

## Spring Days 2012 Photography Contest

## Wright County Master Gardeners

**Purpose:** To encourage amateur horticulture-related photography

**Who can enter:** The contest is open to all registered Spring Day participants, professional photographers excluded. Photos cannot be previously published nor have won a prize in any other photo contest. They must have been taken by the submitter.

### Entry Categories:

1. Flowers & Foliage
2. Fruits & Vegetables
3. Critters & Creatures
4. Gardens & Landscapes

### Rules:

**Photograph size and presentation:** 8" x 10", printed on photo paper, unmounted, both color and black & white accepted.

**Number of photos per person:** Each participant may enter one photo in each category for a maximum of four photos.

### Entry Forms:

These instructions plus entry form can be downloaded from: [www.springdays.org](http://www.springdays.org) Each photo requires a completely filled out entry form, including photo title, which is attached to the upper left corner of the back of the photo with the same orientation as the photo.

**Submission:** Submissions must be received by **20 February 2012**. Submit in person or by mail to:

**Spring Days Photo Contest**  
**Wright County Extension Office**  
**10 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW, Rm C107**  
**Buffalo, MN 55313**

If submitted by mail, use a protected envelope to avoid transit damage.

**Return policy:** Contestants can pick up their photos at Spring Days. Winning photos must remain displayed until the end of the afternoon session.

**Prizes:** The winner in each category will receive a certificate plus a voucher for free registration to next year's Spring Days.

**Peoples Choice Award:** Spring Days attendees will have the opportunity before lunch to vote for their favorite of four photos, the top in each category.

**Display:** The winning photos will be mounted by the Photo Contest Committee and displayed at Spring Days 2012.

**Judging:**

The photos will be judged by the following criteria:

**Technical:** The photo is in focus, has good exposure, accurate color and is free from blemishes.

**Impact:** The photo is eye-catching and distinctive.

**Composition:** The general rules of photo composition are followed and the arrangement of elements is pleasing.

**Originality & Creativity:** The photo exhibits an unusual way of viewing the subject, creative use of light and/or shadow, or a unique perspective.

Judges will independently score the photos according to the above criteria, with each criterion weighted equally. The final score is the total of all judges' scores with ties broken by placement given by the judges issuing the highest scores. THE JUDGES' DECISIONS ARE FINAL.

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**Spring Days 2012 Photography Contest – Entry Form**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Category (check only one):**

**Flowers & Foliage**

**Fruits & Vegetables**

**Critters & Creatures**

**Gardens & Landscapes**

**Title of photograph:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I have read the rules of this contest and understand the instructions. I certify that I am the photographer of this photo. I certify that any person pictured in this photo has given me permission to submit this photo to the 2012 Spring Days photo contest. I release Spring Days from any responsibility for loss or damage to the print.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_