



## 2023 OHS PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

*“THE MUSIC OF YOUR GARDEN”*



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### CLASSES

Class 1: “ **Crazy Little Thing Called Love**” – Macro/extreme close-up of a flower or foliage in the garden (*remember the horticultural element*). Location: any.

Class 2: “ **All in the Golden Afternoon**” – Photo of your favourite and interesting flower(s). Photographer’s artistic depiction of the beauty of a flower. Location: any.

Class 3: “ **Raindrops Keep Fallin’ On My Head**” – Photo of water on a garden flower or foliage – e.g., raindrops, dew, mist. Naturally occurring or added. Location: any.

Class 4: “ **Up, Up and Away**” – Photo of flowering plants ‘growing vertical’ on an arbour, trellis, pergola, hanging basket, fence shelving, living wall, etc. Location: any.

Class 5: “ **(Let me tell you about) The Birds and The Bees**” – Images of pollinators, insects, spiders, or birds in the garden (*remember the horticultural element*). Location: National Capital area.

Class 6: “ **Colour My World**” – ‘Voluptuous vista’ of a colourful mixed garden bed or grouping of flowers and shrubs. Photographer’s choice and interpretation of tranquil or dynamic blend of colours. Location: any.

Class 7: “ **Kiss From A Rose**” – Photo highlighting the beauty of roses. May be mass plantings, individual plants, flower clusters, single bloom. Location: any.

*\* With a flower head nod to the music of: Queen (Class 1); Alice in Wonderland/Disney (Class 2); B.J. Thomas (Class 3); The 5<sup>th</sup> Dimension (Class 4); Jewel Akens (Class 5); Chicago (Class 6); Seal (Class 7)*

### GENERAL RULES

1. The competition is open to members of the Ottawa Horticultural Society (OHS).
2. Photographs submitted to the competition must portray the character, essence and/or beauty of flowers, plants and plant communities in a horticultural context; the photographer’s artistic vision and creativity are encouraged.
3. Entries may be adjusted for light and colour balance, and cropped, but must not be enhanced by adding photo elements or other modifications.
4. Each competitor can enter up to **TWO images in each Class**.
5. A photograph may be entered only once, i.e., into one Class only.
6. Photographs that were previously entered into an OHS photography competition cannot be entered into the 2023 competition.

7. Unless you indicate otherwise at the time of submission, by entering the competition you give implicit consent that your name and images of your winning photos may be reproduced by the OHS in the OHS Yearbook, the OHS newsletter, Grapevine and promotional material, and displayed on the OHS website and/or Facebook page. You will be credited for your images, and will retain ownership of them.
8. **Entries must be submitted to the OHS Photo Competition Convenor on or before Tuesday, 31 October, 2023. Entries submitted after this date cannot be accepted. Entries may be emailed to the Convenor's email address, or post-mailed or dropped off at the Convenor's home address (1260 Plante Drive, Ottawa, ON, K1V 9G2) on a flash drive (USB memory stick).**
9. Non-compliance with the competition general rules or entry rules can result in disqualification of an entry. Please contact the OHS Photo Competition Convenor if you are unclear about these rules.

## **RULES FOR ENTRIES**

1. **A digital copy of each photograph must be submitted.** Images can be submitted digitally by email or on a flash drive (USB memory stick).
2. Please provide your images at the largest resolution possible (after cropping). Submitted digital files preferably should be at least 2 MB. **Do not send low quality images.**
3. **The image aspect ratio (e.g., 4x6, 8x10) is unrestricted.** However, if your image is chosen to be either on the Yearbook cover or featured on the OHS Facebook page, you may be asked to agree to the sizing being modified by OHS. Also, please ensure that the images are submitted in the preferred orientation (portrait or landscape) for judging and display.
4. **Please name each of your digital photo files as follows: Class number\_Your name\_Subject.** Example: Class 1\_Anne Johnston\_Echinacea  
**It is not the Convenor's responsibility to rename your images.**
5. **If images are sent by email, ensure that the subject line is "2023 OHS Photo Competition".** Please ensure that your name and contact information (telephone, email) are included in the text of the email. The email text should also indicate the number of entries and the classes entered for the images that are attached to the email. Submission of entries through multiple emails is acceptable should there be email size constraints on the attached files.
6. **If entries are post-mailed or dropped off on a flash drive,** include your name, email address and telephone number in your envelope, and indicate the number of entries and the classes entered for the images on the flash drive. If you would like your flash drive mailed to you after the competition, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with sufficient postage.

## **JUDGING AND AWARDS**

There are two separate components to judging of entries: "**Judge's Choice**" and "**People's Choice**".

Plaques and monetary prizes will be awarded at the December OHS AGM, where the winning photographs will be announced and presented. Winning images and photographers will also be featured on the OHS website.

### **Judge's Choice**

1. Entries will be evaluated by a Judge external to OHS, for first, second and third place for the best images in each class. As well, an overall "Best in Competition" winner will be awarded for the image that, in the view of the Judge, shows exemplary artistic quality and technical excellence.
2. Judging and placements will be based on merit. Images will be evaluated on their horticultural merit (40%), their photographic quality (40%), and the subject interest (20%). The Judge's decision is final.
3. The "Best in Competition" winner will receive a plaque of their winning image and a \$25 cash prize, and will have their winning photograph appear on the cover of the 2024 OHS Yearbook.

### **People's Choice**

1. OHS members will have an opportunity to vote for first, second and third place for the best images in each class, as well as an overall "Best in Competition" winner. Details of the voting procedure will be provided. The overall winner as voted by members will receive a plaque of their winning image and a \$25 cash prize, and will have their winning photograph featured on the OHS Facebook splash page.