

CONSOLIDATED EXHIBITIONS REPORTS - FALL 2013

Schedules

For the 2013 show season, I approved a total of 154 shows, including three fall rebloom shows. Based on past years, I may yet receive one more fall show for approval. After two years of steadily declining show numbers, this is a return to the level of 2010. Good news, indeed.

This year, for the first time, I sent the Show Supplies Order Form and the Show Report Form out electronically as "fillable" PDF documents to all the show contacts for whom I had e-mail addresses, which was 90% of them. This experiment resulted in reduced printing and postage costs and seemed to be well received by all concerned, both the show contacts and the Exhibition Committee who received the completed forms, so it will be continued next year.

Respectfully submitted, Lois Rose, October 4, 2013

SUPPLIES

For 2013 I received 78 orders. Down 7 from the previous year, but I expected a drop because of all of the cancelled shows in 2012. The revenue was only down by \$125. I expect a greater number of orders for 2014.

The postal package rates have not yet been announced for 2014, but I should have the information by the board meeting, and I will have a recommendation for a Postage and Handling rate increase.

The 2014 supplies have been ordered early again and we got a 10% discount again for ordering early. The discount for this year is \$450.42.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Boyce

SHOW REPORTS

We had received 125 Show Reports so far for 2013. A number of shows were canceled and reported for various reasons, but 9 have not been heard from. These nine show chairman have been contacted. There are three fall shows scheduled for Oct 18th, 19th, and Nov 9th. The 2013 reports are ready to go once the fall show is received and added.

The only Exhibition Reports published in the "Bulletin of the American Iris Society" are

the Exhibition Report (Best Specimen of Show, Silver and Bronze Medal winners, Best Seedling of Show, and Best Design) and the Youth Exhibition Report. The other three are only published on the AIS web site under "Membership Services" then "Exhibition Reports". To date the 2012 reports have not been posted. This leaves three Exhibition Reports not available to the general AIS membership and the public. These reports are, "Exhibition Certificates" (Best seedling of show and seedlings voted for by at least 5 judges present at the show), "Bronze Medals/Certificates" (for outstanding commercial and educational exhibits) and the "AIS Multiple Best Specimen Winners", which determines the winner of the J. Arthur Nelson Award.

We have two recommendations.

1. Exhibition Reports be taken out of the AIS web site Membership Services section

and have their own section which will make them more obvious and findable to AIS

members and the casual visitor to the web site.

2. Post the 2012 Exhibition Reports to the AIS web site.

Karen and Ray Jones