



Image on phone screen: 2022 AIS photo contest first place winner—Iris in the wild: “It’s A Bigun”
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The American Iris Society

2023 Photo Contest

May 1–August 1 at Midnight, PST

The American Iris Society invites you to participate in our Annual Photo Contest, which begins May 1, 2023, and ends August 1, 2023 at midnight, PST. This contest is free and open to everyone, with the exception of contest judges and the contest coordinator, who are not eligible to enter. The winning photo of each category will be published in the AIS Winter 2024 Bulletin and on the AIS web site. Prior years’ winners and honorable mentions can be viewed on the AIS website at irises.org. The 2023 winner of each category will receive a 2023 introduction (within U.S. only). The winner of each category will also receive a single annual membership, single e-membership, or annual membership extension to AIS. Winners who are AIS life members will receive an e-membership or annual membership in an AIS Section of their choice. Runners-up of each category will receive a 2020 or 2021 introduction (within the U.S. only).

The 2023 Photo Contest entry form, including rules for entry, is on the AIS website at irises.org.

HOW TO ENTER

No prints will be accepted.

Fill out the entry form completely, designating which category you are entering your *digital* photo (i.e. Cat3 Margaret Hart with “Snow Flurry”), and use the same for your photo file name.

Then email (or snail mail a CD or USB drive) of your digital high-resolution photos, along with the entry form, to the AIS Photo Contest coordinator at the address indicated.

You may submit up to six photos total for this contest. They may be all entered in one category or separate categories.

Iris must be the primary subject of the photo, and the photos should be of the genus *Iris*.

The deadline for entries is midnight, August 1, Pacific Standard Time.

Entries will be judged in the following six categories:

1. **Irises in a landscape or garden—**
show the iris in the garden.
2. **Irises in the wild—**
species iris in the wild, field, or planting.
3. **A person or people at iris events or tours.**
4. **Close up of an iris or irises—**
whole flower is showing.
5. **Iris photos, macro—**
close-up of bloom segments.
6. **Photos of pets, wildlife, or garden art with the irises.**

***Youth photographers (under 19) can choose to enter any of the categories as an adult or a youth but not both.

High resolution digital photos or RAW digital photos are required (no smaller than 1600 x 1000 dimensions), with maximum file size of 1.2 MB.

Entries can be emailed (maximum two photos per email) to: **susandriver801@gmail.com**

For snail mail, place high resolution files on a CD (double-check that the photos are on the CD) and mail along with your entry form. Include the name of the variety or person in each photo (if known) and the photo file name on the entry form.

Note: Check your email 24–48 hours after sending your entries. If there are any problems your timely response is needed.

A panel of 3–5 judges will judge the photos, and their decisions will be final.

WHERE TO SEND

The American Iris Society Photo Contest
c/o Susan Driver
177 Spring Valley Rd.
McMinnville, TN 37110

E-mail photos & entry form to:
susandriver801@gmail.com
Subject: AIS Photo Contest

THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY 2023 PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Please designate category number, photo name(s), and name of persons in photos, if any, to match name on digital file.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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

I am the person who took the photograph(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 photographs worthy of honorable mention in publications, in brochures and calendars, on the internet, and for other promotional uses. Forms submitted by email do not require actual signature. By filling in the information below, either fully or partially, and submitting the form by email, you grant the American Iris Society the rights specified in the paragraph above.

☐ Check that you agree with the above statement.

Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Email

Phone

Receipt of photos will be acknowledged by email.

Send entries and inquiries to:
susandriver801@gmail.com