

TIPS AND IDEAS FOR TAKING A GREAT PHOTOGRAPH

Tips

- Look at the subject you are considering for a photograph from different angles for the most interesting image. Above or below the subject can provide appeal to the viewpoint.
- Get close and look for details.
- Avoid a cluttered background.
- Sometimes a cloudy day can make the color POP!

Consider the following information when entering a photograph in the FGCMD photography competitions:

1. Become familiar with the **Photography Application Cover Sheet** and **Photography Rubric/Scoring Sheet** found on the FGCMD Awards page.
 - Complete the Application Cover Sheet
 - Review the Rubric/Scoring Sheet for required information, formatting requirements, and artistic qualities of the photograph. All of it is scored when photographs are judged.
2. There are **4 Awards in Photography** (See Photography Application Cover Sheet for complete information)
 - **Annette Richter- Native** plant, vine, shrub or flower- Close up preferred
 - **District Director's- Annual** plant or bird or insect- Close up preferred
 - **Harry Reynolds-Overall Silhouette** (dark shape and outline in front of a lighter background) Trees or Shrubs
 - **Mary Fitzpatrick- Artistic Excellence** (mastery of skill and techniques) in flower arrangement
3. **Photograph Qualities** will be considered for one or more of the following:
 - *Composition, Color, Unique Perspective, Light, Expression (convey idea or mood) and/or Attention to Detail*
4. **Other:** For 3 of the awards, botanical names are required, make sure your resource is current. Submit your photograph and Photography Application Cover Sheet to your District Awards Chair via email.