

'Circle of Life' Photography Show

The Garden Club of Mountain Lakes presents a nature photography exhibit.



Theme and Categories

A natural subject that evokes a distinct phase of the 'Circle of Life.'

- **New Beginnings** (eg, sprouting plants, emerging foliage, buds, nest with eggs, baby animals, spring green)
- **Prime of Life** (eg, gardens in full bloom, exuberant individual blossoms, branches with ripe fruit, busy pollinators, lush landscapes, vigorous wildlife)
- **Age of Wisdom** (eg, gnarled roots, tree trunks, forest primeval, driftwood, rocks, mountains, caves and canyons)

How to Enter

- Any amateur photographer may enter the show.
- Enter online: <https://mlgclub.net/photo-show-2024>
- Entrants may submit **up to three photos (one per category) as files** (most common image file formats accepted).
 - » Photographs may be portrait or landscape orientation.
 - » Photographs may be enhanced using in-camera changes and post-production changes including cropping, filters, photo-editing, and dark room edits.
- Photos submitted must be the entrant's own work, for the which the entrant owns the copyright.
 - » By entering, you give Garden Club of Mountain Lakes permission to display the photo(s) in their publications and public displays.
- The photo show will be curated: *Not all submissions will be selected for the exhibit.*
- **Submission deadline: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 (noon).**

Judging

- Entrants will be notified on **Wednesday, February 22, 2024**, whether or not any of their photo(s) was selected for the exhibit.
- The show will be professionally judged, with ribbons awarded in each category and a 'crowd favorite' awarded by popular vote.
- Winners will be announced on **Thursday, March 7, 2024.**

Exhibition

- The photo show will be exhibited in the Mountain Lakes High School lobby March 1-8, 2024.
 - » Open for public viewing *on March 1-2 only*, for visitors attending the MLHS Theatre production of 'Something Rotten.'
- The show will be available online for viewing and voting for the 'crowd favorite.'
 - » Anyone may vote online for the 'crowd favorite'; it is not necessary to visit the exhibit in-person to vote.
 - » **Voting is open March 1-6, 2024.**

Inquiries

- For general inquiries, contact Photo Show Chair, Jane Jennings (homewithjane@gmail.com, 973-229-7857)
- *Tech challenges with uploading your entries?* Contact Show Administrator, Leslie Cirillo-Plante (leslie.cirilloplante@gmail.com or The Garden Club of Mountain Lakes (mlgardenclub@gmail.com).

If your entry is selected for the exhibit...

Photo Display Requirements

- Images must be presented as an 8x10 inch print, matted in a plain white mat (with backing), sized 11x14 inches.
 - » No frame. No homemade mats. No double mats. No textured mats. No foam board mats. Nothing mounted on the back of mat.
- For any photo to be exhibited in the show, a donation of \$10/photo is requested, payable at photo drop-off (see dates/times below).
 - » No fee for Garden Club of Mountain Lakes members.

Entry Drop-off and Pick-up

- Exhibitors may **drop-off** their print(s) at the Mountain Lakes Public Library:
 - » **Saturday, February 24th 11am til 130pm, or Monday, February 26th 4 til 830pm**
- Exhibitors may **pick-up** their photos (and ribbons) at the Mountain Lakes Public Library:
 - » **Saturday, March 9th 11am til 130pm, or on Monday, March 11th 4 til 830pm**
- Please contact the Show Chair to make arrangements if you cannot drop-off or pick-up your entry during these timeframes.
 - » *Photos not picked up will become the property of the Garden Club of Mountain Lakes.*