**2022 Thornhill Hort Photo Competition # 1 SPRING**

**Rules:**

* This photo competition (the 1st of 2 to be held in 2022) is open only to paid members of the Thornhill Hort.
* All photos are to be related to Horticulture and nature and taken in Spring time - between the dates of March 21 and May 21 in the years 2022, 2021, and 2020.
* Submitted photos to be taken a) by the person submitting these to the competition and b) within Ontario. Any Participant who wishes to remain anonymous when the photos are posted on our website, should advise this when submitting the photos to ensure his / her name will not be published.
* Names or other identifying info or marks on the photos are prohibited.
* Each photo will be assigned a number by the Committee.
* A maximum of 2 photos (in each Class is to be submitted by each participant. Photos submitted in the 2021 Competitions are not permitted in the 2022 contests.
* Photos may be submitted in only 1 Class, some Classes, or all Classes of each competition in 2022.
* Photos submitted are to be in a JPEG format.
* **Photos for the 2022 Spring Competition are to be submitted by email to thornhillhort@live.com from Tuesday, June 14 to the deadline date and time of Tuesday, June 21 (11:59 p.m.)**
* **Voting will take place between June 24th and July 1st only**. Photos will be posted to the Members’ Only Portal of the Society’s Website. Further details re Voting in the 2022 Spring Competition will be emailed to each paid member, posted in our Website’s Members’ Only Portal, and in our next newsletter.
* **Winners will be chosen by popular vote. Each paid member is entitled to vote by ballot once for each contest.**
* **Winners in each Class** will be determined by the total number of votes and points each photo has received.

**1st Place** - Each photo with the most votes will receive **4 points per vote**.

**2nd Place** - Each photo with the second highest number of votes will receive **3 points per vote**.

**3rd place** - The photo with the third highest number of votes will receive **2 points per vote.**

**Honourable Mention -** The photo with the 4th highest number of votes will receive **1 point per vote**.

* Nominal prizes will be presented to the 4 top winners in each of the 2 Competitions.
* **A Grand Champion and 2 runners-up** for the year 2022 will be chosen after the 2 Competitions have closed. These winners will be chosen by the accumulative number of points received in the 2 Competitions in 2022.
* All Participants’ names, placement, and the number of votes received for both Competitions, as well as the names of the winners, will be noted in the final report which will be available soon after the closing of Competition # 2.
* By entering photos in this competition, the owner of the photos gives permission to the Thornhill Garden & Horticultural Society to post or display said photos in any of the Society’s publications and on its Website and Facebook page.
* If anyone requires clarification, or further re the above, please contact one of the Committee members noted below.

**Classes: 1. My Favourite *Photo Competition Committee:***

 **2. Naturally (Sunrise, Sunset or Clouds) *Harvey Ash***

 **3. The Colour Purple or The Colour Yellow *Bernadette Burns***

 **4. Forest and Woods *John Kalchos***

 **5. Singular Splendour (1 Flower Head only) *Esther Ravka***

**6. Photo taken with Cell ‘phone - no editing *Martin van Dijk.***

 **other than cropping is permitted in this Class.**

**Please note: For Classes 1 to 5 only- Any kind of post-processing is permitted including photos taken with a cell ‘phone.**