



COLUMBIA LAND CONSERVANCY

Annual Photography Show Rules and Waiver Updates 3/31/2021

Who may enter

This exhibition is open to people of all ages and all levels of experience who live within a 150-mile radius of Columbia County. This is not a fine art or a technical photography contest but rather a way to connect to this land we love. CLC employees are not eligible to participate.

Youth participants

If you are under the age of 18, you must obtain parental/guardian permission to participate in this photography show. Submitting this entry form is acknowledgment that you have read these entry rules and that you have obtained appropriate permission.

What to enter

- Photographs taken between September 1, 2019 and **May 31, 2021**.
- Photographs must have been taken at a Public Conservation Area. Visit <https://clctrust.org/public-conservation-areas/about-our-sites/> to view a list of all CLC properties.
- All photos must be entirely original work of the participant and never have been the subject of a copyright or previously published.
- Entries may be in color or black & white, taken on a camera or smartphone. If you use a 35 mm camera, we suggest printing and scanning your photo prior to uploading to the portal.
- Entries must be submitted as .JPG or .TIFF files. See photo size guidelines below.
- An entry form must be completed if photo is selected for the show.
- If a photo is submitted in which a person is recognizable, the participant must submit a release (obtainable from the main entry page) from the subject or, in the case of a minor, the subject's parent or guardian to the Columbia Land Conservancy on request.
- Photographs submitted must not violate or infringe upon the copyrights, trademarks, rights of privacy, publicity, or other rights of any person or entity.
- Photos should not feature actions or items prohibited on Columbia Land Conservancy properties, i.e. inappropriate behavior, foraging, alcohol, smoking, disruption of wildlife, off-leash dogs, swimming, foraging, etc.
- All photographs should accurately reflect the subject matter and the scene as it appeared. Photos that have been digitally altered beyond standard optimization (cropping, spotting for dust, reasonable adjustments to exposure, color and contrast, etc.) using tools like Adobe Lightroom, Photoshop, or similar will be disqualified.
- Photographs should not include watermarks on submitted images.

- Participants may submit a maximum of three photos. Each photo should be of a different Public Conservation Area. Photographers can only win for one Public Conservation Area. Each photo should be submitted on a separate Google Form.

Photo Size Guidelines

- Photos cannot exceed 10 MB.
- Photos should be at least 300 DPI, and be at least 1000 pixels wide (landscape) or 1000 pixels tall (portrait).
- Photos must be uploaded by **May 31, 2021**.

Judging

Entries will be judged by a jury selected by the Columbia Land Conservancy Annual Photography Show Committee. Entries will be judged on subject matter, creativity, and originality.

The Photography Show Jurors will screen all images for the top three photographs from each Public Conservation Area, as well as the top youth (under age 18) photograph from each site. These images will be admitted into the juried show where a panel of qualified judges will identify four finalists: First Place, Second Place, Third Place, and the winner of the Youth category. Columbia Land Conservancy staff will also select a Staff Choice winner. ***We have determined that an in-person show is no longer possible due to COVID19 restrictions. We will instead print and frame all winning images for display in our storefront on Main Street in Chatham, NY and will share the images on social media.***

There will also be a People's Choice winner selected by members of the public from among the photos at the show.

The decisions of the judges will be final. The judges reserve the right to disqualify entries which do not conform to the stated rules and criteria.

Prizes

First place winners will receive some CLC Swag including a t-shirt (of your choice), a hat, the Southern and Northern Columbia County Outdoors Guides, and a Public Conservation Area mascot patch, along with official bragging rights! Your photo will also be printed and hung in our store window at 49 Main Street, in Chatham for a portion of the year.

Second and third place winners will receive both copies of the Columbia County Outdoors Guides and a Public Conservation Area mascot patch!

Permission & Rights

Any photograph submitted may be used in promotional materials, regardless of the photograph's acceptance into the exhibit. Photos will be used with the sole intent of promoting CLC. CLC will not sell, distribute, or release rights to a third party.