

GFWC Photography Contests

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CONTEST PRINCIPLES

The GFWC Photography Contests encourage our members' artistic expression, and recognize and support members' achievements in photography. GFWC offers three opportunities to participate in the Photography Contests:

- The World in Pictures
 - Feature
 - Natural History
 - Scenic
- GFWC Volunteers in Action
- A Year in Pictures (also known as the GFWC Calendar Contest)

Each contest provides opportunities for members to express their creativity. The World in Pictures Contest encourages members to capture the beauty of the world and people around us in three categories: natural history, scenic, and feature. The GFWC Volunteers in Action Contest provides members with the opportunity to demonstrate their volunteer activities during the year through photography. A Year in Pictures Contest welcomes members contributions to the GFWC calendar, which allows them to demonstrate their talents and support a GFWC.

RECOMMENDED CONTEST IDEAS FOR CLUB CHAIRMEN

Each club should appoint a Photography Chairman to encourage members to participate in the GFWC Photography Contests. This chairman will also remind the club members of deadlines for the national and local contests, as well as encourage the development of local contests, such as having members take photos of a selected subject. They can also develop a way to recognize member contributions by awarding certificates, ribbons, and other awards. This chairman's most important task is to forward photo submissions to the state for judging.

A YEAR IN PICTURES PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

This contest also has been referenced as the GFWC calendar contest.

- Photographers must be dues-paying members of active GFWC clubs.
- All entries must be digital.
- All entries (flowers and fauna, vistas, and more) will be considered. Judges will look for photos particularly suitable for calendars, such as photos relevant to particular months or seasons.
- Photos must be horizontal or landscape.
- Entries must be in color.
- The back of each photo must have an arrow drawn indicating the top.
- Each photo must have the following information on the back:
 - Photographer's name, e-mail address, mailing address, and phone number
 - Name and State of sponsoring club
 - Brief caption providing location and other notes about the photo
 - Photo title.
- Photos must be taken during the contest year.
- Contestants must be amateur photographers; earning from photography may not exceed \$500 annually.
- Date stamps should not appear on photographs, nor can digital photos be submitted by e-mail.
- The same image may be submitted to multiple photo contests, but separate photos must be entered into each contest.

By submitting your photo to GFWC, you are providing GFWC with a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post display, create derivative works, sell, license, or sub-license the work in any media now known or later invented without limitation for commercial or non-commercial purposes.

The GFWC Photography Contest Chairman or your state's Photography Contest Chairman can provide more information and answer any questions regarding the GFWC Creative Arts Waiver Form and its submission. Note that only the state's winning photography submissions must be forwarded to GFWC with the GFWC Creative Arts Waiver.

The GFWC Creative Arts Waiver can be found in the Resources Section or downloaded from www.GFWC.org/GFWCMembers.

Deadlines for A Year in Picture Photography Contest

Each GFWC club may submit one photograph to GFWC Headquarters by May 1, 2011, and May 1, 2012, for judging for A Year in Pictures Photography Contest.

Awards for A Year in Pictures Photography Contest

The 12 winning photographs will appear in the GFWC calendar and be featured in *GFWC Clubwoman Magazine*. A GFWC award will be presented to each winner at the GFWC Annual International Convention.

GFWC VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

- Photographers must be dues paying members of active GFWC clubs.
- Entries can be black and white or color photos.
- Judges look at overall creativity of subject and quality of photograph.
- Size of entry (including matting) must be at least 10 x 12 inches but no larger than 14 x 16 inches. All others will be disqualified. No frames or glass. Entries must be matted.
- The back of each photo must have an arrow drawn indicating the top.
- Each photo must have the following information on the back:
 - Photographer's name, e-mail address, mailing address, and phone number
 - Name and State of sponsoring club
 - Brief caption providing location and other notes about the photo
 - Photo title
- Photos must be taken during the contest year.
- Contestants must be amateur photographers; earnings from photography may not exceed \$500 annually.
- Photos may be taken using film or digital cameras. Date stamps should not appear on photographs nor can digital photos be submitted by e-mail.
- Photos will not be returned.
- The same image may be submitted to multiple photo contests, but separate photos must be entered into each contest.

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Deadlines for GFWC Volunteers in Action Photography Contest

State Level Contest: Clubs must send entries to their state's Photography Chairman for judging. State entry deadlines are determined by your state. State GFWC Photography Chairman should keep in mind the national deadline when arranging for state judging.

National Level Contest: To be eligible for national judging, one state winner for each photography contest, along with a cover letter from the state Photography Contest Chairman listing the names of the winning submissions, must be postmarked on or before May 15, 2010, and May 15, 2011, and sent to:

The World in Pictures Contest
GFWC
1734 N Street NW
Washington, DC 20036-29990

Awards for GFWC Volunteers in Action Photography Contest

State Level Contest

A GFWC certificate will be presented annually to the first place winners in each state. While digital photos are not submitted, we encourage states to contact their winners and inquire about whether a digital copy is available in case the photo is selected for replication.

National Level Contest

Cash awards and GFWC certificates will be presented annually at the GFWC Annual International Convention to the top three national entries in the GFWC Volunteers in Action Photography Contest:

First Place	\$100
Second Place	\$75
Third Place	\$50

The first, second, and third place winning photographs in each category will be featured in the *GFWC Clubwoman Magazine*.

THE WORLD IN PICTURES PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

There are three categories in which members may participate in The World in Pictures Photography Contest:

- Feature—Human interest pictures, including people, events, and other features
- Natural History—flowers, animals, insects, birds, trees, and similar natural scenes
- Scenic—vistas, landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes, snow scenes, bridges, parks, mountains, farm land, and similar scenes

Contest Rules

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- Entries can be black and white or color photos
- Size of entry (including matting) must be at least 10 x 12 inches but no larger than 14 x 16 inches. All others will be disqualified. No frames or glass. Entries must be matted.
- The back of each photo must have an arrow drawn indicating the top.
- Each photo must have the following information on the back:
 - GFWC Category name
 - Natural History
 - Scenic
 - Feature
 - Photographer's name, e-mail address, mailing address, and phone number
 - Name and State of sponsoring club
 - Brief caption providing location and other notes about the photo
 - Photo title.
- Photos must be taken during the contest year.
- States are entitled to one entry in each of the three categories.
- Contestants must be amateur photographers; earnings from photography may not exceed \$500 annually.
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Third Place \$50

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