

Friends of Huntley Meadows Park

2015 Photo Contest

Give us your best shot!

Description

The Friends of Huntley Meadows Park photo contest is a nature-themed photography contest for the benefit of Huntley Meadows Park. All photos must be taken at the Park. Contestants may submit photos between October 5, 2015 and November 27, 2015, but no late entries will be accepted. A judge will select photos from the pool of contest entries. The selected photos will be exhibited at the Huntley Meadows Park Norma Hoffman Visitor Center from December 13, 2015 through February 27, 2016. All photos may be used by the Park for promotional or fundraising purposes. Every attempt will be made to exhibit all of the entries received.

Contest Rules

- **All photographs must have been taken at Huntley Meadows Park**, Fairfax County, Virginia. The photo *does not* have to have been taken in the last year.
- **Photo collages will be accepted but will not be part of the judging.** Only individual photos will be judged.
- Photographs **must be matted/mounted**, but **must not be framed**. Photos in frames will not be judged.
- Name, telephone, and email address should be entered clearly on the **back** of the matted photo. **No identifying marks should appear on the front** of the photograph, to preserve anonymity for fair judging. Photos with identifying marks will not be judged.
- **Matted photos should be standard sizes and cannot exceed 18 inches x 24 inches.**
- Only photographs of a nature theme will be considered (plants or animals). Photos may contain images of people, so long as the provisions in the "copyrights and permissions" (back page) are met.
- The decisions of the contest judge are final.
- Photographers will be notified around the beginning of December if their photos will be included in the exhibit.
- An entry fee of \$5 must accompany each photograph. Each photographer may submit up to 4 photos. There will be a separate category for entrants of high school age or younger, and there will be no entry fee for these participants.

No exceptions to these contest rules will be considered, in order to ensure fair and equitable judging.

Awards and Opening Reception

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners and honorable mentions will receive ribbons and will be featured on the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park website and Facebook page.
- A "Fan Favorite" vote will take place on the day of the opening reception.
- The opening reception will take place **December 13, 2015 from 1pm to 3pm at the Norma Hoffman Visitor Center**. Light refreshments will be served.

Copyrights and Permissions

- The show will be taken down on February 27, 2016. Photographers may retrieve their photos until March 31, 2016. Photos not retrieved become the property of the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park.
- The photographer must hold the copyright to all photos they submit to the contest. Photographs that violate the laws of copyright will be disqualified.
- The use of public domain images is prohibited.
- Photographers retain ownership of all copyrights.
- By submitting an image to Huntley Meadows Park, you hereby grant Huntley Meadows Park permission to make a copy of your entry for use in websites and promotional materials.
- Photographers must have sufficient permission of any people appearing in the photograph to be able to grant to Huntley Meadows Park the right to display their photographic submission online or in printed materials.
- Any contest submissions that receive legal challenges from either copyright or insufficient model permissions will be removed.
- Entrants may sell their photographs during the exhibition period. Money for sales will be retained as a donation to Friends of Huntley Meadows Park. If a photo is available for sale, please specify the sale price on the back of the mount. If not for sale, please mark "NFS" on the back of the mount.

Eligibility

- Park volunteers and employees of Huntley Meadows Park and their families not involved in judging or administering the contest are allowed to enter.
- The contest judge is not eligible to enter.
- All Huntley Meadows Park rules apply, including rules that animals must not be harassed and no modifications of the environment may be made to improve a photograph.
- All Federal, State, and Local laws apply.

If you have questions, please email the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park at friendsofhmp@gmail.com