

Volo Bog State Natural Area & Friends of Volo Bog invite you to Enter the 36th Annual Volo Bog NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Contest is open to all Amateur Nature Photographers (deriving less than \$5,000 of their gross annual income from the sale of nature photographs).

THE NINE CATEGORIES¹: All photos must be exclusive work of the maker. 2022 – 2023

- 1) Color Plant 2) Color Birds 3) Color Vertebrates OTB[^] 4) Color Invertebrates 5) Color Landscape
- 6) Black & White Plant/Landscape 7) Black & White Animals 8) Beyond the Midwest 9) Reflections & Refractions

¹At least two photographers must enter a given category for category to be viable. Contest curator reserves the right to combine categories, add additional categories, eliminate categories, and shift entries to alternate categories. [^]OTB = *Other Than Birds*

ELIGIBILITY: Entries in all categories must depict **NATURAL OBJECTS AND FEATURES ONLY and show no signs of human influence** (“hand of man”). Examples of human influence include, but are not limited to people, cultivars & nativars, domestic animals/pets, utility poles, fences, cut stumps, mowed grass, groomed trails, pavement, etc...

Categories 1 - 7 must be **REPRESENTATIVE of the MIDWEST**, i.e., Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan and depict only **NATIVE or NATURALIZED flora and/or fauna** - (i.e.; NO domesticated garden or landscaping plants, exotic plants from public gardens, pets, livestock, exotic zoo animals, etc...). **Category 8 MUST** be of subject(s) *not found* in the Midwest. This can include zoo animals and botanic garden exotics, but still no human influence. B&W or color are accepted.

Category 9 Reflections & Refractions celebrates nature appearing in unexpected ways – as the light bounces or bends – producing the unique image that we see.

Eligibility of entries will be reviewed by a committee of Volo Bog Staff and Friends of Volo Bog. Decisions of the committee regarding eligibility will be final.

PREPARATION: All photos must be mounted to not exceed a single window, top mat (sandwiched mats tend to fall apart – loose portions may be discarded; surface mounted photos curl off the mat). Mats must measure 11"x14" outer dimension. Window/photo may be square, rectangular or oval; its smaller dimension must be at least 7", and its larger dimension must not be more than 12".

On the back of each photo, securely tape the completed ENTRY FORM ONLY (the bottom of this form) in such a way that it indicates the top of the photo. Plastic or other protective covering may be used for transporting photographs, but it will be removed when the photo is displayed and will not be restored upon return. No framed photographs will be accepted.

Do not write on the front of the mat or the photograph or mat. No entry will be accepted with writing upon its face.

NUMBER OF SUBMISSIONS: Entrants may submit up to three photos per category but not more than 15 total entries.

Each entry must be accompanied by a separate entry form. Please make as many photocopies of the entry form as needed.

FEE: \$15.00 per photographer covers up to 15 entries. Make check to Friends of Volo Bog. Cash is okay too.

ENTRY DEADLINE: Entries will be accepted beginning at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, September 4, through **3:00 p.m., SUNDAY, October 16, 2022.** Entries may be brought to the Visitor Center (Wed - Sun; 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.) at

Volo Bog State Natural Area, 28478 W. Brandenburg Rd., Ingleside, IL. 60041 - or mailed to that address.

The first 150 qualifying entries are guaranteed acceptance.

(Rules continue on the reverse side.)

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Please make individual copies of this form for each photo and attach to back. Read ALL rules on complete form.

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

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Photo **MUST BE TITLED!** Title: _____

Location where photo was taken: _____ *Initial below to acknowledge and accept that...*

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After the show, please donate my photo to the Tamarack Shop for fundraising purposes ⓧ _____ ✎

OR Please keep my photos through March 31 so I can retrieve them. If I do not, I agree to donate it to the Tamarack Shop for fundraising. ⓧ _____ ✎

By participating, the entrant agrees to grant the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Volo Bog State Natural Area Staff & Volunteers, and the Friends of Volo Bog (the “Sponsors”) the right to display the artwork, and to reproduce the entrant’s name, likeness, copies of the artwork, or any other image or information for purposes of promotion, publicity and/or display, either now or in the future. Sponsors are under no obligation to provide compensation or notice for any such use. The Sponsors, their agents and assigns, shall not be liable for any injury to the artist or any damage or loss of the artist’s work or other personal property arising out of this exhibit or other activities.

Photographs will be displayed for judging in the Visitor Center, Wednesday – Sunday from October 22, 2022 to January 6, 2023.

During that time, visitors to Volo Bog State Natural Area will be asked to cast a ballot for the best entry in each category plus their choice for Best-Of-Show. The photograph receiving the most votes in a category will be the first prize winner in that category. Likewise, the entry receiving the most votes for best-of-show will be awarded that prize. An award for technical excellence will be determined by a panel of judges.

LIST OF PRIZES:

BEST OF SHOW PEOPLE’S CHOICE: Best-of-Show Ribbon & Plaque

BEST OF SHOW JUDGES’ AWARD: Best-of-Show Ribbon & Plaque

IN EACH CATEGORY - PEOPLE’S CHOICE:

First place--Blue Ribbon Second place--Red Ribbon Third place--White Ribbon

Winners will be displayed in the Volo Bog Visitor Center from January 11 – March 4, 2023

We will request digital versions of the Best of Show and First Place winners.

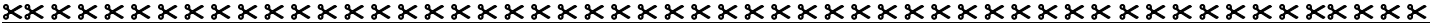
Winning photos may be picked up on or after Sunday, March 5.

All other photographs may be picked up at after awards presentation on January 8, 2023, and 9 am – 3 pm Wednesdays – Sundays afterwards.

All photos not picked up by 3:00 p.m., Sunday, April 16, 2023, will become the property of Friends of Volo Bog.

**Prizes will be awarded on
Sunday, January 8, 2023, during *WinterFest.**

* Date is subject to the evolving COVID-19



**When cutting the entry form from the other side,
please keep the top portion as a reminder of the Awards Presentation!**

Mark your calendar - we’ll see you then!

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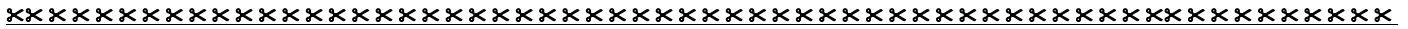
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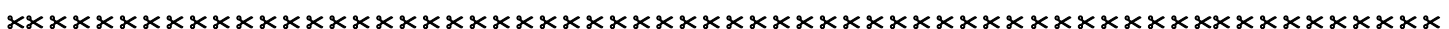
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