



# Ontario Horticultural Association District 2 2024 Photo Competition



## **CAPTURING THE BEAUTY IN MY SURROUNDINGS**

### **PLEASE READ EACH CLASS DESCRIPTION CAREFULLY**

Class 1: **First Signs of a Spring Garden** – a photo of a mass of spring flowers with more than 2 colors. Can be in your own garden or a public garden.

Class 2: **Rock Garden** – a photo of a rugged rock garden showing different textures and heights. Can be in a private or public garden or alongside of a natural pond or lake or along the roadside or a hiking trail.

Class 3: **Close-up of an Insect on a Flower** - a photo of an outdoor flower with a visible insect of any kind. Must be an outside plant, not an indoor plant.

Class 4: **A Fruit Tree, Bush, Vine or Patch with Blossoms** – a photo of a fruit tree, bush, vine or patch in full bloom. Can also be a closeup of the blossom itself. In a public or a private garden. Examples could include Apple, Pear, Cherry, Strawberry, Raspberry, Blueberry, Grapes, or Plum

Class 5: **A Magnolia Tree in Full Bloom** – a photo showing the beautiful blooms of a magnolia. Can be in a private or public garden.

Class 6: **A Clump of Birch** – a photo of more than one birch tree showing it's white bark beauty.

### **All photos must contain:**

**40% Horticultural Value** – *each photo should contain at least 40% plants, fruits or vegetables, flowers, ornamental plants or trees.*

**40% Photographic Value** – *exposure, clarity, focus, lighting, resolution (2MB or more) and background. Not all phone cameras take high resolution photos. Check your settings.*

**20% Appearance & Impact** – *produces a memorable experience to the viewer, transmitting a strong message and leaving traces on their mind and soul.*

## Rules:

1. Exhibitors must be a member in good standing of a Horticultural Society within District 2
2. All photos submitted to be taken within 2020-2024. (if unsure, right click on photo, go to properties, click on Details. Look for the date the photo was taken.)
3. Entries will be accepted in digital format only.
4. Please provide entries in .jpg format with a High Resolution (Photos should be at least 2 mb or larger in size, otherwise they will not show well in the PowerPoint presentation) Photos less than 1 mb may be disqualified. Not all camera phones take high resolution photos.
5. Photos may be adjusted for lighting and colour balance or cropped but should not be enhanced by adding photo elements.
6. Two entries per exhibitor per class.
7. Take care to ensure photos are entered into the correct class. Identification of entries as follows:  
**RENAME your photos** using the following format: **Your Name\_Society Name\_Class Number** eg: **debrabellevue\_SmithsFalls\_Class1\_1**. For Society name, please use the full name, not just initials. See example shown.
8. Please **ATTACH** your file to your email. Do not INSERT into the email message. Submit your entries to Debra Bellevue by **March 15, 2024**. Photos can be sent by email as an attachment (one photo per email) to [district2photos@gmail.com](mailto:district2photos@gmail.com) **Subject line: D2 Photo Competition**. Or they can be placed on a memory stick, CD or SD Card and mailed to Debra Bellevue 260 Brockville Street Apt 416, Smiths Falls, ON K7A 0B7. For return of your media (CD/DVD, memory stick or SD Card), please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.
9. Winning photos entered in a previous District 2 competition will not be accepted.
10. Please do **not** enter photos with name or date printed on them. They will be disqualified.
11. Photos will be submitted to an external judge. The judge's decision is final.
12. Photos will be presented in a slideshow format presentation at the D2 2024 AGM.
13. The Best of Show winner of the D2 Photo Competition will be presented with a framed print of his/her photo