

2023 MAMI PHOTO CONTEST

RULES and REQUIREMENTS

Purpose: The Midwest American Mycological Information Corp. (MAMI) is calling for photos which will be used to create a digital library focusing on fungi related to its Wild-foraged Mushroom Certification program.

Eligibility: The 2023 MAMI Photo Contest is **free** to enter and is open to every person regardless of race, color, national origin, age, disability, religion or sex. Entrants 17 years old and younger must have parent/guardian permission; the parent/guardian must complete the registration form on behalf of the Entrant.

Submissions Rules and Requirements:

1. Means of submission
 - a. Submissions will be accepted from 12:01am on May 15, 2023 through November 30, 2023 at 11:59pm. Submissions made after the deadline will not be accepted.
 - b. The competition is open for online submissions via the MAMI website, midwestmycology.org and completing the Entry Form, <https://form.jotform.com/230985496039166>
2. Subject matter
 - a. Photo(s) must have been taken by the same person submitting the photo(s) except when the photographer is under 17 years old. Photo(s) can be from any time, any date.
 - b. Photo(s) must depict mushrooms belonging to the contest categories; submitted photo(s) depicting anything other than mushrooms will be discarded.
3. No more than 3 submissions in each category are allowed to be submitted by the same Entrant.
4. Categories
 - a. There are 3 Categories
 1. **Nontoxic**; photo(s) must depict species within the 20 genera of mushrooms approved to be sold through Michigan's Wild-foraged Mushroom Certification program.
 2. **Toxic**; photo(s) must depict species containing the following toxins:
 - a. Amatoxin
 - b. Cortinarius and/or Orellanine
 - c. Gyromitrin
 - d. Ibotenic acid, Muscarine, Muscimol
 - e. Unknown toxin (ie. *Chlorophyllum molybdites*, *Omphalotus illudens*, *Verpa* spp, etc)
 3. **Other**; photo(s) must relate to mushrooms in the 20 genera of mushrooms approved to be sold through Michigan's Wild-foraged Mushroom Certification program to include, but not limited to: look alike, most unusual, etc.
 - b. The same photo must not be submitted in more than one category.
 - i. Any photo submitted in more than one category will be discarded from the contest.
 - ii. MAMI reserves the right to place photos in a different category than what was entered where necessary.

5. Technical

- a. Only the original photo(s) taken by the Entrant, with minimal editing or digital manipulation, are allowed for submission.
- b. Photo(s) cannot contain material that violates or infringes another's rights, including but not limited to trademark, privacy, publicity or other intellectual property rights or that constitutes copyright infringement.
- c. Photo(s) submissions must be in jpeg or jpg format, high quality resolution (no less than 300 dpi) and be, at minimum, 3mb. The minimum of the longest edge should be no less than 2000 pixel.
- d. Photo(s) submissions must include a title, picture number or camera roll number and a 1-2 line description of the photo.
- e. Photo(s) submissions must not contain any tag(s), signature(s), initial(s), frame, border(s), logo(s), enhancement(s) or reference(s) marks added by the Entrant.
- f. Basic technical editing, similar but not limited to the list below, is acceptable as long as it does not affect the authenticity and/or genuineness of the photo:
 - i. Cropping
 - ii. Rotating
 - iii. Moderate color adjustment
 - iv. Contrast/brightness edits
 - v. Moderate noise reduction
- g. Advanced editing, similar but not limited to the list below, used to create illusions, deceptions and/or manipulations is prohibited:
 - i. Frame stacking
 - ii. Changes in color so significant that the processed colors are extremely different from the original colors or appear unrealistic
 - iii. Changes in contrast, color and/or saturation levels and dodging/burning which significantly alter content by obscuring or eliminating information in the picture
 - iv. Cut/paste any part of the photo (i.e. removing or adding vegetation around the mushroom)
- h. MAMI reserves the right to assess and discard any submitted photo(s) deemed contrary to the technical requirements.

6. Photo(s) that have won any previous awards in other competitions and/or have been previously used or intended to be used for any kind of commercial purposes, must not be submitted and those photos will not be considered.

7. The decision of MAMI to use, or not to use, any or all photo(s) is final and binding for all Entrants in respect to all matters relating to the Contest.

8. Release

- a. Entering a submission into the 2023 MAMI Photo Contest constitutes the Entrant's express consent whereby the Entrant agrees and grants MAMI and its affiliates, agencies, dealers, distributors, licensees, media outlets, successors and assigns, and/or Administrator a non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free, fully-paid, irrevocable, perpetual right and license to reproduce, modify, post, publish, edit, reformat, shorten, display, and/or otherwise use Entrant's photo(s) in whole or in part, for educational, promotional, trade, marketing, and/or publicity purposes solely in connection with the Wild-foraged Mushroom program in any form, media or technology now known or later developed including but not limited to websites, social media pages, printed materials, traveling exhibits, in emails, forays, and/or at workshops

without any compensation, notification, permission or other consideration. If requested, Entrant will sign any releases and/or other documentation that may be required by MAMI and its affiliates to make use of the rights Entrant is granting to use the photo(s) as described herein.

- b. Subject to the foregoing license, Entrant shall retain ownership of the copyright to the photo(s).
- c. Entrant acknowledges and accepts MAMI's use of any submitted photo will be credited as: "Photo credit: <Entrant's name>".
- d. Each Entrant accepts and acknowledges that MAMI and its affiliates shall not be obligated to use any/all submission(s) or any part thereof, and that MAMI and its affiliates, at their sole discretion, shall have the right to refrain from using the submission(s).
- e. MAMI and its affiliates shall not incur any liability whatsoever to the extent MAMI and its affiliates chooses to refrain from any exploitation of its rights hereunder.

9. Winner determination

- a. After the Contest Entry Period (November 30, 2023, 11:59pm), MAMI Board Members and Program Administrator will select 3 winning Entrants from among all eligible submissions based on the following criteria:
 - i. Educational aspect
 - ii. Informational content
 - iii. Relevance
 - iv. Uniqueness
- b. Winners will be notified via email within 1-2 months after the close of the contest.
- c. Winners will receive the prizes listed below via USPS shipping:
 - i. Mushroom collection basket
 - ii. Mushroom knife/brush
 - iii. Mushroom book
 - iv. Hand loupe/magnifying lens
 - v. One year membership to Michigan Mushroom Hunters Club (MMHC) or the North American Mycological Association (NAMA)

10. If MAMI is of the opinion an Entrant breached any of the Rules, MAMI has the right to disqualify said Entrant from the Photo Contest.

11. Under no circumstance will MAMI be held liable for:

- a. Lost, late, misdirected, stolen, illegible or incomplete submissions;
- b. Error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications failure, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to, or alteration of submissions;
- c. Problems, failures or technical malfunction of any telephone network or lines, computer online systems, servers, providers, computer equipment, software, email, players or browsers, on account of technical problems or traffic congestion on the internet, at any website, or on account of any combination of the foregoing;
- d. Incorrect or inaccurate information caused by any of the equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the competition or by any technical or human error which may occur in the processing of the submission(s); and/or
- e. Injury or damage to any participant or Entrant or to any computer related to, resulting from, or in connection with the Photo Contest.

12. If, for any reason, the Photo Contest is unable to be conducted as anticipated, MAMI reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Photo Contest and determine winners from all eligible submissions submitted prior to the cancellation, termination, modification or suspension. MAMI reserves the right to correct any typographical, printing, computer programming or operating errors at any time.

HOW TO ENTER:

During the Photo Contest entry period, visit www.midwestmycology.org and:

- a. Follow the links and instructions to complete the Photo Contest entry form. The following information is required:
 - i. Name, address, telephone number, and email address.
 - ii. Category
 - iii. Title
 - iv. Picture or camera roll number
 - v. Short (1 -2 line) description of the submission
- b. Checking/clicking the “Submit Photo(s)” button, indicates agreement to these Official Rules and Requirements.
- c. This photo contest is free to enter.
- d. Questions can be emailed to mamimycology@gmail.com