



2019 Photo Contest

Welcome to the 2019 Hamilton Gardens Photo Contest. The Gardens are home to hundreds of rhododendrons and native azaleas and we would like you to capture their beauty with your camera. The contest will promote awareness of the Gardens and help showcase all the recent additions like the deck at fishing hole rock, metal sculptures located throughout the Gardens, the Celebration Plaza, and much more.

How to Enter:

Your Images: Photographs should be current and taken within Hamilton Gardens at Lake Chatuge. Entries should be of original content, and captured and owned by the photographer submitting the image for judging. Images that violate copyright law will not be accepted. Please, do not submit images that have already won awards in other photographic contests.

Content: Images may be of any element found in the gardens, such as flowers in bud or bloom, insects, foliage, structures or sculptures existing in the garden. Be creative, find the best angle, and watch for light that really highlights your subject matter. Inappropriate images that are offensive or otherwise objectionable will not be accepted.

Editing: Your goal in editing should only be to adjust the dynamic tonal range and color balance of an image so that it more closely resembles what you saw and communicates the mood of the scene. Brightening and darkening of specific areas in an image is allowed, but should be kept to a minimum and not done to the point where the edit becomes obvious. Please do not use watermarks or other personally identifying logos on your entry.

Releases: Images containing recognizable persons may be submitted, but will require a model release from each such person for submission. By providing a release, each subject agrees to all guidelines of Hamilton Gardens' Photo Contest. Request blank information release form(s) by email to info@hamiltongardens.org.

Titling: When submitting your entries, feel free to be creative with titles for each entry. Titles should tell the story of your image and be appropriate for all ages to consider.

Submission: Each contestant may enter up to three images for judging. Fees are \$15 for first entry and \$10 for each additional entry (limit 3). We request both print and digital submissions for each entry. Digital image and printed image must be identical. Print entries must be no larger than 14 inches on the long side and be 'display ready' with mat or frame. Digital images should be JPEGs from 3 mB to 10 mB each, submitted via email to hamiltongardentreasures@gmail.com.

Deliver or mail photo(s), along with entry fee, to either location listed below, between May 1st and May 15th, 2019.

Towns County Public Library, 99 S Berrong St, Hiawassee, GA 30546, (706) 896-6169

Mountain Regional Library, 698 Miller Street, Young Harris, GA 30582, (706) 379-3732



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Your Art on Display: We would like for the public to enjoy your photos and they will be on display at the library you have sent your photo to. You can pick up your photo anytime after May 27th. Hamilton Gardens, the public libraries, or any affiliates are not responsible for any loss or damage that may occur in connection with participation in Hamilton Gardens' photo contest.

Ownership & Copyright: By participating in the contest you grant Hamilton Gardens the unlimited and non-exclusive use in publications, on their website, social media efforts, and other uses that help promote the Gardens. "Other uses" may include saleable products using contest images such as mugs, t-shirts, postcards, etc. that may raise funds for garden purposes. Images selected for marketing may reflect photographer's name, but no compensation will be made for use of images beyond any applicable contest winnings. Ownership and copyright of all images will remain the property of the photographer.

Judging: Will be performed by a panel of Hamilton Board Members and/or select members of the community. They will make their selections based on subject matter, composition, focus, lighting, uniqueness and impact. All voting decisions are final and at the discretion of the judges. Only winners will be notified of the contest outcome.

Prizes:

- The first place winner will receive \$100, a ribbon and a one-year individual membership to Hamilton Gardens at Lake Chatuge. The winning photograph will be displayed on Hamilton Gardens' website and in a Hamilton Gardens' e-newsletter.
- The second place winner will receive a ribbon and a one-year individual membership to Hamilton Gardens at Lake Chatuge. The winning photograph will be displayed on Hamilton Gardens' website and in a Hamilton Gardens' e-newsletter.
- The third place winner will receive a ribbon and a one-year individual membership to Hamilton Gardens at Lake Chatuge. The winning photograph will be displayed on Hamilton Gardens' website and in a Hamilton Gardens' e-newsletter.

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Photo Contest Application

Complete one form for each entry.

Name _____

Phone

City and State _____ Email

Title of Entry _____
Side _____

Length on Long

Digital File has been emailed: **Circle one** YES NO

File Name _____

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I agree to adhere to all Guidelines for the Hamilton Gardens Photo Contest.

I release Hamilton Gardens at Lake Chatuge, Inc and their board of directors, officers, agents, employees, volunteers, and affiliates from any and all claims for personal liability or loss or damage which may have or may in the future accrue to me in connection with participating in the Hamilton Gardens Photo Contest.

Number of Entries: _____ \$15 for first photo, \$10 each for additional photo - limit 3

Entry Fee Paid: \$ _____ Cash Check # _____ Money Order #
(Pay to Hamilton Gardens)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If under 18 years of age, have parent or guardian sign below.

I give my permission for my child or minor to participate in the Hamilton Gardens Photo Contest and agree to all procedures, guidelines, release of liability, photographs and biography and sales agreements contained in this application.

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Questions: Please call (706) 970-0011

Complete one form for each photo.

Entry 1

Assigned Number: _____

Name _____

Title of Photo _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Length on Long side _____

Signature _____

Date _____

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Entry 2

Assigned Number: _____

Name _____

Title of Photo _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Length on Long side _____

Signature _____

Date _____

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Entry 3

Assigned Number: _____

Name _____

Title of Photo _____

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