

# 2019 MMS PHOTO CONTEST

MMS members are invited to enter the MMS Annual Photo Contest! **Entries due 31 October 2019. Entry voting 10 December 2019. Award Banquet 15 February 2020.**

## **RULES:**

1. All photo entries are recommended to be submitted as digital images in .jpg format. High resolution is not required, but higher resolution images will make for better projection & reproduction quality.
2. Number of entries may not exceed:
  - 5 each for Scientific (**S**) and Pictorial (**P**) categories
  - 3 each for Activity/Humor/Other (**O**) category
3. Entries are required to be the work of the member while an active member of the MMS.
4. Entries are not limited to a particular locale for any category.
5. A photo can be entered in only one category, however a given subject or specimen can be entered in additional categories if the additional photo is significantly different.
6. By entering a photo, the entrant agrees to allow the MMS to use the photo for MMS purposes, although the photo remains the property of the entrant. Previously copyrighted or published photos that would violate this agreement must be excluded.
7. The contest coordinator may suggest a change in the category of an entry.
8. Each Photo must be labeled as follows: **Category (S, P. or O), entrant's last name, first name and title. Scientific entries must also be labeled with genus and species. Examples: "S.Goltz.Howard.Pleurotus ostreatus.jpg" or "P.Goltz.Howard.Pretty Red Mushroom.jpg"**
9. Voting for each category will be judged by MMS members present during the December member meeting. The Scientific Advisor review committee will additionally review the top vote getters in the Scientific Category with the right to make a final determination of the top three places.
10. Entrants can win only one prize in each category.
11. Honorable mention certificates will be presented for entries in each category that also receive particular interest during the voting, but do not place in the top three.
12. A "Best in Show" winner — the highest overall vote earner — will win a special prize.

## **SPECIFIC CATEGORY GUIDELINES:**

**Pictorial** — Quality and aesthetics of the photo are the primary criteria, with particular attention given to: ●Overall composition ●Lighting, clarity, depth of field, etc. ●Artistic creativity ●A photo worthy of being on a calendar, greeting card or poster. Text may not be applied to photos in pictorial. **Limit 5 photos.**

**Scientific** — Entries should provide as much photo information as possible to scientifically identify the fungus. All depicted mushrooms must be accompanied by an accurate ID to genus and species. Each submission may include up to 3 jpg's of the specimen, or ideally multiple photos would be combined into one or two slides.

●Shows key features for identification ●Shows a typical example of the species ●May show various stages of development ●May show spore print, cross-section, ●May show a comparison to different species that highlights a specific scientific trait for identification ●May be in the form of a single photo or up to 3 slides as one entry, or a collage of multiple photos ●Rare or unique species receive extra consideration ●Should be of sufficient quality to be included in a field guide ●Added credit may be given by the Advisor Committee for submissions which separately submit field identification information (Genus, species, date of observation, location, habitat, substrate, collector name) Titles may not be applied to photos in Scientific. **Limit 5 submissions.**

(The Scientific Advisor Committee is composed of 4 or 5 individuals from: the Photo Contest Coordinator, Chair of the MMS Identification Committee, a MMS Certification Class instructor, a Scientific winner from the prior 2 years, a MN Funga member (formerly MN Mycoflora group), or a recognized identification authority. Members of this group are available to assist submitters in identification of their fungi prior to submission.)

**Activity/Humor/Other** — ●Photo may depict any mycological event or activity with special consideration given to MMS, NAMA or other mycological association sponsored activities ●Photos that are humorous, have special interest or show "oddities" as depicted by the photo and text ●Quality of the photo is important ●Image title may be important. Text **MAY BE** applied to photos. **Limit 3 photos.**

**SUBMITTING:** Email your digital images as an attachment, or send as a link from a photo sharing website to our Photo Contest Director, Howard Goltz at: [photos@minnesotamycologicalsociety.org](mailto:photos@minnesotamycologicalsociety.org) \*Hard copies will not be accepted\*

**2018 MMS PHOTO CONTEST FIRST PLACE AWARDS:**



2018 Pictorial  
Gale Oxley Rhodotus palmatus - Wrinkled Peach



2018 Scientific Technical  
Marjie-Carr-Oxley - Schizophyllum commune, Split Gill Fungus



2018 Humor & Blewit Award  
Nancy Etwiler - Alms for the Spores