

AIS Exhibitions Committee Report – Part I, Schedules

Spring 2020

Note: Information only

Well, it's been an interesting show schedule season. As of this writing (April 26, 2020), I have approved 96 shows for the 2020 show season. This is down considerably from the 126 I approved last year, due, I am sure, to COVID-19 concerns. Incoming schedules suddenly dropped to a trickle mid-March, although every now and then I continue to get one from an optimistic show committee. The last one I received came in April 16th for a June 7th show. I have no idea whether or not to expect any schedules for fall rebloom shows.

Of the 96 approved shows, all but 25 have been canceled so far. Most of the shows not yet canceled (as far as we know) are May and June shows, although there were three scheduled for this weekend, April 25-26, that we have not heard from. One show scheduled for April 24th was actually held with a change from a public venue to a large private home.

As a result of Wayne's notices in *News & Notes* we received cancellation notices for 2 shows I had never approved. I contacted both show chairs to be sure nothing had fallen through the cracks, and offered any help they might need with next year's show schedule. We have also heard about various types of "virtual" shows being conducted to replace the canceled shows. Most of these are informal, usually unjudged, events on Facebook or websites, but I did receive a show schedule for approval for the virtual show sponsored by the Mt. Diablo Iris Society. After consulting with Bonnie Nichols and Jody Nolin, I did not approve the show since AIS has no rules and regulations for virtual shows. Mt. Diablo Iris Society is going ahead with this virtual show as a non-AIS show.

As I receive cancellation notices, I reply requesting that the show committee save the approval packet I sent them so they can use the certificates and EC ballots next year. This should cut down considerably on printing and postage costs for the 2021 show season.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Rose

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Update August 19, 2020:

One more show was eventually approved, for a June 13th show that may actually have been held, bringing the total of approved spring shows to 97. No requests for approval of fall shows have been received as of this update. ---L. D. Rose