr tour, 1 hr judges training, lunch, Gordon then Paul then back to the Ramada Inn on east Tangua Verde (near Grant & Tanque Verde). There will then be dinner then evening program.

Meetings Friday: regional board of directors meeting, then the 2012 national convention meeting.

Budget: Maxine went over the 09 budget. She would like to make a budget for 10. No rhizomes last year because we got a bunch from TBG and Gordon. This year we will need to spend: Commercial rhizomes: \$600. Member rhizomes \$200. No garden markers. Advertizing: 150. Storage fees none this

year but it's a two year payment. Misc 100. Newsletter 19 snails, \$100. Web page upkeep \$450. Meeting/Program expenses: \$500. Corporation fees: \$10. Member directory – nothing just a printed copy. TBG commission \$500. Judges expenses: nothing, were not doing a spring show. AIS convention: \$500. Spring Show not doing it this year. Sale expenses \$50. New Iris program: 0. Memorial donations: \$50. TBG maintenance: \$100. Office expenses \$50. Region 15 auction 0. Affiliation fees \$50. Postage fees \$50. Possible projected expenses \$3460. Projected gains \$3500. The present balance is \$4377.42.

Other items: Kathy brought up the possibility of participating in the Nature Friendly plant presentation. It was decided that we would not do this.

Meetings & Events this year Feb 27th. Jeff Clarke. Apr 16-17 Spring Trek. May 15th. June 26th, Kathy will present a talk on this year's AIS meeting. Aug 28-29 guest iris dig-up. Sep 11th pot luck and auction. TBG/Harlow sale in Sep. Oct member meeting TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10pm

It's that time again. Time to renew our TAIS membership. Please file out the form below and either bring it to the meeting with your dues check or mail it to the treasurer.

TUCSON AREA IRIS SOCIETY (TAIS) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Make checks payable to TAIS. Check Category below:

Single \$10 _____ Dual \$13 _____ Youth \$5 _____

Mail this and your check to:

Maxine Fifer, Treasurer, 4527 N Cmo Cardenal, Tucson, AZ 85718

Please check all opportunities that you would be interested in:

_____ Assist at iris sales

_____ Assist at Trek

_____ Bring treats to a meeting

_____ Care for Tucson Botanical Garden's iris the month of _____

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