

BAS 2014 PHOTO CONTEST

OFFICIAL RULES

NO PURCHASE OR PAYMENT NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN

HOW TO ENTER:

The 2nd Brooklyn Aquarium Society Photo Contest will be announced Friday, May 9th, 2014 at the monthly BAS meeting. All entries will be accepted starting Friday, August 1st, 2014 through Sunday, October 13th, 2014. The results of the Contest will be announced on Friday, November 14th, 2014, at the awards ceremony held at the Society's monthly meeting. Digital photos must be submitted to basnyphotocontest.weebly.com in JPEG format. Photos submitted must be 6 MP or greater. As a condition of registration, you will be required to fill out all spaces marked with an asterisk (*) to signify that you accept and agree to be bound by these Official Rules. With each submission, participants must include the following: **1)** Name of Photographer, **2)** Phone Number, **3)** Email, **4)** Screen name under which they wish to appear, **5)** Category in which photo is to be entered, and **6)** Scientific and Common Name of Subject in Photo.

CATEGORIES:

FRESH WATER

- Best Aquascape
- Best Nano Aquarium (2 ½ - 10 gallons)
- Best Med-sized aquarium (12 - 40 gallons)
- Best Large aquarium (50 + gallons)
- Spectacular Freshwater Fish
- Most Fabulous Plant
- Most Amazing Freshwater Invert
- Best Freshwater Photo (any category)
- Awesome Ponds
- Best Fully Aquatic Creature in Their Environment

SALT WATER

- Best Aquascape
- Nano Aquarium (2 1/2 -10 gallons)
- Best Med-sized aquarium (12 - 40 gallons)
- Best Large aquarium (50 + gallons)
- Spectacular Saltwater Fish
- Most Breathtaking Coral Reefs
- Most Amazing Saltwater Invert
- Best Saltwater Photo (any category)
- Best Fully Aquatic Creature in Their Environment

PHOTO ELIGIBILITY:

To enter, you must be a member of the Brooklyn Aquarium Society in good standing or an active (at least 5 posts in the prior 3 months) member of the BAS Forum. No age restrictions. BAS judging individuals and their immediate family are not eligible. Entries that fail to comply with the Official Contest Rules will be disqualified.

IMAGE MODIFICATIONS:

Minor digital enhancement is permitted, but images that have been significantly modified or appear unnatural will be disqualified.

NUMBER OF ENTRIES:

An individual may submit a maximum of three (3) photos per category.

PHOTO SUBJECT RESTRICTIONS:

Photos must be appropriate for category entered. Photos unrelated to the contest or of questionable content will not be considered. BAS retains sole discretion as to what constitutes appropriate content. Photos must not contain people or other objects other than the subject for the category entered.

DEADLINE:

Contest ends midnight Sunday October 19th, 2014. Any late entries will not be considered.

PRIZES:

Prizes for each category to be announced during the September 12th, 2014 BAS meeting, on the basnyphotocontest.weebly.com site, on the Brooklyn Aquarium Society Facebook page, and on our web site (www.brooklynaquariumsociety.org). No substitution or transfer of prize permitted by winner. Sponsors reserve the right to substitute prize of equal or greater value.

JUDGING:

Entries will be judged on the basis of overall photographic quality, showing clarity and effectiveness in conveying the beauty and/or unique character of the object in their respective categories. A panel of judges consisting of representatives of the Contest's sponsors as well as members of the BAS Board will judge the entries and all contest decisions are final.

WINNERS:

The judging panel will select 19 winning entries (one per category). Winners and all prizes will be announced and presented during the BAS November 14th, 2014 meeting. For any winner not able to attend the meeting, the prize will be kept at BAS until the December 12th, 2014 meeting. If the winner/s fails to collect the prize as mentioned earlier, the prize/s will be mailed to the contestant.

PHOTOGRAPHER/COPYRIGHT:

Entries must be submitted by the original photographer. Do not submit a photo taken by someone other than yourself. You must be the sole owner of the image submitted. By submitting your photo, you guarantee that you are the author and copyright holder of the photo. The contestant waives all rights upon submission and therefore has no recourse whatsoever in the use of the photo. Winner agrees by submitting photos for consideration that they may be used by the sponsors of our contest who donate the prizes, in their advertising or other promotional efforts at no additional remuneration. Winning entries will be published in BAS publications and on our Web site.

ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

BAS is not responsible for computer system, hardware, software, or program malfunctions or other errors, failures, or delayed computer transactions or network connections that are human or technical in nature. Furthermore, BAS is not responsible for: (i) lost, misdirected, misplaced, illegible, unintelligible, incomplete, or late entries or (ii) any act, failure to act, or delay regarding the transmitting or processing of entries. BAS reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel or suspend all or any portion of this contest without notice. BAS is entitled to interpret these rules as needed and its decisions are final. BAS reserves the right to disqualify any entrant that BAS has reason to believe is not the original work of entrant, or does not otherwise meet the contest rules.

