



Photo credit: Jennifer Johnston – 2023 MHS Overall Judged Winner

2024 MHS Photography Contest

Voting Process:

Voting process begins in November - members will be notified when it is time to vote.

To vote - click on the link for each class number, i.e., **Class 1**, you will be redirected to PollUnit. You **do not** require a PollUnit account. However, PollUnit may ask for your Name and then you will proceed as a **Guest**.

Class Details:

Class 1: The Colour Purple – A photo of one or more purple flowers from a **Canadian** garden. It can be your own garden or one you visited. Image can be panoramic, close-up or macro. Please identify the location of the garden when submitting.

Class 2: Spring Time Panoramic View – A panoramic image of spring bulbs or plants from an **Ottawa** garden. It can be your own garden or one you visited. Include at least **3 varieties** of bulbs/plants. Please identify the location of the garden when submitting.

Class 3: Close-up! – 'Rose is a rose is a rose is a rose' (Gertrude Stein poem *Sacred Emily* 1913). A photo close-up of your favorite rose, bloom or cluster. The whole bloom/cluster is to fill most or all of the photo frame. No partial images of the flower will be accepted. Location: open.

Class 4: Garden Path – A photo of a garden path that takes in a variety of plants and shrubs. Location: open.

Class 5: Salad Display – A photo of your favorite salad composed of fruit, vegetables, and/or herbs from your garden or locally grown.

Class 6: Winter Scene – Your interpretation of a snow scene highlighting floral/horticultural elements. Location: open.

Class 7: Year of the Dragon – This is a flora and fauna photo specifically of any **insect** with wings such as dragonflies, bees, butterflies and moths found in your garden or one you came across on a nature walk. No other animal photos will be accepted. Photo must include 40% floral/horticultural component. Location: open.

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General Rules:

- Only MHS members in good standing can submit photos.
- Deadline for entries: November 1, 2024.
- Two entries per competitor per class.
- Photos not meeting the class description will be screened out – please read the description carefully.
- Photos entered in a previous MHS Photography Contest will not be accepted.
- E-mail one photo at a time to mhsphotocontests@gmail.com with the 'class' number in the subject line.

Judging:

- Judge's Choice - Photos will be judged by an external judge for first, second, and third place for the best images in each class. The images will be judged on their horticultural merit, photographic impact and subject interest.
- Member's Choice - MHS members will vote online to determine 'the best' in each class.
- Overall Judged Winner - The winner will be determined by the total combined points for classes allotted to first, second and third place plus member's choice votes.

Photo Criteria:

- Photos should have 40% horticultural content (plants, fruits, vegetables, flowers, trees, etc.)
- Photos must have been taken in the last 3 years (**2021 to 2024**). To verify right click on photo, go to properties, click on Details. Look for the date the photo was taken.

- Photos will be accepted in digital format only.
- Photos may be adjusted for light, colour balance or cropped but should not be enhanced by adding photo elements.
- Ensure photo image is at the highest resolution possible. Low quality images will be disqualified.
- Make sure photos do not have your name or date printed on them.

By submitting photos to any MHS site you are granting MHS permission to: 1) publish the photos with your first and last name; 2) re-use the photos to promote events, and when possible, include your name.