

2024/2025 Central Life Sciences VMCA Photo Contest

Contest Submission Dates: August 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024.

Voting Period: January 1, 2025 – February 3, 2025.

Mosquito Best in Show & Overall Best in Show will be voted on during the 1st & 2nd days of the conference ([Joint MAMCA/VMCA Annual Conference February 4-6, 2025](#)) with the winner being announced on Thursday.

Contest Guidelines

Any VMCA member, MAMCA member, Student Presenter, Affiliated Lab Group, Abatement Team Member, and/or Vendor Representatives may submit up to 1 photo per category.

All photos must follow the category guidelines specifically and must include mosquitoes and/or closely related arthropods including but not limited to spiders, centipedes, millipedes, scorpions, isopods, etc. unless otherwise indicated in the category submission description/directions.

All the submissions must be completed using the links on the following pages. Each caption must include a “Title” and can include a brief description if desired.

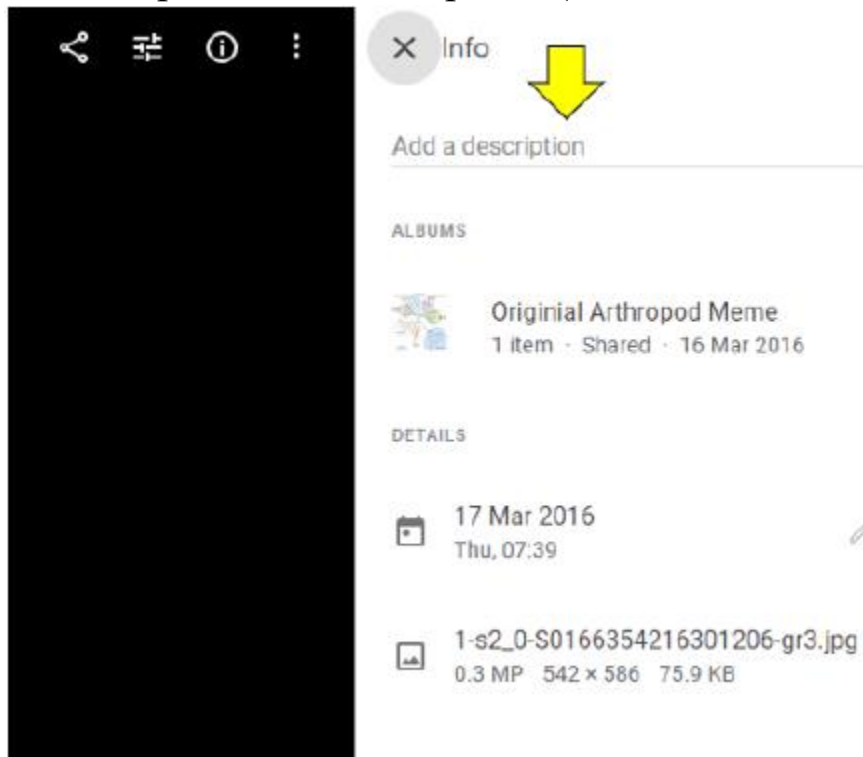
The same photo cannot be submitted for multiple categories (excluding “Mosquito Best in Show” & “Overall Best in Show.”)

How to add a “Title & Description”

1. After your photo is uploaded, click on the newly uploaded photo.
2. Navigate to the “Info” icon in the upper left corner of the page. (As demonstrated below)



3. Add a photo title/description. (As demonstrated below)



4. Close the “Info” box and you can now close out the page.

VMCA Photo Contest Categories

*To access the links, you may need to press [Ctrl][Click] depending on your computer settings. This can be changed by: File>Options>Advanced>Editing Options>Clear the checked box for Use CTRL. (Conversion of this document to Microsoft Word will be necessary)

1. Under the Scope (\$20.00 prize)

- a. Get up close and personal with your subject.
- b. Submit a microscope or macro lens photo.
- c. Pictures must be only of organisms (as primary focus).

Submit Under the Scope photos [here](#).



2. Research (\$20.00 prize)

- a. Submit a photo that visually introduces or communicates a research project or lab experience.
- b. Must be an arthropod/mosquito related research project.

Submit Research photos [here](#).



3. Mosquito Outreach (\$20.00 prize)

- a. Submit a photo that demonstrates public outreach efforts.

Submit Mosquito Outreach photos [here](#).



4. Original Meme (\$20.00 prize)

- a. Entry must include an original photo.
- b. Meme must include text.
- c. Meme must include a mosquito.
- d. Be creative and appropriate.

Submit Original Meme photos [here](#).



5. Mosquito Interactions (\$20.00 prize)

- a. Entry must focus on an interaction between mosquitoes, plants, animals, fixtures, and/or other environmental elements.
- b. Submission must visually communicate something about mosquito behavior and/or ecology, at any stage of its life cycle, to the viewer(s).

Submit Mosquito Interactions photos [here](#).



6. Got Mosquitoes? (\$20.00 prize)

- a. Submit a photo of an area of land covered in man-made containers that can hold a large number of mosquito larvae.

Submit Got Mosquitoes? photos [here](#).



7. Trap Set Up (\$20.00 prize)

- a. Submit a photo of equipment/ traps used to collect mosquitoes or arthropods.
- b. Submission may be of the equipment/trap in the field, en route to trap sites, or in the lab/office.

Submit Trap Set Up photos [here](#).



8. Innovation that Excites (\$20.00 prize)

- a. Entry must demonstrate a creative innovation or solution to a problem that was encountered in the field, office, or lab.

Submit Innovation that Excites photos [here](#).



9. Creepy-Crawlies (\$20.00 prize)

- a. Photo must generate a sense of unease (but keep it appropriate)
- b. Photo cannot be graphically altered.
- c. We all get too close for comfort to creepy crawlies, document it!

Submit Creepy-Crawlies photos [here](#).



10. Mosquito Best in Show (\$40.00 prize)

- a. The winner from each of the above categories will be entered into this category if the photo contains a mosquito.
- b. Voting for this category opens separately from the above categories. See contest rules for more details.

11. Overall Best in Show (\$50.00 prize)

- a. Top images (winners as voted) from all categories (1-8) listed above.
- b. Not limited to mosquito only photos.
- c. Voting for this category opens separately from the above categories (1-8). See contest rules for more details.

Submissions

Photo/Image Release Form

Virginia Mosquito Control Association (VMCA)

I authorize VMCA, and their legal representatives and assigns, the right and permission to utilize and display the artwork/photos/persons as submitted in the list of photos/entries listed below.

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**Please use the title for each submitted photo*

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| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

Signature _____

Printed name _____ Date _____

Photographer _____

****Please sign and return this form to rob106@henrico.gov prior to photo submissions. Failure to do so will result in the disqualification of any submitted photos.***