

2009 Spring Youth Report

Currently, there are 225 AIS Youth members. Every region has at least one youth member with the exception of Regions 10 and 19. Most of the drops are due to age, and I expect many youth to join once the affiliates have held their spring shows. I always seem to get a flood of new youth members in April and May.

We have 4 Classroom Iris Projects, the largest being the 51 member City Academy CIP in Region 18. One CIP is a small “home schooled” group in Region 18, and there are 2 CIPs in Region 13.

Regions 1, 7 and 22 have the highest number of youth members not enrolled in Classroom Iris Projects.

Winner of the Clarke Cosgrove Award for Youth Achievement is 18 year old Allison Grzeskowiak of Region 18. First runner up is 12 year old Sarah M. Green of Region 21. Second runner up is 15 year old Sean Pennington of Region 18. As of this date, none of the winners will be attending the convention to my knowledge.

I have yet to be notified of the winners of the Ackerman Essay Contest as the deadline for entries was moved back two weeks due to the lateness of the January Bulletin issue. The winners will be announced at the banquet on Saturday.

I have been contacted by a few people interested in starting CIPs and as always am open to suggestions to make the youth program better.

Respectfully submitted,

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