

2017 Photo Contest Rules

All MMS members are invited to enter the MMS Photo Contest. We have three categories, submission limits, and a “Best in Show” award. Entries will be viewed and judged by the members present at the November general meeting.

DEADLINE for entries is OCTOBER 31.

General Rules

1. All photo entries will be judged as digital images in .jpg format.
2. Entries are limited to 5 per category, per member, for Scientific and Pictorial; and 3 per category, per member, for Activity/Humor/Other.
3. Entries are required to be the work of the member while an active member of the MMS.
4. Entries are not limited to a particular locale for any category.
5. An entry can be entered in only one category, however a given subject or specimen can be entered in additional categories if the additional photo is significantly different.
6. By entering a photo, the entrant agrees to allow the MMS to use the photo for MMS purposes, although the photo remains the property of the entrant. Previously copyrighted or published photos that would violate this agreement must be excluded.
7. Deadline for all entries is October 31 of the contest year.
8. Contest coordinator may suggest a change in the category of an entry that appears to be miss-entered.
9. All entries must be labeled to genus and species for the Scientific/Technical categories.
10. First-, second- and third-place winners for each category and division will be judged by the general members present during the November MMS meeting.
11. Entrants can win only one prize in each category.
12. Honorable mention certificates will be presented for other entries in each category that also receive particular interest during the voting, but do not place in the top three.
13. A “Best in Show” winner — the highest overall vote earner — will win an as yet to be determined special prize.

Specific Category Guidelines

Pictorial — Quality of the photo is the primary criterion, with particular attention given to the criteria listed below. Limit 5.

- Overall composition
- Lighting, clarity, depth of field, etc.
- Aesthetic quality
- Artistic creativity
- A photo worthy of being on a calendar, greeting card or poster

Scientific/Technical — Entries should provide as much photo information as possible to scientifically identify the fungus. All depicted mushrooms must be accompanied by an accurate ID to genus and species. Limit 5.

- Shows key features for identification
- Shows a typical example of the species
- May show various stages of development
- May show a comparison/contrast of different species that highlights a specific scientific trait for identification
- May be in the form of a single photo, multiple photos as one entry, or a collage
- Rare or unique species receive extra consideration
- Should be of sufficient quality to be included in a field guide

Activity/Humor/Other — New in 2016, we have combined two categories into one! Limit 3.

- Photo may depict any mycological event or activity with special consideration given to MMS, NAMA or other mycological association sponsored activities
- Photos that are humorous, have special interest or show "oddities" as depicted by the photo content and text
- Quality of the photo is important

Please email your digital images as an attachment, or send as a link from a photo sharing website to Jessica Kohen, photo contest director: photos@minnesotamycologicalsociety.org

Hard copies will not be accepted. Submission deadline: Oct. 31