

## 2011 Fall Youth Report

Since my last update from AISMemSec there have been a few changes, but overall I am happy to report that the AIS Youth membership is growing once again. We are currently at approximately 232 members. There are three active CIPs, the most recent addition is 20 members of the American Heritage Girls in Region 18, recruited by Jean Morris. This group is like Girl Scouts, but interested in the study of American History. In September I sent out 26 new youth packets.

The most active region is Region 14 for individual memberships. Special thanks go to Lorraine Nicholson for getting young people interested in irises.

Since the National Convention was in Canada this year, the usual donation of rhizomes to the youth members was not possible, so Ron & Sue Killingsworth of Plantation Point Nursery and Rusty & Bud McSparrin of Bois D'Arc Gardens were kind enough to donate Louisiana irises for all the youth members. These were mailed out in September. For many of our youth members this was the first Louisiana iris in their garden.

The Coloring Contest is ongoing at this time with the deadline of November 15th, 2011. I hope the addition of membership will add more youth members, and I encourage all of you to get out there and recruit a youth member. You'll be glad you did!

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