

PHOTO CONTEST 2009

Capture Dahlem's Seasonal Essence!



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The Dahlem Conservancy invites you to take part in this year's photo competition and discover Dahlem through-out the seasons!

WHO: The contest is open to photographers of all levels of expertise.

Entry Divisions are: **Adults:** 16 and older AND **Children:** up to 15 years old

WHEN: Photo competition and entry dates will be divided among the four seasons of 2009:

- ☀ **WINTER:** entry deadline *March 31, 2009*
- 🌸 **SPRING:** entry deadline *June 30, 2009*
- ☀ **SUMMER:** entry deadline *August 31, 2009*
- 🍂 **FALL:** entry deadline *November 30, 2009*

One winner and honorable mention will be selected for each season, for both the **Adult** and **Children** divisions. Photos will be judged on *originality, interest, and reflection of the season entered*. Contest winners will be contacted within four weeks after the season's deadline. A **BEST of 2009** will be selected from the season's winners at the end of the year. Also, a selection of entries will be exhibited at the Dahlem Center each season, and all entries will be presented to the public at the end of the year.

WHY: Silly question! To discover the natural beauty Dahlem has to offer year-round of course! In addition, each **Adult** and **Children** winner, for each season, will be rewarded with gift certificates to Dahlem's *Nutshell Gift Shop* in the amount of \$20 and honorable mentions will be rewarded the same in the amount of \$10. *The Nutshell* is loaded with unique gifts for nature-lovers young and old! All winners and honorable mentions will also be invited on a private guided tour in Spring 2010 of two birding and wildflower hotspots in the area for fantastic photography opportunities! The Best of 2009 winner will also receive a beautiful signed print from Master Photographer Bob Guiliani.

OFFICIAL RULES:

- 1.) Only photos taken at Dahlem may be submitted.
- 2.) Photos may not be manipulated in any manner except cropping, lightening, and darkening.
- 3.) Entered photos may be used in connection with advertising, promotion, exhibits, and merchandise.
By entering the contest, participants grant The Dahlem Conservancy full rights to publish and/or exhibit his/her photos without payment or compensation. If published, photos will be credited with photographers name.
- 4.) PHOTOS WILL NOT BE RETURNED and become property of The Dahlem Conservancy.
- 5.) No more than three photos may be submitted per person, per season.
- 6.) Photos must be submitted as a jpg file with a minimum image dpi of 300 (or minimum resolution of 1600 X 2400 pixels) on a CD, OR as a mounted or un-mounted 8" by 10" print.
- 7.) Each CD and photo must be labeled and include a completed entry form.
- 8.) Entries must be postmarked *no later* than the deadline specified for the season.
- 9.) Winning photos will be selected on the basis of originality, interest, and ability to reflect the specified season. Judges decisions are final. Winners may be asked for original negatives.
- 10.) Dahlem Conservancy staff and Board Members are not eligible to participate.