

Photo Contest 2020

Many thanks to Elaine Marr and Karen Menzies, who have done such a wonderful job of managing our annual photo contest for the last eight years. They have generously shared their time every step of the process and have reworked contest classes to keep us all interested.

For 2020, Photo Classes will stay as they were, with Class 1 now having a more specific definition. There are minor tweaks to the Rules and Guidelines as well.

In future years, I am looking forward to developing some new competition classes with Nancy Stephenson, as she has such great ideas! Let me know if you would like to help the Photo Contest team. Snacks are always provided!

Janet Houston, Photo Contest Chair
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Rules and Guidelines

- You must be a member of OMHS, child/grandchild of an OMHS member, or member of a School Garden Club.
- **Photos must be taken by you since Oct 21, 2019 and before Oct 26, 2020.**
- **Adults** may enter up to 4 different photos in any class, not to exceed 20 in total.
- **Youth** may enter up to 2 photos in each class, not to exceed 16 in total.
- **All entries MUST be 4" X 6" colour prints**, either glossy or matte finish.
- All prints must contain some garden or natural material.
- Each photo must have **an entry tag** (available at all meetings) attached to the bottom of the photo and include your name and class number.
- Entries must be received no later than **October 26, 2020**. Entries may be mailed, delivered, or brought to the October 26 meeting (or prior meetings).
- **New this year:** As well as entering a colour print, please send your .jpg picture file by **Dec 15** to OMHS-jpgs@gmail.com. Identify each .jpg file with this naming format: **Class#-Your Last Name-First name-picture title.jpg** (e.g., C1-okeefe-georgia-rose arbour.jpg).
Winning photos are featured in next year's yearbook, as well as a selection of photos for the new bookmarks.
- Ribbons will be awarded at the judge's discretion.



Elaine & 2019 Grand Prize Winner Marjorie Chadwick



Special Judges' Mention to Val Gillespie

W. R. Best Garden Club

W.R. Best Memorial Garden Club welcomed 50 members in grades 3, 4, 5, and 6 to learn about the wonderful world of gardening.

We had an exciting fall seeing our marigolds, that we grew from seed and planted in the garden, still blooming in September and early October. We picked the last of our tomatoes and peppers from our first venture planting a raised vegetable garden. We were very pleased with the quality and quantity of produce we harvested. The kale and lettuce were great until the rabbit family discovered our garden during the summer months!

The students planted more crocus and daffodil bulbs this past fall to bloom in the spring. We cleaned up the vines and plants from the garden and flowerbeds and placed them in our compost bin. Our rain barrel had to be cleaned and stored.

We talked about the difference between annuals and perennials as we prepared the gardens for winter and how leaving the plant seed pods provides food for the smaller birds.

JT Beer, W.R. Best Memorial P.S. and Ella Sommers, Guthrie P.S., were presented with The Nelsons Trophy at the OMHS October meeting for their entries in the May Youth Flower Show. Some garden club members entered flowers in the June Early Summer show and received many ribbons for their lovely flowers.

In October our members made leaf pictures using pressed leaves. We identified the deciduous tree leaves that were used. In November we decorated a grapevine wreath for the holiday season using cedar, pine and spruce greenery, and natural materials like rose hips, berries, dried flowers, and pine cones. Their Christmas wreaths looked amazing. Their leaf pictures and Christmas wreaths were entered in the December Youth Christmas Show.



JT & Ella with their proud dads!



Shanty Bay Youth Garden Club



The Shanty Bay Public School Garden Club is lead by Heather Czarnota and Julie Johnson.

During 2019 Heather and Julie, as well as parent volunteers, provided many hands-on learning opportunities for the youth members at Shanty Bay.

Many activities involved growing and planting in the school's raised gardens, harvesting the bounty of their efforts, and sharing the experiences with the community. Besides the planting of vegetables, they expanded their native plant area.

The school took part in the annual May Flower Show, showing their marigolds grown from seed. They also created crafts including a Christmas craft project.

Ron Nelsons,
OMHS Youth Liaison



Classes in the Photo Competition:

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| Class 1 | Garden architecture – garden art, structures, outbuildings, water features, rocks, or hardscape that enhance or are enhanced by plants. |
| Class 2 | Close-up of any portion of a plant (flower, seedpod, leaf etc.). |
| Class 3 | Marigolds on their own, either as a single bloom or grouping. |
| Class 4 | Native plants of Canada in a natural or garden setting. |
| Class 5 | Fungi of any kind in Canada. |
| Class 6 | Seasonal Canadian photos – nature in all its glory (Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter). |
| Class 7 | Plants with animals – a photo of animals including birds, fish, insects, mammals, or reptiles in a natural or garden setting. Plant life must be included. |
| Class 8 | Beautiful Canadian gardens – can be public or private gardens and may include those on our Garden Tour with the owner's permission. |

