The 2021 AIS Photo Contest W I N N E R S

BY SUSAN DRIVER, TENNESSEE

he 2021 photo contest ended at midnight, August 1, 2021. Congratulations to all our first- and second-place winners, and to those who received an honorable mention. We had entries from Belgium, New Zealand and Italy, as well as the U. S. There were a total of 33 adult participants and 165 photos. No youth entries were received.

The judges were Dawn Boyer, Earnie Royal, and Steve Speights, and the results were compiled on August 11, 2021. An email has been sent congratulating each winner, runner up, and honorable mention for their achievement, and non-winners have been notified as well. Contest

results and photos have also been sent to the AIS webmaster and are, as you can see, published here.

With no convention again last year, I am especially grateful to Rick Tasco, Terry Aitken, Hooker Nichols and Bob Van Liere for contributing 2021 introduction rhizomes to the winners. All rhizome awards have been shipped to the winners and runners up, and a letter has been sent to the membership secretary to coordinate membership awards for first-place winners.

Thank you to the judges, hybridizers, contestants, and all who contributed to making the 2021 contest a success.



WINNER—Landscaped Garden: "Various varieties of Siberian Iris"

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CATEGORY WINNERS

1. Landscaped Garden

FIRST PLACE: "Various varieties of Siberian iris" by Ruth Levanduski, Grand Rapids. MI

RUNNER UP: "Iris seedlings in the field" by Anna Cadd, Healdsburg, CA

2. In a Field or Home Garden:

FIRST PLACE: "Iris laevigata variegata" by Willy Hublau, Belgium (See back cover)

RUNNER UP: "Iris typhifolia" by Erin L. Chien, Creve Coeur, MO

3. Events, Tours, People, Shows:

FIRST PLACE: "Best in Show 'Conjuration'" by Kim Ung, Indian Harbour Beach, FL

RUNNER UP: "Phyllis Kirtley and Nick Stewart debating at OK Median Trek" by Linda Bell, Little Rock, AR

4. Close Up

FIRST PLACE: "Marriage Proposal" by Kathy Oldham, San Ramon, CA (See front cover)

RUNNER UP: "California Born', PCN" by Lorene Crone, Jackson, TN

5. Art Effects:

FIRST PLACE: "Expose" by Kim Ung, Indian Harbour Beach, FL

RUNNER UP: "Inside 'Killarney Green'" by Erin L. Chien, Creve Coeur, MO

6. Pets, Wildlife, Garden Art:

FIRST PLACE: "Bee on 'Angel's Awe'" by Kim Ung, Indian Harbour Beach, FL

RUNNER UP: "Oriental Eyes' with cricket and iris weevil" by Willy Hublau, Belgium





WINNER—Events, Tours, People, Shows: "Best in Show 'Conjuration'"

• KIM UNG



WINNER: Art Effects: "Expose"

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RUNNER UP—Landscaped Garden: "Iris seedlings in the field"

• ANNA CADD



RUNNER UP—In a Field or Home Garden: "Iris typhifolia"

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RUNNER UP—Events, Tours, People, Shows: "Phyllis Kirtley and Nick Stewart debating at OK Median Trek"

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