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**ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION**

**District 17 Annual General Meeting**

**Saturday, April 27, 2024**

**Hosted By**

**Oshawa Garden Club**

PHOTOGRAPHY and PUBLICATION SCHEDULES

RULES & REGULATIONS – HINTS & SUGGESTIONS

**ENTRY DEADLINES**

• **Entries must be received no later than April 6, 2024. No late entries will be accepted.** Deliver or Mail entries for ALL photographic and publication classes to:

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792 Lavis Street

Oshawa, Ontario, L1K 1W7

Before delivering phone 905-720-2642 to confirm time & attendance at home

Note: If mailing, please back entries with rigid material to prevent bending of photos.

**JUDGING**

• Decision(s) of the Judge(s) is/are final.

• The decision(s) of the AGM Show Chair(s) regarding exhibit queries/placement is binding.

**Photographic Competition Rules and Regulations**

• District 17 is not responsible for loss or damage sustained (mailing or otherwise) to any entries in the Photographic Division.

• This competition is open to all members in good standing of one or more of the OHA District 17 Clubs/Societies

• **Exhibitors are allowed one entry per class.**

• Attach your traditional entry tag to cardboard on the bottom right-hand corner and complete with Class #, Title, Name of Exhibitor, and Name of Club/Society. The information on the lower portion of the entry tag should be securely turned under so that the exhibitor’s name is not visible.

• Photos must have been taken by the exhibitor, during the last 24 months (from date of entry deadline).

• All photographs should incorporate some natural content. Focus should be on botanical/zoological/nature-oriented content.

• Photographs may be colour or black and white; may be digital or film in origin but must be printed.

• Actual prints (portion submitted on photographic paper) must be 4” X 6”.

• Prints must be mounted on a 5” X 7” piece of white cardboard (except for Class 11).

• Discretion is advised regarding the inclusion of people and pets in photographs submitted for adjudication.

• Prints may not have WON at any previous District 17 AGM photographic competitions.

• Discretion is advised regarding cropping.

•Noticeable and/or excessive digital retouching will result in disqualification.

•Decision of the Judge is final.

•Entries must be picked up at the end of the meeting. Unredeemed entries will not be returned to exhibitor.

•Exhibitors: Please read carefully the criteria and information provided and choose photographs that best interpret the class titles.

•Photographs can be taken at any location of your choice.

**Awards**–Rosettes for both Adult and Youth Classes

**Best of Show**–Photography from 1st Prize Winners: Classes 1 to 11 in Adult; Classes Y1 and Y2 in Youth

**DIVISION I–ADULT PHOTOGRAPHY**:

**Class 1** Patterns in Nature

**Class 2** Fascinating Foliage

**Class 3** “Don’t think the garden loses its ecstasy in winter. It’s quiet, but the roots are down there, riotous” - Rumi

**Class 4** Nifty Natives (Native plants)

**Class5** What’s Bugging You?

**Class 6** Juicy and Delicious

**Class 7** The Beauty of Decay

**Class 8** Drought Tolerant

**Class 9** Repurposing in the Garden

**Class 10** Changing Climate (Illustrating climate change effect(s).)

**Class 11** “Cycle” – a series of three 4” x 6” photos illustrating “Beginning to End” artfully mounted on a suitably sized panel.

**DIVISION II–YOUTH PHOTOGRAPHY**

Entrants must be 17 years of age or younger. Please write school grade number beside your name.

**Class Y1** “If you go down to the woods today…”

**Class Y2** Primarily – featuring on a primary colour

**Marking Criteria for Photographic Classes - TOTAL 100 points**

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| **Composition** | **35 points** | The arrangement of the centre of interest and all other elements in the photo. |
| **Artistic Merit** | **25 points** | An original artistic concept in the choice and organization of all the components of the photo.  Impact - 10  Creativity - 10  Other aspects - 05 |
| **Technical Merit** | **25 points** | Colour – 05  Lighting – 05  Other aspects - 15 |
| **Presentation** | **15 points** | Compliance with schedule requirements and quality of production. Deductions for non-compliance should be proportional to the degree of non-compliance. |
| **TOTAL** | **100 points** |  |

For more information about OHA Photography Judging please go to:

<https://gardenontario.org/wp-content/uploads/OHA-Photography-Judging-Guidelines-Edition-1-January-15-2021-Final-rev-3-Aug-2021.pdf>

PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

**Rules and Regulations**

1. Eligibility: The Competition is open to a Society/Club (thereafter Society) in Good Standing with the Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA) and District 17.
2. Entry:
3. All entries must be mailed/delivered to the co-ordinator, postmarked no later than April 5th.
4. Each Society is allowed one entry per class.
5. Each entry must have an entry tag with the Class Number, Society, and a contact person’s Name. The entry tag should be attached to the lower right side.
6. Judging: Class placements are based on the judging criteria specified below.

**Awards**–Rosettes for both classes

**Best of Show**–Publications from 1st Prize Winners

**Publication 1** – Society Bookmark (most recent version, not previously entered into competition.)

**Publication 2** – Promotional Poster or Brochure

**Judging Criteria for Publication Classes - TOTAL 100 points**

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| **Information** | Purpose, date, time, place, cost, contacts | 10 points |
| **Design Principles and Elements** | Balance, proportion, scale, white space, texture | 30 points |
| **Appropriate Use and Style of Fonts** |  | 20 points |
| **Illustrations/Graphics/Photos** | Appropriate use/credit, quality of reproductions and paper | 30 points |
| **Originality and Overall Effect** |  | 10 points |
| **TOTAL** |  | **100 points** |