

# *San Diego Epiphyllum Society*

## Photography Contest Information

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### **General information for the SDES Photography Contest:**

1. Photographs must be received between 1 September and the submission deadline, **which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in October.**
2. Photographs will be judged after the submission deadline and the November general meetings.
3. Photographs will be judged on composition (50%), creativity (30%, and uniqueness of the bloom (20%).
4. Ribbons will be awarded at the November meeting, and results will be published no later than the following weekend.
5. All photographs must be submitted in JPG format and attached to an email addressed to [webmaster@sdepis.org](mailto:webmaster@sdepis.org) . Prints will not be accepted.
6. Do not put your name or any copyright information on the photograph, as photographers must remain anonymous until after judging.
7. **In the Single-bloom and Multi-bloom categories, no photograph enhancements other than cropping or formatting the photograph into JPEG format are permitted. This contest is designed to display the photographer's photographic abilities.**
8. **This restriction does not apply in the EpiArt category, where any digital manipulation of the photograph is acceptable.**

### **Submission of contest photographs:**

1. By Email –Email your entries to [webmaster@sdepis.org](mailto:webmaster@sdepis.org) between September 1 and the second Wednesday of October.
2. Make sure to connect your photographs as an “attachment” and not as part of the email 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 provided as attachments. Please direct any questions about this contest to [webmaster@sdepis.org](mailto:webmaster@sdepis.org).
3. Each email may contain multiple photographs, provided the email does not exceed 12 megabytes. Each email has a 12-megabyte size limit. If your email exceeds this limit, it may be rejected by our email provider.
4. SDES reserves the right not to accept a photograph for any reason. The most common reasons for not accepting photographs are:
  - 4.1. Low-resolution image that will not display properly.
  - 4.2. Improperly identified blooms.
  - 4.3. Blurry or out-of-focus bloom.
  - 4.4. The photographer's name or copyright is on the front of the photograph. **(This is because the judges must not know who the photographer is when judging the print).**
5. The email containing your photographs must include:
  - 5.1. The photographer's name and phone number,
  - 5.2. The photograph's entry category

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5.3. The bloom or bloom name. In the case of seedlings, the parents' names must be provided.

6. To ensure your files are handled correctly, format the file name as follows: the epi name followed by three Initials of your name. An example, a photograph of Jalisco Beauty, photographed by John O Doe, would have a file name of "Jalisco Beauty JOD.jpg". This provides the Webmaster with the required information to link the photograph to the submitter. If you are submitting more than one photograph of the same epi add a number after your initials, example "Jalsico Beauty JOD1.jpg".

### **General Contest Rules**

1. Who may enter the contest:
  - 1.1. You must be a member of the San Diego Epiphyllum Society (SDS) or an epiphyllum society recognized by the Epiphyllum Society of America (ESA) to enter photographs in the "Single Bloom" and "Multi-bloom" categories.
  - 1.2. The "EpiArt" category is open to all photographers. Membership in an epiphyllum society is not required for this category.
2. You must be the originator of the photograph and hold all rights to the photograph. The photographs do not have to be of epis that you own.
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 the EpiArt category, any epiphyllum hybrid or species may be used in the photograph, registered or not. Names of epiphyllum hybrid or species are not required. Composition and creativity, and how well the photograph's name describes the photograph, are all used as judging factors in this category.
5. Other than in the EpiArt category, photographs that are misnamed hybrids or species will be disqualified.
6. To ensure proper identification of entries, the following information must be provided:
  - 6.1. If entered in the Single or Multi-bloom categories, provide:
    - 6.1.1. The boom name or names of Multi-blooms
    - 6.1.2. If unregistered, the parentage
    - 6.1.3. The photographer's name & email.
  - 6.2. If entered in the EpiArt category:
    - 6.2.1. The name of the photograph
    - 6.2.2. The photographer's name & email.
7. You may only submit eight (8) photographs in any single category (i.e., Single-bloom or Multi-bloom categories). Total entries for both categories are limited to twelve (12) photographs.
8. You may submit up to four (4) additional photographs in the EpiArt category.
9. The format of photographs submitted via email must be in JPEG format.
10. Any photographs that do not meet the rules of the "Single-bloom", "Multi-bloom" or "EpiArt" Categories will not be accepted.

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

1. The Single-bloom category must have only one bloom in it. Any unopened blooms (buds) are not counted as a bloom and may appear in the photograph.
2. The Multi-bloom category must have two or more fully open blooms. These may be of the same Epi or different Epies.

### **Additional guidance for “EpiArt” category**

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

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

1. Ribbons (Blue-1st, Red-2nd, White-3rd), and honorable mention (if deemed appropriate) will be awarded in the Single Flower, Multi Flower, and “EpiArt” categories.
2. 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.
3. First-place winners of the “Single Flower” and “Multi-Flower” categories will also be featured as a cover photograph of Epi News.
4. The November Meeting presentation will feature the photographs submitted for the contest.
5. People’s Choice will be awarded in each category. You must be a member of an epiphyllum society; it does not have to be the San Diego Epiphyllum Society, to vote in People’s Choice.
6. By entering this contest, you consent to have 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 complete details.