



BOB JONES NATURE CENTER 2012 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

CONTEST CATERGORIES

Notes: • You may submit a maximum of 3 entries in each of the 6 categories.

- All submitted photos are to be taken at the Bob Jones Nature Center and Preserve, Bob Jones Park, and the Corps of Engineer land that is adjacent to the Bob Jones Nature Center and Preserve, also called the Southlake Cove Ecosystem.

1. Wildlife Portraits

This category includes portraits and behaviors of non-captive animals in their natural habitats. These include mammals, birds, marine life, reptiles, amphibians, and insects.

2. Natural Objects Portraits

This category includes natural objects in their natural habitats. These could include plants, flowers, trees, rocks, shells, minerals, fungi, and lichens.

3. Nature Scenic's

This category includes expansive views that may include landscapes, waterscapes, cloudscapes, prairies, forests, streams, sunrises, and sunsets.

4. People Interacting with Nature

This category includes people interacting with and enjoying nature at BJNC-sponsored events, family outings, horseback riding, bird watching, hiking, Plein Air painting, etc.

5. Art in Nature

This category includes naturally occurring patterns, lines, shapes, objects, and can be expansive, close-up, or macro images.

6. Creative Interpretation

This category includes nature-related images created with traditional or digital technology. It is intended to express that photographer's artistic impression of the subject. *These photos include elements of design such as line, shape, pattern, texture, form, and perspective, as well as composition and manipulations through digital technology.*

NOTE: With the exception of Creative Interpretation, only cropping and minor adjustments to color and contrast are acceptable.

CONTEST DIVISIONS

Student Junior: Ages 12 years and younger

Student Senior: Ages 13 to 18 years

Adult: Aged 19 and older in 3 self-proclaimed categories

- **Beginner:** Learning the basic operation of the camera. Learning the basic concepts of composition, exposure, lighting, and post-processing of images.
- **Intermediate:** Comfortable with the technical aspects of the camera. Knowledgeable to proficient in the concepts of composition, exposure, lighting, and post-processing techniques for creating images.
- **Advanced:** Can teach others the concepts of composition, exposure, lighting and post-processing of images. Possesses the skills necessary to provide meaningful critique of others' images. Skillful in several genres of photography (e.g., landscape, portrait, macro, photojournalism, or still life).

PREPARING AND SUBMITTING PHOTOS

COLOR AND SIZE:

The size of the print should be 8" x 10" to fit into a pre-cut 8" x 10" mat. Your 8" x 10" print will be placed into a Nature Center supplied pre-cut mat when you bring it or mail it to the Center. The image can be color or black and white.

ENTRY AND PHOTO LABEL FORMS:

An entry form and photo label must accompany photos. Request an entry form and image labels from the BJNC website to receive the forms by mail.

DIGITAL IMAGES:

Submit a CD with high-resolution versions of your images. Include all submitted images on one CD. Identify the CD with your name.

ENTRY FEES:

Entry fees are \$5 per photo. Cash or checks are accepted through the mail. Credit cards can be used at the Nature Center.

ENTRY SUBMISSIONS:

Entries can be submitted through the mail or in person at the Nature Center. Your 8" x 10" print will be placed into a Nature Center supplied pre-cut mat. Entries can be submitted beginning March 12, 2012 and must be in by March 16, 2012.

RETURNS AND USE

- Receipt of entries will not be acknowledged nor photographs returned. The images remain the copyright property of the photographer.
- Photographers grant the Bob Jones Nature Center Organization the non-exclusive right to use the photos submitted for the contest for publicity, advertising, promotional, educational, and other purposes without obtaining further permission and/or compensation. The Bob Jones Nature Center Organization will attempt to give credit to the photographer.
- This permission extends to include use, with the permission of the Bob Jones Nature Center Organization, by any other non-profit organization or agency in connection with furthering the mission, purposes or activities of the Bob Jones Nature Center Organization. A signature on the entry form constitutes acceptance of these terms.

JUDGING AND AWARDS

All photos will be displayed. Judging will be based on content, technical merit, and uniqueness. At the judges' discretion, there may not be winners for all categories or divisions.

- **Content/subject:** category description that best portrays/represents BJNCP (50%)
- **Technical Merit:** composition, balance, exposure, focus, color, use of available light (25%)
- **Uniqueness:** creativity (25%)

BEST OF SHOW:

There will be one Best of Show awarded. Winner will receive a certificate, rosette ribbon, and gift card.

FIRST PLACE:

First Place category winners will receive a certificate, rosette ribbon, and a gift card.

SECOND AND THIRD PLACE CATEGORY WINNERS:

Winners will receive a certificate and ribbon.

HONORABLE MENTION:

There will be up to 3 Honorable Mentions in each category.

EXTRA AWARDS:

A ribbon will be awarded to an adult and junior and senior division student for the following:

- *BEST BLACK AND WHITE IMAGE
- *Judges' discretionary awards.

SCHEDULE OF DATES:**Submissions:**

Photos, registration form, and payment must be received between March 12 and by March 16.

Awards Reception:

Sunday, April 1, 2012 – 2:00pm to 3:30pm

Photography Contest Exhibition:

At the Nature Center: April 1 to May 31

At the Town Hall: June 4 to August 3

For more information, contact:

Bob Jones Nature Center - 817-939-1100

Entry forms and labels available at www.bjnc.org or e-mail bobjonesnaturecenter@hotmail.com