PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS

AWARDS, CONTESTS, and GRANTS

TELL YOUR STORY WITH PHOTOGRAPHS



The GFWC Photography Contests encourage members' artistic expression and visual storytelling, while recognizing originality, visual impact, and technical skill in photography. GFWC offers two opportunities to participate in the Photography Contests. You don't need an expensive camera to take great pictures. Today's cell phones offer a way to take creative pictures that are contest worthy.

THE WORLD IN PICTURES CONTEST

These photographs showcase the people, places, and things at home and around the world that impact our lives in a meaningful way, as expressed in these three categories:

Our World Up Close—Create a visual that offers a novel viewpoint or a macro image that takes the viewer into a whole new, tiny world. Macro photography creates photos of small items that are larger than life. Some common examples are bugs or parts of flowers.

Natural Wonders—Use wide angles and panoramas, or changeable landscape images, to showcase mountains, meadows, sandhills, rivers, waterfalls, oceans, deserts, or any other magnificent vista.

Reflections—Feature a setting, situation, or landmark that brings back poignant memories, or capture a fleeting image reflected in glass, water, or another mirrored surface.

GFWC LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT CONTEST

These photographs capture the special moments in the lives of GFWC clubwomen as they meet, plan, advocate, volunteer, or celebrate, in groups or one-on-one.

RULES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS

- Photographs must be the original work of the member submitting the photograph.
- All contest photographers must be dues paying members of an active GFWC club.
- Photographs for the first year of the Administration must be taken between January 1, 2022, and December 31, 2022. Photographs for the second year of the Administration must be taken between January 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023.
- Contestants must be considered an amateur photographer.

2022-2024 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS

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CLUB CHAIRMAN RESPONSIBILITIES

- Encourage members to participate in the GFWC Photography Contests.
- Foster participation in the photography contests. Consider selecting a subject for all members to photograph.
- Recognize member contributions by awarding certificates and/or ribbons.
- Remind members of deadlines for judging the local and state contests.
- Forward the submissions for state and national judging as instructed.
- Verify that all rules for the contests have been followed. Entries that **do not** follow the contest rules will be disqualified.

ARTWORK GUIDELINES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS

Judges will look at the overall creativity of subject and quality of the photograph. Photos may be taken using film or with digital cameras and may be color or black/white.

PHOTOGRAPHS FOR STATE JUDGING

Printed Photography Submissions:

- Photographs may be vertical/portrait or horizontal/landscape.
- Photographs must be the original work of the member submitting the photograph.
- Each photograph must be an 8 X 10-inch print.
- All photographs must be mounted on a rigid 8 X 10-inch board and overall thickness may not exceed 3/8 inch. No mattes, frames, or hangers are to be included.
- Photographs may be taken using film or with digital cameras and may be color or black and white.
- Printed photographs will not be returned.
- Each photograph must have a label affixed to its back with the following information:
  - Contest name: *World in Pictures* with category or GFWC Living the Volunteer Spirit
  - Photographer's Name, Email Address, Mailing Address, and Phone Number
  - Name and State of the sponsoring club
  - Title and a brief caption giving location, date, and other pertinent information about the photograph
  - Arrow indicating the top of the photograph

Digital Photography Submissions (if allowed by the State Chairman)

- Digital submissions will be considered but must be a high-resolution digital copy emailed in "actual" size. Note: Typically, must be emailed in a large capacity format software such as Dropbox, Hightail, or other.
- **High-resolution**/300 dots per inch or pixels per inch
- Photographs may be vertical/portrait or horizontal/landscape.
- Photographs must be the original work of the member submitting the photograph.
- Each photograph must have the following information contained in the email:
  - Contest name: *World in Pictures* with category or GFWC Living the Volunteer Spirit
  - Photographer's Name, Email Address, Mailing Address, and Phone Number
  - Name and State of the sponsoring club
  - Title and a brief caption giving location, date, and other pertinent information about the photograph
  - Indicate the top of the photograph

DEADLINES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS

State Level: Clubs must send entries to their respective State Photography Contest Chairman for judging. If Chairman accepts digital format, please be sure to include where to email the photographs. State entry deadlines are determined by the respective State Federation.

National Level: To be eligible for national judging, submit one winner from each State Federation for each contest and category, along with a cover letter from the respective State Photography Contest Chairman listing the names of the winning submissions and the signed GFWC Creative Arts waiver from each state inner.

New: If available, please email the photographs in high-resolution/300 dots per inch or pixels per inch using Dropbox, Hightail, or other large capacity format software to PhotoContestGFWC@gfwc.org.

If mailing printed photographs, they must be postmarked by May 15 and sent to:

GFWC Photography Contest
1734 N Street NW
Washington, DC 20036-2990

National level submitted photographs will not be returned.

** If your State Convention takes place on or about this deadline date, contact GFWC at* **Programs@gfwc.org** *or 1-800-443-GFWC (4392).*

AWARDS FOR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

The following awards will be presented at the GFWC Annual Convention for the top three national entries in each contest and category:

First Place	$100
Second Place	$75
Third Place	$50

DISCLAIMER

By submitting your photographs to GFWC for the GFWC Photography Contests on the national level, you are providing GFWC with a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license, or sublicense the work in any media now known or later invented without limitation for commercial or noncommercial purposes.

GFWC CREATIVE ARTS WAIVER FORM

The GFWC Creative Arts Waiver Form is attached to this Photography Contests program. For further information, contact GFWC at Programs@gfwc.org or call 202-347-3168.

CREATIVE ARTS WAIVER

With my signature I declare that:

☐ I have created the submitted work, entitled _____, and I own the full copyright. The work has not been published before.

☐ With my work, including pictures, tables, or additional media, I do not violate or infringe on the copyright of other persons or entities.

The work in question is (please check one): ☐ Photography ☐ Poetry ☐ Short Story

☐ I grant the General Federation of Women's Clubs a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license, or sublicense the work in any media now known or later invented without limitation, for commercial or noncommercial purposes.

☐ I agree that I shall not release the work to any other publication in the same or substantially similar form, without prior written and explicit consent from the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

This agreement shall become effective and binding on the date of formal acceptance of the work for publication by the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Full Name (Print)		
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Email		
Phone		

_____ _____

Signature Date

_____ _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if submitter is under 18 years of age) Date