

Entries Sought for Lincoln Native Flora Juried Photo Exhibit

This exhibit is to be comprised of photographs taken by Lincoln residents of flower, plant and mushroom wildlife in found in Lincoln. The exhibit has multiple goals which include educating Lincoln residents about the wide variety of animals found in Lincoln, as well as encouraging them to engage in, and appreciate, the art of photography.

Entries will be accepted for consideration through October 31, 2009. Individuals whose photos are chosen for inclusion in the exhibit will be notified in mid to late November of 2009. Photos chosen for inclusion in the exhibit will be displayed at the Lincoln Public Library during the month of December 2009.

The jury will be comprised of local individuals with expertise in photography, knowledge of Lincoln's native flora, or both these skills.

Judging criteria will take into consideration, though need not be limited to, the following:

- the exhibit's goal of representing the widest possible range of Lincoln's native flora
- artistic merit of the photo including such elements as lighting and composition
- size of the exhibit space available

Entrants are limited to a total of ten (10) entries. Themes of the show are expected to be Flowers, Plants and Mushrooms found in Lincoln. Invasive species will not be considered for this exhibit. Photos taken in natural settings are preferred but arranged photos taken in staged settings may also be accepted if they are deemed by the organizer and/or judges to be more suitable to the artistic and educational goals of the exhibit.

For a complete list of rules and entry forms see below or call 781-259-3427. This event is sponsored by a grant from the Lincoln Cultural Council, a local agency which is part of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Rules and Information

Entrants Must agree to the following rules:

1. All those wishing to submit photos for consideration must be Lincoln residents.
2. All photos submitted must be taken in Lincoln.
3. Entrants 18 or older must sign a waiver of liability certifying that they hold the copyright to those images and agreeing to indemnify the organizer(s), jurors, and others involved in conducting the exhibit from any and all damages which might arise resulting from the entrant's submission of photos to which they do not hold copyright. They must also agree to waive any claim of liability by the organizers from any action taken by the organizers or their agents in the conduct of this exhibit. Entrants 17 or under must have the waiver of liability signed by a parent or legal guardian who will attest to the ownership of copyright. Any parent or guardian signing on behalf of an entrant 17 or under assumes all legal liability for that entrant.
4. Entrants must agree to allow the use of any photos they submit by the organizer of the exhibit for inclusion in materials promoting the exhibit.
5. Entrants must agree to allow the use and/or publication of any photos they submit by sponsors of the exhibit or any other designee of the organizer (for example The Lincoln Journal, Lincoln Review, this website) for a period of one year following the end of the exhibit for non-commercial purposes related to the exhibit such as their inclusion in news articles, lists of entries chosen, display (with attribution) on the Lincoln Wildlife website, etc..
6. Photos should be submitted in printed format, preferably in the frame the entrant will display them in. Submission of digital entries may be arranged, but entrants are advised that owing to differences in computer monitors and/or printing equipment, photos submitted in digital format may appear differently when viewed by the exhibit's jurors than the manner in which the Entrant intended, and that this may effect the jurors' decision.
7. Entrants whose photos are chosen for inclusion in the exhibit will be notified in advance of the competition. Because the date of notification is dependent upon the availability of the jurors to judge the entries this date will not be announced until after the jurors have made their decision, and is subject to change.
8. Entrants whose photos are chosen for inclusion in the exhibit will be required to provide a high quality print of the photo (minimum 200dpi resolution) in a format of at least 8 inches by 10 inches. This print must be mounted by the entrant in a frame of suitable quality (as determined by the organizer) for inclusion in the display. The framed print must be provided to the organizer no less than 3 days prior to the opening of the exhibit, the date of which will be announced to the entrant at the time they are notified by the organizer of the jurors' decision.
9. Up to two people may jointly submit an entry as long as both individuals sign and return the required waiver(s) of liability and certification of ownership of copyright. Under these circumstances they may submit as many entries jointly as they would be allowed to submit if they were submitting them individually.

While the organizers will, at the conclusion of the exhibit, endeavor to return all photos which are placed on exhibit as well as any frames these photos are mounted in, entrants are advised that resulting from the public nature of the exhibit, certain circumstances beyond the control of the organizers may delay or prevent this. These circumstances may include (but are not limited to) accidental breakage, theft, scheduling considerations, or lack of access to the premises upon which the exhibit was conducted.

Tips

When taking your photos or choosing which photos to enter potential entrants are encouraged to consider:

- the terrain
- local micro climate
- time of day
- lighting conditions (sunny, cloudy, dusk, etc.)

You can find other useful tips online. One recommended site is Tips from Nature's Best Magazine for their backyard photography contest.

Entry Form

Please print the Entry Form below and include it with your entries at the time of submission.

Please email info@lincolnwildlife.org or call Jay Hersh, the organizer of this event, at 781-259-3427 if you have questions or to arrange a time to drop off your entries or make other arrangements for their submission.

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Lincoln Wildlife Juried Photo Exhibit Entry Form and Waiver of Liability

I, _____ agree, on behalf of myself or my minor child age 17 or under and for whom I have legal guardianship, to indemnify and hold harmless the exhibit organizers and their agents, including but not limited to any juror of the exhibit, employee of the facility in which the exhibit is displayed, or any other person acting on behalf of the organizers with the knowledge and permission of the organizers, for any damages arising from the actions of the organizers in conducting this event.

I also certify that I am over 18 and I, or my minor child age 17 or under and for whom I have legal guardianship, hold copyright to the images I am submitting either solely, or jointly with the following individual(s) _____ . I agree to indemnify the organizer(s), jurors, and others involved in conducting the exhibit from any and all damages which might arise resulting from any misrepresentation with regard to my claim of copyright to the images submitted, or any claim by any other person who might contest my claim of copyright to these images.

I agree to allow the images I am submitting to be used in any and all publicity materials which the organizer may distribute in conjunction with the conduct of this exhibit. I also agree to allow the images I am submitting to be freely published by the organizer's sponsors or any other agent of the organizer, in conjunction with any activity which may be conducted as part of the exhibit, either before or after it, through January 1, 2011.

I certify that I am a resident of Lincoln.

I certify that these photographs were taken in Lincoln.

I agree that if one or more of my photographs or images are chosen for inclusion in the exhibit that I will provide a printed copy of the work suitable for display as part of the exhibit, in a format which conforms to the specifications of the organizer or their agent, and that my failure to do so within a timeframe determined by the organizer may disqualify my work(s) from inclusion in the exhibit even if the organizer has previously informed me or otherwise stated, in public or private, their intention to include the work.

I agree that if one or more of my photographs or images are chosen for inclusion in the exhibit that I will provide a frame suitable for display of the work as part of the exhibit, that such frame must conform to the specifications of the organizer or their agent, and that my failure to do so within a timeframe determined by the organizer may disqualify my work(s) from inclusion in the exhibit even if the organizer has previously informed me or otherwise stated, in public or private, their intention to include the work.

I acknowledge that while the organizer has indicated that at the conclusion of the exhibit they will endeavor to return all photos which I may have provided for inclusion in the exhibit, as well as any frames these photos are mounted in, that, resulting from the public nature of the exhibit, certain circumstances beyond the control of the organizers, including, but not limited to, accidental breakage, theft, scheduling considerations, or lack of access to the premises upon which the exhibit was conducted, may delay or prevent the return of these photos and/or frames. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the organizers of this exhibit or their agents, should it not be possible for the images which I have provided, or the frames they were mounted in, to be returned.

Entrant's Name _____ If a minor, Name of Legal Guardian _____

Address _____ Phone Number _____

Email _____ Total Number of Entries Submitted _____

Signature of Entrant (or, if a minor, their legal guardian) _____

Date Signed _____