

Fruit Shoot 2024

In its 28th annual photo contest,
the CRFG Development Fund again offers 12 prizes.
Contest Runs From 7/1/2024- 10/07/2024
Select from the prize options listed below:

1st Place (1 Winner)	\$100	5-year CRFG electronic mail subscription/subscription expansion	3-year CRFG domestic mail subscription/subscription extension (Entrants outside of USA will pay shipping surcharge)
2nd Place (2 Winners)	\$50	3-year CRFG electronic mail subscription/subscription expansion	2-year CRFG domestic mail subscription/subscription extension (Entrants outside of USA will pay shipping surcharge)
3rd Place (4 Winners)	\$25	2-year CRFG electronic mail subscription/subscription expansion	1-year CRFG domestic mail subscription/subscription extension (Entrants outside of USA will pay shipping surcharge)
4th Place (5 Winners)	\$15	1-year CRFG electronic mail subscription/subscription expansion	

Judging Guidelines

Judges will look for images emphasizing composition, design and color aesthetic images, as opposed to those that merely document or convey information. Inclusion of people, hands, rulers or other extraneous objects in photos is undesirable unless they add aesthetic value.

Photos of fruit, flowers or foliage attached to a live plant are preferable to photos showing them severed and displayed artificially.

It is essential that the photo subject be in sharp focus.

Unfocused images are discouraged except in unusual cases, for a desired effect.

Fruits, buds, flowers, roots or any vegetative plant parts are suitable subjects, but **all plants or plant parts displayed should be recognizable as a source of produce edible by humans.**

Pictures of plants grown strictly as ornamentals or for aroma, wood, animal feed, soil conservation or general landscaping are inappropriate **Examples of images which will not be considered include (but are not not limited to) photos of Daffodils, Tulips, Begonias, Lantanas, Amaryllis and Nondescript Flowers.** Cultivated or wild plants, including edible weeds, are acceptable.

General Rules

Anyone may enter. No purchase is required. Color prints and digital images will be accepted. All photo prints and digital images entered become CRFG property and will not be returned. By the submission of each entry, the entrant warrants that he or she is the creator of that image and grants to CRFG the right to reproduce the image in Fruit Gardener magazine and elsewhere, with attribution to the originator.

CRFG will duly consider each image for the prizes listed above and will award a prize to the entrant, or his or her assignee, for any image judged a winner. Entries will be judged by the Development Fund Committee. Winning entries will be displayed in the Fruit Gardener and also displayed at the Festival of Fruit if one is held this year.

There is no limit to the number of entries that can be submitted; however, **no contestant will be eligible to win more than 2 prizes in this year's contest.**

All entries to this contest become CRFG property, and the contestant relinquishes all rights except the right of attribution. Send questions to →

Print Rules

Only color photos in print form will be accepted.

There is no limit to the number of prints that can be submitted.

The minimum print size that will be accepted is 3 inches by 5 inches.

Larger print sizes are preferred.

If possible, please send negatives along with prints.

A brief description with each image is requested, but simple identification of the subject is sufficient.

Do not write on the fronts of photos for any reason.

Do not write directly on the backs of photos; Do not write directly on the backs of photos; write on pre-gummed labels and then attach those to the backs of the photos

Pre-gummed labels on photo backs should also be used for the entrant's name and address.

All entries must be received by October 7th 2024, and must be mailed to:



**CRFG Development Fund Committee
Attn: Bruce Blavin
24696 W Saddle Peak Rd
Malibu, CA 90265**

Digital Rules

Cameras with high resolution (pixel density greater than 4 megapixels) are strongly recommended for capturing images submitted to the contest. If camera resolution is selectable, the setting for the highest possible image quality should be used. Please DO NOT submit screenshots.

Photo prints digitized using a flatbed scanner should be scanned with a minimum resolution setting of 300 dpi and a maximum setting of 600 dpi.

If a large print is available, scan it rather than enlarging a small print.

Software should not be used to alter the original pixel density of any image submitted.

Cropping and enhancements such as sharpness, color balance, contrast or brightness are permissible.

Images will only be accepted in jpeg (.jpg) file format.

The names of the image files should consist of alphanumeric characters

(spaces underscores and hyphens are permitted; commas, colons, semicolons, exclamations, quotation marks, apostrophes, slashes and periods (excluding the period preceding the jpg or jpeg file type) are not allowed as part of the file names).

No other compression (e.g., .zip or .sit) should be used on the file before transmitting it or saving it to a CD.

Digital Images may be submitted by postal mail, on a CD or Thumb Drive.

Follow Print Rules for mailing instructions. Disk must be formatted to be readable by PC.

Entrants can go to <https://www.crfg.org/piwigo/> and choose the Fruit Shoot 2024 Album. A File explorer window will appear where the entrant can navigate to the folder of the photos to be uploaded, select the photos to be uploaded and drag the selected photos to the box in the browser labeled **Drag files here**. Then click on **Set Photo Properties** and fill in the **Title** **Author** and **Description** fields.

Include your Email address in the **Author** field.

Detailed instructions can be found at:

https://crfg.org/upload_instructions.pdf

Send a notification to fruit_shoot@crfg.org, including:

- full name
- mailing address
- e-mail address
- number of images submitted to the contest
- a brief description of each submitted image is requested, but simple identification of the subject is sufficient.

Digital entries may not be submitted before July 1st, 2024. All entries must be uploaded by October 7, 2024 11:59 PM PDT.

WARNING! DO NOT submit images containing watermarks, signatures or copyright information.