

**ARS Pacific Northwest District
2016 Photo Contest
Entries must be received by Midnight, September 15, 2016.**

Many in the District have participated over the years, making the PNW District Rose Photo Contest a fun and successful annual event. The attendees at the Fall Conference look forward to seeing the presentation containing all the photographs during the lunch hour, the winning photos on the silent auction tables, and the opportunity to bid on their favorite prints. This year will be no exception.

The contest rules and classes follow. Please note that unlike rose shows, the *roses in the photos do not have to be photographer-grown*, which means that anywhere you see a beautiful rose, it can be photographed and prepared for entry into this year's contest.

We're asking you to categorize yourself as either a "*Master*" or an "*Amateur*."

- Consider yourself a "Master" if your rose photos have won other contests, photo classes at rose shows, or have been selected for magazine illustrations, etc.
- Consider yourself an "*Amateur*" photographer if you take photos for your own pleasure and haven't entered other photo contests, or have not won any photo contests previously.
- And, if you have previously won more than five first place awards in the "Amateur" division of previous PNW District contests, please enter this year's entries in the "Master" division. (This decision of whether to enter your photos in the Amateur or Master division is on your honor; the Chairman is not going to police it.)
- The first place photos in all of the classes within each division will become eligible for the "Best of Show" award.

Entrants in one division may be asked to help judge photos that are entered in another.

The winning photos and award certificates for each class, as well as the "*Best of Show*" winners (Master or Amateur), will be announced at the PNW District Fall Conference, and it is a tradition to have a showing of all the entries during the lunch hour on Saturday of the Conference.

Contest Rules

1. You can enter up to *eight* images per Class.

2. *It is preferable (and strongly encouraged) that your photos be electronically submitted in JPEG image format.* They may be cropped to any size. Alternatively, you can snailmail prints to Harlow Young, 3218 W. 2nd Ave., Kennewick, WA 99336. Prints can be mailed to Harlow Young and will be scanned into an appropriate format and returned ASAP, if requested.

3. The photos in Classes 1-8 may be enhanced by the use of any graphic program such as *Photoshop, Elements* or *Photo Impact*, but not **overly** enhanced. The exception may be for entries in Class 9 which permits editing to create a desired effect.

4. The photos for this contest must be taken by a non-professional* photographer who is a member of the ARS residing in the PNW District or who is a member of a local Rose Society within the Pacific Northwest District of the American Rose Society.

(*Non-professional photographer is someone who does not depend on photography as a major source of income.)

5. Photos that have won awards in previous contests are not eligible to be entered in this contest.

6. Rose entries in Classes 1 through 8 must be identified by their ARS exhibition names. Grooming of the rose(s) at the time they are photographed is encouraged and artificial backgrounds may be used. The roses do not need to be photographed in the garden or on the bush. Feel free to cut them and arrange them for the photo.

7. When submitted, name each image to reflect its contest Class and ARS exhibition name, if necessary. For example: If you are entering a photo of '*Gemini*' in the Amateur division in Class 1, you must add an 'A' to the entry code, as: "*AC#1, Gemini*" (Amateur Class #1...). Photos entered in the Masters division must add an 'M' to their entry code, as "*MC#1, Gemini*" (Master Class #1...).

8. Email your entries to Harlow Young at threeegkids@charter.net. It is important that you include your name, address, phone number (either land phone or cell phone, as you prefer), email, and local Rose Society (if applicable) in the message. Also include any additional information that might be appropriate for the entry. If you're mailing prints, mail them to: Harlow Young, 3218 W. 2nd Avenue, Kennewick, WA 99336.

9. Entries must be received by Midnight, September 15, 2016. Entries received after that date will not be included in the judging.

10. The Chair of the committee reserves the right to disqualify any entry that does not conform to the stated rules prior to being judged.

Classes

1. **One bloom** - any variety, exhibition stage, no side buds. Roses designated as “single” in its petal count whose exhibition form is best in the open form should be entered in Class 5.
2. **One spray, HT or GR** - two or more blooms.
3. **One spray, FL or POL** - two or more blooms.
4. **One spray, Miniature or Miniflora** - two or more blooms.
5. **One open bloom** - any variety, stamens must show.
6. **One bloom or spray** - of a **Shrub (other than HT, GR, Min, MinFl or POL.)**
7. **One bloom or spray** - of an **OGR or Climber**.
8. **Multiple Blooms (a collection)** - a minimum of three blooms, one bloom per stem, one or more varieties, at typical exhibition stage for the variety, arranged in any way you wish.
9. **Abstract or Impressionism** - A non-objective design, form, or content of a rose, rose plant, or any portion thereof which evokes a sense of originality or a different way of imagining or viewing the subject. *For this class only, you may creatively enhance your photo by coloring, cropping, etc.*
10. **Everything Else** - Any rose photo that doesn't fit into any of the other classes. It could be an image of roses with people, animals, or other plants, or of a rose society activity or rose garden. It could be an arrangement, or one or more rose bushes that constitute a single unit. You should name the rose(s) in the photo if appropriate, and, if the photo includes a society activity or people, identify the Society, the activity, and the people in the photo (unless it's a crowd scene). Since the winning photo may be published on the District website or other District publication, it's a good idea to have the per-mission of anyone who could be recognized in the picture.

If there are questions regarding any part of the contest rules,
please contact Harlow Young

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by midnight, September 15, 2016.

If you would like to be a judge for this contest,
please e-mail Harlow at the same address.