



## General information for SDES Photography Contest:

- Photographs must be received no later than 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in October.
- Photographs will be judged between the October and November general meetings.
- Photographs will be judging criteria will include overall composition of the photograph.
- Ribbons will not be awarded prior to the November meeting.
- Photographic prints submitted by mail must be picked up at the November meeting.
- Do not put your name on the photograph as photographers must remain anonymous until after judging.

## Submission of contest photographs

There are two ways to enter your photographs in the contest:

- 1) **By Email** – This is the preferred process of submission. Email your entries to <mailto:webmaster@sdepis.org> or <mailto:photocontest@sdepis.org> .
  - a) **Make sure to insert your photographs as an “attachment” and not as a “picture”.**  
If you insert them as a picture, they become part of the email at a much lower resolution and will not display as well as those sent as an attachment. Any question on this please contact the <mailto:webmaster@sdepis.org> .
  - b) **Each email may contain multiple photographs provided the email does not exceed 15 meg bites.** Each email has a 15 meg bite size limit. If your email exceeds this limit, it may be rejected by our email provider.
  - c) SDES reserves the right not to accept a photograph for any reason. The most common reasons for not accepting photographs are:
    - i) Low resolution image that will not display properly.
    - ii) Improperly identified blooms.
    - iii) Blurry subject matter.
    - iv) The photographer’s name or copyright is on the front of the photograph. **(because the judges must not know who the photographer is when judging the print).**
  - d) Submitted photograph via email between the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in September until the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in October.
  - e) The email containing your photographs must include photographers name, phone number and a means to link the name of the bloom(s) and entry category photograph is being entered to each entry.
    - i) Recommended way of identifying your photographs is to name the file with the plants name followed by your three Initials. Jalisco Beauty photographed by John O Dow file name would be “Jalisco Beauty JOD.jpg”.

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### 2) **By USPS or UPS**

- a) Request mailing address from [webmaster@sdepis.org](mailto:webmaster@sdepis.org) as the mailing address will depend on who is managing the photography contest. **Do not use SDES post office box address.**
- b) Prints should be mailed to arrive no later than the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in October
- c) The minimum size of photographs is 4 by 6 inches. Any square or rectangular format is acceptable provided the shortest side is equal to or greater than 4 inches and the photograph can be digitized using an 8.5 by 11-inch flatbed scanner.
- d) Your photographs will be digitized by SDES for use in the contest.
- e) On the back of each photograph print your name, Bloom names submission category and your email address or phone number.

## General Contest Rules

1. Who may enter contest:
  - a. You must be a member of the San Diego Epiphyllum Society (SDES) or Epiphyllum Society of America (ESA) to enter photographs in the "Single Bloom" and "Multi-Bloom" categories.
  - b. The "Epi Art" category is open to all photographers. Membership in SDES is not required for this category.
2. You must be the originator of the photograph and hold all rights to the photograph.
3. For the Single Bloom and Multi-Bloom categories, photographs must be of a registered epiphyllum hybrid, species, or seedling (seedling parentage must be provided).
4. For Epi Art category any epiphyllum hybrid, or species may be used in the photograph. Names of epiphyllum hybrid or species are not required. Composition and creativity will be used as a primary judging factor in this category.
5. Other than in the Epi Art category, photographs with misnamed hybrid or species will be disqualified.
6. To ensure proper identification of entries the following information must be provided:
  - a. If entered in the Single or Multi-Bloom categories provide:
    - i. The boom name or names if multi-blooms
    - ii. If unregistered the parentage
    - iii. The photographer's name & email.
  - b. If entered in the Epi Art category:
    - i. The name of the photograph
    - ii. The photographer's name & email.

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7. You are limited to a combined total of twelve (12) photographs in the Single Bloom and Multi-Bloom contest categories. Each photographer may not submit more than eight (8) photographs in any single category (i.e. Single Bloom or Multi-Bloom categories). A maximum of four (4) photographs may be submitted in the Epi Art category.
8. Format of photographs submitted via email must be in a GIF, PNG or JPEG. **JPEG format is preferred format.**
9. Any photographs that do not meet the rules of the “Single Bloom”, “Multi-Bloom” or “Epi Art” categories will not be accepted.

### **Additional guidance for Single Flower and Multi-Flower Categories:**

- Single Flower category must have only one bloom in it. Any un-open blooms (buds) are not counted as a bloom in this category and may be included in the photograph.
- Multi-Flower category must have two or more blooms. These may be of the same Epi or of different Epies.

### **Additional guidance for “Epi Art” category**

- **You do not have to be a member** of SDES to enter photographs in this category.
- The purpose of the “Epi Art” category is to allow photographers to express total photography artistic abilities. The photographer may use any tools to manipulate the photograph.
- **Your photograph must be named** as part of the judging process is how closely your photograph depicts the name you have given your photograph.
- The subject must be an epiphyllum hybrid or species, some part of the flower or some action occurring with it.
- Abstract renditions and the use of photographic software to manipulate or merge photographs are all permissible.
- There is a four (4) photograph limit to the number of entries for this category.

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### **Awards and general information:**

- Ribbons (Blue-1st, Red-2nd, White-3rd), and honorable mention (if deemed appropriate) will be awarded in the Single Flower, Multi Flower and “Epi Art” categories.
- Winning photographs will be published in *Epi News*, on the Society’s website. All submissions may be used in the Society’s social media and promotional material.
- First place winners of the “Single Flower” and “Multi-Flower” categories will also be featured as a cover photograph of *Epi News*.
- The November Meeting presentation will feature the photographs submitted for the contest.
- Peoples Choice will be awarded in each category you must be a member of an epiphyllum society it does not have to be San Diego Epiphyllum Society.
- By entering this contest, you consent to having your photographs published in the SDES’s newsletters, website, on social media or used in promotional materials. See the document titled “Your Rights When Submitting Photographs” for full details.