

Transitions - Thomas W. Carlson

Calling all photographers! The Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization (VLAWMO) is seeking pictures of local lakes, parks, wildlife, plants, and outdoor recreation in one of four categories:

- 1. Nature & Landscapes
- 2. Animals

- 3. People
- 4. Youth (budding photographers under 18)

Photos must not be digitally altered beyond standard optimization. First place winners from each category may choose a \$50 Visa® gift card, or rainbarrel. Winners and honorable mentions of the contest will have their photo(s) published in the VLAWMO Photo Calendar. The calendars will be distributed free of charge throughout the Watershed.

The Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization is located in the northeast Twin Cities Metro Area and includes parts of White Bear Lake, White Bear Twp, North Oaks, Gem Lake, Lino Lakes, and Vadnais Heights. Tamarack Nature Center is also within our boundaries. Our mission is to protect and enhance the water resources within the watershed.

To learn more, visit our website: www.vlawmo.org.



2014 PHOTO CONTEST RULES

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 31, 2014

- 1. Anyone is eligible to submit photographs (under 18 with parent/guardian permission).
- 2. Photos must be of local plants/wildlife or taken within the Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization.
- 3. Photograph submissions must be at least 300 dpi in either TIF or JPEG format. Still photos are also accepted.
- 4. Photos that have been digitally altered beyond standard optimization (removal of dust, cropping, adjusting light/color etc) will not be accepted.
- 5. Each entry should be submitted with the following information:
 - a. Photographer's first and last name
 - b. Photographer's e-mail address
 - c. Title of the photograph
 - d. The location where photograph was taken
 - e. Category submitting to (Nature & Landscapes, Animals, People, Youth)
- 6. Contestants must know the names and addresses of all identifiable people in the photo. Winners will be required to supply a release form for each identifiable person in the photo.
- 7. Receipt of photos will not be acknowledged. Photos will not be returned. VLAWMO assumes no responsibility for the photos. Credit will be given to the winners. The winning photos will be posted on the VLAWMO website.
- 8. Winners will be required to sign a publicity release and grant permission to reprint the photos in various media.
- 9. Judging of photographs submitted in the contest will be completed by the VLAWMO Watershed Action Volunteers (WAV). Up to 25 photos may be selected for the calendar.
- 10. Individuals may submit multiple entries. Each photo may only be submitted into one category.

Email Photos (largest file size possible) to: Vanessa.Strong@vlawmo.org

You may also Mail photos or CDs (no slides) to:

VLAWMO Photo Contest, 800 East County Rd E, Vadnais Heights, MN 55127.

HELPFUL HINTS

We would like to see photos of the Watershed's lakes, wetlands, area attractions, nature shots, wildlife, fall colors, hiking, fishing, canoeing, swimming, and downhill or cross-country skiing. We need photos of all four seasons. Photos from previous years are welcome.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call Vanessa, Communications & Education Programs Manager, at 651-204-6070 or email at vanessa.strong@vlawmo.org.

