

The New Re-Imagined Photo Contest Where YOU are Judge!

1. **Eligibility**

All members of the Richmond Hill Garden & Horticultural Society may enter, including the photography working group. However the photography working group may not vote.

2. **Categories** - There will be two mutually-exclusive categories; *if you enter the Pictorial category as defined below, you may not enter the Casual category; and vice versa*. That way photographers of all abilities are competing with like photographers, and *everyone is included!*

- a. **Pictorial**- provided for photographers who apply digital software enhancements to their photos, like photoshop, lightroom, gimp, etc.
- b. **Casual** – photos taken in natural environment by smartphones, point and shoot, compact cameras without any enhancement, except with cropping.

3. **Class (subject matter)** – There will be 4 classes in each category, *a maximum of two submissions in each class*:

- a. Horticultural activities and events - any photos taken at these events. Contestant asked to specify the name of the activities/event when submitting.
- b. The Birds and the Bees – primarily focusing on pollinators in the garden
- c. Seasonal Impressions – any photos of trees, flowers, veggies taken that give an impression of the season
- d. A Single Bloom – self explanatory

4. **Format** – Both digital and printed photo are required for submission:

- a. Digital – Email the digital format to the photography coordinator, Diana Li at dianali8896@gmail.com with the member's name, category and 'class'.
- b. Print – Member to print out the submitted photo in 4" x 6" without border, glossy finish on photographic paper, and mounted on 5" x 7" white mat. Member's name, and name of activity/event **for Class 1 only** (Hort Activities & Events) on the back of the photo, and to be submitted to Diana at any general meeting up to and including **the Deadline of July 3rd**.

- c. All entries will be posted on the RHGHS web site for a preview by members.
- d. All entries will be on display at the August 7th meeting and will be judged by the members present.
- e. Entries will be displayed again at the September 4th meeting where winners will be announced and certificates will be presented.

5. **Rules**

- a. Photos taken only in the last 18 months before the July 3rd deadline; i.e. **any time from January 1st, 2017 until July 3rd, 2018**, will be accepted.
- b. No entries copied/plagiarized from the internet or other sources.
- c. Entries must have been taken by the Hort member.

6. **Judges, Judging process and Prizes**

- a. All members present at the August meeting will be the judges and vote for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd winners in each of eight classes.
- b. Each photo will be numbered for the convenience of voting.
- c. Eight voting boxes (one for each class) will be placed in front of the photo display boards, clearly marked with the Category and Class (subject matter).
- d. Colour-coded voting slips (for 1st, 2nd and 3rd winners) will be given to members to vote. Members will write the photograph's number on the appropriate slip. For example, a pink slip meaning first place; a yellow slip meaning 2nd place; and a green slip meaning third place. That means each member can vote for 24 photos (3 winners in each class).
- e. Prizes – The Photography Committee will select Honourable Mentions and each winner will be presented with a certificate.

Come on and join the fun, as photographers AND judges! See how close you come to picking the winning entries!

Maybe yours will be a winner!