



Wethersfield Tourism Commission
2015 Community Photo Contest Rules

The Wethersfield Tourism Commission invites photographers to enter its 5th community photo contest. Professional and amateur photographers of any age are invited to submit entries to the competition. Winning entries will be published on www.wethersfieldct.com and www.historicwethersfield.org and in various other Town publications. Gift certificates will be awarded to the winners. Winning photos will be used in publications that promote the Town and photographers will receive recognition for their photographs.

Please read the following rules, terms and legal conditions before submitting any photos.

WHAT TO ENTER:

We are looking for **digital/electronic, high resolution** photos that celebrate life in Wethersfield. What do you like most about our Town? Your images may show anything from natural beauty, history, landscapes, wildlife, events, celebrations, facilities, businesses, architecture or people living, working, shopping or playing in Town.

Photo subjects must depict locations in Wethersfield.

Photos must be appropriate for posting on a public government website.

Photos may be submitted in black and white or in color.

All photos must be the photographer's own original work.

Any photos that include identifiable people require signed photo release forms from subjects. If you choose to include people in your submission, you are responsible for obtaining the necessary releases from the individuals depicted and must be able to provide copies of those releases to the Town upon request.

Special consideration will be given to entries that depict:

- People and Community Events
- Buildings, Landmarks and Places
- Nature
- Seasonal images
- Month to month subject matter that is appropriate for the town calendar. (Horizontal formatted images only)

Submit your entry by mail, or drop off in person:

Wethersfield Community Photo Contest
c/o Town of Wethersfield
Town Hall
Planning and Economic Development Department
Second Floor
505 Silas Deane Highway
Wethersfield, CT 06109

Call (860) 721-2837 or 2838 for available office hours.

HOW TO ENTER:

There is no cost to enter.

Submit your entry by visiting our website (www.historicwethersfield.org) and completing the entry form.

Separate entry forms are required for each photo submitted (i.e., two photo entries require two entry forms). If you are entering multiple photos in the contest you may submit one (1) CD with multiple images.

Save your photo(s) to a CD or memory stick and label CD.

Images must be submitted in a digital format (.jpg or .tif).

All photographs must be submitted as high quality images suitable for printing in various Town publications, or in other printed and electronic materials.

Images must be at least 300 dpi. Higher quality is preferred.

Please use the following format when naming your file: EntrantInitials-TitleOfArtwork.jpg. For example, a photographer with initials PDG and an image entitled "Cove" would use the following filename: PDG-Cove.jpg. Title of photograph must match the title given in the entry information.

The photograph(s) need not be taken with a digital camera; scans of negatives, transparencies, or photographic prints are acceptable.

There is no limit on the number of photo submissions per person.

All entries must include a photo, location where the photo was taken, name, e-mail address and parent or guardian name (if photographer is under 18 years of age). Entries without all the necessary details will not be considered for publication, and will be disqualified from the contest.

The entrant will receive confirmation via e-mail once the registration is received and entered into the contest.

ELIGIBILITY AND JUDGING:

The photo contest is open to all who live, work or visit Wethersfield.

Wethersfield Tourism Commission members and their families are not eligible.

The photographer does not need to live in Wethersfield to participate.

Images will be chosen based on originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact and artistic merit. The Town shall determine winner eligibility in its sole and absolute discretion. All decisions made by the Town are final.

Winners will be selected by a panel of judges.

DEADLINES:

Entries may be submitted starting immediately.

Submission deadline is Thursday, November 5, 2015 before 12:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, Planning and Economic Development Department.

Winners will be announced in December, 2015.

The Town reserves the right to adjust any deadline(s) due to causes beyond its immediate control.

WINNING PHOTOS:

The Town of Wethersfield reserves the right to resize and/or crop the image for optimal viewing.

Images published will be accompanied by a photo credit, which includes the photographer's name. In submitting an entry, photographers agree to their names appearing on website and promotional pieces.

By submitting your photo(s) you give the Town of Wethersfield permission to use the photo(s) on our web site, the town web site and in our promotional pieces. Photographs selected may also be used in Town print and online publications, including social media sites.

Four (4) winners will be chosen and awarded gift certificates. The first place will receive \$100, second place \$75, third place \$50 and fourth place \$25. All winning photos will be featured on both the Town and Tourism Web Sites, and may be used in other Town publications in the future.

Winning entries will be published on www.historicwethersfield.org and on the town web site <http://wethersfieldct.com> and may be used in promotional pieces.

All winning images submitted become the property of the Town of Wethersfield and the Wethersfield Tourism Commission and may be used on and/or removed from the tourism or town website at any time, as the Town sees fit.

YOUR RIGHTS:

Photographers retain all copyrights to any photograph you submit.

Recognition of photographer will be provided with any photo use.

All contest applicants agree to grant the Town of Wethersfield a royalty-free, nonexclusive right, in perpetuity, to:

- Use the photograph on Town or other Internet sites, including social media.
- Use the photograph in the Town's print communications.
- Use, in connection with the photograph, your name.
- Keep the files provided, and to archive the images on CD or in other electronic forms, so that your photos can be properly credited.

As conditions of this permission, the Town shall credit all photographs whenever possible with the photographer's name.

QUESTIONS: For questions and inquiries about contest: email denise.bradley@wethersfieldct.com or call (860) 721-2837.