



2021 Redwood Coast Land Conservancy Photography Contest Rules: “Moods of Mill Bend”

Entry Period

2021 RCLC Photography Contest begins on Tuesday June 1, 2021, and ends on Tuesday, August 31, 2021. Entry into this Contest constitutes your acceptance of these Official Rules.

Categories

Eligible individuals may submit multiple photographs to one of the following:

1. Adult: You must be 18 years of age or older as of the date of Submission
2. Youth: You must be 17 years of age or younger as of the date of Submission.

Note: RCLC staff & Board members are not eligible to participate in this contest.

Eligible Photographs

To be eligible to win a prize, all submitted photographs must depict scenery, wildlife, or flora or people enjoying nature at Mill Bend within the area described in the enclosed map.

Normal processing of the original file is acceptable. That includes:

- cropping
- minor adjustments to color, white balance, tone, lighting levels and curves, shadows and highlights, saturation, contrast, sharpness
- moderate dodging and burning
- removal of dust spots and moderate reduction of image noise

How to Enter

There are two ways to enter the Contest.

1. Online: To enter online, you must email your photograph(s) to PhotoContest@rclc.org or by using the RCLC submission form at:

https://secure.lgiforms.com/form_engine/s/xEixDe7kM-fJLdIGnI3QZA

Photographs submitted online must meet the following requirements: a) Be no larger than 10 megabytes; b) Be close to 2000 or more pixels wide (for horizontal Photographs) or 2000 or more pixels tall (for vertical Photographs); c) Be saved in the JPG format. You must also fill in all information in the submission form, including where the Photograph was shot and any additional caption information.

2. Mail: To enter by mail, you must: a) download the Contest Mail Entry Form; b) Fill in the required information on the Mail Entry Form and on the back of each Photograph. Mail the completed Contest Mail Entry Form along with all Photographs to **PO Box 1511 Gualala, CA 95445**. RCLC will acknowledge receipt of your Submission only if you provide a verifiable email address on the Mail Entry Form.

Photographs submitted by mail must meet the following requirements: a) Mail entries must be postmarked no later than Tuesday, August 31, 2021, b) Only prints may be submitted, and they must be at least 5 x 7 inches but no larger than 8 x 10 inches. Digital files of Photographs saved onto CDs, DVDs, or any other media will not be accepted by mail; c) Each Photograph must have the following information written on the back or otherwise attached: your first and last name, mailing address, email address (optional), location where the Photograph was shot. No Photographs received by mail will be returned. Once a Photograph is received by mail, you will not be able to retrieve, change, remove, or exchange the Submission.

Judging

Judging will be conducted by a panel of photography, art and wildlife experts to be appointed by RCLC. Judges will score eligible Photographs using the following criteria: a) Technical Quality (30 percent); b) Originality (30 percent); and c) Artistic Merit (40 percent).

No Entrant may win more than one prize. In the event of a tie for any prize, the Judges will use the Artistic Merit score of each tied Photograph to rank the Photographs. The Photograph with the highest Artistic Merit score will be the winner of that prize. If there continues to be a tie after the Artistic Merit scores are compared in determining a Grand Prize, or in any single division, the Judges will compare and rank the Technical Quality scores, and then the Originality scores, in that order.

Prizes

There are six Prizes available to be won:

1. Grand Prize
2. Scenic or Landscape Prize
3. Wildlife Prize
4. Humans in Nature Prize
5. Black & White / Limited Color Palette Prize
6. Youth Prize

Winner Announcement & Prizes

Winners will be announced on or about September 15, 2021.

Prizes will be awarded at the October 9, 2021 RCLC Community celebration event.

Prizes will be awarded within 45 days of each winner being confirmed.

General Conditions

By submitting a Photograph to the 2021 RCLC Photography Contest, you agree to the following:

1. You represent and warrant that: a) You are the sole and exclusive author and owner of the Photograph and all rights therein; b) You have the full and exclusive right, power, and authority to submit the Photograph and to grant RCLC the rights granted herein; c) No rights in the Photograph have been previously granted to any person, firm, corporation or other entity; and, e) No part of your Photograph defames or invades the privacy or publicity rights of any person, living or deceased, or otherwise infringes upon any third party's copyright, trademark or other personal or property rights.
4. You irrevocably grant to RCLC a non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free, perpetual license to use the Photograph in any manner related to the Contest, including, but not limited to: a) RCLC and all RCLC websites and blogs related to the Contest; b) any slideshows, brochures, newsletters, articles, and publications; c) solicitations for the Contest; d) promotions and communications related to the Contest; and e) physical and digital galleries and exhibitions of Submissions, including exhibitions of Contest Submissions and/or Prize winners at RCLC offices, centers and public spaces.
5. You hereby release RCLC and its respective directors and employees from any and all liability, loss or damage arising from or in connection with your participation or attempt to participate in the Contest; and/or the forwarding from claims based on publicity rights, defamation or invasion of privacy; and from claims based on the infringement of or protection of the copyright in your Submission.