



Photo Challenge Official Rules

GSWA's May 'Quaran-greening' Photo Challenge...

Ready for another fun challenge? Twice a week during the month of May, we want you to put on your photographer's cap and get out and explore the world (or your backyard and neighborhood) through the lens of your fancy camera, (or the camera phone in your pocket!) to interpret the given theme.

We will be awarding the photographer who we think best interprets the theme each challenge with a \$25 e-gift card. At the end of May, GSWA staff will select a "Best in Show" for an overall contest winner with an additional \$25 prize.

The weekend challenge theme kicks off at 9AM each Friday and runs through until Monday at 9am, the weekday challenge theme begins Monday, 9am and runs through Friday at 9am. All submissions for each theme must be received by these deadlines. **Winners and honorable mentions will be announced at 5PM on the same respective days.**

GSWA staff will be picking the top three photos for each theme. We will pick submissions that we think best interpret the theme, are related to our mission of water and land protection, and are relevant, timely, unique, beautiful or otherwise stand out!! You don't need to be a professional photographer, this contest is open to all skill levels, it's the interpretation which we want to see! The contest is open to photographers of any age.

We will have two honorable mentions, and a winner-who will receive a \$25 e gift card.

For the first theme, in step with our mission, we want to see **"What does water quality mean to you?"**. Using the form found on our website (link below) submit your best photo(s) along with your information and a short caption that you think best interprets this theme.

Great Swamp Watershed Association is dedicated to protecting and improving the water resources of the Passaic River region, from the Great Swamp headwaters to Newark Bay, for present and future generations. Through education, advocacy, science, land preservation, and stewardship, in collaboration with partners, we work to instill our communities with an awareness of water's effect on health and the beauty of the environment, from source to sea.

The Rules:

- All photographs must be your own, original work, and relate directly to the current theme, However, they can depict landscapes, flora, fauna, wildlife, nature in your yard, people, man-made objects, and be black and white or color- have at it.
- You must supply your name, and a caption or title for the photograph: please also include who, what, where and when it was taken, although we won't necessarily publish



- these details. The more context you give us on how you interpreted the theme, the better your chance of GSWA connecting to your image and selecting the photo!
- You can enter up to three images per theme.
- Pictures should be sent only as Jpeg files. They should be no larger than 5Mb - ideally they will be smaller, even 1Mb is fine. Alternatively, you can resize pictures to 1,000 pixels across, then save them as a Jpeg.
- **You must submit your photos using the google form link provided on our website.**
- The contest is open to all, and we welcome submissions from across the country and around the globe, however, only NJ Residents may win one of the monetary prizes.
- GSWA reserves the right to disqualify photos that we believe were taken illegally, do not project the image and values of the organization, or in any way show harassment of wildlife or are otherwise deemed inappropriate..
- Please make sure you have explicit permission to use images of any individuals who are recognisably included in the photo.
- Photograph copyright remains with the photographer, however, In submitting a photo, you are allowing GSWA to use it to promote the photo contest, for promotion of GSWA mission, in our social media feeds, on our greatswamp.org website, e- and print newsletter, with no compensation, though all photos used with credit to the named photographer where possible.