

# 2021 MMS PHOTO CONTEST RULES

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

The 2021 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. Five "Place" awards will be given in each of the 3 categories, with at least 2 awards in each category being given to entrants who have not won more than twice since 2012. Honorable Mentions are not criteria. The highest overall vote earner wins the "Blewit Award." Honorable mention certificates may be presented for non-winning entries that receive particular interest during the voting. **All photo submittals are due by midnight on Sunday, October 31, 2021.**

## **RULES:**

1. All photo entries must 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. Entries must be the work of the member while an active member of the MMS.
3. Entrants may win only one prize in each category.
4. Entries are not limited to a particular locale for any category.
5. A photo can be entered in only one category, however significantly different photos of a given subject or specimen can be entered in other categories.
6. 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 are not allowed.
7. The contest coordinator may suggest a change in the category of an entry.
8. Each Photo must be labeled as follows: **Category (S, P. or O), entrant's last name, first name and title. Scientific entries should be labeled with genus and species. Examples: "S.Goltz.Howard.Pleurotus ostreatus.jpg" or "P.Goltz.Howard.Pretty Red Mushroom.jpg"**

## **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 you need help with identification, please send your request for help as early as possible to Howard Goltz at [photos@minnesotamycologicalsociety.org](mailto:photos@minnesotamycologicalsociety.org).** 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. Submissions should be of sufficient quality to be included in a field guide. Each submission may include up to 3 jpg's of the specimen. Ideally multiple photos would be combined into one or two slides. Show: key features for identification, a typical example of the species. May show: various stages of development, spore print, cross-section, a comparison to different species that highlights a specific scientific trait for identification, microscopic images. Extra credit may be given for: rare or unique species, separately submitted field identification information (Genus, species, date of observation, location, habitat, substrate, collector name). ***Text may not be applied to photos in Scientific. Limit 5 submissions.***

**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 in this category. 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](mailto:photos@minnesotamycologicalsociety.org) \*Hard copies will not be accepted\*