

Garden Visions 2012 Photography Contest

Purpose

To encourage amateur horticulture-related photography
To document the gardens, landscapes and outdoor living spaces gardeners are inspired by and care for.

This contest is open to the general public and AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHERS only.
Photographs cannot be previously published.

Entry Categories

1. GARDENS AND LANDSCAPES
2. FLOWERS AND FOLIAGE
3. GARDEN ACCENTS & ODDITIES
4. CRITTERS AND CREATURES
5. FRUITS, VEGETABLES & PRODUCE
6. NATURE

Rules & Regulations:

Photograph Size & Presentation:

Printed on photo paper, 8" X 10"(minimum size) or larger, not including the border and Not Mounted. Photographs can be in any color format, color tone or black and white.

Entry Fee:

\$3 per photograph or \$5 for three photographs.
Make checks for registration fees payable to: Garden Visions.

Number of Photos Per Person:

Maximum of three photos per category, not to exceed 18 total.

Entry Forms & Labels:

One entry form and one identical form, to be used as a label, must be submitted per photograph. Attach label to the back of the photograph, in the upper left-hand corner, with the same orientation as the photograph. Do not staple.

Packaging of Photographs for submissions:

All photographs must be submitted with the required forms, labels and fee in a protected envelope to avoid transit damage. Garden Visions will not be responsible for damage or loss of any photograph due to improper envelope, postage or mailing mishap.

All lines on the entry form must be completed and all photographs submitted must have a title.

Additional entry forms can be downloaded from www.gardenvisions.org or obtained from the Marathon County UW-Extension Office.

Deadline for Submission:

December 15, 2011. Submit by mail or in person to:

Garden Visions Photo Contest
Carol Arndt
1212 Country Club Rd
Schofield WI 54476

Return Policy:

If Contestants want their photographs returned, there are three options for return. (***Please indicate on your entry form***):

- 1) Contestant includes self-addressed & pre-stamped proper sized envelope, and indicate this on the registration form.
- 2) Contestant will pick up their photo(s) at the Garden Visions conference January 28, 2012, at the Registration Desk.
- 3) I do not want this photo returned. All entries not returned become property of Garden Visions.

Prizes:

First Prize:

\$25 Cash Award and Rosette Ribbon for each of the six categories.

Second and Third Prize:

Certificate and Rosette Ribbon for each of the six categories.

Best in Show:

\$50 Cash Award and Rosette Ribbon (one award, selected from all 1st prize winners and Certificate).

Honorable Mention:

Certificates; Up to three honorable mention certificates will be awarded for each category.

Peoples Choice Award:

\$50 Cash Award, Rosette Ribbon and Certificate.

All Garden Visions attendees January 27-28, 2012 can vote for the People's Choice Photography Award.

Display & Staging of Winners and Honorable Mention Photographs

Use of Photographs:

Rights to all photographs and their electronic equivalents shall be retained by Garden Visions for the use by Garden Visions and their parent association, the North Central Wisconsin Master Gardeners (NCWMG) Association.

The winning photos may be used in advertising, promotional and/or publications of Garden Visions and their associations, websites or other activities without monetary compensation to the photographer. Credits for the photographer will accompany the use of his/her photograph.

The Contestant certifies that people included in their photo (s) have the consent and release of the photographed or their guardian to be used in this contest and if one of the featured winning photographs may be published as needed.

Signing the entry/label form indicates that the contestant has read and understands all of these regulations and agrees to allow Garden Visions and NCWMG to use his/her photographs as described above. Finalist and winning photographs will be displayed at the Garden Visions conference, January 27-28, 2012 at Ramada, Stevens Point, WI. Garden Visions committee will mount and display the winning photographs for staging.

Judging:

Judges:

Knowledgeable photographers or publication editors/artists will judge the entries on the following criteria:

Technical: Photo is in focus, has good exposure, accurate color, free from blemishes, etc.

Impact: Photo is eye-catching, distinctive.

Composition: Arrangement of elements is pleasing, and general elements of composition are followed.

Continuity of Category / Theme and Title: Photo, Title and Category remain consistent to make a photographic statement

Originality & Creativity: Photo exhibits an unusual way of viewing the subject, use of lighting and shadow, or a different perspective.

DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES ARE FINAL.

Scoring:

Judges will independently score the photographs according to these established criteria. Final score is the total of all judges' scores; ties broken by placement given by the judges issuing the highest scores.

Awards:

All winning photographs and awards will be announced January 28, 2012 at the Garden Visions conference. Winners who are not present at Garden Visions will be mailed their awards.

For further information please email: gardenvisions@gmail.com or call Carol at 715-359-5181.

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Entry Form / Label

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
E Mail: _____
Entry Category (check only one)
<input type="checkbox"/> Gardens & Landscape <input type="checkbox"/> Flowers & Foliage <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Accents & Oddities <input type="checkbox"/> Critters & Creatures <input type="checkbox"/> Fruits, Vegetables & Produce <input type="checkbox"/> Nature
Title of Photograph: _____
I certify the person (s) pictured in this photograph has given me permission to submit and publish this picture to the Garden Visions 2012 photography contest. Name (s) of Persons in Photograph _____
Signature _____
I have read the rules of this contest and understand the instructions. I certify that I am the photographer of this contest submission, and I grant Garden Visions the right to publish and use this photograph with photo credit. I release Garden Visions of any responsibility for loss or damage to print.
Signature _____
Please check one of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> I request photo (s) to be mailed back to me in the self-addressed, pre-stamped envelope I have provided with this contest submission. <input type="checkbox"/> I will pick up photo(s) Jan. 28, 2012 at Garden Visions registration desk, at Ramada, 3-5 PM.. <input type="checkbox"/> I am not interested in the return of these photos.
To be completed by the contest committee: Photo ID # _____
Use this form as official entry form

Note: You will need one set of the above Entry Form /Label for each picture you submit.