

Annual Shutterbugs Photography Contest Process 2025

The Annual Shutterbugs Photography Contest is open to all members in good standing.

- ☐ Dues must be paid for the current year.
- ☐ Member must have attended a minimum of three (3) meetings, field trips, or combination of both in 2025.

Categories:

A total of three (3) photographs may be entered in any combination of the following categories:

1. People
2. Scenic Vistas
3. Nature/Wildlife
4. Still Life
5. Architecture
6. Black & White
7. Action

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Position Statement per Florida Camera Club Council (F3C):

“Every part of an image must be the maker’s own work. Artificial intelligence or AI cannot be used to add elements to an image that were not taken by the maker. AI functions such as 'de-noising', healing, sharpening, expanding canvas are allowed, as long as AI generated objects, people, or other elements are not introduced into the image. Makers may be asked to submit original images prior to approval.”

Description/Presentation of Photographs:

1. Photographs must have been taken within the last five (5) years. They must contain metadata and cannot have been previously submitted to a Shutterbugs contest.
2. Photographs may not display photographer’s name in any way.

Entry Process:

1. There is no cost to submit photos – it is covered by your 2025 dues.
2. Both electronic and hard-copy/prints are required.
3. The Entry Form and Contest Rules will be emailed to all members. These documents will also be available on the Shutterbugs website - **www.otowspc.com**. Once on the site go to the toolbar at the top and click on “Galleries,” “Photo Contest,” and at the bottom of that page “2025 Contest.” The entry form is a downloadable PDF attachment. For assistance with the fillable pdf, contact Mark Holmes (remarkability@comcast.net)

Electronic submission:

1. Submit entries **via email** to contest@otowspc.com. Entries may be sent beginning **August 24, 2025 and must be received no later than midnight on September 13, 2025.**
2. In the body of the email include the following information for **each** photograph:
 - ☐. Photographer's name
 - ☐. Description of photograph
 - ☐. Title of photograph
 - ☐. Category
3. **Attach** (do not imbed) the digital photograph to the email. Digital photographs should be no larger than 2MB to 3MB.

Hard-copy submission:

1. **Prints must be 8"X 10"**
2. Complete an Entry Form.(sent to members via email and available on otowspc.com)
3. Submit entry form and photographs to **Harry Boyajian no later than September 27, 2025.**

Judging:

Judging is done electronically. Your submissions are assigned an anonymous, system-generated number. Judges are experienced photographers who have volunteered to participate.

1. All judged values will be tabulated electronically to determine winners.
2. Ribbons are awarded for the range that your score falls into. There will possibly be several Blue, Red and Yellow ribbons in each category. The highest score in each category will also receive 'Best in Category', which means a photo could receive two Blue Ribbons.
 - ☐. First Place Range = Blue Ribbon
 - ☐. Second Place Range = Red Ribbon
 - ☐. Third Place Range = Yellow Ribbon
4. 'Best of Show' will be the highest score overall. Again there could be more than one person that qualifies for this award.
5. Judges are encouraged to submit feedback/comments for each submission.

Photography Display:

All submitted photographs will be publicly displayed at the OTOW Recreation Center during the month of November. Each photograph will be mounted and matted by Club Officers. A display card will include the photographer's name, photo title, and category. Winners will be formally announced at the public reception on the first Tuesday in November.

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