

Photo Contest Fall 2015 Janet Smith

The photo contest had 63 adult entrants and 2 youth entrants. Judges were Jody Nolan, Elledan McLeester and Melanie North.

In order to help John Ludi, 2015 Convention Chair, I mailed out the rhizomes to the winners and runners-up myself. I can't say I will offer to do that again. Great experience!

In coordinating the photo contest and calendar so close to each other, Judy Keisling and I came up with a solution. In 2017 the Photo Contest shall run from May 1st to June 30th and eliminate April altogether. Most entries are turned in middle to latter part of June with very few in April or even May.

I am noticing we are getting fewer youth participants. This year we had one youth enter in 5 of the 6 categories and the scores for the photos in each category were high enough it made each photo except one the winner in that category.

Discussion:

Shall a youth be considered a winner if there is only one participating in an individual category?
Does it matter?

Since the youth photos are as good as the adults should we eliminate the "youth" category altogether?

(I am the one who separated the youth from the adult category as Kitty Loberg had youth competing with adults when she was coordinator. I thought perhaps youth should compete against youth. However we are not getting the number of youth participants we should have for this to work.)

Respectfully,
Janet Smith, Coordinator

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