

RULES FOR THE 2016 LAND TRUSTS PHOTO CONTEST

sponsored by Land Trusts in Lyme, Old Lyme, Essex, East Haddam and Salem

1. The Contest is open only to amateur photographers (less than 50% of principal income is from the sale of photographs or providing photographic services).
2. Photographs must be taken in the towns of **Lyme, Old Lyme, Essex, East Haddam and Salem**. The photographer does not have to reside in these towns. **Entries are limited to a total of five photographs per photographer**. Photographs may be submitted beginning January 1, 2016 and must be submitted (or postmarked) no later than **January 31, 2016**.
3. 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and three (3) Honorable Mention ribbons are awarded in each of these five categories: **Landscapes/Water-scapes ~ Plants ~ Wildlife ~ Cultural/Historic (human-made structures, domestic animals) ~ Youth: contestants age 14 & under (of any of the above subjects)**
An individual can only win one ribbon per category. **In addition, a Special Award** will be given to honor our deceased judge, **John G. Mitchell**, for the photograph best reflecting environmental conservation. Wildlife cannot be captured or restrained for photographic purposes for this contest. During judging, the identity of the photographer remains anonymous.
4. Email photocontest@lymelandtrust.org for a **2016 Entry Form** after December 1, 2015.
5. **All submitted photographs must be 8x10 inches in size (if a different ratio, fit within 8x10)**, and must be **matted or mounted to no larger than 12 x 14**. You may put your name on the back of the photograph, but not on the front. Do not submit wood, glass, or metal frames; or metal prints. The photographs may be color or black and white, using film or digital cameras. A separate **2016 Entry Form, each signed to agree to the rules**, must be completed for and accompany each submitted photograph. Each entry may be mailed to **Land Trusts Photo Contest, P. O. Box 1002, Old Lyme CT 06371** or dropped off at the **Old Lyme Library**. **In addition, you are required to submit digital copies** of your images (no smaller than 4 MB) by email (as a separate file attachment) to photocontest@lymelandtrust.org or submit a CD with digital image(s) of your photograph(s). Label the digital files with your name (last name first) and the title of the photo.
6. All submitted photos will be displayed during the Photo Contest Reception.
7. **Non-winning photos should be picked up at the end of the Reception**. Alternatively, there will be a later determined pick-up date at the Old Lyme Library and the Lyme Town Hall. Unclaimed non-winning photos will not be returned by mail or other delivery, and become the property of the TRUSTS.
8. After the reception, a year-long traveling display of the winning photographs is shown at local venues. At the end of that time, the winning photos are not returned to the photographer. Although **you retain complete copyright over the image**, for winning photographs you grant the TRUSTS a royalty-free right of use, display and reproduction of the images for purposes of publication in all media including, but not limited to, the Essex Savings Bank calendar, to display on websites, in exhibitions and for fund raising, including the sale of gift items using the images. Every attempt will be made to credit the photographer.
9. All prints are submitted at the photographer's own risk. Although every care will be taken with each entry, the TRUSTS cannot accept responsibility for any loss of or damage occurring to any entries during transit or while in the keeping of the TRUSTS.
10. By submitting a photograph, you warrant and represent that each photograph you submit is your own original work to which you alone own the copyright. It is the legal responsibility of the entrant, and not the TRUSTS, to ensure that they comply with these ownership and copyright requirements and that they own the rights to reproduction of their images without violating the rights of any third party. Entrants who do not fulfill these criteria will be deemed ineligible and disqualified.
11. The TRUSTS and judges reserve the right to change the RULES and/or prizes due to unforeseen circumstances.
12. The Trusts reserve the right to change the category placement.