

2013 SPRING YOUTH REPORT

As of January 15, 2013 (the last report received from AISMemSec, Tom Gormley), there were a total of 217 Youth members, which is down 11 from the Fall report. We have 2 CIPs in Region 18, Churchill School and the American Heritage Girls, and there is one new CIP forming in Region 14 at Coarsegold Elementary School. By region, our youth members are:

Region 1 has 10 members

Region 2 has 3 members

Region 4 has 9 members

Region 5 has 1 member

Region 6 has 6 members

Region 7 has 7 members

Region 8 has 2 members

Region 9 has 8 members

Region 11 has 1 member

Region 13 has 5 members

Region 14 has 57 members (the largest number of youth membership)

Region 15 has 2 members

Region 17 has 20 members

Region 18 has 56 members

Region 20 has 6 members

Region 21 has 9 members

Region 22 has 11 members

Region 24 has 3 members

Region 83 (Lithuania) has 1 member

There are no members in Regions 3, 10, 12 and 23

I am hoping that there will be an increase in youth membership once the Spring shows and sales are held. Usually there is a large increase after our Spring shows, and we will show an increase in youth membership in Region 14 once the dues are received for the new CIP.

There is one youth member registered for the convention.

The 2012 Clarke Cosgrove Memorial Award for Youth Achievement was awarded to Megan Pennington. Megan has been growing irises for many years and belongs to the Washington Iris Club in Region 18. She has been an AIS Youth Member since 2002, and was awarded the Stanley Goodman Youth Achievement Award for her region in 2010.

First runner up was awarded to Colin Campbell from Region 4. Colin is a member of the Chesapeake and Potomac Iris Society and recently won the 2012 Ackerman Essay Contest. He is very active in his club, holding the office of Youth Chair, and has recruited many new members to his club.

Second runner up is Faith Winzer from the Wichita Area Iris Society in Region 18. She is active in her club and region, visiting many gardens during bloom season and has made a few crosses. She has been entering shows for many years in Horticulture, Artistic and Educational categories.

I will announce the winners of the Cosgrove and Ackerman Essay Contest at the Awards Banquet.

We need more youth members, but more importantly, we need more adults to volunteer as Youth Chairman for their region, to develop an active and interesting program for youth members. Mentoring youth is an extremely fulfilling activity.

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