



2009 Wild Ones Photo Entry Form and Rules

Wild Ones' annual photo contest gives members a chance to show off their best native plant and landscape photos. Members are encouraged to experience the natural world and have fun. The emphasis should be on showing native plants and natural landscapes, and those things related to these environments. All members are encouraged to enter. A special category for kids persuades children, up to age 18, to show us their views of natural landscapes.

The photos will be judged on technical merit by a highly qualified photographer.

Only Wild Ones members and employees of our business members, whose membership is, and will be, current during the course of this contest, may enter. Household memberships includes those who live within the same household. Deadline for receipt of mailed submissions is August 3, 2009—no exceptions. Photo contest entries can be personally delivered to the WILD Center no later than 4:00 PM on August 3. The committee reserves the right to reject submitted photos that do not adhere to the rules or that are inappropriate.

2009 Photo Contest Rules

Read and follow these rules carefully.

1. The subject of all entries must be native plant species, native species landscape, or native plant ecology found in the USA or Canada. Photos of subjects that are not native will not be accepted.
2. No more than two entries per category and no more than four entries per member (each person under a household or business membership may enter).
3. Photos cannot have been previously entered in the Wild Ones Photo Contest.
4. All photos must be at least 5 x 7" and no larger than 16 x 20" in final size, including mat and frame.
5. Photos may be in color or black and white.
6. Each photo must be securely mounted on mounting board. (Available through most photo shops and art supply stores.) Matting and framing is optional.
7. A completed entry form must be affixed to the back of each entry. Entry forms may be photocopied.
8. Photographs will be judged according to the following criteria:
 - a. Technical merit (composition, sharpness, exposure, color)
 - b. Appropriateness to category
 - c. Presentation (neatness of mounting)
9. It is preferred that you include a CD with the photo files with your entry. See the guidelines section below.

Categories

All photos must contain images of native plant species.

- **Flora:** Plant species native to the United States or Canada.
- **Scenery:** Any aspect of native woodland, savanna, prairie, and wetlands (may include wildlife as part of the native landscape).
- **Pollinators, Insects or Bugs:** Native to the United States or Canada. Must contain images of native plant species.
- **Child or Children:** Exploring the natural environment (prairies, woodlands, or wet areas made up of native plant species).
- **Residential Landscaping:** Native landscaping that includes residences as part of the subject.
- **Non-residential Landscaping:** Native landscaping that includes non-residential buildings or recreational areas as part of the subject.
- **Wild Ones Activities:** Educational programs (monthly meetings, conferences, seed exchanges, seed collecting, garden tours, etc.) public relations activities (home & garden shows, festivals etc.) and plant rescues.
- **Photo Montage:** A montage of two or more photos may be entered as a single entry. All photos in the montage must fit one of the above categories and convey a single theme. All photos in the montage must be mounted and displayed as a single entry.
- **Kid's Photos:** Photos in any of the above categories taken by children up to age 18. All entries are judged as one category under the Kid's Photos category no matter what the descriptive category from above is. Kids can enter up to four photos but no more than two entries from any of the above categories. For example, two might be of the category of Flora, one of Landscaping and one of Scenery.

Mail photos to:

2009 Wild Ones Photo Contest
PO Box 1274
Appleton, WI 54912-1274

For hand-delivered entries, deliver to:

WILD Center
2285 Butte des Morts Beach Rd
Neenah, Wisconsin

By entering the contest, each photographer will be giving Wild Ones Natural Landscapers, Ltd and its affiliates permission to publish his or her photograph.

For more information, go to the Wild Ones website at www.for-wild.org or send an email to photocom@for-wild.org.

Guidelines

The following gives you additional information as you consider your entries.

When viewing photographs judges look for impact, creativity, composition, center of interest, lighting, color balance, and print quality. If a photo captures all this but is not sharp, it loses all these elements—above all, a print *must* be sharp.

If matting is used to compliment a photo, it must be cut neatly and the color of the matt must compliment the photo. Photos must be mounted and trimmed neatly on a mounting (art) board or Foam Core™. Use a quality photo adhesive or equivalent adhesive to secure the photo to the board. If not done appropriately, any of these elements will detract from the photo rather than enhance it.

The Process:

Photos will be judged by a highly qualified photographer who will determine a first, second, and third place award in each category.

At our discretion, photo entries may be used in our promotional materials and a slide presentation of the winning entries. Therefore, if your entries are from a digital camera, you **must** include a CD containing the electronic files. Resolution for these files should be no less than 300 dpi and saved in either .jpg, .psd or .gif format. Please provide a file with the highest resolution possible.

Entries will be returned by mail only if accompanied by self-addressed, postage paid packaging. We are not responsible for damage or loss.

2009 Wild Ones Photo Contest Entry Form

This form should be securely fastened on the back of each photo submitted.
Please PRINT.

Name _____

Mailing address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

Wild Ones chapter affiliation _____

(If not a member of a chapter, indicate PAL for partner-at large.)

Photo category _____

I am entering as an adult _____ in the Kid's photo category _____ **Kid's age** _____

Title of photo _____

Location, time of day, and circumstances under which photo was taken.

Optional:

Type of camera _____

Type of film (if any) _____

I am including a CD-ROM containing my photo files. Yes _____ No _____

For contest coordinators and judges only.

Entry Number: _____ **Place Award (if applicable):** _____