

SEPTEMBER 2013 NEWS BULLETIN



Tucson Area Iris Society, tucsoniris.org

THE RHIZOME SALE is on Sept. 21st at Harlow Gardens - less than 3 weeks away. Help get the word out by posting the flyer at the bottom of the newsletter any place you can (grocery stores, clubhouses, etc.). A SPECIAL THANKS to Melania Kutz who has done a tremendous job of contacting numerous news media (pick up a copy of *Tucson Happenings* at the library or bookstore which has our article).

On the 21st, beginning at **7:30 am** we will be unloading and sorting the bags alphabetically. The sale hours are advertised **10-4**, but the nursery opens at 9, and we must be ready for Early Birds. The following shifts are available: setup **7:30-10; 10-12; 12-2; 2-4:30** (tear down). **During the 10-4 time we need cashiers, sales people, re-organizers of bags**, etc. Please reply as to what shift(s) you can help by calling Greta, 881-1402.

Members special information:

1. Members who plan to bring rhizomes **MUST GET AN ID #** from Maxine to **mark on each rhizome**
2. Members shall provide a list of names, descriptions and photos. DEADLINE for the list, to be emailed or mailed to Maxine, is **MONDAY, SEPT. 16th**. On the day of the sale bring a copy of the list with you, indicating the # of each and whether you are donating or will pick up the leftovers.
3. Members will be paid \$2 for each rhizome sold.
4. **Pickup of leftovers not donated must be done at 4 pm**. Any remaining will be potted for a spring sale.

Why are sales held?

1. Recruitment of new members
2. Public exposure about TAIS
3. Revitalization of TAIS members' gardens
4. Education/information for sale browsers
5. Cash benefits to TAIS members who sell as well as TAIS members who buy
6. Cash benefits to TAIS coffers

COMING EVENTS:

TUCSON BOTANICAL GARDENS DIG/PLANT: SAT., 9/28 beginning at 8:30 am. Digging of the middle bed. **Volunteers with shovels are needed. SUN., 9/29 beginning at 8:30 am**, adding amenities and planting new rhizomes. **Four volunteers would be great!** Call Greta, 881-1401 and let her know which you can do.

OCTOBER 12 ANNUAL MEETING beginning at 1:00 PM.

WHERE: Eckstrom-Columbus Library, 4350 E. 22nd, 594-5285

PROGRAM: Election of Officers followed by Tucson Organic Gardeners re Composting

NOVEMBER 9 MEETING beginning at 1:30 PM.

WHERE: Murphy-Wilmot Library, 530 N. Wilmot Rd., 594-5420

PROGRAM: Ikebana Floral Arranging

Long-time TAIS member Evelyn Wallman passed this summer, and as you know, her family donated many of her rhizomes to the club, as well as iris gifts which will be used as door prizes in 2014. Hybridizing since 1999, she specialized in rebloomers. You can see her bio on www.tucsoniris.org under "hybridizers."

Have historic irises? The Prescott Area Iris Society is cultivating a historic garden at the Sharlot Hall Museum in Prescott. If you would like to contribute, contact Dennis Luebkin at president@prescottirissociety.org.

Plant Markers for Sale: Stainless steel, 21" high, .75 each. Place your order with HL, 323-6754.



ANNOUNCING . . .



GIGANTIC IRIS RHIZOME SALE
Sponsored by Tucson Area Iris Society



WHEN: Saturday, September 21st
WHERE: Harlow Gardens, 5620 E. Pima
HOURS: 10 AM - 4 PM
CONTACT INFO: MAXINE, 743-7993 OR
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