
2012 OHS Photographic Competition

Photo Competition Convenor: Anne Johnston <a.johnston.photo@gmail.com>

Class

1. **“Macros”** Extreme close-ups. Location: Open
2. **“Up Close and Personal”** Photos of your favourite or interesting flower(s). Location: National Capital Region
3. **“The Tourist”** Photos of flowers from your holiday destinations. Location: **anywhere but** the National Capital Region.
4. **“Peony Magic”** This category is reserved exclusively to capturing the beauty of peonies. Photos can be of mass plantings or close-up. Location: Open.
5. **“After the Party”** Photo showing the beauty of a fading/faded flower (petals, seed pods, etc). Location: National Capital Region
6. **“Dancing in the Dark”** Photos of gardens or flowers in dim light. Location: National Capital Region
7. **“Native Plants”** Photos of native plants in a garden setting. Location: National Capital Area.

All entries are to be printed on photographic-quality paper and no distinction will be made between film and digital. Entries received on non-photographic quality paper will be disqualified. The year in which the photo was taken does not matter. However, it may not have been entered previously in this competition.

There are two components to the voting procedure:

A **Judge’s Choice** vote will be judged for first, second, and third place in each class for the best print. The overall winner will receive the **Photographic Store Ltd. Trophy**, a plaque of the winning image as a memento, a \$25,00 cash prize and will have his or her winning photograph appear on the cover of the 2012 yearbook. This prize is awarded each year for the image that, according to the judge, shows the greatest imaginative quality and technical excellence.

A **People’s Choice** vote, which will be judged for first, second, and third place in each class. The overall winner will receive a plaque of the winning image and a \$25.00 cash prize.

General Rules

1. The competition is open to all members of the Ottawa Horticultural Society.
2. A photograph may be entered only once as a print.

3. Each competitor can enter a total of **three images per class** (any combination of film or digital prints).
4. Photographs will be judged on their horticultural merit (40%), their photographic impact (40%), and subject interest (20%). Please note that “photographic impact” includes an assessment of the technical quality of the print with respect to colour reproduction or other physical elements in the preparation of the print.
5. **Entries must be submitted to the competition’s co-ordinator, Anne Johnston, or the Society’s secretary, on or before September 30, 2012. We cannot accept entries submitted after this date.**

Rules for Prints

1. Prints must be on photographic paper and be **5” by 7”** in size.
2. To allow for an unbiased judgment, we ask that your name appear nowhere on the print.
3. Please submit your photos in an envelope upon which you have clearly printed your name, phone number, and e-mail address, and have indicated whether or not you agree to have your winning photos reproduced (see item 4 below). Please include the word “Class” and the Class number on the back of each print. A competition code will be assigned to each entry in the envelope and will be recorded on the back of the print.
4. Unless you indicate otherwise, by entering the competition you agree that your name and images of your winning photos may be reproduced in the OHS yearbook or newsletter and/or displayed on the OHS website.
5. Please provide the names and cultivars of the plants in each photo, and indicate the location in which the photograph was taken. Note that this information may be taken into consideration in instances where the vote is tied.
6. Please place a small arrow on the back of each photo to indicate which way is up.
7. To allow us to present the winning photos as a slideshow, photographers should also submit **digital images** of their photos to the competition convenor (as CD, memory stick or by email). Otherwise the competition convenor may scan the prints for the slideshow. Please label the electronic media with your name.

All photographs submitted for competition will be shown at the regular monthly meeting of November 2011, when the People’s Choice vote will be held.

The Photographic Store Ltd. Trophy will be awarded at the Annual General Meeting in December. The plaques and any monetary prizes will be awarded at the January meeting, when all winners will be announced, and winning photos will be displayed. The winning photos and the names of the winning

photographers will appear on the Society's website. All entries will be returned at the February meeting of 2012.