

The American Iris Society

2009 Photo Contest

AIS invites you again to participate in our annual Photo Contest. This contest is open to everyone and is free to enter, except that Judges and the contest chairperson are not eligible to enter or win. The winning photo of each category will be published in the AIS Bulletin and on the AIS web site. Prior year's winners and honorable mentions can be viewed at www.irisphotocontest.org. **The 2009 winner of each category will receive a 2009 introduction from The Greater Kansas City Iris Society (AIS Convention host).** The winner of each category will also receive a single annual membership or annual membership extension to AIS. Winners who are AIS life members will receive an annual membership in an AIS Section of their choice. Runner ups of each category will receive a 2007-2008 introduction.

How to Enter:

Simply fill out the entry form and send it with your photos to AIS at the address below.

You may submit up to five photos in one contest. The deadline for submissions to the 2009 Photo Contest is **June 30, 2009**.

Irises in photos should be of the genus Iris. Entries will be selected and judged in seven (7) categories:

1. Irises used in a landscaped garden.
2. Irises in a field or home garden.
3. Events, tours, a person or people (at iris location), shows.
4. Close up of an iris or irises.
5. Iris photos with art effects, macro photos of bloom segments.
6. Photos of pets, wildlife or garden art in the irises.
7. Any category taken by a youth photographer (under 19).

Please do not send any photo smaller than 4 x 6 inches, nor larger than 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 (half page) **The ideal size is 5 x 7**. If you are using a digital camera, it is suggested that you take your photos in 360dpi **or higher** resolution, and we ask that you print and submit your photos on photo paper. Please avoid writing or labeling on the back of the photo, unless to identify a variety or person in the photo.

A panel of three judges will judge photos received and their decisions will be final. At the discretion of the judges, photos not selected in the current contest may be held for further

consideration in future contests. Please provide AIS with a self-addressed stamped envelope if you want the photos returned. Photos will otherwise not be returned and may be destroyed when not selected.

Where to send your photos and entry:

The American Iris Society Photo Contest, c/o Kitty Loberg, 1900 Mountain View Lane, Redwood Valley, Calif. 95470, Send inquiries to iris.loberg@comcast.net.

Entry Form:

Photo caption name(s) and names of persons in photos, if any (for reference purposes)

#1 _____

#2 _____

#3 _____

#4 _____

#5 _____

Youth: If this is a **youth** entry, please tell us your age: _____

I am the person who took the photographs(s) enclosed, and I have not assigned any of my rights associated with these photographs to any third party. By entering the photo contest I am hereby authorizing The American Iris Society a royalty free, non-exclusive right to use winning photograph(s) and photograph(s) worthy of honorable mention in publications, in brochures, and calendars, on the Internet, and for other promotional uses.

Signature _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _(_____)_____

(Receipt of photos will be acknowledged by email. Please provide a SASE if you want a receipt by mail.)