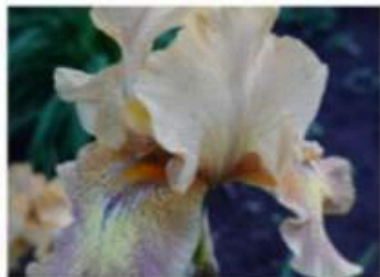


Western New York Iris Society 2024 Photo Contest



Who:

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

When:

Photos will be accepted electronically between March 1 - August 31, 2024

Categories:

1. Iris in a landscape or garden.
2. Close up of an iris. (Whole or part of the iris showing)
3. Photo of an iris with a pet, wildlife or garden art.

PLEASE NOTE: NO individuals are allowed in any iris photograph submissions.

Prizes:

\$25 Home Depot gift card, iris cultivar, and iris book

Winning photos will be published on the WNYIRIS.COM web site.

Contest Requirements:

- Only original personal photos taken by you may be submitted
- Each participant can submit a maximum of 2 photos in each of the 3 categories, in JPEG format.
- A participant can only win in one category
- The photos should be high-resolution and numbered in sequence.
- The submissions should be sent via email to **wnyisphotocontest2024@gmail.com**
- A copy of the entry form must accompany **each** submission along with the entry form containing the jpeg number, category, and a brief description of the photo.
- An email confirmation will be sent once the photo is received.
- Printed photos will not be accepted.

Entries need to include the following in your email

Your Name: John Doe
Number of jpeg: DSC04168
Category of Photo: #3 (Photo of iris with a pet)
Brief Description of Photo: My cat smelling a yellow iris



Only one photo entry per email to: **wnyisphotocontest2024@gmail.com**

Judging: A panel of 3 judges will evaluate the photos after September 1, 2024. The decision of the judges will be final. Winners will be notified by email.

Affidavit:

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 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 by email do not require an actual signature. By submitting your photos via email, you grant, The Western New York Iris Society the rights specified in this paragraph.



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If you are interested in becoming a member of the **Western New York Iris Society** Contact Marilee Farry @ (716) 997-0865. The WNYIS does not have dues.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the **American Iris Society**, you may obtain an application form at bit.ly/AISmembership

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.

1. Iris in a landscape (Beside to show the garden or landscape)
2. Closeup of an iris (whole or part of the iris flower I showing)
3. Photo of an iris with a pet, wildlife or garden art

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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%

