

2022 MMS PHOTO CONTEST

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

Monday Oct 10, 2022: MMS Zoom Meeting / Contest Rules and Review of Last Year's Winning Photos

MIDNIGHT, Monday 31 October 2022: Digital Entries Due to Contest Coordinator – see below

Monday 12 December 2022: MMS Zoom Meeting / Presentation of Submissions

Saturday 4 February 2023: MMS Annual Awards Banquet

Photos will be anonymously ranked by a jury of past award winners and one who has not previously won. Judges votes for their own submittals are not counted in the averaged scores. Four "Place" awards will be given in each of the 3 categories, with at least 1 award 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 prestigious "Blewit Award."

RULES:

1. All photo entries must be submitted as digital images in jpeg format. High resolution is not required, but higher resolution makes for better projection & reproduction quality. Hard copies will not be accepted.
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 may be entered in only one category. However, significantly different photos of a given subject or specimen can be entered in other categories.
6. 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 also be labeled with genus and species. Label examples: "S.Goltz.Howard.Pleurotus ostreatus.jpg" or "P.Goltz.Howard.Big Red Mushroom.jpg"

CATEGORY ENTRY GUIDELINES:

Pictorial (P) - Limit 5 photos: 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.

Scientific (S) - Limit 5 submissions: 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. If you need help with identification, send your request as early as possible to Howard Goltz at photos@minnesotamushrooms.org. Submissions should be of sufficient quality to be included in a field guide. Each submission may include up to 3 jpegs. Ideally multiple photos would be combined into one or two slides. Show: key features for identification with a typical example of the species. Submittal may also show: various stages of development, spore print, cross-section, a comparison to different species that highlights a specific scientific trait for identification, and 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.

Activity/Humor/Other (O) - Limit 3 photos: ● 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.

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@minnesotamushrooms.org