

# VBG ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST

## 2025 PHOTO CONTEST RULES

Photographers of all ages and levels are invited to enter their best images.

### CRITERIA

In past years the photo contest has focused on the colorful beauty of our blooms and the wildlife visitors we enjoy in the spring. This year the theme of the contest will be Garden Stories and submissions should highlight events and people engaged in activities in the Gardens. All photos must be taken during spring 2025 at Ventura Botanical Gardens to be eligible.

**Enter:** Submit the form on our website at <https://venturabotanicalgardens.com/in-bloom/> with your entry (2 photographs maximum) from May 9-30, 2025.

If entries include images of recognizable faces, the entrant will be required to fill out a release form on our website at <https://venturabotanicalgardens.com/in-bloom/> to show that the people in the image(s) give permission for their image to be used and published by VBG. Silhouettes, backs of heads, or obscured images of faces do not require permission for publication as long as faces are not recognizable. Parents/guardians must fill out the form for their children.

**Win:** There are two ways to win: (1) Peoples' Choice by "Like" votes on Facebook; and (2) Judges' Choice, selected by a panel of photography professionals.

**Prize:** Winners will be notified in mid-June. The photos will be published on the VBG website, in News from the Gardens and, with the permission of the publisher, *The Breeze*.

### ENTRY AGREEMENT

In submitting your photo(s) (PHOTO) via the VBG website, you are participating in the VBG Annual Photo Contest, and you hereby warrant and agree to the following:

- CONTESTANT warrants to Ventura Botanical Gardens (VBG) that he/she is the creator of the PHOTO.
- CONTESTANT acknowledges that once submitted, the Ventura Botanical Gardens (VBG) has full rights to usage including all alteration rights.
- Views and scenes submitted without level horizons may be disqualified.
- The PHOTO is the result of CONTESTANT'S sole artistic efforts unless otherwise stated as collaboration.
- The PHOTO is free and clear of any lien. Except for title and possession, pursuant to the Copyright Act of 1976 (17 U.S.C. §101 et seq.), CONTESTANT will retain the copyright and all other rights in and to the PHOTO. The CONTESTANT grants to VBG an irrevocable and non-exclusive worldwide license to reproduce, to distribute, and/or to display two-or three-dimensional reproductions of the PHOTO in any manner whatsoever relating to any or all VBG marketing, promotions, outreach, publication or event.
- Employees of VBG and other companies associated with the promotion of the Contest, and their respective parents, subsidiaries, affiliates and advertising and promotion agencies as well as the immediate family (spouse, parents, siblings, and children) and household members of each such employee are not eligible.
- This contest is not endorsed, sponsored or administered by Facebook/Instagram, nor is Facebook/Instagram associated with this contest. Facebook or Instagram have no responsibility towards entrants or participants.

Pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 106A(3) and only to the extent that this Agreement differs, CONTESTANT expressly waives any rights that the he/she may have under Cal. Civ. Code § 987 or 17 U.S.C. §§ 101 et seq., including, without limitation, 17 U.S.C. §§ 106, 106A, and 113, or any successor statute(s) or regulation(s).