

Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens

## *Four Seasons Photo Contest*

March 2007 to March 2008

### Contest Rules and Regulations

1. The Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens *Four Seasons Photo Contest* is open to professional and amateur photographers of any age. Photos must have been taken in the Gardens during the months listed for each deadline. All entries for each season must be postmarked by:

**June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007** for spring (March to June)

**September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007** for summer (June to September)

**December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007** for fall (September to December)

**March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008** for winter (December to March)

2. Photos should capture the Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens during the spring, summer, fall or winter of 2007-08 and should concentrate on the **three categories - landscape, people in the gardens, and close-ups** - and the seasonal focus listed on the entry form. Contest judges reserve the right to transfer entries into different categories if they think it more appropriate.
3. Submissions become the property of the Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens and will not be returned. The Gardens may use such photos for advertising, promotion, and/or reproduction for sale, without further compensation. Photo credit will not appear in advertising but will be applied elsewhere whenever possible. The Gardens license to use submitted photos is nonexclusive; photographers retain the rights to the original negatives or files.
4. Entry photos may be 35mm slides, photographic prints (no larger than 5"x7"), or digital images. Prints must be on photographic quality paper. Winners with print entries must provide an original negative of their image for reproduction before prizes are presented (negatives will be returned). Digital images must be in .jpg or .tif format and be a minimum resolution of 300 dpi.
5. Entrants may submit up to FIVE images per season. Please clearly mark all materials (slides, prints and digital photo disks) with your name, phone number and email address (if available). Please do not staple or use pencil or ballpoint pen on the back of prints. A single, signed entry form must be submitted with the entry.
6. Photos will be judged by a panel selected by the Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens. Winners will be notified within 60 days of the season deadline and the winning images will be posted on the Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens website ([www.gardenbythesea.org](http://www.gardenbythesea.org)). Prizes will be awarded for each season and are as follows:

**BEST of Show** - \$100 + a year's Gardens' membership

**1st Place in each category\*** - \$50 + a year's Gardens' membership

**2nd Place in each category\*** - T-shirt + a year's Gardens' membership

**3rd Place in each category\*** - A year's Gardens' membership

*\*Honorable mentions will be awarded to outstanding photos that do not fit into the three primary categories. Cash prizes will not be awarded to photos that do not fit the three primary categories.*

To view past year's winning images, please visit the Gardens at [www.gardenbythesea.org](http://www.gardenbythesea.org). For more information or questions about the contest, contact Kristina Van Wert at 707.964.4352 ext. 13 or [records@gardenbythesea.org](mailto:records@gardenbythesea.org).