

Garden Visions 2010 Photography Contest

Contest is open to the public and photographers must be amateurs.
Photographs cannot be previously published.

Purpose

To encourage amateur horticulture-related photography.

To document the gardens, landscapes and outdoor living spaces gardeners are inspired by and care for.

Entry Categories

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

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 any color format & tone or black and white.

Number of Entries: Maximum of three entries per category per registrant. *Registrants may enter in all five categories.*

Entry Fee: \$3 per photograph or \$5 per three photographs. (e.g. \$10 for 6 photos or \$25 for 15 photos)

Checks & Registration Fees Payable to: Garden Visions

Deadline for Submission:

January 6, 2010, 4:00 pm

Send all entries to the following address by mail or in person to:

**Garden Visions Photo Contest
Marathon County - UW Extension
212 River Drive, Suite 3
Wausau, WI 54403-5476**

Preparation of Photographs for Submissions:

All photographs must be submitted with the required entry form, labels and fee in an envelope and protected 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.

Do not send your only copy of photograph in the event of loss or theft. Do not staple any part of the entry forms, labels or picture.

Registration Labels & Forms:

Attach a label to the back upper left hand corner of each photograph, apply label with the same orientation as the photograph. All photographs must have a title and category listed as part of the label.

One entry form must be submitted with each photograph.

Entry Forms: Entry forms are available at UW- Marathon Extension office, Wausau and electronically at www.gardenvisions.org.

All lines on the entry form must be completed.

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Return Policy

Winning and honorable mention photographs will remain the property of Garden Visions and are not returnable.

There are three options for other photographs be returned, please indicate choice on entry.

- 1) Contestant includes self addressed & pre-stamped proper sized envelope with originals.
- 2) Contestant will pick up photo(s) at the Garden Visions conference January 23.
- 3) I do not want this photo returned; all entries not returned become property of Garden Visions.

Prizes:

First, Second and Third Prize: Ribbon & Certificate for each of the five categories.

Best in Show: \$25 Cash Award & Rosette Ribbon (one award, selected from all 1st prize winners and Certificate.

Peoples Choice Award: \$25 Cash Award, Rosette Ribbon and Certificate.

Honorable Mention Certificates: Each category will have up to three honorable mention certificates awarded.

All Garden Visions attendees January 22-23, 2010 can vote for the Best of Show award

Display, Staging & Judging of Winning and Honorable Mention Photographs

Display and Staging:

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

These 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. Additionally, contest winners may be displayed through the Wisconsin Public Library System.

Photographer certifies that people included in their photo(s) entry has the consent and release of the photographed and or their guardian to use the photograph(s) in this contest and a winning entry may be featured or 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.

Winning and honorable mention photographs will be displayed at the Garden Visions conference, January 22 -23, 2010. Garden Visions will mount these photographs for the Garden Visions Exhibit.

Judging:

Judges: Each photograph will be judged by three knowledgeable photographers and photojournalists.

The judging team will be led by Eileen Herrling, a nature and travel photographer whose work has been published in magazines, textbooks and calendars.

Scoring: Each judge will independently score photographs according to the established criteria. Final score is the total of all judges' scores; ties will be broken by placement given by the two judges issuing the highest scores.

DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES ARE FINAL

The criteria used in judging will be:

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

20 pts. *Impact:* Photo is eye-catching, distinctive.

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

20 pts. *Continuity of Category / Theme and Title:* Photo, Title and Category remain consistent to make a statement

20 pts. *Originality & Creativity:* The Photo exhibits an unusual way to view subject, use light, shadow, or different perspective.

Awards:

All winning photographs and awards will be announced January 23, 2010 at Garden Visions and by telephone.

Contact Information:

For further information please email: gardenvisions@gmail.com or call Kathy Rubino 715-842-2720.