



## VCA PHOTO CONTEST OFFICIAL RULES

### ELIGIBILITY

Vistoso Community Association (VCA) Photo Contest is open to all amateur, aspiring, and professional photographers who are members of the VCA in good standing. Contestants must be 18 years or older. Contestants under 18 years of age require the permission of parent or guardian.

### NUMBER OF ENTRIES

Contestants may submit up to five (5) entries for the competition. Digital pictures submitted will not be returned.

### ENTRY DETAILS

Contestants in the VCA Photo Contest must download and complete the [VCA Photo Contest Application](#) form on the VCA website. Required information includes photographer's name, address, neighborhood, telephone number, email address, and description of each photo along with your photograph(s). By submitting your entries, you are agreeing to our rules and Terms and Condition.

1. Winning photographs will be printed and displayed on the walls of the VCA office. The name of the photographer, neighborhood, and description of the photo will accompany the displayed photo.
2. VCA staff will determine the size and location of where the winning photographs will be displayed in the VCA office.
3. Photographs must be in digital format. Only online entries will be eligible. No print or film submissions will be accepted for entry into the VCA Photo Contest. All digital files must be 20 megabytes or smaller, must be in JPEG or .jpg format, and must be at least 2000 x 1600 pixels in size.
4. Photograph images must be of views and scenery that can be seen from within the Rancho Vistoso community.
5. Photographs that include sculptures, statues, paintings, and other works of art will be accepted if they do not constitute copyright infringement or fraud; Contestants must be prepared to provide a release form as described below in "Release." When photographing the work of others, it must be as an object in its environment and not a full-frame close-up of another person's art.
6. The photograph, in its entirety, must be a single work of original material taken by the Contestant. By entering the VCA Photo Contest, Contestant represents, acknowledges, and warrants that the submitted photograph is an original work created solely by the Contestant, that the photograph does not infringe on the copyrights, trademarks, moral rights, rights of privacy/publicity or intellectual property rights of any person or entity, and that no other party has any right, title, claim, or interest in the photograph.
7. The photograph description must be complete and accurate, sufficient to convey the subject and area in which the photograph was taken.
8. Watermarks on photographs are not permitted.

9. Contestants submitting photographs for the VCA Photo Contest gives the VCA consent to use submitted photographs in VCA related communications as outlined in "LICENSE" below.
10. The cost to print and display the photographs in the VCA office will be paid for by the VCA and will remain the property of the VCA.

The entries will be judged in accordance with the Judging Criteria, as defined below. All entries must be submitted and received by the stipulated date and time. Proof of submission will be the time and date of when the email with the application form and photograph(s) is received.

### **JUDGING**

VCA Photo Contest entries will be judged based on creativity, quality, beauty, and authenticity of the content.

Judging will be conducted by FSR staff and members of the VCA Communications Committee. Winners will be announced in the March 10, 2023 VCA Newsletter.

The VCA will notify the winners of the VCA Photo Contest through the contact information provided at the time of entry. The VCA reserves the right to disqualify anyone from receiving their prize if they fail to respond to the notification within seven (7) days.

**Decisions of the Judges are final and binding.**

### **SPONSOR**



AAA Landscaping has agreed to pay for the Amazon gift cards that will be awarded to the winners of the VCA Photo Contest. As part of the VCA's contract with AAA Landscape, they have agreed to gift up to \$5,000 to help sponsor community events.

### **CONTEST PRIZES**

1. First Place Winner
  - Receive \$75 Amazon gift card
  - Winning photograph will be printed in the VCA newsletter and displayed at the VCA office.
2. Second Place Winner
  - Receive \$50 Amazon card
  - Winning photograph will be printed in the VCA newsletter and displayed at the VCA office.
3. Third Place Winner
  - Receive \$25 Amazon gift card
  - Winning photograph will be printed in the VCA newsletter and displayed at the VCA office.
4. Honorable Mentions
  - Winning photograph will be displayed at the VCA office and name mentioned in VCA newsletter.

## **RELEASES**

If the photograph contains any material or elements that are not owned by the Contestant and/or which are subject to the rights of third parties, and/or if any persons appear in the photograph, the Contestant is responsible for obtaining, prior to submission of the photograph, all releases and consents necessary to permit the exhibition and use of the photograph in the manner set forth in these Official Rules without additional compensation. If any person appearing in any photograph is under the age of 18 the signature of a parent or legal guardian is required on each release.

## **LICENSE**

You retain your right to your photograph; however, by entering the VCA Photo Contest, you grant the VCA and those authorized by the VCA an irrevocable, perpetual, royalty-free, worldwide non-exclusive license to reproduce, distribute, publicly display and create derivative works of the entries, in whole or in part, in connection with the VCA Photo Contest and promotion of the VCA Photo Contest, in any media now or hereafter known, for no additional compensation, including, but not limited to: advertising and promotion, display at a potential exhibition of winners; publication of literature featuring select entries in the VCA Photo Contest; features on [ranchovistosohoa.com](http://ranchovistosohoa.com), newspapers or online highlighting entries or winners of the VCA Photo Contest on the VCA website (the "License"). Any photography reproduced will include name credit.

## **CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

By entering The VCA Photo Contest, all Contestants agree to release, discharge, and hold harmless the VCA and its partners, affiliates, subsidiaries, advertising agencies, agents, officers, volunteers, directors, and representatives (the Indemnified Parties) from any claims, losses, and damages arising out of their participation in the VCA Photo Contest or any Contest-related activities and the acceptance and use, misuse, or possession of any prize awarded hereunder.

## **WINNERS LIST**

Contestants are responsible for complying with these Official Rules. Winners' names and entries will be available online on the VCA website [ranchovistosohoa.com](http://ranchovistosohoa.com). The VCA may select photos for highlights on its website or display in a publicly accessible contest archive; such selections will be made in the VCA's sole discretion.

## **DATA PRIVACY**

Contestants agree that personal data, especially name and address, may be processed, shared, and otherwise used for the purposes and within the context of the VCA Photo Contest and any other purposes outlined in these Official Rules. The data may also be used by the VCA in order to verify the Contestant's identity, postal address, and telephone number or to otherwise verify the Contestant's eligibility to participate in the Photo Contest. We may also collect a photograph's metadata upon entry.

By entering this contest Contestant agrees to sign up for the VCA Newsletter.