

MONARCH BAY PLAZA PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES AND GUIDELINES

- To enter, you must be an amateur photographer, defined as someone who earns less than 50 percent of their income from photography, 18 years or older at the time of entry, and a legal resident of California.
- One (1) photo submittal per entrant may be submitted. Please do not submit more than one image. If more than one image is received from a single entrant, only one will be selected for consideration by Monarch Bay Plaza management.
- All submissions must be in JPG format, cropped to 8" x 10" format (landscape or portrait) in high resolution in at least 300 dpi, no larger than 10 MB. Please visit www.MonarchBayPlaza to submit your image.
- Photo subjects must be taken in California showing California's beauty and bio-diversity, such as landscapes, coastal scenes, mountains, deserts, wildlife, and more. Any images with identifiable people will be disqualified.
- Photographs may be in color or black and white.
- Post-processing limitations: Images may be post-processed but should retain realistic color and sharpness. This should generally be limited to global adjustments of exposure, contrast, burning, dodging, cropping, sharpening, noise reduction, and tone. Minor cleaning of images is permitted, including the removal of dust or scratches. Converting a color image to black and white is acceptable as long as the subject remains represented realistically. No AI images are allowed.
- High Dynamic Range (HDR), panoramas, focus stacking, and other techniques involving multiple images taken at the same time and place are also allowed. However, adding, removing or relocating subjects in a scene is not allowed.

Images must not be manipulated beyond the reality you saw when the photograph was taken. Images should accurately represent the subjects depicted and those that appear overly processed can be disqualified at the judges' discretion.

- Photographs submitted must be the original work and exclusive property of the photographer.
- The contest is not open to employees or to family members of employees (spouses, domestic partners, parents, grandparents, siblings, children, and grandchildren) of Sponsor (as "Sponsor" is defined below), its affiliates, advisors or advertising agencies, store owner or employee at Monarch Bay Plaza.

- For rules on photo use and licensing, please see the complete [Contest Terms and Conditions](#).

PRIZES

Three (3) prizes will be awarded, as judged by a juried committee:

First Place: \$1,000

Second Place: \$500

Third Place: \$250

In addition to the three juried competition prizes, a Popular Vote Winner will be determined through live voting during a public photography exhibit of our winning submittals and top contenders, who will be awarded \$100.00. The Popular Vote winner will be notified following the event and no later than August 15, 2025.

Our juried contest winners will be notified on or about August 1, 2025.

Entrant named on winning entry will be considered the winner. Winner does not need to be present. Each prize recipient will be notified by e-mail and/or telephone following the jury selection. If any winner does not claim the prize by responding to the notification email within 72 hours of said notification, said winner will be automatically disqualified and a new winner will be selected.

ADDITIONAL TERMS

Sponsor assumes no responsibility for incorrect or inaccurate capture of entry information, including but not limited to human error.

- Entry data that has been tampered with or altered will be voided. Sponsor reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify any individual found to be tampering with the entry process, to be acting in violation of these rules, or to be acting in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner or with intent to annoy, abuse, threaten or harass any other person. No digital entries will be returned.

- Acceptance of prize constitutes permission (except where prohibited by law) to use winners' first names, hometowns, photographic likeness and statements made by winners about the promotion and/or Monarch Bay Plaza for purposes of advertising, promotion, and publicity without additional compensation. Sponsor is defined as Monarch Bay Plaza, its owner, its property management company, all partners, agents, affiliates, and tenants.