

AIS Photo Contest 2019

RESULTS (Judging is Final)

Winning Photos can be seen at <http://www.irisregion4.com/PC1B.htm>

Category 1: Irises in Landscape or Garden

First Place – Photo ID 39-8-1-C1-1

Curtis Smith 18693 Joyce Ct Oregon City OR 97045

Second Place – Photo ID 2-6-19-C1-1

Anne-Li Fitzgerald Ellingegatan 5 21773 Malmö, Sweden

Third Place – Photo ID 41-8-1-C1-1

Kim Ung 1124 Laveta Ter, Los Angeles CA 90026

Category 2: Irises in a Field

First Place – Photo ID 10-6-26-C2-1

Bruce Willianson PO Box 972, Campbell CA 95009

Second Place – Photo ID 15-7-12-C2-1

Elizabeth Rieniets 1169 22 Road, Grand Junction CO 81505

Third Place – Photo ID 38-8-1C-C2-2

Delane H. Langton 1008 Eagle Ridge Dr Billings MT 59101

Category 3: Photo of person or people at an event or tours with Irises

First Place – Photo ID 23-7-22-C3-1

Jan Hinrichs Blaedel 7335 Hansen Dr, Dublin CA 94568

Second Place – Photo ID 35-8-1-C3-1

Beth Train 700 E Washington st #95 Colton CA 92324

Third Place – Photo ID 31-7-31-C3-1

Erin Chien 219 Cuiseaux Ct Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Category 4: Close- up of Iris (Mug Shot)

First Place – Photo ID 14-7-12B-C4-2

Peter Jackson 5/2 Jewell St Oaklands Park South Australia 5046

Second Place – Photo ID 27-7-30B-C4-2

Janis Shackelford 9716 Reo Pony LN, El Cajon, CA

Third Place – Photo ID 18-7-15B-C4-2

William C. Odle 3405 Marsalis Ln, Plano TX 75074

Category 5: Macro

First Place – Photo ID 16-7-13B-C5-2

Kathy Oldham 245 Hardwick PL, San Ramon CA 94583

Second Place – Photo ID 32-7-31B-C5-2

Bill Fraser 7281Crystal Blvd, El Dorado CA 95623

Third Place – Photo ID 32-7-31C-C5-3

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Category 6: Photos of Pets, Wildlife or Garden Art with Irises

First Place – Photo ID 38-8-1B-C6-2

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Second Place – Photo ID 38-8-1-C6-1

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Third Place – Photo ID 24-7-29-C6-1

Willy Hublau Steenweg Borgloon 37A, 3830 Wellen Belgium

YOUTH

One entry winning photo chosen between the two entries

First Place – CAT 5 MACRO – Photo ID Y-28-7-30-C5-1

Jason Chien (YOUTH) 219 Cuiseaux Ct Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Rhizomes for US winners are being sent to me. I have contacted Australia Iris Society and Middle European Iris Society for help getting rhizomes to those winners.

Things that worked:

1. Even with late start we got many entries (42) and plenty of photos to work from (184).
2. A great number of the photos were exceptional making photos to be used for the AIS Calendar, book marks and other used easily able to cover.
3. Using a blind numbering system, we can be assured that the photos are chosen for their quality and no other reason similar to an Iris Show
4. Using the Web Page approach, it freed up email account and allowed for quicker review of the pictures.
5. By putting the Photo Contest out on News and Notes and having the entry on the AIS Website we reached many and can do better by using the same scenario.

Things that did not work:

1. The Contest started too late.
2. Not everyone could use the PDF form and many could not use fillable feature.
3. Most people could not send appropriate picture size:
 - a. Most (90%) people who submitted did so with raw files 45" X 50" or greater with low PPI at 72 px/in
 - b. 5% of the entrants had 8' X 10" but also at 72 px/in
 - c. 5% had 6" X 4" or less at 300 px/in.
 - d. All pictures were normalized before judging by making the smallest edge 8" and all at 300 px/in. This made for perfect viewing for judges. No cropping or other corrections were made
4. We don't have a way to deal with winners from other nations.

Recommendations:

1. Put Photo Contest rules and entry form in 1st Irises of the year
2. In Future allow the person submitting to crop as they want and send resulting files at one to two per e-mail and allow the pictures to be cared for by the Photo Contest Coordinator.

- a. The coordinator will normalize all photos to as close to 8" X 10" at 300 px/inch
3. Move persons from category 3 to category 6, It should not be about people but irises since very few entries were made
 - a. If this category is not removed, I suggest it be re-identified from "Photo of person or people at an event or tours with Irises" to "People with Irises"
4. In the directions the entrants should be allowed to add additional photos if their limit of six entries has not been reached with the submission of a new entry form to add to the original form.
5. Entrants need to be notified that all changes can only be made with the submission of a corrected entry form.

Respectfully Submitted

Anita Moran