

Venice Area Audubon Society 2017 Photographic Competition

COMPETITION

Best photograph, with a subject meeting the contest categories, taken on or after **January 1, 2016**. The contest is open to everyone, including Venice Area Audubon Society members, with the exception of photo contest staff and contest judges.

COMPETITION LOCATION

The competition will be held at the **Venice Audubon Center**. All photos for the competition will be received there and exhibited there. The awards will be made there. Photos may be picked up there after the competition. These subjects will be covered in more detail below. The **Venice Audubon Center** is located on **Annex road in South Venice behind the Sarasota County Anderson Administration Center**, near to the Venice Rookery. The Sarasota County Anderson Administration building is at 4000, South Tamiami Trail, Venice, Florida but is accessed via Annex road.

RESTRICTIONS ON PHOTOS

Any photo submitted for the competition must have been taken by the individual submitting the photo, who must also be the owner of the photo. Also any photo submitted for the competition must not have received an award or prize at any other photo contest.

CATEGORIES:

- ❖ Best Photo Of Birds At The Venice Rookery
- ❖ Best Photo Of Wild Birds Anyplace
- ❖ Best Photo Of Florida Native Animals, Florida Native Plants, or Florida Natural Landscapes.

PHOTO SIZES AND MOUNTING

Photo sizes for the competition are: size 6x8" minimum to size 10X12" maximum. Photos are to be unframed and not matted. All photos for the competition are to be mounted on foam core or mat board not extending more than $\frac{1}{2}$ " beyond the edge of the photo. No photo is to be signed on the front.

JUDGING

Photographs in each category will be judged by a panel of judges. Entries will be judged on composition, print quality, uniqueness, and adherence to contest categories. Entries that violate any of the contest requirements, rules, or instructions will be ineligible for awards. All decisions of the judges are final.

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"BEST IN SHOW" POPULAR CHOICE

Members of the public attending the Venice Audubon Open House on March 11 will be able to vote for the "best photo in show", including all photos in all categories.

AWARDS

First, second, and third place awards will be given for each category. A "best in show" award will also be given for the photograph receiving the most votes. Awards will be presented for the winning photographs at 3 PM on March 11 at the Open House of the Venice Area Audubon Society held at the Venice Audubon Center.

You do not have to be present to win. However if you win and you are not present then you must pick up your award at the Venice Audubon Meeting (6:30 PM) on either March 28, April 25, or May 9, or make arrangements for someone to collect it for you. Awards will not be sent.

Please be aware that photos will not be returned to the owners on March 11 after the award ceremony. They will remain on exhibit through March 28 as mentioned below.

ENTRY FEES AND RECEIVING DATES

Entry Fee: \$6 per photo or 3 photos for \$15. (The discount only applies to a group of three photos submitted together by one owner.)

Receiving Dates: Photographs for the competition may be dropped off at the Venice Audubon Center on the specific dates and times listed below. **Deadline: March 3, 2017 - 12:00 Noon.** All photos for the competition must be received on or before this date and time, including any sent by mail.

The Venice Audubon Center will be open at these **specific times and dates** to receive contest entries: January 24, 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, February 21, 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM, February 28, 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, March 3, 9:00 AM to 12 Noon. Also any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 10:00 AM to 12 Noon. Place entries in box.

Photographs for the contest may also be sent by mail to the Venice Area Audubon Society post office box: PO Box 1381, Venice, Florida, 34284-1381 at the photo owners sole risk and expense. Venice Audubon accepts no responsibility or liability for late delivery, non delivery, postage due, or damage to mailed photos. All photo competition entries must be received on or before the deadline.

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PHOTO EXHIBIT

The received photos will be put on display at the Venice Audubon Center starting on February 28 at the Audubon Society meeting and continuing through the meeting on March 28. Photos will also be on exhibit at the March 11 Open House from 10 AM to 3 PM. Venice Audubon meetings are open to all without charge and are held at the Venice Audubon Center at 6:30 PM. If so many photos are received that there is insufficient space to display them all then only those photos that the Judges think are best will be displayed.

PICK-UP

Owners wishing to recover their photographs may do so after the Audubon meeting on March 28 at about 7:15 PM, at the Venice Audubon Center. The photographs will also be available for pickup at the Venice Audubon Society meetings on April 25, and May 9 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM at the Venice Audubon Center. Any photos not picked up by May 9 become the property of the Venice Area Audubon Society.

QUESTIONS: Direct any questions about the photo contest to Bill Fairbank at email wgfairbank@hotmail.com or phone 941-412-1610.

SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Submit an entry form (next page) with each group of photos to be entered into the contest.
- Prepare a check payable to "VAAS" for the total amount of the entry fees for all photos included in each submittal for the contest.
- Firmly attach an identification label on the back of each photo mount, in the upper right hand corner, containing the information on the sample label on the next page.
- The photos submitted for the contest are to be enclosed in an envelope along with the entry form, and the entry fee check. Ensure that each photo has an identification label on the back before enclosing it in the envelope. The envelope is to be marked PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY from: {your name} in the lower left corner of the envelope.
- Photos may also be submitted by mail in an envelope prepared as above. Send mailed entries to: Venice Area Audubon Society at P.O. Box 1381, Venice, FL, 34284-1381. Mark your return address on the envelope.
- Photos may also be returned by mail, within the United States only, after 3/28/17 if a self addressed return envelope, with sufficient first class postage is included with the submittal. The return envelope must be big enough to hold all the photos to be sent back. The pre-stamped return envelope will be sent back by first class mail only. Venice Audubon accepts no responsibility for damage to or non-delivery of return envelopes, or non-delivery due to insufficient postage, or any other liability. Return by mail is solely at the photo owner's risk.

VENICE AUDUBON PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Name	Signature
Address	
Phone	Email

PHOTO ENTRIES (Submit an entry form with each group of photos)

#	Photo Size	Photo Date	Photo Title (Optional)	Entry Category
1				
2				
3				

*By affixing your **signature** above you certify that you have taken these photos and that you are owner of these photos and that this submittal complies with all contest requirements, rules and instruction.*

*Entry Fee: \$6 per photo or \$15 for 3 photos. Make entry fee checks payable to **VAAS**.*

Total Entry Fee: \$ _____ enclosed for photos submitted for this contest.

Photo Identification Label

(Attach a label to the back of each photo in the upper right hand corner)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Photo Title (optional)

Entry Category

Photo Date _____

For VAAS Use Only: Entry Number _____ Date _____