



# PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS

## AWARDS, CONTESTS, and GRANTS

### TELL YOUR STORY WITH PHOTOGRAPHS

The GFWC Photography Contests encourage members' artistic expression and visual storytelling, while recognizing originality, visual impact, and technical skill in photography. GFWC offers two opportunities to participate in the Photography Contests:

#### THE WORLD IN PICTURES CONTEST

These photographs showcase the people, places, and things at home and around the world that impact our lives in a meaningful way, as expressed in these three categories:

**Our World Up Close**—Create a visual that offers a novel viewpoint or a macro image that takes the viewer into a whole new, tiny world.

**Natural Wonders**—Use wide angles and panoramas, or moody landscape images, to showcase mountains, meadows, sandhills, rivers, waterfalls, oceans, deserts, or any other magnificent vista.

**Reflections**—Feature a setting, situation, or landmark that brings back poignant memories, or capture a fleeting image reflected in glass, water, or another mirrored surface.

#### GFWC LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT CONTEST

These photographs capture the special moments in the lives of GFWC clubwomen as they meet, plan, advocate, volunteer, or celebrate, in groups or one-on-one.

#### RULES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS

- Photographs must be the original work of the member submitting the photograph.
- All contest photographers must be dues paying members of an active GFWC club.
- Photographs must be taken between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2020, providing a special allowance for two years of photographs for the 2021 contests, since the 2020 Photography Contests were not held. Photographs must be taken between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021, for the 2022 Photography Contests.
- Contestants must be considered an amateur photographer.



#### 2020-2022 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS

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#### CLUB CHAIRMAN RESPONSIBILITIES

- Encourage members to participate in the GFWC Photography Contests.
- Foster participation in the photography contests. Consider selecting a subject for all members to photograph.
- Recognize member contributions by awarding certificates and/or ribbons.
- Remind members of deadlines for judging the local and state contests.
- Forward the submissions for state and national judging as instructed.
- Verify that all rules for the contests have been followed. Entries that **do not** follow the contest rules will be disqualified.

### **ARTWORK GUIDELINES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS**

- Photographs may be vertical/portrait or horizontal/landscape.
- Photographs must be the original work of the member submitting the photo.
- Each photograph must be an 8 X 10-inch print. Digital submissions alone will not be considered, but a high-resolution digital copy of the submission is encouraged.
- All photographs must be mounted on a rigid 8 X 10-inch board and overall thickness may not exceed 3/8 inch. NO mattes, frames, or hangers!
- Judges will look at the overall creativity of subject and quality of the photograph.
- Photographs may be taken using film or with digital cameras and may be color or black and white.
- Photographs will NOT be returned.
- Each photograph must have a **label** affixed to its back with the following information:
  - ∅ Contest name: *The World in Pictures* with category or GFWC Living the Volunteer Spirit
  - ∅ Photographer's Name, Email Address, Mailing Address, and Phone Number
  - ∅ Name and State of the sponsoring club
  - ∅ Title and brief caption giving location, date, and other pertinent info about the photograph
  - ∅ Arrow indicating top of the photograph

### **DEADLINES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS**

**State Level:** Clubs must send entries to their respective State Photography Contest Chairman for judging. State entry deadlines are determined by the respective State Federation.

**National Level:** To be eligible for national judging, submit one winner from each State Federation for each contest and category, along with a cover letter from the respective State Photography Contest Chairman listing the names of the winning submissions and the signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver from each state winner. This must be postmarked by May 15 and sent to:

GFWC Photography Contest  
1734 N Street NW  
Washington, DC 20036-2990

National level submitted photographs will not be returned.

*\* If your State Convention takes place on or about this deadline date, contact GFWC at [Programs@gfwc.org](mailto:Programs@gfwc.org) or 1-800-443-GFWC (4392).*

### **AWARDS FOR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST**

The following awards will be presented at the GFWC Annual Convention for the top three national entries in each contest and category:

First Place	\$100
Second Place	\$75
Third Place	\$50

**DISCLAIMER**

By submitting your photographs to GFWC for the GFWC Photography Contests on the national level, you are providing GFWC with a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell license, or sublicense the work in any media now known or later invented without limitation for commercial or noncommercial purposes.

**GFWC CREATIVE ARTS WAIVER FORM**

The GFWC Creative Arts Waiver Form is attached to this Photography Contests program. For further information contact GFWC at [Programs@gfwc.org](mailto:Programs@gfwc.org) or call 202-347-3168.