

Palouse Land Trust 2015 Photo Contest



The Palouse Land Trust invites amateur photographers to participate in our first digital photography contest. A big part of the appeal of living in this area is the beauty of the landscape and wildlife of the Palouse region. Your photographs will help inspire the conservation of open space, scenery, wildlife habitat, and water quality in our region for the benefit of current and future generations. We appreciate your support of this important work through your photography.

We are asking that people photograph the elements of the land they find the most inspiring, beautiful, or representative of the area. Native prairie flowers, wandering moose, beautiful butterflies, colorful farm fields, people hiking through a cedar forest, etc.

If you love the land and enjoy taking photographs, please join us in this exciting contest.

What: Non-professional photography contest that serves to highlight the beauty of the Palouse Region. All photos must be taken in the 8 counties where The Palouse Land Trust works (listed below). By submitting photographs, you are confirming that you are the original photographer and you currently own the copyright of the images.

There will be four judged categories:

1. Habitat/Natural Areas: forests, prairie, wetlands, lakes, rivers, wildflowers, mountains;
2. People on the land: enjoying the land, working on farm, hunting, fishing, birding, camping;
3. Farms and ranchland; and,
4. Wildlife: any animals (mammals, birds, insects, fish, etc.) found in the Palouse region.

When: Photographs can be submitted starting at 12:01 am, May 4, 2015 and ending at 11:59 pm on August 30th, 2015. Submit your photographs via email (colleen@palouselandtrust.org) or on a flash drive or CD via USPS. All entries must be received or postmarked by midnight August 30th. The photograph does not have to be taken during this time frame, so feel free to submit photos you have taken in previous seasons.

Who: Any non-professional/amateur photographer may enter up to 3 photographs in each category for review by the judges. We define non-professional/amateur as someone who does not regularly receive income from sale of photographs either online or in print.

** If you would like to be a judge of the photographs, please contact us.

Judging: Judges of the photographs will be a combination of board members and community members. The identity of the submitting photographer will be kept anonymous during the judging. There are four main criteria that will be judged: quality of the photograph, artistic content, thematic message, and overall impact. The judging rubric can be obtained by contacting Colleen at colleen@palouselandtrust.org. The People's Choice award will be based on the number of likes received on our Facebook page.

Winners/Prizes: There will be 6 winners announced. One winner in each of the four categories, one overall prize, and one People's Choice award. The winners will be announced in August, 2015.

Prize winners will receive recognition on our website and will be featured in our annual newsletter that is mailed in September. An evening reception announcing the winners will be scheduled for August/September.

Submissions

By submitting digital images you are agreeing that the photographs were taken by you and you are the sole holder of the copyright for each photograph. Additionally, your entries cannot have been entered into any other photography contest within the last 12 months. Please send each submission in a separate email to colleen@palouselandtrust.org, including each of the following elements in the body of the email:

1. Name and contact information of photographer
 - a. Email
 - b. Phone
 - c. Address
2. Location of photograph
 - a. Must be within the following counties in ID and WA:
 - i. Whitman, Washington
 - ii. Latah, Nez Perce, Shoshone, Idaho, Benewah, Clearwater, Lewis counties in Idaho
 - b. We will accept GPS coordinates or an address and description of location.
3. You should name and provide a short caption for the photograph that provides a description/explanation of the subject
 - a. If you choose to name the photo, please include the name.
 - b. You may include a description/explanation of the photo.
4. If the photograph contains identifiable people you must submit a signed Photo Release Form (PDF is linked on our website).
 - a. These can be mailed separately as long as all identifying information and the photo's file name are included on the release form. Scanned and emailed forms are also acceptable.
5. Each submitted digital image must:
 - a. be JPG format between 300 KB and 6MB
 - b. have a 300 ppi
 - c. and be at least 1000 pixels along the shortest side
6. Name of the file should include photographer's last name and the submission category (ex. ColleenKulesza.People.jpg).
7. So that photos may be judged without knowledge of the photographer's identity, do NOT put watermarks or names on the image.
 - a. Future publications, online or in print, of the image can include the watermark, but for judging we prefer anonymity.
 - b. No alterations beyond basic color correction and cropping – no significant Photoshop of images or artistic manipulations.

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If you are unable to email the photographs, you can submit them on a CD via the mail (to Palouse Land Trust, PO Box 8506, Moscow, ID 83843) or come to our office (312 S. Washington Street, Moscow, ID) Mondays through Fridays, between 9am and 3pm, with a thumb drive.

By Submitting photos you agree:

The Palouse Land Trust ...

1. Has the express rights to use your photographs on our website and social media including Twitter and Facebook.
2. Reserves the right to publish any and all submissions in print media controlled by the Palouse Land Trust such as newsletters, brochures, flyers, or online on our website or social media websites without further compensation beyond prizes awarded in this contest.

Your Rights:

1. You will continue to hold the copyright of your photographs.
 - a. If you are one of the winners, you agree not to use the winning photo(s) in any marketing materials for organizations other than the Land Trust between May 2015 and June 2016.
2. We will always credit your photographs with “© Person’s Name” (through watermark or other identifier) when used by the Land Trust in print or digital sharing.
3. The Land Trust will not modify the photograph in any manner other than cropping for publication formatting purposes and will not significantly change the composition of the photograph.
4. The Land Trust will not produce prints or other hard copies to be sold or used in a fundraising auction. (ex. notecards, prints, calendar) without getting written consent from you for each instance.