

The Inside Story Monthly Photo Contest

See your photo via a link from theinsidestory.ca website!

Whether you dabble in photography or photography is your passion we invite you to join our contest, capturing the spirit and character of the Annapolis Valley.

Selected photos will be displayed over the next several months. Both amateur and professional photographers are welcome to participate. Submit photos in digital form, unless otherwise indicated.

Please read the complete contest rules before entering.

OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES

No purchase or payment necessary to enter or win.

PHOTO ELIGIBILITY

No age limit exists to enter. Entrants under 18 years require parental written consent to enter. The Inside Story employees and their immediate family members may enter but are not eligible for prizes or awards.

PHOTO FORMATS

DIGITAL - Photos are to be submitted in digital format.
Photos must have been taken within Southwest Nova Scotia.
Entries may be in colour, black & white, infrared or sepia
Size 300dpi, 4"x7" under 1Mbyte, portrait or landscape orientation.
Format JPG, TIFF, GIF, or BMP
No watermarks, copyright notices or signatures may be added to the image
minor enhancement allowed
no borders or frames may be added to the image
do not add or replace an element in an image
images may be cropped or rotated within format specs
red-eye removal allowed
Entries will not be returned.

PHOTOGRAPHER/COPYRIGHT

Entries must be submitted by the original photographer. Do not submit a photo taken by someone other than yourself. You must be the sole owner of the copyright of any image submitted. Your submission of the photo and entry form is your guarantee that you are the author and copyright holder of the photo.

NUMBER OF ENTRIES

An individual may submit up to three photos per month. More submissions disqualifies the entrant from the contest.

PHOTO SUBJECT RESTRICTIONS

Photos must be appropriate for posting on our website. Obscene, provocative or otherwise questionable content will not be considered. The Inside Story retains sole discretion as to what constitutes inappropriate content

Photos containing recognizable people must ALSO be accompanied by a signed model release form.

RETURN OF PHOTOS

Photos, regardless of the medium, will not be returned. Please do not send your only copy of a photo.

OWNERSHIP/USE RIGHTS

Photographers retain the copyright to their photographs. By entering the contest, photographers agree to have their submitted photograph displayed on theinsidestory.ca website without any fee or other form of compensation, and agree that The Inside Story may display winning photos in a "past winners" photo gallery or advertising for future contests, and may make and retain copies of the photograph for archival purposes. Photos will be credited to the photographer named in the entry form. *Entries can freely be used by The Inside Story in any manner for postcard advertising or sale, without compensation unless specified otherwise to by the owner (see entry form).* In the event that ownership of any photograph submitted to The Inside Story is contested in any manner, The Inside Story retains the discretion to disqualify that photograph and discontinue use of the photograph.

HOW TO ENTER

Each entry **must** be accompanied by a separate, completed official contest entry form.
Photos may be submitted using the online entry form.

JUDGING

Entries will be judged for creativity, quality and excellence in portraying the theme of the contest. The Inside Story will select a capable judging panel appropriate to the contest. All contest decisions are final. Entries that fail to comply with the Official Contest Rules will be disqualified.

WINNERS

Judges will select a first and second place winning photo for each of the contest categories. If fewer than ten eligible photographs are entered in a category, The Inside Story may choose to name only a first place winner, or may cancel that category. In addition, one or more honorable mention winners may be selected in categories with especially large numbers of entries, at the discretion of the judging panel. Winners will be notified approximately 1-3 weeks after the contest deadline by phone and/or email using the information on the entry form. Winning photographs, along with the photographer's name, email address (optional) and information about the photo, will be displayed via a link on the insidestory.ca website

Monthly First prize winner will receive \$25.00 gift certificates.

Monthly Second prize winner will receive \$15.00 gift certificates.

The Inside Story is not responsible for computer system, hardware, software, or program malfunctions or other errors, failures, or delayed computer transactions or network connections that are human or technical in nature. Furthermore, The Inside Story is not responsible for: (i) lost, misdirected, misplaced, illegible, unintelligible, incomplete, or late entries or (ii) any act, failure to act, or delay regarding the transmitting or processing of entries. The Inside Story reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel or suspend all or any portion of this contest without notice if factors beyond The Inside Story's control, including technical difficulties, disrupt or corrupt the fair or secure administration or operation of the contest. Void where prohibited. The Inside Story is entitled to interpret these rules as needed and its decisions are final. The Inside Story reserves the right to disqualify any entrant that The Inside Story has reason to believe is not the original work of entrant, or does not otherwise meet the contest rules. If a winner is disqualified or determined to be ineligible, an alternate winner will be selected using the same judging process/criteria described above. Alternate winners are subject to all requirements set forth in these Official Rules.

By participating in the contest, you agree to release and hold harmless The Inside Story and its employees, officers, affiliates, agents, and advertising and promotional agencies from any and all damages, injuries, claims, causes of actions, or losses of any kind resulting from your participation in this contest, including infringement of intellectual property rights. The Inside Story and its employees, officers, affiliates, agents, and advertising and promotional agencies assume no responsibility or liability for any damages, injuries, claims, causes of actions, or losses of any kind arising in whole or in part from this contest.