



2026 Spectacular Dahlia Photography Contest

This is your opportunity to share how you see the beauty of dahlias.

ENTRY CLASSES:

Class 1 – Dahlia Disseminated Portrait: A single dahlia. The entire bloom should be captured within the photo.

Class 2 – Dahlia Undisseminated Portrait: A single dahlia. The entire bloom should be captured within the photo.

Class 3 – Dahlias with Multiple Blooms: Two or more blooms in a staged setting. Does not need to be the same variety.

Class 4 – Dahlias Gardens: Capture the essence and beauty of a dahlia garden.

Class 5 – Dahlias and Humans: (*one or more humans, any age*).

Class 6 – Dahlias and Critters: (*pets, insects, reptiles, wildlife, birds, amphibians, etc. just not human ones*).

Class 7 – Dahlia in Art Form: Creative & artistic expression that invites imaginative and unconventional settings. Artistic photo enhancements (filter, effects, photo enhancement permitted).

Class 8 – Dahlia in Macro View: Close up view or macro image of a dahlia bloom or segment of a bloom.

Class 9 – PSDA's Spectacular 50th Anniversary: Capture your favorite moment from any PSDA 50th anniversary activity held in 2026. Photographer's choice of subject and view. Please note, the overall first place prize for this class will be awarded \$50.00.

3 DIVISIONS FOR ENTRY:

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

Amateur (Division AM) This division is for those who enjoy photography and are actively honing their skills. Exhibitors may stay in this division until consistently winning 1, 2, or 3rd place and special awards. (Or are encouraged to move up to Open.)

Open (Division OP) Experienced photographers who have been consistent winners of this and other photography shows are required to enter this division.

RULES:

1. No AI generated photos are permitted.
2. Exhibitors may submit up to **two** photos per class.
3. You must be a nonprofessional, amateur photographer, and you must take the photo yourself.
4. Photos should be taken within 2025-2026 and cannot have been submitted to this contest previously.
5. Dahlias should dominate the image submitted.
6. Only photos in Class 7 and 9 can be digitally altered.
 - Basic corrections, such as brightness, contrast, and color adjustment may be used in any class, but manipulation, distortion, filters, and other modifications are only permitted in this class.
7. All photo entries must be labeled with a title, the applicable class number, and name of dahlia and or location.
 - When you have two photos for one class follow this label format example:
 - “1a CV Ginger and “1b AC Lindsay”.
 - Don’t put your own name in the photo label.
 - The title should not exceed 22 characters. Abbreviations permitted.

8. **December 27, 2026** is the deadline to submit your entries via email only to psdaphotos@gmail.com
- Entries submitted should be in jpg format.
 - Depending on size of photos you may need to send more than one email.
 - In the email subject line include “photo contest entry batch #____” (*when sending more than one email of entries*).
 - You can send entries for multiple classes in one email.
9. Please submit a completed entry form with your photos. **Only one entry form is needed per person.** Please do not send it again if you’re sending multiple email files due to size limit.
10. All PSDA members or any member of the Federation of NW Dahlia Growers are eligible to participate in this contest. Have fun!

Prizes

Per Class* & Division

1 st	\$20
2 nd	\$15
3 rd	\$10
Best in Show	\$50
*Class 9 overall winner	\$50