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Re: AIS 2008 Photo Contest

Greetings to all!

Our 2008 Contest has been judged and an article about winners is scheduled for the October bulletin, with photos scheduled to appear in the January bulletin. Each year we get a different diversity. Close up photography remains our largest category, with Art effects, macro photos, and photos of pets or wildlife becoming our second largest category this year. Our youth participation has grown each year, with seven youth exhibitors this year!

This year I invited three of our top exhibitors from last year to be our judges this year. Our first judge, Carol Ann Moyer, of Doylestown, Pennsylvania, was our Winner of the largest category, close-ups, in 2007. Our second judge was Steve Blecher, he is the RVP of Region 20 and resides in Littleton, Colorado. Our third judge was Grace Farley, age 17 and a Senior at Lincoln Lutheran High School in Lincoln, Nebraska. Grace was our winner of our Youth category for 2007 and has competed and received honors in other youth photo contests as well.

Notification of the winners and photos were sent to the John I. Jones and Chris Hollinhead on September 1, 2008, but I do not believe they have been placed on the website as of the date of this letter. I hope they can appear there very soon.

I maintain a website for the winning photos and the many honorable mention photos selected by our judges. Please visit our website www.irisphotocontest.org and enjoy the many fine photos that were submitted this year! As I mentioned in my Spring report, this website uses a server-based scripting language to manage the numerous photos. Photos can be selected individually, or in a list format for all in one category for viewing purposes.

I regret I won't be attending the Fall Board meeting, and hope you all have a great time!

Warm regards,

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