

2026 NWHS PHOTO CONTEST:

Taking pictures is a great way to remember and share gardening experiences. Sometimes, things happen fast—just time enough to grab the camera and press the shutter. Good, got it! If time permits, after your initial shot, think “how can I improve the image” —and take more shots. Enter your most unique and best images. Have fun!



2025 First Place: Garden View, Paul Larose

DEFINITIONS:

- 1. Garden:** for the sake of the contest, “garden” refers to a place cultivated by humans. Wilderness is not a garden.
- 2. Macro Image:** aka “extreme close-up”. If a photo is printed 4”x6” and the subject is life size or larger, it is a macro image. Macro images cannot be entered in visitors, colour or view categories—only in the macro category.

THE CATEGORIES:

- 1. Visitors in the Garden:** Can be something living or a representation of something living. I.e. may include humans, animals, insects, fish or even gnomes and statues. The photograph must be taken in your own garden. “Visitor” does not include plants which are visiting.
- 2. Colour in the Garden: Lime Green** in all its hues and intensities. Best capture of the colour Lime Green in plant material in any garden.
- 3. View of an NWHS Garden:** Can be an over-all or partial view of any NWHS member’s garden. Photos of an individual flower or plant are welcome as long as they relate to the flower’s or plant’s garden setting.
- 4. Macro Image:** Must be a macro photograph, can be of any subject matter in any garden. See definition.

THE BASICS:

1. The contest is open to all paid-up NWHS members as of the September 2026 general meeting.
2. Photographs must have been taken by the entrant.
3. Photographs must have been taken after September 1, 2025.
4. There is a limit of 3 (three) photographs per category by any member.
5. Photographs are to be submitted in printed form.
6. Photograph dimensions allowed: Normal format, up to 5”x7”; if panoramic, either the width or length must be 5” or less. I.e. 5”x10” is allowed but 6”x 10” is not.

ENTERING:

1. Entries are to be submitted at the club’s September 8, 2026 NWHS general meeting. Please consult with the contest coordinator (Audrey Barnes, 604-526-8284, sgbarnes@telus.net) if this does not work with you.
2. At that meeting (or earlier), obtain your unique exhibitor number from the contest coordinator. Put that number, not your name, on the back of each of your photographs. Also on the back, put an arrow pointing up. There will be a large envelope designated for each category. Put your photographs into the appropriate envelopes.

JUDGING & AWARDS:

1. Judging is done by a panel of members of the New Westminster Photography Club. They have the option to move a photograph from one category to another if it is deemed it to be incorrectly submitted.
2. Awards will be given for first, second and third for each category. No member can win all three places in any category. Honorable mentions are a possibility. First places will receive \$15; seconds, \$10; thirds, \$5 and honorable mentions (if any), \$2.
3. At the club’s November meeting, large posters highlighting the winning entries with the judges’ comments will be posted. All other entries will be on display.
4. Awards will be presented at the club’s annual awards ceremonies in December.