

PSDA 50th Anniversary Design Contest Rules

Eligibility

The contest entrant must be a currently registered PSDA or Federation member. Each person may submit up to two designs. If you are under the age of 18, your design must be submitted by a parent or guardian on your behalf.

Prize

A \$100 cash prize will be awarded to the artist of the winning design. The designer will be given credit in PSDA promotional materials.

Design Components

1. **Theme:** Dahlia spectacular; Celebrating PSDA's 50th Anniversary!
2. **Slogan:** Include "50" in the design
3. **Format:** EPS, PDF, or PSD file with minimum 300 DPI.
4. **Size:** Maximum size 11" x 17"

Rules

1. All designs must be your own original artwork and incorporate all of the required design components.
2. Use of AI is not allowed.
3. Designs must not have been previously published in part or full. They must not contain specific hybridizer or grower information, any copyrighted works of any other person, business, or organization, profanity, or trademarks.
4. Designs must be submitted by 11:59 PM on December 30th, 2025
5. The winning designer agrees to allow Puget Sound Dahlia Association the use of their design, free of charge, for any and all printing and promotional purposes.
6. By submitting an entry, you are agreeing to all contest rules. If you have any questions, please email pugetsounddahlias@gmail.com.

How the Winner is Selected

All entries will be judged by an internal panel of judges and will be evaluated on:

- Concept and originality of design
- Visibility from a distance
- Adherence to design and submission rules and guidelines
- Production readiness

Once accepted by the PSDA leadership, the top three designs will be presented to PSDA members to vote for the winning design, limit one vote per person.

Votes must be submitted by 11:59 PM PST on January 31st, 2026 via the T-Shirt Contest Survey. If a tie breaker is required, the PSDA President will cast the final vote.

Fine Print

The winning artwork will be incorporated into the PSDA 50th Anniversary show flyer. The contest winner must agree to submit a high-resolution file within 7 days of notification and agree to work with PSDA's printer if changes are necessary for production.

Publicity and Agreement: Contest entry constitutes an agreement by the submitting designers to grant free license of all copyrights of the submitted works to PSDA in perpetuity, for publicity and promotional purposes.

Media Release: By submitting artwork, you agree that if your design wins, PSDA retains printing rights and a free license, in perpetuity, to utilize the design on t-shirts and other promotional items, and marketing, fundraising, and public relations materials. You are guaranteeing that your design does not contain any copyrighted material, including images/copy found on the internet. Contest entrants who are not selected as the winning designer(s) retain all rights to their artwork.

If no entrants fulfill all the requirements for winning, PSDA reserves the right to close the contest at any time without selecting a winner.