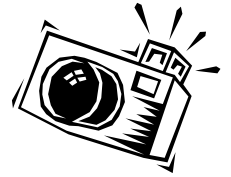




FRIENDS OF THE
ARBORETUM

Photo Contest

Now It's Easy To Enter!



The Friends of the Arboretum Photo Contest has gone online! Now it's easier than ever to submit your best Arboretum photos for others to see and enjoy.

Everyone knows the Arboretum is an awesome place to take pictures in every season of the year, and we know our visitors are taking beautiful pictures. Now's your chance to share your very best photos with the world!

Contests will be conducted seasonally, and at the end of each three month contest, a panel of judges will select first, second and third place winners. Four times a year, the winning entries will be published—and the photographers named—in the next issue of the Friends of the Arboretum eNews ("The Arb"), which is sent to several thousand recipients.

A grand prize photo will be featured on the collectible poster which is given to all FOTA members each spring. Think of the glory that could be yours!

In addition to being used in Arboretum publications, promotional materials and social media, photos will also be exhibited in the Arboretum's Visitors Center, the Tomahawk Ridge Community Center, and various other places in Overland Park, including the Johnson County Lawn & Garden Show in February and the OP Fall Festival in September.

Please direct Photo Contest questions to: arboretumphotocontest@gmail.com

RULES

By submitting your photo(s) you agree to the following rules:

There is a separate contest for each season. Photographs must be taken during the dates of that contest season (e.g., November 1–January 31 for the first contest) and must be submitted on or before the last date of that season's contest.

November 1, 2011, to January 31, 2012
February 1 to April 30, 2012
May 1 to July 31, 2012
August 1 to October 31, 2012

Winners announced in February eNews
Winners announced in May eNews
Winners announced in August eNews
Winners announced in November eNews
along with Grand Prize winner

Photos must be taken at the Overland Park Arboretum & Botanical Gardens, 8908 W. 179th St., Overland Park, KS 66085.

One submission per person, per seasonal contest.

Digital submissions only, jpeg RGB format, file size approx. 500 Kb to 1Mb. (If you don't have image editing software on your computer, you can use these free online resources to shrink your files: www.shrinkpictures.com or www.picresize.com). Files must be titled with the name (first/last) of the photographer and age if under 18. No date stamping on photo images.

Email entries to:
arboretumphotocontest@gmail.com

Each entry's email message must include name, address, age (if under 18), email address and phone number (with area code) at which you can be reached; the date the photo was taken; and the location within the Arboretum. A 50-word-or-less description is optional.

Winners will be expected to provide their original, larger files on CD for printing, so **save your original files.**

The contest is open to all photographers (excluding the Photo Contest Committee and contest judges). **Submissions from photographers under the age of 18 must be made by a parent or legal guardian.**

Photographers agree to let the Arboretum use both their photograph(s) and their name in Arboretum publications (print and online). Entrants also retain the rights to their photos. Recognition in the eNews will include the photographers' names.

Winning photos will be mounted for

display in various places following the end of the contest, so **all** entrants must save their original files and be prepared to submit them later on CD for the contest committee to print and frame for display.

We reserve the right *not* to accept photos that will not reproduce well, images that have been digitally altered beyond standard optimization, and photos that are deemed inappropriate. Such decisions are at the sole discretion of the Photo Contest Committee.

Please observe proper etiquette. Photographs taken in the Arboretum, a public domain, do not require photographers to obtain signed releases from people in their photographs. However, photographers should always ask permission to photograph anyone who will be identifiable in their pictures.

You must stay on the paths and do no harm to plants or animals. **No photos of pets or weddings.**

JUDGING

A panel of judges will select first, second and third place winners from each season's contest, in adult and youth categories. Honorable mentions may be chosen at the discretion of the panel. There will be no names on the photos during judging.

Each seasonal contest winner (first, second, third; adult and youth) will receive two tickets to the Luminary Walk. A grand prize winner will be selected from the seasonal winners by the panel of judges and announced in the November 2012 eNews. The grand prize winner will receive a FOTA family membership for one year.

Friends of the Arboretum reserves the right to change these rules at any time.