



## 2024 OHS Photography Competition Overview

<b>THEME</b>	Highlighting the beauty and storytelling of gardens with seven (7) classes. There was a total of 99 entries from 12 member participants.
<b>EXTERNAL JUDGE</b>	Judge’s Best in Competition and Honourable Mention
<b>OHS MEMBER VOTING</b>	People’s Best in Competition. Each class was weighted for 1st, 2nd and 3rd placements (3-2-1 points). The highest percentage score overall was used to determine ‘Best in Competition’.



### The 2024 1ST Place Class Awarded to:

Larry Chamney  
*(including Judge’s Best in Competition Award)*

Christina Crochetiere,  
*(including People’s Best in Competition Award)*

Aroop Ghosh

Julianne Labreche

Joanne Lacroix

Tuula Talvila



### Winners Received the following Prizes:

<b>JUDGE’S BEST IN COMPETITION</b>	Framed print of their winning photo* and \$25 cash prize. Along with the image being featured on the cover of the 2025 OHS Yearbook.
<b>PEOPLE’S BEST IN COMPETITION</b>	Framed print of their winning photo* and \$25 cash prize. Along with the image being featured on the cover of the OHS Facebook splash page.

2024 Judge's Best in Competition Award:  
Larry Chamney



*Judge's Comments:*

*"As noted in the comments on this image in its category, this photo stood out as a well-composed image and exemplified a high technical proficiency and artistic effort."*

2024 People's Best in Competition Award:  
Cristina Crochetiere



2024 Judge's Best in Competition Honourable Mention Award:  
Aroop Ghosh



Judge's Comments:

*"This image was very close to being number one overall this year but lacks just enough technical merit - graininess, likely from heavy cropping and exposure adjustments, and some parts are too overexposed – such that I could not give it the overall win but it is still a very pleasing image to look at."*



## CLASS 1 – BEAUTY OF A FLOWER

**Challenge:** Macro, close-up or full image of your favourite and most interesting flower or plant. Photographer's artistic depiction of the beauty of a flower.

**Cinematic Theme:** *"Story of Flowers", (2017)*

**Location:** Open

**Entries:** 23

**Judge's comments:** *"The winner here stood out as the best composed image and exemplified a high technical proficiency and artistic effort, well done."*

### 2024 JUDGE'S BEST IN COMPETITION AWARDS – CLASS 1



*Left: 1st Place, Larry Chamney 'China Rose'. Centre: 2nd Place, Tuula Talvila, 'Borage in Morning Light'. Right: 3rd Place, Larry Chamney, 'Tea Rose'.*

### 2024 PEOPLE'S BEST IN COMPETITION AWARDS – CLASS 1



*Left: 1st Place, Cristina Crochetiere, 'Spruce Starting to Bloom'. Centre: 2nd Place, Larry Chamney, 'Tea Rose'. Right: 3rd Place, Janet Kelly, 'Lotus Flower at MBG'.*

## CLASS 2 – GARDEN SITTING AREA

**Challenge:** Photo of a garden bench, patio, stone or other sitting area within the surrounds of a garden, and which depicts a serene and restful place to sit and reflect on the beauty of a garden.

**Cinematic Theme:** *“The Secret Garden”, (1993)*

**Location:** Open

**Entries:** 11

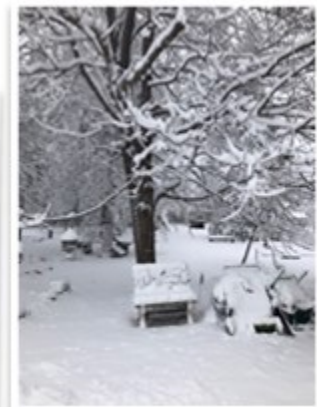
**Judge’s Comments:** *“This [winning] image invokes a feeling of a serene place to sit, with a well-balanced composition of light, shade and colour tones.”*

### 2024 JUDGE’S BEST IN COMPETITION AWARDS – CLASS 2



*Left: 1st Place, Aroop Ghosh, ‘Bench at the Experimental Farm’. Centre: 2nd Place, Julianne Labreche, ‘Resting Place’. Right: 3rd Place, Larry Chamney, ‘Contemplation’.*

### 2024 PEOPLE’S BEST IN COMPETITION AWARDS – CLASS 2



*Left: 1st Place, Joanne Lacroix, ‘Quiet Garden’. Centre: 2nd Place, Julianne Labreche, ‘Resting Place’. Right: 3rd Place, Janet Kelly, “Winter at Home”.*

## CLASS 3 – GARDEN HARVEST

**Challenge:** Whet our appetites with images of your best edible garden harvest (*fruits, vegetables, edible flowers*). Can be an in-ground single item or collection, a garden bed, or an artfully posed harvested display.

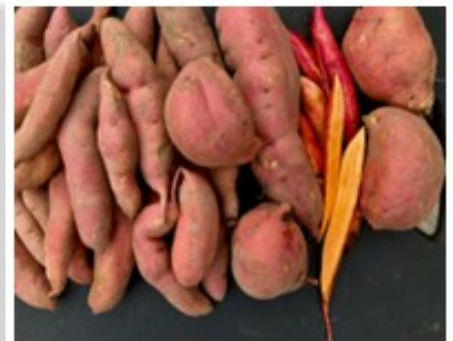
**Cinematic Theme:** *“Fried Green Tomatoes”, (1991)*

**Location:** National Capital Region

**Entries:** 8

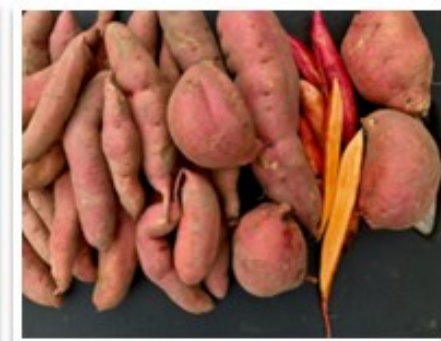
**Judge’s comments:** *“Some thought clearly went into creating a pleasing composition for the winning entry which stood out from the rest in this category. The diagonal background, splash of water etc. The exposure could have been better but was still better than the other entries presented in the category.”*

### 2024 JUDGE’S BEST IN COMPETITION AWARDS – CLASS 3



*Left: 1st Place, Joanne Lacroix, ‘Five Tomatoes’. Centre: 2nd Place, Tuula Talvila, ‘Homegrown Wine Cap Mushrooms’. Right: 3rd Place, Tuula Talvila, ‘Sweet Potato Harvest’.*

### 2024 PEOPLE’S BEST IN COMPETITION AWARDS – CLASS 3



*Left: 1st Place, Tuula Talvila, ‘Homegrown Wine Cap Mushrooms’. Centre: 2nd Place, Tuula Talvila, ‘Sweet Potato Harvest’. 3rd Place: Cristina Crochetiere, ‘Cherry Tomatoes’.*



## CLASS 4 – WATER FEATURE

**Requirement:** Photo of a water feature (*natural or fabricated*) in the garden or in nature, in which a horticultural element is highlighted.

**Cinematic Theme:** “*Dreams of Giverny*”, (2017)

**Location:** Open

**Entries:** 11

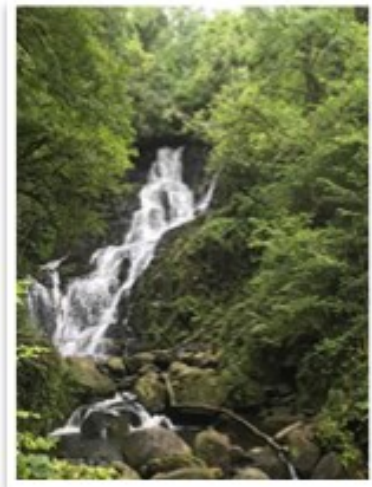
**Judge’s comments:** *No comments provided.*

### 2024 JUDGE’S BEST IN COMPETITION AWARDS – CLASS 4



Left: 1st Place, Joanne Lacroix, ‘Botanical Garden’. Centre: 2nd Place, Larry Chamney, ‘A Place to Reflect’. Right: 3rd Place, Joanne Lacroix, ‘Water Oasis’.

### 2024 PEOPLE’S BEST IN COMPETITION AWARDS – CLASS 4



Left: 1st Place, Aroop Ghosh, ‘Wild Lotus at Mud Lake’. Centre: 2nd Place, Gale Labelle, ‘Sunset with Thistles’. 3rd Place: Julianne Labreche, ‘Hiking in Ireland’.



## CLASS 5- POLLINATORS, INSECTS AND BIRDS

**Challenge:** Images of pollinators, insects, spiders or birds in the garden. Remember the horticultural element.

**Cinematic Theme:** *“The Pollinators”, (2020)*

**Location:** National Capital Area

**Entries:** 18

**Judge’s comments:** *“The winning entry for this category has a very strong composition but the quality of the image itself does have some flaws. I like this image a lot and despite its flaws it still stands out as the best in category.”*

### 2024 JUDGE’S BEST IN COMPETITION AWARDS – CLASS 5



*Left: 1st Place, Aroop Ghosh, ‘Hummingbird at Fletcher Garden’. Centre: 2nd Place, Aroop Ghosh, ‘Monarch Butterfly at Experimental Farm’. Right: 3rd Place, Larry Chamney, ‘Take your Child to Work Day’.*

### 2024 PEOPLE’S BEST IN COMPETITION AWARDS – CLASS 5



*Left: 1st Place, Aroop Ghosh, ‘Hummingbird at Fletcher Garden’. Centre: 2nd Place, Aroop Ghosh, ‘Monarch Butterfly at Experimental Farm’. Right: 3rd Place, Larry Chamney, ‘Bee on Helianthus’.*

## CLASS 6- VOLUPTUOUS VISTAS

**Challenge:** ‘Voluptuous vista’ of a colourful mixed garden bed, cottage garden, or informal grouping of flowers and shrubs.

**Cinematic Theme:** *“Howard’s End”, (1992)*

**Location:** Open

**Entries:** 15

**Judge’s comments:** *“The top 3 images all displayed good colour and lighting, and the winner had a more pleasing composition.”*

### 2024 JUDGE’S BEST IN COMPETITION AWARDS – CLASS 6



*Left: 1st Place, Larry Chamney, ‘A Stream Flows Through It’. Centre: 2nd Place, Aroop Ghosh, ‘Purple Tulip Bed at Tulip Festival’. Right: 3rd Place, Tuula Talvila, ‘Bountiful Garden’.*

### 2024 PEOPLE’S BEST IN COMPETITION AWARDS – CLASS 6



*Left: 1st Place, Larry Chamney, ‘A Stream Flows Through It’. Centre: 2nd Place, Larry Chamney, ‘Allium and Rose’. Right: 3rd Place, Joanne Lacroix, ‘Colorful and Casual Mixed Garden’.*



## CLASS 7- NATIVE PLANTS AND WILDFLOWERS

**Challenge:** Photo of native plant(s) or wildflowers in a garden or in fields.

**Cinematic Theme:** *“Dare to be Wild”, (2015)*

**Location:** National Capital Area

**Entries:** 11

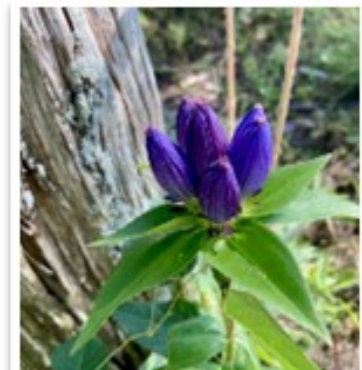
**Judge’s comments:** *“The winning entry here had a decent composition. Though not perfect, it was more pleasing than the other entries. The exposure is not correct so that hurts it as well. That being said, it is the best in category and if the exposure were fixed (it is underexposed between 1/2-3/4 stops) it would have been in the top 5 overall in the competition.”*

### 2024 JUDGE’S BEST IN COMPETITION AWARDS – CLASS 7



*Left: 1st Place, Larry Chamney, ‘Black Cohosh’. Centre: 2nd Place, Cristina Crochetiere, ‘Common Yarrow’. Right: 3rd Place, Barb Walker, ‘Blue False Indigo’.*

### 2024 PEOPLE’S BEST IN COMPETITION AWARDS – CLASS 7



*Left: 1st Place, Julianne Labreche, ‘Geum triflorum’. Centre: 2nd Place, Barb Walker, ‘Blue False Indigo’. Right: 3rd Place, Tuula TaLvila, ‘Bottle Gentian’.*





## OHS 2024 PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION WINNERS

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED!**

**BE SURE TO ENTER THE OHS PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION IN 2025**

