

# Western New York Iris Society

## 2025 Photo Contest

**Who:** The Western New York Iris Society again invites residents of Western New York to participate in a photo contest featuring the iris flower. Exceptions include WNYIS Judges, the contest Chairperson, and professional photographers. You do not need to be a member of the WNYIS to

**When** Photos will only be accepted electronically, between April 1, 2025 through August 1, 2025.



**1. Iris in the garden**

### **Categories:**



**2. Iris with companion plants**



**3. Close up of an iris**

**Prizes:** Winners will receive a \$25 gift card from a local Garden Center, an iris cultivar, and a book. Winning photos will be published:

On our website **WNYIRIS.com** and on our Facebook Page **Western New York Iris**

### **Contest Requirements:**

1. Only original personal photos taken by you may be submitted
2. Each participant can submit a maximum 2 photos in each of the 3 categories.
3. All photos submitted must be in JPEG format.
4. Photos should be high-resolution and have a JPEG number.
5. The photos submissions should be sent to **[wnyisphotocontest@gmail.com](mailto:wnyisphotocontest@gmail.com)**
6. Each email entry submitted must contain the JPEG number of the photograph, the category and a brief description of the photo.
7. Only (1) submission per email.
8. If you have more than one entry, submit each entry on a separate email to **[wnyisphotocontest@gmail.com](mailto:wnyisphotocontest@gmail.com)**
9. An email conformation will be sent for each photo received.
10. All images submitted must not contain any people.

**Example of what to include with your email and (1) photo entry**

**Your full name:** *John Doe*

**Number of JPEG:** *DSC4167*

**Category of Photo:** *#2 (Iris with companion plants)*

**Brief Description:** *Iris with White Lupines and Allium.*

**Send your email with Only (1) photo entry to :**

**[wnyisphotocontest@gmail.com](mailto:wnyisphotocontest@gmail.com)**

## Judging:

A panel of 3 judges will evaluate the photos received after August 1, 2025. The decision of the judges will be final. Winners will be notified by email. **A person may only win 1st place in one of the (3) categories.**

- 1. Iris in the garden**
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## Affidavit:

*I am the person who took the enclosed photograph(s) and I have not assigned any of my rights associated with these photographs to any third party. By entering the Western New York Iris Society 2025 Photo Contest, I am hereby authorizing the Western New York Iris Society a royalty-free, non-exclusive right to use winning photographs and honorable mentions in publications, brochures, calendars, on the internet and other promotional uses. Forms submitted via email, you the photographer, grant the Western New York Iris Society the rights specified in this paragraph.*

If you are interested in becoming a member of  
the **Western New York Iris Society**  
Contact: Marilee Farry @ 716-668-1789

If you are interested in becoming a member  
of the **American Iris Society**,  
you may obtain a membership application@  
**[bit.ly/AISmembership](https://bit.ly/AISmembership)**



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## Judges Criteria for Western New York Iris Society Photo Contest

Every judge will interpret an image based on their own knowledge and experience. This is one of the benefits of having a panel of 3 judges as opposed to having one individual judge.



**Composition** - refers to the aesthetic arrangement of visual elements (background, object, lights) to form a cohesive picture. The photo must possess elements of creativity and must look or feel unique. Composition is also vital in the expression of emotion or message that the photo can portray.



**Technical Skill and Quality** - refers to the photo's quality in its digital format as well as the technical skill required to take the shot. Photography concepts (such as the "Rule of Thirds", leading lines, and color theory) should be evident and well-used. Should the photo not use these concepts /guidelines, then there must be a visually clear purpose for subverting them. Factors that affect the image quality category include whether or not the photo is perfectly focused, the tones and white balance, the amount of noise in the photo, and how it was post produced or edited.



**Overall Impression/Impact** - Because photography is a visual medium, the impact of a photographic work is an important factor to question..The score will be based on how the judge perceives the photo as a whole.

**Entries will be selected and judged in one of the (3) categories.**

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# PHOTOGRAPHY

## CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

Category		Percent
Composition	Visual Appeal	25%
	Uniqueness and Creativity	15%
Technical Skill and Quality	Image Quality (Focus, Noise, WB)	20%
	Use of Basic Photo Concept	15%
Overall Impression / Impact		25%
TOTAL		100%