

## 2023 MMS PHOTO CONTEST

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

### **KEY DATES:**

<b>Monday Sept.25, 2023.....</b>	During MMS Regular Meeting: Review of Contest Rules and Last Year's Winning Photos
<b>Midnight, Tuesday, October 31, 2023.....</b>	Digital Entries Due to Contest Coordinator
<b>Monday December 11, 2023.....</b>	MMS Zoom Meeting / Presentation of Submissions
<b>Saturday February 3, 2024.....</b>	MMS Annual Awards Banquet

### **OVERVIEW:**

Photos will be anonymously ranked by a jury of past award winners and one who has not previously won. Judges do not vote for their own submissions and their scores are re-averaged. First through Fourth Place awards will be given in each of the three categories, with at least one award in each category being given to an entrant who has not won more than twice since 2013 (excluding Honorable Mentions). In addition to the "Place" awards, the submission across all categories that earns the most votes will win 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 and reproduction quality. Hard copies and photos in other formats will not be accepted.
2. Entries may have been taken in other years but must be the work of the member while an active member of the MMS.
3. Entries are not limited to a particular locale for any category.
4. Entrants may win only one prize in each category.
5. A photo may be entered in only one category. However, significantly different photos of a given subject or specimen may be entered in other categories. The Contest Coordinator may suggest a change in the category of an entry.
6. Each photo *must* be saved and labeled as follows:

- For submissions in the Scientific or Pictorial Categories: the category abbreviation (S or P). entrant's last name.entrant's first name.genus and species. For example: ***S.Etzwiler.Nan.Pleurotus ostreatus.jpg*** or ***P.Etzwiler.Nan.Chroogomphus.rutilus.***
- For submissions in the Activity/Humor/Other Category: the category abbreviation of "O", the entrant's last name.entrant's first name.title of slide. For example: ***O.Etzwiler.Nan.Crazy Honeys.***

In addition, when transmitting the entries, please send each in a separate email with this formatting of the name in the Subject line of the email.

7. ***New this year for Scientific and Activity/Other/Humor entries:*** to enable MMS to use the photos on the MMS website, in addition to the official submission an Entrant must send in a *separate* email, labeled with the same labeling noted in Rule 6 above, the individual jpeg-formatted photos (not in a PowerPoint, etc.) that were used to construct any Scientific Category or Other Category submission. *No text* should be included on these individual photo submissions.
8. If you need assistance with identification *after* you have attempted to research your specimen's identification (ideally to the probable Family or Genus), send your request by October 18, 2023 to the Contest Coordinator at [photos@minnesotamushrooms.org](mailto:photos@minnesotamushrooms.org) to ensure you get assistance before the contest deadline.
9. 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 may not be submitted.

## **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, but the submitter ***must*** provide in the accompanying email the genus and species identification.

### **Scientific (S) - Limit 5 submissions**

Entries should provide as much photo information as possible to scientifically identify the fungus. All depicted fungi should be accompanied by an accurate ID to Genus and Species. If Genus and Species identification is not possible with the help of MMS educators, but the submission is otherwise qualified, it may be included in the Scientific category.

Submissions should be of sufficient quality to be included in a field guide. Show: key features for identification with a typical example of the species. Submissions may also show:

- Various stages of development,
- Spore print
- Specimen cross-sections
- 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, and for field identification information (Genus, species, date of observation, location, habitat, substrate, collector name) submitted in the transmittal email. Text **may** be applied to photos in this category.

Each submission may include multiple jpeg-formatter photos, but may consist of no more than two slides that are in PowerPoint (ppt) format. Contact the Photo Contest Coordinator for a sample PowerPoint slide formatted as required.

### **Activity/Humor/Other (O) - Limit 3 photos:**

Photo submissions may depict any mycological event or activity with special consideration given to MMS, NAMA or other mycological association sponsored activities, such as photos that are humorous, have special interest, or show "oddities" as depicted by the photo and text. The quality of the photo is important. Text **may be** applied to photos in this category. Identification of the fungi **is not** required.

### **SUBMITTING:**

Email your digital images by the deadline (midnight of October 31, 2023) as an attachment or send by email a link from a photo sharing website to the Photo Contest Coordinator at: [photos@minnesotamushrooms.org](mailto:photos@minnesotamushrooms.org).

**PHOTO CONTEST COORDINATOR CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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