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Indiana Master Gardener Photo Contest - 2008

A statewide photo contest for [Purdue](#) Master Gardeners will be part of the 2008 Indiana Master Gardener State Conference, which is being hosted in [Indianapolis](#) by the Marion County Master Gardener Association (MC MGA) with the help of the Garfield MGA. Winning entries will be used in the 2009 Indiana Master Gardener Calendar, a project that raises funds for MG programming in [Indiana](#). Entries are welcome from [Purdue](#) Master Gardeners throughout the state. Photos must have been taken in [Indiana](#) by the MG submitting the entry.

We are looking for striking images of anything garden related in [Indiana](#). All seasons in the garden provide interest (and are needed for the calendar), so consider sending in fall, winter, and spring photos from your favorite gardens as well as those taken in glorious summer.

Up to 3 photos may be entered by an individual Master Gardener. Photos may be submitted as prints or digital files.

Categories:

The exact contest categories will be determined after all entries are received and appropriate groupings are apparent. Possible categories might be: Blooms, Exotics or Tropicals, Trees & Shrubs, Creatures in Our Gardens, The Oddest Things Found in the Garden, Veggies, Garden Scenes, etc.

When:

Deadline for receiving entries is [July 15, 2008](#).

Send digital file entries to: photocontest@indymgconf.org no later than [July 15](#).

Prints should be [received](#) by entry deadline and can be delivered or mailed to

MG Photo Contest

Purdue Extension – Marion County

6640 Intech Blvd., Suite 120

[Indianapolis, IN 46278-2012](#)

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Prizes:

Entries will be judged by professional nature photographers Kevin Carlsen and Darryl Jones, and prizes will be awarded at the 2008 MG State Conference in September.

The winning images will be used on the 2009 Indiana Master Gardener calendar (available for sale at the conference). The top three winners will receive an 8 x 10 framed and matted copy of their image, fourth and fifth places will receive a set of note cards imprinted with their images.

All photo contest entries will be on display at the conference, and conference attendees will vote to determine the "People's Choice" winners. The popular vote decided [on Friday](#) will be announced at the conference.

Submissions:

Up to 3 photos may be entered by an individual [Indiana](#) MG. Please include the following information with each photo submitted:

Your name

Your telephone number with area code

Your email address, or street address if no email

Title of Photo

Information about photo such as where it was taken and something about the subject matter.

Submitting Prints

Prints must be 4 x 6 inches or 5 x 7 inches and must be in color. Do not send negatives. Attach a label to the back of each print with your name and address. Do not write directly on the photo itself. If submitting multiple entries, number each print to match the corresponding required information. Prints may be returned if requested, but do not send your only copy. MC MGA is not responsible for loss or damage to your print.

Submitting Digital Images

Digital images should be formatted to 72 dpi, no larger than 3000 by 2000 pixels and no smaller than 2000 by 1500 pixels. Images should be submitted in JPG at high quality (a high-quality JPG file will be somewhere between 1.5 MB and 6 MB). File sizes less than 500 KB per image will be acceptable as contest entries, but those small file images would not be suitable for enlargement to become full-size monthly images in the calendar.

Consumer digital cameras may refer to the suggested settings as FINE or HIGH QUALITY.

Image Modifications:

Images must be in natural color. Black and white, sepia tone, and duotone images are not eligible. Please note that names, logos or writing on photo entries is not permitted and that these markings must be removed prior to submission.

Entrants must not infringe on the rights of any other photographer or person. Do not submit images that involve the willful harassment of wildlife or damage to the environment by the photographer.

Photos that have been digitally altered beyond standard optimization (removal of dust, cropping, adjustments to color and contrast, etc.) or are photo composites will be disqualified. Minor digital enhancement is permitted, but images that have been significantly modified or appear unnatural will be disqualified.

Not Permitted:

No borders or frames may be added to images.

No watermarks, signatures, or copyright notices may be added to images.

Adding or replacing elements in an image is not permitted.

Artistic filters are not permitted.

Permitted Modifications:

Images may be cropped and rotated as necessary as long as the rectangular format is maintained and the size is within the specifications above.

Images may be resized as long as the aspect ratio is maintained

Red-eye removal and spot editing

One-step enhancement (such as "AutoFix", "QuickFix", "Auto Levels", etc.)

Use of filters to sharpen, soften, blur, despeckle, or remove noise.

Use of corrective functions to improve the natural appearance of the image, such as levels, contrast, brightness, curves, intensity, tone, hue, saturation, lightness, value, color

balance, and tint.

Ownership/Use Rights:

Photographers retain the copyright to their photographs. 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 information is your guarantee that you are the author and copyright holder of the photo. By entering the contest, photographers agree to have their submitted photograph displayed on the Indiana Master Gardener Calendar (prepared by MC MGA) without any fee or other form of compensation. Photos will be credited to the MG photographer.

Entries (including non-winning entries) may be selected for display or use in Purdue Extension web pages, with permission from the photographer. Entrants agree that Purdue Extension or MC MGA may contact them to obtain permission for use of photos in this way.

MC MGA retains the discretion to disqualify that photograph and discontinue use of the photograph.