

NATURAL WONDERS PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

We are looking for striking photographic images of Southern New Castle County's rivers, native natural surroundings, and native wildlife. Your images must be taken in Southern New Castle County, DE. For the purposes of this contest this contains the area from below the C & D Canal to the Kent County, DE border.

HOW TO ENTER

Mail or drop off an unframed, white matted 8" x 10" photograph along with emailing the same photograph in digital .jpeg format to info@apporiver.org. The total dimensions of the photograph and mat cannot exceed 16" x 20".

Mailing and drop off address: **Appoquinimink River Association**
2430 Old County Road
Newark DE 19702

Photo descriptions must accompany all mailed and emailed submissions, and should include: entrant's name, phone number, address, email address, the location the image was taken, the category the photograph is being entered in, and if you are submitting a photograph in the Native Wildlife or Native Plant category, include the name of the species.

The digital image must have a resolution of 300 dpi.

Entry fees are \$5 per photograph and \$25 for 6 photographs. Check or cash payments must be submitted with photographs. Checks can be made payable to the Appoquinimink River Association.

RULES

1. Photographs must have been taken by the entrant before the contest deadline of **September 16, 2011**.
2. Entrants must not submit images that involve the willful harassment of wildlife, damage to the environment by the photographer, or infringe on the rights of any other photographer or person. Entrants must minimize disturbance of wildlife and habitats. Judges will disqualify photographs of any animal appearing to be stressed from being trapped or mishandled.
3. All photographs should accurately reflect the subject matter and the scene as it appeared. Photos that have been digitally altered beyond standard optimization (removal of dust, cropping, reasonable adjustments to exposure, color and contrast, etc.) will be disqualified.
4. The front of the photograph may not include names, signatures, or other identifying marks.
5. The photograph must be original and it, or any substantially similar one, may not have been published, nor have won, be currently entered in any other contest, or

previously entered into the Natural Wonders Photography Contest. The entrant must own all rights to the photograph, including copyright.

CATEGORIES

Your images may show animal behavior, portraits of wildlife in natural habitat, plant life, natural landscapes, or weather. For the purposes of this contest, “native” should mean “indigenous to the area”. No photograph in any category may include persons. You may enter photographs for all or any of the five categories below.

- Natural Landscapes of Southern New Castle County, DE
- Waterscapes of Southern New Castle County, DE
- Native Wildlife of Southern New Castle County, DE -- Photographs of domesticated animals are not eligible for this category and this category may include pictures of native animals, birds, fish, insects, and amphibians. When submitting in this category, include the name of the species on the back of the photograph.
- Native Plants of Southern New Castle County, DE – Photographs may contain native plants in any setting as long as the plant is native to southern New Castle County. When submitting in this category, include the name of the species on the back of the photograph.
- Protecting the Waterways of Southern New Castle County, DE – Photographs should show practices or things people can do to help protect our waterways (ex. photographs with rain barrels, streamside buffers, best management practices etc.) Check out our website (www.apporiver.org) including current and past projects for more ideas.

DEADLINES

Entries must be received by **September 16, 2011 at 4:00 pm EDT** when the contest ends. The Appoquinimink River Association shall not be responsible for late, lost, incomplete, damaged, misdirected, illegible, or postage-due entries. Winners will be announced within two weeks of the contest end deadline. The Appoquinimink River Association reserves the right to adjust any deadline(s) as the result of causes beyond its immediate control.

ELIGIBILITY AND JUDGING

This contest is open to legal residents of the United States at the time of entry. The contest is open to all photographers, except members of the Board of Directors of the Appoquinimink River Association. The Appoquinimink River Association reserves the right to verify eligibility qualifications of any winner.

The first prize in each category is \$50.00. The first, second and third prize in each category will have display of their photographs in the Gibby Center for the Arts in Middletown, DE and all participants will be invited to an exclusive unveiling party. Other prizes will be announced throughout the contest.

Images will be judged on originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact and artistic merit. The Appoquinimink River Association shall determine winner eligibility in its sole and absolute discretion. All prize winners will be determined by a panel of contest judges. The judges' decisions are final. The prize winners will be notified by mail or email. If, in the Appoquinimink River Association's opinion, there is any suspected or actual evidence of tampering with or alteration of any portion of the contest, or for any other reason, the Appoquinimink River Association reserves the right to terminate the contest.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

By entering the contest, entrants grant the Appoquinimink River Association a royalty-free, world-wide, perpetual, non-exclusive license to display, distribute, reproduce, and create derivative works of the entries, in whole or in part, in any media now existing or subsequently developed, for any Appoquinimink River Association purpose, including, but not limited to advertising and promotion of the Appoquinimink River Association in print, its web site, and its publications. Any photograph reproduced will include a photographer credit. The Appoquinimink River Association will not be required to pay any additional consideration or seek any additional approval in connection with such uses. The Appoquinimink River Association has final approval of any language that appears on its website with any of the photos and will not promote or endorse third-party products or services. By entering this contest, the entrant further agrees to these official rules.

By entering, participants agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Appoquinimink River Association, its affiliates, directors, officers, employees, attorneys, agent, volunteers and representatives, from any and all third party liability for any injuries, loss, claim, action, demand or damage of any kind arising from or in connection with the competition (collectively, "Losses"), including without limitation any third party claim for copyright infringement or a violation of an individual's right to privacy and/or publicity right. The Contest is void where prohibited by law.

You agree that any and all disputes that cannot be resolved with the Appoquinimink River Association, and causes of action arising out of or connected with this Contest, shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action. The Appoquinimink River Association is not responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate information, whether caused by website users or by any equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the photo competition, or by any technical or human error that may occur in the processing of submissions to the photo competition, including but not limited to any misprints or typographical errors. The Appoquinimink River Association assumes no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to, or alteration of, entries. The Appoquinimink River Association is not responsible for any problems or technical malfunction of any telephone network or lines, computer equipment, servers, providers, computer on-line systems, software, or failure of email on account of technical problems or traffic congestion on the Internet or at any website, including injury or damage to participant's or to any other person's computer related to or resulting from participating or sending images or information in the photo contest.

QUESTIONS

Questions and inquiries about contest rules can be emailed to info@apporiver.org or call 302-382-0335.