

## **Washington Native Plant Society 2017 Photo Contest Rules and Requirements**

The Washington Native Plant Society is seeking top-notch photographs of native plants to use in the activities of the Society to promote the beauty, importance, and usefulness of native plants in Washington. Selected photographs may be used to accompany newspaper articles, a 2017 Native Plant Appreciation Week poster and associated publicity, and in our 2018 Native Plants of Washington calendar. Photographs may be in color, black and white or tinted. Only digital images will be accepted. **Up to five photographs** may be entered by each photographer.

**DATES OF PROGRAM:** Entries accepted now through **February 1, 2017**, selections to be announced by the end of **March 2017**.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE?** The Native Plant Appreciation Week Photo Program is open to all WNPS members including associated family members of any age. Both amateur and professional photographers may enter.

**ENTRY FORMAT:** Only digital images will be accepted to the WNPS Photo Contest. There is no limit as to the age of the photograph(s) submitted.

- **Digital Images:** Initial judging will be from preview-size digital images. Please submit your digital images sized approximately 1024 pixels on the long side for judging, saved as a high-quality JPEG. Each image file should (but not mandatory) have your name and contact information embedded in file properties (IPTC metadata fields). In most cases, you may locate these by right-clicking on the image. You may submit larger files. We want embedded metadata to help assure we can keep each photo connected to the correct photographer.
  
- **Original digital files must be available at calendar reproduction size: 300 dpi at 8.5" x 11" (2550 x 3300 pixels).** Cameras of 8 megapixels or higher should provide the necessary resolution. **DO NOT UP-RES DIGITAL FILES.**

**COPYRIGHT AND RIGHTS GRANT:** Individual photographers retain the copyright of all materials submitted. However, submission of photos gives WNPS a no-fee license to use images submitted as elements of future programs promoting native plants in perpetuity.

**ENTRY FORMS:** One entry form must accompany each image submitted. To obtain an entry form e-mail [mark@turnerphotographics.com](mailto:mark@turnerphotographics.com) or go to Official Entry Form on the WNPS website.

Photographers may submit **only 5 total images** per person.

### **SEND YOUR ENTRIES:**

E-mail: [mark@turnerphotographics.com](mailto:mark@turnerphotographics.com)  
*Please use e-mail subject line: **WNPS Photo Contest and attach the entry form and photo to the same message.***

Postal mail: Mark Turner  
Turner Photographics  
4682 Wynn Road  
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**NO RETURN OF ENTRIES:** Digital files will NOT be returned to the photographer. Selected images will be archived for future use by WNPS. All other entries will be deleted and/or the submitted CD destroyed.

Consider the following potential subjects for your submission.

- *NATIVE PLANT PORTRAITS*
- *Washington's NATIVE PLANTS in THEIR PLACES (Native Plant Communities)*
- *NATIVE PLANTS and PEOPLE*
- *NATIVE PLANT HABITAT PROTECTION or RESTORATION*
- *NATIVE PLANT GARDENS*
- *SEASONAL VARIATION of Washington's NATIVE PLANTS (Fall Color, etc.)*

The photograph(s) must have been taken by the entrant. Photographs showing private property or images of people must include property releases and/or model releases, respectively.

### **JUDGING:**

Photos will be judged for:

1. Impact relative to native plant appreciation
2. Subject matter & story telling ability
3. Composition
4. Technical excellence/print quality

All pictures will be judged anonymously. All decisions of the Washington Native Plant Society judges are final.

### **CONTESTANT ENTRY CHECKLIST:**

- \_\_\_ I have read the rules completely before submitting a photograph and agree to them.
- \_\_\_ Digital images are submitted are at least 1024 pixels on the long side for judging. **High resolution originals are available** (300 dpi at 8-1/2" x 11" or greater).
- \_\_\_ Each digital image has name and contact information embedded in properties.
- \_\_\_ Photo was taken by entrant and entrant has the sole right to enter the photo.
- \_\_\_ Entry form completed for each image submitted. (Keep a copy of each of these for your records.)
- \_\_\_ If emailing image, please submit online entry form with each electronically transmitted image.
- \_\_\_ If mailing a CD, use packaging that protects it from damage during shipping.
- \_\_\_ Return address on package and apply proper postage

### **QUESTIONS?**

For questions not answered in entry detail, contact photo contest chair Mark Turner:  
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