



## Puget Sound Dahlia Association 2024 Dahlia Photography Contest Classes and Rules

Grab your cameras and go capture the beauty of dahlias.

### **ENTRY CLASSES:**

**Class 1 – Dahlia Portraits:** A single disseminated or undisseminated dahlia. The entire dahlia bloom should be captured in the photo.

**Class 2 – Dahlia Gardens:** Any type of dahlia garden qualifies.

**Class 3 – Humans and Dahlias**

**Class 4 – Critters (non-human) and Dahlias**

**Class 5 – Dahlias in another setting:** Use your creative imagination and capture dahlias outside their traditional environment or display methods.

**Class 6 – Artistic Impression of Dahlias:** Artistic use of photo-enhancing applications are permitted but not required.

**Class 7 – Macro View:** Close-up view or macro image of a dahlia bloom or segment of a bloom.

### **3 DIVISIONS FOR ENTRY:**

**Novice** (Division NO) exhibitors new to photography may join this division for up to 5 PSDA photo contests before moving up to the next division.

**Amateur** (Division AM) This division is for those who enjoy photography and are actively honing their skills. Exhibitors may stay in this division until they are consistently winning first, second, and third place prizes and special awards. *(If you have participated in the PSDA or other photo contests in prior years and met with some success this may be the right division for you)*

**Open** (Division OP) Experienced photographers who have been consistent winners of this and other photography contests and shows are required to enter this division. Exhibitors who have not consistently won any first, second, or third-place prizes and special awards during the past three contests they have entered are encouraged to return to the amateur division.

## **RULES:**

1. Exhibitors may submit up to 3 photos per class.
2. You must be an amateur photographer and you must take the photo yourself.
3. No AI generated photos are permitted.
4. Photos should be taken within 2023-2024 and cannot have been submitted to this contest previously.
5. Dahlias should predominate the image submitted.
6. Only photos in Class 6 may be digitally altered. Otherwise, enhanced or altered images are not allowed. Basic corrections, such as brightness, contrast, and color adjustment may be used in any class, but manipulation, multiple images, distortion, filters, and other modifications are not permitted (except for Class 6).
7. Correctly label your photos and title the photo with the applicable class.
  - If you submit more than 1 photos per class add an A, B, or C. For example, 2Aname of dahlia, 2Bname of image.
  - Don't put your own name on the photo title.
  - The title should not exceed 22 characters. For example, 4A My garden in Bellevue (20 characters). This helps distinguish your photo from someone else's 4A entry. If you have trouble labeling your slide/photo file, check for instructions for your particular operating system online or on YouTube.
8. Please submit your entries via email only to [psdaphotos@gmail.com](mailto:psdaphotos@gmail.com) by **December 8, 2024**. Entries submitted should be in jpg format. Depending on size of photos you may need to send more than 1 email. Be sure to include your name and class number/s in subject line of email.
9. Please submit a [completed entry form](#) with your photos. Only one entry form is needed per person.
10. [Click here for photo contest tips](#).
11. Have fun!

## **PRIZES:**

Per Class and Division:

1st \$15.00

2nd \$10.00

3rd \$5.00

Best in Show:

\$25.00