



RAMBLING RHIZOMES

NEWSLETTER OF TUCSON AREA IRIS SOCIETY

JANUARY 2012

PLAN TO ATTEND THE JANUARY MEETING OF TAIS:

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2012

9:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

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1377 N. CATALINA AVENUE

TUCSON, AZ

PROGRAM: REBLOOMERS

PRESENTER: ALEX STANTON

IRIS GROWER FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Happy New Year fellow Irisarians and a beautiful year it's going to be. We have our first meeting on January 14th. It will be a presentation by Alex Stanton. His garden is one of those featured at the 2012 convention. We have yet to nail down our February speaker, but Kathy Chilton is going to give a demonstration on "Preparing Iris for Show" on March 24th. Due to the lateness of the AIS convention, we have decided to move our spring show and sale to the 14th of April which is more in line with most members peak bloom. We're going to have our auction iris potted also so they're not so sad when it's time to plant.

We will dig TBG on Sept 29th and will replant on Oct 6th. A portion of our rhizomes for sale will come from TBG. Our Sale will be in Oct, a more appropriate time for planting.

I'm really looking forward to the AIS convention. It will be close enough (Southern California) for a good contingency from Tucson to go. The weather will be great and the blossoms even better. We should start planning on car pooling ASAP so people don't have to fly. Please don't forget to register. And don't forget to pay your club dues ASAP.

As for my limited introduction of Tiger Rustler, I have decided to reduce the price for TAIS members to \$40 and give you first crack at the 10 available rhizomes. You can place your order by April 1st as I plan on advertising them in the Region 15 bulletin.

Sincerely ,

Gordon Jensen

MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 2011 BOARD MEETING:

The November meeting was held on 5 Nov. 2011 at the home of Paul Bessey. The following items were discussed as well as tentative plans for programs for the new year. Gordon and Melania will complete the clean up at TBG. Paul expressed concern that the iris bed at TBG is not being maintained properly. He suggested that a committee be formed to organize and maintain the iris. Our message to the community should reflect our pride in the gardens there. A discussion of possible signage to identify the TAIS as maintaining the iris and checking the irrigation regularly followed. In spring of 2012, the garden should be mapped when the iris are in bloom. A committee of Gordon, HL Swain, Paul Bessey, and Gordon Jensen was appointed to work on this project.

Schedule of upcoming programs will follow in future newsletters.

FINANCIAL REPORT FROM 11/1/2010-10/31/2011:**INCOME:**

\$632.00 - DUES; \$965.00 – RHIZOME SALES; \$1597.00 - TOTAL

EXPENSES (COMPLETE ITEMIZATION SENT ON REQUEST)

\$794.00 – STORAGE FEES FOR 2 YEARS; \$426.00 – MEMBER RHIZOMES; \$370.00 – ADVERTISING

\$450.00 – WEB PAGE; \$590.00 – PROGRAMS; \$330.00 – SPRING SHOW; \$500.00 – PRESIDENT'S AIS CONVENTION EXPENSE; \$277.00 – MISC.

\$7304.54 - BALANCE ON HAND 11/1/2010: \$5913.26 – BALANCE ON HAND 10/31/2011

NEW MEMBER NEWS:

New member Karen Bergamo (Albuquerque, NM), karenbergamo@msn.com tells us: "I have been married 47 years. John and I have been traveling a bit since he retired 8 years ago. We finished a real feat this year with our visit to Alaska. At this point, we have been in every single state in the US. We have one wonderful son, Terry, a precious daughter-in-law, Rosalie, 2 incredible grandchildren, Michael, 21, and Mia, 4, such fun. I really understand the joke that if I'd known grandchildren were so much fun I'd have had them first. I am currently Judges Chair for Region 23, and have been for years. I am a past RVP and am still very active in the AIS activities. I am currently VP of TBIS and grow many newer irises and the companion plants we all have, weeds. I am a quilter and have made quilts for a sister, brother, both of my grandchildren, my mother-in-law, my husband, myself, and 2 donations to be raffled. I love quilting and irises and could never have too much iris fabric. I am currently working on a quilted jacket for myself. Yes, it has three iris fabrics incorporated in the design. I hope this gives you a bit of who I am."

IN MEMORIAM:

Long time member Charlotte Clarke passed on May 29, 2011. As a TAIS member, she had been very active with the Design Class of our shows, even making additional arrangements if we were short on entries. Her friend Ruth Cely stated that she had known Charlotte since the 1980's and that she was a member of the Tucson Garden Club, O'Hara School of Ikebana, as well as TAIS. For many years she volunteered in the Family Services Department at DMAFB and received their volunteer of the Year Award in March 2011.

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_____ BRING TREATS TO MEETINGS

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