Dunn Gardens photo contest 2015

In connection with celebration of its Centennial, the Dunn Gardens is sponsoring a photo contest for garden visitors. Photographers are invited to record their impressions of the garden between October 26, 2014 and October 26, 2015 and submit the resulting digital images for entry into a photo competition. Winning photographs will be enlarged and displayed at the Garden classroom.

Theme  Timeless visions: Dunn Gardens through the camera lens

Who  Any garden visitor, age 18 and older, is eligible to enter, except those who are an employee, docent or board member of The Dunn Gardens – or members of their immediate families.

What  We are looking for high quality, striking photographs depicting the garden’s timeless beauty. Entries will be accepted in two categories: landscape and detail. “Landscape” category photos should show the garden in context, with an emphasis on structure and design. Judging will give preference in this category to photographs that illustrate the historic Olmsted design or highlight the impact of seasonal change on the garden. “Detail” photos will emphasize a singular feature such as a flower, bud, leaf, branching structure or other closeup aspect of a plant or other garden element.

When  Photos may be taken at any time the garden is open to visitors between the dates specified above, including during docent-led tours, special events and open days. At the discretion of docents, individuals participating in scheduled tours may be permitted additional time to take photographs at the conclusion of a tour. Please see the Dunn Gardens website for more information about dates and times when the garden is available for visits.

Where  Dunn Gardens is located in Northwest Seattle at 13533 Northshire Rd NW. Photos must be taken out of doors, within the boundaries of the garden, from accessible pathways and open spaces.

OTHER CONTEST RULES, CRITERIA AND CONDITIONS

- Contestants may submit up to 3 entries in each of the two contest categories. An individual photograph accompanied by its own, separate, entry description constitutes one entry.
- Each entry description must contain the following information:
  1. Photographer’s name and age
  2. Address
  3. Telephone
  4. Email
  5. Date taken
  6. The photographer’s acknowledgement that he or she has read the full contest description and rules and accepts all conditions contained in them.
  7. Photo title
  8. Category (landscape or detail)
  9. The photographer’s caption which includes a statement about the scene or object depicted, or about the garden, about the tour or event which was the occasion of taking the photograph, about the photographer’s intent or any similar information which may deepen appreciation of the photo. The text may also include information about the camera or settings used and should be limited to 50 words.
• Photographs must be submitted electronically, preferably by email, and in .jpg format. Please send one photograph per email message. File size should be 33 MB or less. We recommend a resolution of 300 dpi to allow for enlargement to at least 11 x 81/2 inches (3300 x 2550 pixels). Either black and white or full color images are acceptable.

• Each entry may be sent via email to dunn.photos@gmail.com. A single, separate email message with the photo title as the subject line is required for each entry. The entry description should be contained within the body of the message with the photo included as an attachment. No entries will be accepted before October 26, 2014 or after October 26, 2015.

• Image manipulation should be limited to cropping and color correction. Other electronic alteration or special effects are prohibited. Photos should depict the scene accurately as it appeared. Photo composites or collages will not be considered for entry.

• By submitting a photo you represent that the photo is your own and that you have full rights to submit it for the contest. You retain ownership of the photo for non-commercial use but grant to the Dunn Gardens a non-exclusive license to electronically publish and distribute the photo, to include the photo in advertising and promotion of the Gardens and to include the photo in other print material produced by or on behalf of the Gardens. All reproduction or use of the photograph will credit the photographer by name.

• Photographs will be judged on composition, artistic expression, technical skill and on how accurately the image represents essence of Dunn Gardens’ timeless beauty.

• Winning photographs in each of the two categories will be enlarged, printed and displayed in the classroom gallery at the Dunn Gardens as well as on the garden’s Website. Each winner will be granted a one-year membership to the Dunn Gardens, commencing on January 1, 2016. Winners will be announced no later than December 1, 2015 on the Dunn Gardens Website.