

2024 Photo Contest - Share Your Best Shot!

The Friends of Huntley Meadows Park Photo Contest is a nature-themed photography contest that benefits Huntley Meadows Park. All submission fees go directly to support park staff, events, and equipment. Contestants may submit photos October 28 – December 12. No late entries will be accepted. If you have questions, please email Michael Williams at friendsofhmp@gmail.com.

A panel of judges will select the winning photos and those to be displayed from the pool of contest entries. The selected photos will be exhibited at the Norma Hoffman Visitor Center at Huntley Meadows Park. The opening reception on December 15, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. If the photo does not meet the criteria described below it will not be judged.

Every effort is made to display all entries. Photographers will be notified at the beginning of December if their photo(s) will NOT be included in the exhibit.

To Enter

1. Complete our [electronic entry form](#) - there is a limit of three (3) submissions per person.
2. Use the "[Donate](#)" link to pay the \$5 per submission fee. *Please include the receipt when you drop off your entry/entries.* The fee is waived for those of high school age and younger.
3. Deliver your entries to Huntley Meadows Park at 3701 Lockheed Blvd, Alexandria, VA 22306. Don't forget your receipt that shows you have paid the entry fee. And ensure your name, title of photo and contact info are on backside of mounting

If you are not able to submit/pay electronically, please fill out a submission form (available at HMP Visitor's Center) for each entry and include a check for the fee, payable to the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park; a single check can cover multiple entries.

Contest Rules

- All photographs must have been taken at Huntley Meadows Park, Alexandria, Virginia within the past 3 years. The photo does NOT have to have been taken in the last year.
- Only photographs of a nature theme will be considered (plants or animals). Photos may contain images of people, so long as the provisions in the copyrights and permissions section are met.
- Name, telephone, and email address should be entered clearly on the back of the matted photo. No identifying marks should appear on the front of the photograph, to preserve anonymity for judging.
- Photographs must be matted/mounted, but NOT framed. Matting should be a standard size, not exceeding 18 inches x 24 inches.

- All photos may be used by the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park for promotional or fundraising purposes.
- The decisions of the contest judges are final.

Awards and Opening Reception

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and honorable mention winners will receive ribbons and will be featured on the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park website and Facebook page.
- A “Fan Favorite” vote will take place over the duration of the show and will be announced on February 28
- The show will open and winners will be announced virtually on Sunday, December 15, 2024.

Copyrights and Permissions

- The show will be taken down on February 28, 2025. Photographers may retrieve their photos until March 28, 2025. Photos not retrieved become the property of the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park.
- The photographer must hold the copyright to all photos they submit to the contest.
- Photographs that violate copyright laws will be disqualified.
- The use of public domain images is prohibited.
- Photographers retain ownership of all copyrights.
- By submitting an image to this photo contest, you hereby grant to Friends of Huntley Meadows Park permission to make a copy of your entry for promotional use on our website, Facebook page, or in printed materials, including the FOHMP Newsletter.
- Any contest submissions that receive legal challenges from either copyright or insufficient model permissions will be removed.
- If a contest participant chooses to sell their photo(s) at the show, proceeds from that sale will be used by FOHMP to support Huntley Meadows Park.

Eligibility

- Park volunteers and employees of Huntley Meadows Park and their families not involved in judging or administering the contest can enter.
- All Huntley Meadows Park rules apply, including rules that animals must not be harassed and no modifications of the environment may be made to improve a photograph.

We look forward to seeing your photo contest entries!