

The Penn-Jersey District Spring's a Comin' Rose Photo Contest

The photo contest is open to any photographer who is either a member of the Penn-Jersey District and/or who has registered for the 2019 Spring's a Comin' Rose Weekend (*i.e.*, the Winter Meeting). Exhibitors do not have to attend the End-of-Winter Rose Weekend to enter the competition and need not be present to win.

Each photo entry must be an unmatted 5"x7" color print. Mail entries with your name, the class number, and the name of rose or other photo identification attached to the back of the photo to: Bill Kozemchak 12 Violet Rd. Levittown, PA 19057. **All entries must be received by Feb. 11, 2019.** Although not required, contact information, a phone number and/or an email address would be appreciated.

Except for the novice class (class 1), exhibitors are limited to two entries per class. Entries in excess of two per exhibitor per class in classes 2-14 will not be considered for awards. **Novice exhibitors may enter up to five photos in class 1 and may enter other classes as well,** provided the same photo is not entered in more than one class. The Novice class is open only to those exhibitors who have won three or fewer blue ribbons in previous district and national photo contests.

All roses, gardens, and activities must be correctly identified. Rose photos will be evaluated 50% on exhibition quality of the rose and 50% on photographic excellence. Arrangement photos will be judged 50% on the arrangement design and flower quality and 50% on photographic excellence. The name of the arranger should be indicated, if known. Classes 11-14 will be judged on photographic excellence only.

All photos entered will be on display and final judging and awards will be made at the Spring's a Comin' Rose Weekend, February 22-24, 2019, in Gettysburg, PA. The judges' decision is final. Ribbons will be given in each class and awards to the top three photos overall.

All rights to the submitted photos are retained by the owners of the photos. However, by entering the contest, the owner agrees to allow the Penn-Jersey District of the American Rose Society to display the photo at the 2019 Spring's a Comin' Rose Weekend and publish the photo in the District Newsletter, the **Rose Vine**. Owners who enter photos that win blue ribbons also agree to allow the local rose societies in the Penn-Jersey district to publish their winning photos in the societies' newsletters.

Please note the following definitions:

An **exhibition bloom** is a specimen that has one bloom per stem without side buds. Unwanted side growth, side buds and/or spent blooms may be removed from any specimen to improve the appearance. At its most perfect phase of possible beauty an exhibition bloom is generally one-half to two-thirds open, gracefully shaped with sufficient petals symmetrically arranged in a circular outline, and tending to a high center. An **open bloom** must have the stamens showing. A **spray** has two or more blooms per stem with or without unopened side buds. Roses classified as **single or semi-double roses** by the ARS are usually at their most perfect phase when fully open with stamens showing.

Class 1 – Novice Class – Photo appropriate for any of Classes 2-14.

Class 2 – One Exhibition Bloom, Hybrid Tea, Grandiflora, or Floribunda – no side buds

Class 3 – One Exhibition Bloom, Miniature or Miniflora – no side buds

Class 4 – One Open Bloom, Hybrid Tea, Grandiflora, or Floribunda (other than roses classified as single or semi-double varieties by the ARS) – no side buds

Class 5 – One Open Bloom, Miniature or Miniflora (other than roses classified as single or semi-double varieties by the ARS) – no side buds

Class 6 – One Open Bloom of a Hybrid Tea, Grandiflora, Floribunda, Miniature, or Miniflora classified as a Single or Semi-Double by the ARS - no side buds

Class 7 – One Spray, Hybrid Tea, Grandiflora, Floribunda, Polyantha, Miniature or Miniflora

Class 8 – One Bloom or Spray, Species or Old Garden Rose – side buds permitted

Class 9 – One Bloom or Spray, Shrub or Climber – side buds permitted

Class 10 – A Rose Arrangement (identify arranger, if known)

Class 11 – A Rose Garden (identify garden)

Class 12 – A Rose Society Activity (identify society and activity)

Class 13 - Rose Potpourri – a horticultural specimen that does not fit the criteria for Classes 1-9. For example, an extreme close-up. bouquet, rose hips, foliage, hybrid tea or miniature blooms with side buds, multiple sprays, critters in the garden, portion of a rosebush with companion plants, snow on roses, etc.

Class 14 – Rose Art – A photograph having altered reality, design, form or components of a rose plant or any portion thereof.