

Photo Contest Fall 2017 Janet Smith

The photo contest had 47 adult entrants and 4 youth entrants. Judges were Delane Langton, Gerry Snyder and Christine Doud . My thanks was given to them for their time.

The Photo Contest ran from May 1st to June 15th with everything done by the end of June and the list of winners and runners-up sent to the convention chair and AIS Membership Secretary.

1. There was some difficulty at the convention digging unbeknownst to me, so many of the rhizomes were not shipped out until September.
2. There were many who complained of the shortness of the contest.
3. Many contestants did not follow the request to have the file image name match the name listed on the entry form.
4. They submitted their camera number as the file name which made my job of knowing what was what very difficult and a lot more work than necessary.
5. Some complained about the lateness of their rhizomes as promised, but again I was not advised as to the problem therefore had no response to give.
6. The quality of the photos entered in this contest was not what they have been in the past and most are not usable.
7. In the years I have been coordinating the photo contest very few photos have been requested to be used for any AIS business and with the quality falling below printing standards I suggested the time has come for the contest to be reviewed for its purpose and usefulness to AIS.

At the August Telephone Conference the Photo Contest was discussed and it was decided that it needs to be revamped.

I resigned as chair of the photo contest at that time and have finished all the 2017 contest paperwork.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Smith

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