

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST: ENTRIES DUE TO CFWC BY THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2027

(Contestants should contact their District's Contest Chair for the District Deadlines)

NEW:

- **The World in Pictures categories.**
- **All entries must be submitted digitally.**

THE WORLD IN PICTURES CONTEST: These photographs showcase the people, animals, plants, places, and things at home and around the world that impact our lives in a meaningful way. The three categories for this contest are:

- **Our Living World** — Highlight the people, animals, and plants that make our world a beautiful place to live. These photos can showcase a close-up view, such as the stamen of a flower, to a wide vista, like the Serengeti's animals from a helicopter.
- **Places Here and There** — Capture architecture or natural beauty in the air (clouds, moon, stars, etc.), land (mountains, deserts, meadows, etc.), and water (oceans, rivers, waterfalls, etc.) locally or around the world.
- **State Pride** — Showcase images that make you proud of your state! Examples are Rocky Mountains, university football game, saguaro cactus, pecan pie, the 16th U.S. President, etc. These photographs must be taken in the state submitting them.

GFWC LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT CONTEST:

These photographs capture the special moments in the lives of GFWC members as they actively meet, plan, advocate, volunteer, or celebrate in groups or one-on-one. **Photos should be of volunteers in motion, actively working.** Try focusing on one subject rather than entire groups. Preference in judging will be given to photos that show members actively doing something, not simply posing.

RULES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST:

- All contest photographers must be dues paying members of an active GFWC club.
- Contestants must be considered an amateur photographer. (Pursuing photography for pleasure versus for financial benefits.)

ARTWORK GUIDELINES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST:

- Photographs must be the original work of the member submitting the photograph.
- Photographs may be vertical (portrait) or horizontal (landscape).
- Photographs may be taken using digital cameras, film cameras, or cell phones and may be color or black and white.
- No Artificial Intelligence (AI)-generated* photos are allowed. Photographs must be the result of a human photographer's work, not generated by AI. AI tools for editing (e.g., noise reduction, sharpening, dodging and burning, color adjusting, etc.) are permitted. AI tools may not be used to add new content or alter the original photograph significantly.

**Definition of AI-generated: "Images created by computer software interpreting text descriptions (prompts) to generate new digital images pixel by pixel."*

DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHY CHAIR RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Contact your District President to get the CFWC Photography Contest Packet (mid-Sept to mid-Oct)
 - Encourage your entire District to participate and distribute info. to all club presidents and their respective Photography/Writing chairs.
 - Collect all photography and submit with all required documents per instructions.
 - **Send all 1st place photography winners in your district to the CFWC Photography Chair. DUE TO CFWC BY THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2027. REMINDER: Submit only one winner, per category, per district.**
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CFWC PHOTOGRAPHY CHAIR RESPONSIBILITIES:

See GFWC Manual, p. 254

- Write the description and contact information for the yearbook in July of every year and send it to the appropriate CFWC Yearbook contact person.
- Send out an information packet to District Presidents between mid-September to mid-October.
- Support and answer all questions from District Photography Contest Chairs.
- Collect & Categorize entries for the CFWC Photography Contest by Thursday, April 15, 2027.
- Find Photography Judges for the CFWC Photography Contest to prior to May 1, 2027.
- Send 1st place winners in each category to GFWC by May 15, 2027.

SUGGESTED TIMELINE:

September – October 2026: Photography Contest packet is sent by email from the CFWC Photography Contest Chair, to the District Presidents, for distribution to their respective District Photography Contest Chairs.

Monthly, November 2026 – March 2027: Encourage District Presidents to announce the Photography Contest in district and club newsletters, as regularly as possible.

April 2027: Collect all Photography Contest entries (DUE DATE TO CFWC: APRIL 15, 2027, for judging at the CFWC level.

April 16 – May 14, 2027: Photography Contest entries will be judged at the CFWC level. All entries are judged by non-club members. Note: If you need help finding judges, think about contacting a local Facebook/Meetup Camera Club, local colleges, camera stores, or professional photographers, etc.

May 2027: Photography Contest Chair will turn in entries, by May 15, 2027, to GFWC for judging at the national level. Awards will be presented at the 2027 CFWC Convention awards ceremony.



With my signature I declare that:

- ☐ I have created the submitted work, entitled _____ and I own the full copyright. The work has not been published before.
- ☐ In my photograph, I do not violate or infringe on the copyright of any other person or entity. No Artificial Intelligence (AI)-generated photo has been used. Photograph is the result of my work, not generated by AI. Only permitted AI editing tools (e.g. noise reducing, sharpening, dodging and burning, color adjusting, etc.) have been used. No AI tools have been used to add new content or significantly alter the original photograph.
- ☐ I grant the General Federation of Women's Clubs a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license, or sublicense the work in any media now known or later invented, without limitation, for commercial or non-commercial purposes.

This agreement shall become effective and binding on the date of formal acceptance of the work for publication by the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

The photograph submitted is for the following contest (please check only one):

THE WORLD IN PICTURES: ☐ Our Living World ☐ Places Here and There ☐ State Pride

☐ **GFWC LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT**

Full Name		
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Phone	Email	
Name of Club		
State/DC Federation		
Title and brief caption giving location, date taken, and other pertinent information about the photograph:		

Signature

Date

Photography Contest submissions are accepted digitally ONLY. Each entry must include a completed, signed Creative Arts Waiver Photography Contest form. Clubs/Members must send entries to their respective State/District of Columbia Federation for state-level judging by the state submission deadline. Please contact your State/DC leadership for your individual deadline.

