

# **Bonsai Societies of Florida - Photograph Contest Rules**

## **Winners announced May 27, 2012 at BSF Convention**

The Bonsai Societies of Florida ("BSF") First annual Photograph Competition (the "Contest") is open to all BSF Members ("Contestant") at least 18 years of age and in Good standing. Judges of the BSF Photo Contest and their immediate families are not eligible.

### **YOUR RIGHTS**

You will retain all rights to any photograph you submit—including ownership if applicable—other than those rights licensed in the next sentence. By entering the contest, you hereby grant to the BSF (i) a nonexclusive, worldwide, irrevocable, royalty-free license to reproduce, distribute, publicly display and publicly present the photographs you submit, and (ii) the right to use your name, city, state, and country of residence in promotions and other publications.

### **WHAT TO ENTER**

We are looking for striking digital images that capture any aspect of the Art of Bonsai. A bonsai tree must be present in the composition of the photograph. Contestants must not submit images that involve the willful harassment of wildlife/habitat by the photographer, or infringe on the rights of any other photographer or person.

All photographs should accurately reflect the subject matter and the scene as it appeared. Photos that have been digitally altered beyond standard optimization (removal of dust, cropping, reasonable adjustments to exposure, color and contrast, etc.) will be disqualified. Multiple exposures that have been combined to produce a single "High Dynamic Range" image are acceptable. Images that do not meet these requirements may or may not be judged at the judging panel's sole discretion.

**All images must be titled with the applicant's/photographer's first and last name. Images not titled in this format will not be accepted.**

All photographs will be credited with the caption "© Person's Name." BSF has final approval of any language that appears on its website with any of the photos and will not promote or endorse third-party products or services.

If you include people or person's property (i.e. Bonsai trees) in your submission, you must obtain proper releases from those individuals, and you must be able to provide BSF with originals of those releases at any time that BSF requests.

### **HOW TO ENTER**

Each photo must be submitted as a printed photograph (8X10 or 8½ X 11), an electronic hi-res version of the photo as JPG or PDF (submitted via e-mail to [website@bonsai-bsf.com](mailto:website@bonsai-bsf.com)), and the online form accessible on Bonsai-BSF.com. The submission packet should be sent to - BSF Photo Contest, c/o Paul Pikel; 9620 Myrtle Creek Lane; Orlando, FL 32832

BSF reserves the right to upload photos submitted through this contest to its photo gallery website, and/or use in Florida Bonsai Magazine.

## **ELIGIBILITY AND JUDGING**

To ensure eligibility for the contest, entries must be printed submissions, film negatives will not be accepted. Images that do not meet this standard may or may not be judged at the judging panel's sole discretion.

Entries may originate in any format—including, but not limited to, digital files, digital prints, color transparencies, color prints, or black and white prints—so long as they are submitted as printed photos. You may only submit one photo to the contest. In the event multiple photos are submitted, only the first submission will be entered into the contest.

Previously published material for which non-exclusive rights were granted may be entered as long as you still maintain the right to grant us a license (see "Your Rights" and "What to Enter" above). You must be able to disclose when and where the photo appeared previously to the **BSF** upon request.

Images will be judged on originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact, and artistic merit. This is a PHOTO CONTEST and not a bonsai contest, so the quality of the photographed bonsai will not be used as a factor for judging. The judges are a panel from the **BSF Board** and/or guest judges, familiar with photography and responsible for selecting images for various **BSF** printed and online marketing and membership materials.

**BSF** shall determine winner eligibility at its sole and absolute discretion. All decisions made by the judges are final.

## **DEADLINES**

All entries must be received by May 1, 2012 to be included in the contest. All accepted submissions will be displayed in black frames with a white matte at the 2012 BSF Convention. Winners will be notified prior to the 2012 BSF State Convention and will be recognized during the Annual Dinner on May 27, 2012.

BSF reserves the right to adjust any deadline(s) as the result of causes beyond its immediate control.

## **WINNING PHOTOS**

The panel will select one Grand Prize for the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner to receive a Full 2012 BSF Convention Registration. Additional prizes to be announced at a later time for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place photos.

Winning images may be used in both online and print communications from BSF and otherwise used in accordance with these Contest Rules. No other monetary or in-kind awards will be given to any other Contestant.