

YOUTH REPORT

Spring 2021

This report is for information only with a few suggestions.

Currently, there are only 126 Youth members. I believe this is due to the Covid 19 virus which forced most kids to engage in distance learning. There are only 37 youth members enrolled in the Classroom Iris Program, one in Region 14 and 2 in Region 18. The largest CIP, which was in Region 14, has not renewed - Coarsegold Elementary School, where there were 2 classes and an after school program. I am hoping that I will see their renewal very soon, because they were one of the most active of our CIPs.

Traditionally, spring is the time when we gather most memberships in the youth program, when they can attend shows, sales and see irises growing in gardens. Since the pandemic began, clubs have shut down and the kids are not able to learn and grow with their clubs, participate by entering exhibits and helping out at sales. I hope it will happen soon for all of us.

The following youth members are listed by regions;

Reg. 1 - 2	Reg. 2 - 5	Reg. 3 - 1
Reg. 4 - 2		
Reg. 6 - 3	Reg. 7 - 2	Reg. 9 - 2
Reg. 11 - 2		
Reg. 13 - 3	Reg. 14 - 40	Reg. 15 - 5
Reg. 17 - 10		
Reg. 18 - 38	Reg. 20 - 3	Reg. 21 - 7
Reg. 22 - 2		

There are no youth registered internationally.

Results of the Coloring Contest will be in the next issue of The Bulletin. We

had very few entries, so I am planning another contest soon. Debbie Strauss has asked that the deadline for the Ackerman Essay Contest be extended until sometime in April but I have not been advised by her what the date is.

My webmaster, Nancy Price, has resigned, so I am looking for someone who will take on this challenge, voluntarily.

I would like to see a change in the membership page because a grandparent cannot renew or join their grandchildren without sending in a written form with a check as payment. This is becoming outdated as many do not have checks anymore, and an attempt to renew a youth member can result in a membership for the adult.

I hope all of you are safe and well, and can take some time to reach out to a young person and encourage them to grow iris, by sharing rhizomes and your knowledge while we are all safely distanced. Our youth members are the future of our organization.