

MID-ATLANTIC PHOTOGRAPHY ASSOCIATION

EXHIBITOR GUIDANCE

Photos must be submitted in **UNSEALED** clear plastic envelopes
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I. Theme

The theme is nature photography, which is defined as photographic images of nature scenes, animals and plants. No element may be added or deleted from the scene. There are no restrictions on where photographs may be taken. "Hand of Man" is Not allowed except in those instances where the human elements enhance the nature story and give scale to the image. In those situations where the issue of "Hand of Man" is in question the decision of the judge(s) will be final..

The photography standards of the NatureVisions Expo are extremely high. Photographers are asked to be selective, submitting only their superior photographs, printed with care, and matted per the guidelines below. Custom cut window mats of archival or acid free material are encouraged.

II. Judging Categories

The following categories have been established. A participant may enter their images in the category(ies) of their choice. There is no limit to the number of images an individual may enter in a category as long as the total number of entries for the Expo does not exceed 10. First, second and third place "Best in Show" awards will be given.

The categories are:

- Birds
- Wildlife other than Birds
- Pond Life
- Water/ Waterfalls
- Landscapes/Seascapes/Skyscapes
- Macro/Close-ups/Abstracts
- Flora other than Macro

III. Eligibility

You must be a member of one of the following clubs to submit images.

- Loudoun Photography Club
- Manassas Warrenton Camera Club (MWCC)
- McLean Photography Club (MPC)
- Northern Virginia Photographic Society (NVPS)
- Reston Photographic Society (RPS)
- Vienna Photographic Society (VPS)

Each club member may submit up to six (6) photographs at no charge. You may submit up to four (4) more images (ten total images) for a fee of \$20, payable to your club rep upon submission. The fee for additional images is a flat fee, NOT \$5 per image.

All photographs juried into NatureVisions Expo exhibits become ineligible for consideration in a future NatureVisions juried exhibit. Images juried into any previous NatureVisions exhibit or its predecessor exhibits is also ineligible for consideration in the Expo.

IV. Format

A. Photographic Images

Dimensions

Photos must be two-dimensional. Traditional in-camera images and computer manipulation including but not limited to composites, montages, and multiple exposures are permitted. Three dimensional photo collages are not permitted.

Image/Mat Size

There is no minimum print size. Maximum outer dimensions are 16" x 20" (including matting).

Exception: Panoramas may be up to 24 inches on the longest side.

B. Labels

A discreet label affixed to the back of each image is to include the photographer's name, club affiliation, category in which photograph is entered, and image title. Additional information may be provided (photo description, photo location, photographer bio, price if for sale, etc.) The label's text will serve to indicate the correct orientation of the photo. Arrows should not be drawn on the back of the mat.

C. Signature

Signatures are **NOT** allowed prior to the judging. If the photographer wishes to add a signature it may be done after the image has been juried into the Expo and before it is displayed in the exhibit.

D. Titles

Titles are **NOT** allowed on the cover window mat or the print (refer to Labels for use of titles).

E. Matting/Mounting

Framed Images

Framed photos are not allowed.

Color

All mats and backing material must be white. They must also have white cores.

Mats

Cover window mats are required. Single matting is preferred. Double matting is permitted. If an image is double matted, both mats must be the same white color and the same texture. Triple matting is **NOT** permitted. Floating photos (where a white or colored border appears between the print and the cover mat) are **NOT** allowed. Cover mats must extend to the edge of the print, leaving no void.

Backing

The cover window mat must be securely affixed on all four sides to a firm backing of at least 3/8 inch foam core. Failure to comply may result in the disqualification of the image for consideration.

Borders

A minimum 1.5 inch border (along all sides of the image) is required for photographs up to 8x10 inches. A minimum 2 inch border (along all sides of the image) for photographs larger than 8x10 inches.

The border need not be the same on all sides.

V. Waiver of Liability

Submission of an image for inclusion in the juried exhibit, or any special constitutes the photographer's assumption of all risk. Every precaution will be taken to safeguard photographs. However, it is expressly stated that the participating camera clubs, juror(s), sponsors, lecturers and volunteers accept no liability in the event of loss or damage.

VI. Donation

Photographers are required to send the Mid-Atlantic Photography Association a 10% donation of the selling price for any photo sold at the Expo. This donation can be given to your club rep after the Expo. All donations will go towards improving the Expo and are tax deductible.