



Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc.
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The official rules of the The Garden Club of South Carolina’s Digital Photo Contest

VOID WHERE PROHIBITED

ELIGIBILITY

The Digital Photo Contest (“Photo Contest”) is open to all professional and amateur photographers ages 12 and up. (Parents or guardians of contestants under the age of 18 must sign authorization form.)

Garden Club members, Board members, employees, interns and affiliates of The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc are also eligible to enter the contest.

By submitting an entry to the Photo Contest, entrants certify that their participation in this Photo Contest is not illegal or in violation of any law, regulation, treaty or administrative act, and that the laws of the their governing jurisdiction of residence at the time of entry do not prohibit or restrict the receipt of any Prize under this Photo Contest.

The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc. reserves the right to reject any entry if, in The Garden Club of South Carolina’s sole discretion, the laws of an applicable jurisdiction, including but not limited to the entrant’s jurisdiction of residence at the time of entry, would prohibit or limit The Garden Club of South Carolina from proceeding with the Photo Contest as intended or the consideration of awarding of any Prize would impose additional administrative, tax, operational, or legal burdens on The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc.

Furthermore, individuals residing in any “Excluded jurisdiction” are ineligible to enter the Photo Contest. Excluded jurisdiction means any country listed on the US Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) Active Sanctions Programs list available at <https://sanctionssearch.ofac.treas.gov>.

SPONSOR

The Photo Contest is co-sponsored by The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc. 701 Gervais St, Suite 150-142, Columbia, SC 29201 and Trish Bender, 1st Vice President of The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc. 1265 Folly Road, Charleston, SC 29412 (“Sponsor”). This Photo Contest is in no way sponsored by, endorsed by, administered by, or associated with, Facebook or any other on-line media outlet other than The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc.

ENTRY PERIOD

The Photo contest begins 12:00am EST on May 25, 2017 and ends 11:59pm EST on July 1, 2017 (“The Entry Period”). Entries submitted before or after the Entry Period will not be eligible. Sponsor’s computer is the official time-keeping device for the Photo Contest.

The Garden is open to the public most days between 9:00am and 6:00pm and photographers may take photos any day during the contest provided they do not disturb the quiet enjoyment of the Fryar family or the neighbors. Mr. Fryar’s presence in the garden is not guaranteed and contestants are strictly prohibited from approaching the home or knocking on the door during the contest.

The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc. has pre-arranged an open garden weekend June 3 – June 4, 2017 for contestants. Contestants may visit the garden that weekend between the hours of 9:00am and 6:00pm EST.

VOTING PERIOD

The Public vote for People’s Choice begins at 12:00am EST on July 1, 2017 and ends at 11:59pm EST on July 15, 2017 (the “Voting Period”). Votes submitted before or after the Voting Period will not be eligible. Sponsor’s computer is the official time-keeping device for the Photo Contest.

WHAT TO ENTER

The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc. is seeking photos for the Contest that best represent The Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden, Pearl Fryar himself and Pearl’s message of Peace, Love and Goodwill. Each contestant may submit up to 3 photos for each of the three categories.

Photos may be submitted in 8 x 10 printed format or a file no larger than 20MB at the time of entry. Higher resolution files of at least 240 dpi/ppi will be requested should an entry be preselected to be awarded a prize or for use in future publications. 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 adjustment to exposure, color and contrast, etc.) will be disqualified.

Entries may originate in any format – including, but not limited to digital files, digital prints, color prints or black and white prints – so long as they are submitted electronically in a . JPEG, .jpg, or .png format. Multiple exposures that have been combined to produce a single “High Dynamic Range” image are acceptable.

Entries should include metadata if at all possible. Caption information should include:

- Location
- Detailed caption of subject matter
- If you chose to include people in your submission, you are responsible for obtaining the necessary releases from the individuals depicted, and must be able to provide copies of the releases to The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc. upon request.

The following submissions are ineligible:

- Photos that violate or infringe upon another person's rights, including but not limited to copyright and photographs of persons without the necessary consent required by law in your jurisdiction. The Garden Club of South Carolina Inc. reserves the right to require entrants to submit evidence of the subject's legal consent to be photographed for the submitted photograph, which may include a signed waiver from the subject. NOTE: Waiver requirements vary by jurisdiction, and the entrant is responsible for obtaining a legally enforceable waiver from any photographed subject.
- Photos that contain sexually explicit, nude, obscene, violent or other objectionable or inappropriate content.
- Images that involve the willful harassment of wildlife, or damage to the environment by the photographer or the subject.
- Images that involve putting any individual or animal in danger.
- The Garden Club of South Carolina Inc. shall determine entry eligibility in its sole and absolute discretion.

Submissions may be watermarked if desired, but the watermark should be inconspicuous enough to not interfere with the judging of the photo. A watermarked photo might not be honored by competition (at the judges' sole discretion) if the photographer is unable or unavailable to provide a pristine, watermark-free version of the image when asked. Images will be judged on originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact and artistic merit.

HOW TO ENTER

Digital images may be emailed to Gardenclubofsc@gmail.com on or before 11:59pm EST July 1, 2017.

OR

An 8 x 10 print may be mailed to:

The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc. Photo Contest
c/o Trish Bender
1265 Folly Road
Charleston, SC 29412

Mailed submissions must be postmarked on or before June 30, 2017.

Contestants may enter no more than 3 original images for each category. Sponsor reserves the right to reject any additional entries or entries that do not comply with Official Rules. By entering, you indicate your unconditional agreement to, and acceptance of, these Official Rules and Sponsor's decisions, which are final and binding. You cannot win a prize unless you comply with all requirements in these Official Rules.

Entrants may be asked to supplement their submission (such as with a paragraph about their photo or highest resolution version of their photo) anytime on or after May 25, 2017.

JUDGING

Photos will be judged on originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact, artistic merit and subject matter relevance to each category. Judging will be conducted by a panel of Garden Club of South Carolina members and guest judges selected by The Garden Club of South Carolina and Pearl Fryar.

Categories:

The Garden - Overall best representation of The Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden.

The Man – Overall best representation of Mr. Fryar.

The Message – Overall best representation of Mr. Fryar’s vision of peace, love and goodwill that the garden brings to visitors and the greater community.

All judging decisions are final. Please do not contact us about the status of entries or judging.

The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc. will notify each winner via the contact information provided at the time of entry.

POTENTIAL WINNER REQUIREMENTS

Except where prohibited, all contestants will be required to complete and return an affidavit of eligibility, including signed and dated Release Form. If a potential winner fails to return these documents on time, an alternate potential winner may be selected in his/her place.

PRIZES

The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc. will award the following prizes:

One (1) overall winner in each of the three (3) categories:

The Garden

The Man

The Message

All runners up will receive Mention on The Garden Club of South Carolina’s Facebook Page and Website.

QUESTIONS

Questions and inquiries about the contest rules can be emailed to gardenclubofsc@gmail.com

The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc.

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Release for Permission to Use Photograph

Subject: Pearl Fryer Topiary Garden Photograph Contest, June 3-July 15, 2017 (hereinafter known as Contest)

I grant to **The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc.** and to **The Pearl Fryer Topiary Garden**, its representatives and employees the complete and absolute right to use photographs submitted by me in the Contest in future publications, websites, books, booklets, brochures and other media. I authorize these uses with full and complete understanding that I will receive only photograph caption credit in any such use or publication without any express or implied right to royalties, fees or any other consideration. The consideration for this use is the right to participate in this contest.

I have read, understand and agree to the above:

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature, parent or guardian _____
(if under age 18)

Printed name _____

Garden Club and City (if applicable) _____

Address _____

Email: _____

Phone: _(____)_____

Mail to:

Trish Bender

1st Vice President

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