

PHOTO CONTEST RULES

Photo contests will be announced seasonally and continue for two to four weeks. Specific dates will be announced with each contest. Although we anticipate that most entries will be images from the H.O. Smith Botanic Gardens, photographs may be taken anywhere within the 370-acre [Arboretum](#). Novelty will be one of the judging criteria. The winning photo will be featured on our website (“Seasonal Images”) and posted to Facebook shortly after the contest ends.

Arboretum staff members will make final selections in each contest, and we reserve the right to withhold any submission. For questions about the contest, email arboretum@psu.edu.

Submission guidelines

- We are seeking images that convey the beauty of the Arboretum throughout the year. Send us your photo of the gardens, wildlife, our natural areas, or any fun or unique “moments” you capture with your camera.
- We may ask for a high-resolution image if your photo is chosen as a winner, or if we are interested in using it in a medium where print quality is preferred.
- If submitting via email, rename your photo with the date taken followed by your name (YYYY-MM-DD_John_Doe). Send your photo to arboretum@psu.edu with the subject line “Photo Contest.” If submitting via Facebook or Instagram ([pennstatearboretum](#)), you must use **#PennStateArboretumcontest** to be entered in the contest. Photos must be posted during the duration of the photo contest.
- Limit submissions to one photo per person per contest.
- Submit photos only if they were taken by you. By submitting an image, you attest to your ownership of the image. You also agree that Penn State has the right and license to redistribute the image, royalty free, on its various communications platforms, including but not limited to the website of The Arboretum at Penn State and its social media venues.
- Using built-in filters and color adjustments is acceptable, but altering photos by adding or removing objects/elements is not.
- We may follow up with requests for additional information about submissions.