

Hancock Park District's 25th Annual Photography Contest

ENTRY RULES & GUIDELINES

1. Fill out and submit the Photography Contest Entry and Release Form. The form may be downloaded from www.HancockParks.com under "Park News." Submit one form with each photograph.
2. Email digital photograph to jshane@hancockparks.com with HPD Photography Contest in the subject line no later than 11:59 PM EST on Friday, November 6, 2020. Prints will not be accepted.
3. Contestants may submit a maximum of five (5) photograph submissions.
4. Watermarks are not acceptable.
5. All photographs must have been taken from November 1, 2019 to November 1, 2020 and depict imagery in the Hancock Park System, the Blanchard River Greenway Trail, or the Blanchard River. Eligible locations can be found in the HPD's Seasonal Program & Event Guide.
6. Amateurs of all ages are eligible to participate. Photographers age 17 and younger must have parental consent for each photograph submission via the Photography Contest Entry and Release Form. All photographs must be unpublished, must not have won any award, and must be submitted by the original photographer. Your photograph submission certifies that you are the sole owner and copyright holder of the photograph.
7. Each photograph requires a written consent for contest submission and publication from all persons shown in the photographs via the Photography Contest Entry and Release Form.
8. All photographs must be submitted at a maximum file size of 5 MB and in .jpeg format.
9. All entries require the name of the park in which the photograph was taken. Entries not listing the photograph location will be disqualified.
10. Employees of the Hancock Park District (HPD) and members of their immediate families are not eligible to participate.



With this image of a Northern Parula, Scott Bechtel was the winner of the HPD 24th Annual Photography Contest.

WHAT TO ENTER

Photos should strive to capture the essence of your favorite park location in the Hancock Park System and may include scenery, buildings, animals, or people at the park.

JUDGING

Photographs will be judged by a panel of up to five (5) judges. All photographs will be judged on inspirational quality, the placement or arrangement of visual elements, and how well photographs convey beauty, essence and/or enjoyment. The decision of the Hancock Park District and judges is final on all matters related to the HPD Photography Contest.

WINNERS & PRIZES

Judges will evaluate all valid entries and pick the 12 best photos. The entrants of the top 12 photos will be notified of their status within 10 days of November 20, 2020. The winning photos will be featured in a printed 12-month 2021 calendar, in the Spring 2021 Program & Event Guide, and in the outdoor information center at the HPD Administrative Office. One photo will be selected as the Grand Prize winner. That photo will appear on the calendar cover and the entrant will be awarded a cash prize. All qualified entries will appear on www.HancockParks.com and the HPD Facebook page and Instagram profile where the public can vote for

one People's Choice winner from all qualified entries. The photo that receives the most "Likes" on the HPD Facebook page between November 12, 2020 and December 20, 2020 will be named the People's Choice winner. The HPD will notify the People's Choice winner via the email address used to enter the photo at time of entry. Winners will receive one printed copy of the 2020 calendar. The calendar will also be available as a free PDF download at www.HancockParks.com.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The HPD retains sole discretion as to what constitutes inappropriate content and reserves the right to disqualify a photograph entry. Photographs containing recognizable people must be accompanied by a signed Photography Contest Entry and Release Form for each person in the photograph.
2. HPD park regulations apply and can be found at www.HancockParks.com.
3. By entering the HPD Photography Contest, each contestant consents to the use of their name and/or photograph in any HPD publication, advertisement, or promotion and on the website without further notice or compensation.
4. The HPD can publish or use any submitted photographs at its sole discretion. Contestants retain the right to use and publish their photographs.

5. Any activities intended to disrupt or interfere with the proper execution of the HPD Photography Contest or defraud the HPD in any way will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Participants who engage in any of the foregoing activities will be disqualified and will forfeit any prizes. If the contest is not capable of running as planned due to causes beyond the control of the HPD that in the sole opinion of the HPD could affect the proper execution of the HPD Photography Contest, the Hancock Park District reserves the right at its sole discretion to cancel or modify the HPD Photography Contest.
6. Photograph entries must be submitted according to rules, guidelines, and terms and conditions as stated herein and will be disqualified if not followed. Submission of photographs certify your awareness of and agreement with rules, guidelines, and terms and conditions related to the HPD Photography Contest.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK/ LIABILITY RELEASE/ WAIVER OF ALL CLAIMS

By registering for the HPD Photography Contest, participants assume all risks associated with the activity, understand that all risks cannot be foreseen, waive all claims or causes of action arising from participation and the use of photographs by the HPD for promotional purposes, and release the HPD and its agents, employees, volunteers, and sponsors and their heirs, executors, and assigns from liability. Risks include but are not limited to personal property damage, bodily injury, loss of life, use or misuse of a prize, loss of photograph submissions due to human error or technical malfunction, cheating or fraud by a participant, typographical or other error in the printing of material and correspondence and communication as a whole associated with the administration of the HPD Photography Contest.

DEADLINE TO ENTER: 11:59 PM EST on Friday, November 6, 2020
Entry forms are available online at www.HancockParks.com under "Park News".