

2020 MMS PHOTO CONTEST (rev. 2020.09.03)

MMS members are invited to enter the MMS Annual Photo Contest!

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **31 October 2020: Entries Due**
- **28 September 2020: MMS Zoom Meeting / Review of revised contest rules, Tips on taking mushroom photos, and Prior contest winning examples**
- **14 December 2020: MMS Zoom Meeting / Photo Contest Submittals Presentation**
- **February 2021 to be determined: MMS Zoom Meeting / Awards Presentation / Banquet in Question**

NEW FOR 2020:

In order to broaden Photo Contest participation and to more closely align with the North American Mycological Association photo contest, the MMS Board has created two "Submittal Divisions" for each of the 3 Photo Categories: Advanced Division (A) for submitters who have been awarded two or more times in the category, and Limited Division (L) for submitters who have placed once or never in the category. Honorable Mentions are not a criteria. 2020 judging will rank anonymous photos using a 5 person jury selected from past award winners and at least one who has not previously won. Judges votes for their own submittals will not be counted in the averaged scores.

RULES:

1. All photo entries are recommended to be submitted as digital images in .jpg format. High resolution is not required, but higher resolution images will make for better projection & reproduction quality.
2. Number of entries may not exceed:
 - 5 each for Scientific (**S**) and Pictorial (**P**) categories
 - 3 each for Activity/Humor/Other (**O**) category
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. A photo 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. The contest coordinator may suggest a change in the category of an entry.
8. Each Photo must be labeled as follows: **Division Limited (L) or Advanced (A) and Category (S, P, or O), entrant's last name, first name and title. Scientific entries should be labeled with genus and species. Examples: "A.S.Goltz.Howard.Pleurotus ostreatus.jpg" or "L.P.Goltz.Howard.Pretty Red Mushroom.jpg"**
9. Voting will be **conducted by a select 5 person jury**. The Scientific Advisor review committee will additionally review the top vote getters in the Scientific Category with the right to make a final determination of the top three places.

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10. Entrants can win only one prize in each category.
11. Honorable mention certificates will be presented for entries in each category that also receive particular interest during the voting, but do not place in the top three.
12. A "Best in Show" winner — the highest overall vote earner — will win a special prize.

SPECIFIC CATEGORY GUIDELINES:

Pictorial (P) — Quality and aesthetics of the photo are the primary criteria, with particular attention given to:

●Overall composition ●Lighting, clarity, depth of field, etc. ●Artistic creativity ●A photo worthy of being on a calendar, greeting card or poster. Text may not be applied to photos in pictorial. **Limit 5 photos.**

Scientific (S) — Entries should provide as much photo information as possible to scientifically identify the fungus.

All depicted mushrooms **should** be accompanied by an accurate ID to genus and species. **If genus and species identification is not possible with the help of the *Scientific Advisor Committee, but otherwise qualified, it may be included in the Scientific category, preferably noting Family or Genus.** Each submission may include up to 3 jpg's of the specimen, or ideally multiple photos would be combined into one or two slides. ●Shows key features for identification ●Shows a typical example of the species ●May show various stages of development ●May show spore print ●May show cross-section, ●May show a comparison to different species that highlights a specific scientific trait for identification ●May be in the form of a single photo or up to 3 slides as one entry, or a collage of multiple photos ●Rare or unique species receive extra consideration ●**May include microscope images** ●Should be of sufficient quality to be included in a field guide ●Added credit may be given by the Advisor Committee* for submissions which separately submit field identification information (Genus, species, date of observation, location, habitat, substrate, collector name). Titles may not be applied to photos in Scientific. **Limit 5 submissions.**

(*The Scientific Advisor Committee is composed of 4 or 5 individuals from: the Photo Contest Coordinator, Chair of the MMS Identification Committee, a MMS Certification Class instructor, a Scientific winner from the prior 2 years, a MN Funga member, or a recognized identification authority. Members of this group are available to assist submitters in identification of their fungi prior to submission – **send your request for help as early as possible to Howard Goltz at photos@minnesotamycologicalsociety.org**)

Activity/Humor/Other (O) — ●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 and text ●Quality of the photo is important ●Image title may be important. Text **MAY BE** applied to photos. **Limit 3 photos.**

SUBMITTING: Email your digital images as an attachment, or send as a link from a photo sharing website to the Photo Contest Coordinator, Howard Goltz at: photos@minnesotamycologicalsociety.org *Hard copies will not be accepted*