



2018 New Mexico Master Gardener Conference Photo Contest Participation Guidelines

Eligibility

- Open to any active New Mexico Master Gardener (NMMG) volunteer and/or 2018 New Mexico Master Gardener Conference (NMMGC) attendee
- Attendance at the 2018 NMMGC is *not* required
- Professional and amateurs are welcome
- Limit of three (3) digital photos per person per category
- Photographs must be taken by the person entering the contest

What to enter

- Photos should represent the category they are submitted under
- Photos should be high-resolution and digital (**minimum** size of 1800 in largest dimension; JPG, JPEG, or PNG formats)
- Photos will be accepted in the following categories:
 - Creatures in the Garden
 - Incredible Edibles
 - Master Gardeners in Action
 - Outstanding Ornamental
 - New Mexico Sustainable Gardening

What not to enter

- Do not submit photos that are not your own
- Do not insert watermarks, photos with words, or inappropriate content to the contest – photos that are any of these things will be considered ineligible
- Photos that have been digitally altered beyond standard optimization¹ may not be entered
- Do not submit more than three (3) photos per category, we will accept the first three (3) submission and delete subsequent submissions

How to enter

- Submit each photo via email to nmmgc2018photocontest@gmail.com with the following attached
 - Your filled-out ***Photo Contest Release and Entry Form***
 - A digital file of your photo.
- Photo file
 - 1. photos should be file format JPG, JPEG, or PNG
 - 2. **minimum** size of 1800 in largest dimension
 - 4. File Name: FirstName_LastName_Category
{i.e. Rose_Greenthumb_CreaturesInTheGarden.jpg}
- Entries must be received no later than July 31, 2018.

¹ Standard optimization is defined as removal of dust, cropping, adjustments to color and contrast, etc. Multiple exposures that have been combined to produce a single "High Dynamic Range" (HDR) image are acceptable.



Judging

- Judges will be selected by the 2018 NMMGC Committee
- The judges will select a 1st place winner and 2nd place winner in each category
- All entries will be judged on the following criteria:
 - Impact – 40%
 - Composition – 20%
 - Exposure – 20%
 - Focus – 20%
- The 1st and 2nd place winners of each category will be entered into the Gardeners Choice contest
- Gardeners Choice
 - Voting for this award will take place during the 2018 NMMGC on Saturday, September 1, 2018
 - Conference attendees will vote for their overall favorite
 - Winner will be announced on Sunday, September 2, 2018

Winners and Prizes

- Each category finalist will receive a certificate and be recognized by having their photo posted on the 2018 NMMGC website, nmmgcon2018.org
- Category winner photos will also be displayed in a photo gallery at the 2018 NMMGSC
- Each category winner will receive a canvas wrapped copy of their winning photo and a certificate