

CUYAHOGA VALLEY
PHOTO SOCIETY

Cuyahoga Valley National Park 2018 Photo Contest

Important Dates

Submissions open Saturday, September 22, 2018 and close midnight Monday, October 22, 2018

All digital files must be submitted to cvpsphotocontest@gmail.com by midnight October 22, 2018. Non-member entry fees submitted via the Conservancy website must be paid by midnight, October 22, 2018.

The awards ceremony will be held **Wednesday, November 14, 2018** at Happy Days Lodge, 500 W. Streetsboro St. (Route 303) Peninsula, OH 44264. Light refreshments will be served at 6:30 pm and the awards program will begin at 7:00 PM.

CONTEST RULES AND REQUIREMENTS **Please read all requirements before submitting your photos.**

- Open to all photographers.
- Entries that have won in previous Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) photography contests are ineligible.
- Entries must have been taken within the boundaries of CVNP. For information on park boundaries, call or visit a park visitor center or go to www.nps.gov/cuva/planavisit/maps.
- A non-refundable entry fee of \$10.00 per photo will be charged for all entrants who are not members of the Photo Society. Payments can be made by visiting <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-photography-contest-tickets-48812434305>.
- Up to four entries per photographer will be accepted. More than one photo may be entered per category.
- Entries must be submitted via email to cvpsphotocontest@gmail.com, with "CVPS Photo Contest Submission" in the subject line. Entries on CD will not be accepted.

Please include in the email: 1) photographer's name; 2) phone number; 3) Conservancy member number (if applicable); 4) email address; 5) a list of photographs identified by contest category, file name, title, and park location where shot.

All images must depict their subject matter realistically. Digital darkroom techniques may be used to optimize the image so that it still closely resembles the real scene (e.g., minor adjustments to color, contrast, sharpness; cropping; removal of dust spots; realistic use of HDR; black and white conversion).

By submitting a photograph to the CVPS Photo Contest, you affirm that you are the photographer and that the photograph was taken within the boundaries of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

The Photo Society reserves the right to:

- Decline entries if any of the requirements are not met.
- Reclassify an entry deemed to be inappropriate for the category entered.
- Combine categories where there are insufficient entries.

File Format

Save files in .jpeg format. File must be no more than 1920 pixels wide or tall. EXIF or IPTC/XMP data must include the photographers name in the "Author" field and the image title in the "Title" field. If possible, please use the image title or title abbreviation as the filename. Do not include the photographer's name, initials or personally identifiable information in the filename. Save the jpeg using sRGB color space. Please retain a full resolution copy of your photo

Contest Rules and Requirements, Continued

2018 CATEGORIES:

- A: Landscape
- B: Animals and Insects
- C: Plants and Flowers
- D: Black and White or Monochrome
- E. Novice

Please Note: The Novice category is open to anyone who has not placed first or second in any category (including Novice), or received a Tim Thomas Best of Show award in the last five years. Entrants must specify which photos they wish to submit for the Novice category. Subject matter for the Novice category may include animals, insects, landscapes, plants, flowers, or any of the preceding in black and white or monochrome.

CVPS reserves the right to reclassify photographs into the appropriate category, to combine categories and to adjust the number of placings at the judge's discretion. Gift cards from Pixel Connections will be awarded as follows: First place in each category, \$100 gift card; second, a \$50 gift card; third place, a \$25 gift card. The Tim Thomas Best of Show winner will receive a \$200 gift card.

All photos submitted for the Photo Contest will be posted on the CVPS website. Award winners will be posted on the CVPS Facebook page.

The National Park Service, the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, and the Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society will not be responsible for loss of or damage to entries. If you have questions regarding the 2018 Photo Contest, email cvpsphotocontest@gmail.com.

For your convenience, an editable entry form is available on the Contest page at www.cvps.org.