

# PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST: ENTRIES DUE TO CFWC BY TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2026

*(Contestants should contact their District's Contest Chair for the District Deadlines)*

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There are two main categories for the photography contest:

**I. THE WORLD IN PICTURES:** These photographs showcase the people, places, and things at home and around the world that impact our lives in a meaningful way, as expressed in these three categories:

**a. Our World Up Close**—Create a visual that offers a novel viewpoint or a macro image that takes the viewer into a whole new, tiny world. Macro photography creates photos of small items that appear to be larger than life-size. Some common examples are bugs or parts of flowers.



**b. Natural Wonders**—Use wide angles and panoramas, or landscape images, to showcase mountains, meadows, sandhills, rivers, waterfalls, oceans, deserts, or any other magnificent vista. The emphasis is on NATURAL.

**c. Reflections**—Feature an object, setting, situation, or landmark that is reflected in glass, water, or another mirrored surface.



**II. GFWC LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT:** These photographs capture the special moments in the lives of GFWC clubwomen as they actively meet, plan, advocate, volunteer, or celebrate in groups or one-on-one.

## **RULES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST:**

- Photographs must be the original work of the member submitting the photograph.
- All contest photographers must be dues paying members of an active GFWC club.
- Photographs submitted must be taken between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025.
- Contestants must be considered an amateur photographer (pursuing photography for pleasure versus for financial benefits).
- Entries are limited to one per member per category.

## **ARTWORK GUIDELINES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST:**

- Photographs may be vertical/portrait or horizontal/landscape.
- Photographs must be the original work of the member submitting the photo.
- **Digital submissions are highly recommended.**
- If print photographs are submitted, they must be:
  - An 8 X 10-inch high-resolution print.
  - Mounted on a rigid 8 X 10-inch board and overall thickness may not exceed 3/8 inch. No mattes, frames, or hangers are allowed.
- Qualified judges will look at the overall creativity of the subject while recognizing originality, visual impact, and quality of the photograph and technical skills in photography.
- Photographs may be taken using film or digital cameras and may be color or black and white.
- Photographs will NOT be returned.
- Print photographs must have a label affixed to its back with the following information:
  - Contest name: The World in Pictures with category or GFWC Living the Volunteer Spirit
  - Photographer's Name, Email Address, Mailing Address, and Phone Number
  - Name of the sponsoring club, District, and Area
  - Title and brief caption giving location, date, and other pertinent info about the photograph
  - Arrow indicating top of the photograph
- Creative Arts Waiver Form for each submission (the form is provided at the end of this segment of the CFWC Yearbook, and in the Forms page on the CFWC website).
- Digital prints must include the same information within the email to which the digital print is attached.

## **DISCLAIMER**

**By submitting your photographs to GFWC for the GFWC Photography Contests on the national level, you are providing GFWC with a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell license, or sublicense the work in any media now known or later invented without limitation for commercial or non-commercial purposes.**

### **DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHY CHAIR RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Contact your District President to get the CFWC Photography Contest Packet (mid-Sept to mid-Oct)
  - Encourage your entire District to participate and distribute info. to all club presidents and their respective Photography/Writing chairs.
  - Collect all photography and submit with all required documents per instructions.
  - **Send all 1<sup>st</sup> place photography winners in your district to Olma M. O'Neill, CFWC Photography Chair, at 1210 Bellevue Ave., #302, Burlingame, CA 94010. DUE TO CFWC BY TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2026. REMINDER: Please submit only one winner, per category, per district.**
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### **CFWC PHOTOGRAPHY CHAIR RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Write the description and contact information for the yearbook in July of every year and send it to the appropriate CFWC Yearbook contact person.
- Send out an information packet to District Presidents between mid-September to mid-October.
- Support and answer all questions from District Photography Contest Chairs.
- Collect & Categorize entries for the CFWC Photography Contest by Tuesday, April 13, 2026.
- Find Photography Judges for the CFWC Photography Contest to prior to May 1, 2026.
- Send 1st place winners in each category to GFWC by May 15, 2026.

### **SUGGESTED TIMELINE:**

September – October 2025: Photography Contest packet is sent by email from the CFWC Photography Contest Chair, to the District Presidents, for distribution to their respective District Photography Contest Chairs.

Monthly, November 2025 – March 2026: Encourage District Presidents to announce the Photography Contest in district and club newsletters, as regularly as possible.

April 2026: Collect all Photography Contest entries (DUE DATE TO CFWC: APRIL 15, 2026, for judging at the CFWC level.

April 16 – May 14, 2026: Photography Contest entries will be judged at the CFWC level. All entries are judged by non-club members. Note: If you need help finding judges, think about contacting a local Facebook/Meetup Camera Club, local colleges, or camera stores, etc.

May 2026: Olma O'Neill, CFWC Photography Contest Chair will turn in entries, by May 15, 2026, to GFWC for judging at the national level. Awards will be presented at the 2026 CFWC Convention awards ceremony.

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**CFWC PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST LABEL**

CONTEST CATEGORY: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE AND BRIEF CAPTION (location, date, other pertinent info. about the photograph):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

SPONSORING CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

AREA: \_\_\_\_\_

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DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

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With my signature I declare that:

- I have created the submitted work, entitled \_\_\_\_\_ and I own the full copyright. The work has not been published before.
- With my work, including pictures, tables, or additional media, I do not violate or infringe on the copyright of other persons or entities.

The work in question is (please check one):     Photography     Poetry     Short Story

- I grant the General Federation of Women's Clubs a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license, or sublicense the work in any media now known or later invented, without limitation, for commercial or noncommercial purposes.

This agreement shall become effective and binding on the date of formal acceptance of the work for publication by the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Full Name		
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Phone	Email	

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature (if submitter is under 18 years of age)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date





## MINOR'S CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM

The Undersigned is/are the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of \_\_\_\_\_ ("Minor"), whom is under 18 years of age. The Undersigned is/are legally entitled to the complete custody, care and control of the Minor and, furthermore, is legally entitled to provide this consent and release.

The Undersigned and the Minor acknowledge and agree as follows:

1. We have read and agree to the \_\_\_\_\_ [contest name] rules and requirements ("Contest") and knowing full well the rules, terms and conditions of the Contest, we consent to the Minor's participation and submission of \_\_\_\_\_ [i.e., artwork, photography, creative writing, music] ("Work") to the Contest.
2. The Work was created by the Minor, and has not been published before. The Minor owns the full copyright to the Work, and the entire Work does not violate or infringe upon the copyright of any other persons or entities.
3. We provide our consent for the Work to be published and/or displayed to the public in its original format, as well as in other formats, including, but not limited to editorial, trade, advertising and/or any other purpose and in any manner or medium, including print media, website, social media, and internet. For this purpose, we hereby assign, transfer, or otherwise convey to the GFWC *California Federation of Women's Clubs*, together with its member clubs, its districts and its legal representatives (collectively "CFCW") a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license, or sub-license the work in any media now known or later invented without limitation, for commercial or non-commercial purposes. Furthermore, we agree that Work may be used, edited, reproduced, distributed, and presented in any way deemed proper by the CFCW without any additional consent, or payment to us.
4. We agree that we will not release the Work to any other publication in the same or substantially similar form without prior written and explicit consent from the CFCW.
5. We hereby release and hold the CFCW harmless from all claims, demands, liabilities, suits and proceedings, whether in law or in equity, from any and all expenses related to the Contest, arising therefrom on account of, or due to the use of the Work, and/or arising from a third party's unauthorized use of the Work.
6. There is no time limit on the validity of this Release nor is there any geographic limitation on where the Work may be used, distributed, or presented by the CFCW.

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read, understand and fully agree to the terms herein; and that you understand and confirm that by signing this form you have given up considerable future legal rights.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Minor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Minor's Age: \_\_\_\_\_

**By signing below, I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the minor named above and consent to this Minor's Consent and Release and I am mentally competent to enter into this Minor's Consent and Release.**

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_



## MINOR'S PUBLICITY RELEASE

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am the parent or legal guardian of: \_\_\_\_\_ [name of child] ("child"). I am legally entitled to the complete custody, care and control of the child and, furthermore, I am legally entitled to provide this release.

I hereby grant and assign the GFWC *California Federation of Women's Clubs*, together with its member clubs, districts and legal representatives, the irrevocable and unrestricted right to use and publish my child's name, voice, image and/or likeness for editorial, trade, advertising and/or any other purpose and in any manner or medium, including print media, website, social media, and internet. I understand and agree that neither me nor my child will be paid for any use described above at any time.

By signing this form, I hereby release the GFWC *California Federation of Women's Clubs*, together with its member clubs, districts and legal representatives from all claims and liability relating to the use of my child's name, image and/or likeness for the above purposes.

**By signing below, I certify that** I am the parent or legal guardian of the child listed above and consent to this Publicity Release by my signature below, and I am mentally competent to enter into this Publicity Release.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_