

2009 Audubon South Carolina Nature Photography Contest Co-sponsored by the Carolinas' Nature Photographers Association ~ Photographers' Information: "Rules & Regs" ~

RULES for CONTEST ENTRY :

1. This competition is open to both amateur and professional photographers.
2. Photos must be taken between March 14 and August 16, 2009 at Francis Beidler Forest Audubon Center in Harleyville (SC), the Silver Bluff Audubon Center near Aiken (SC), or at specific Audubon SC events approved for the contest, to include the Wings & Wetlands event (July 24-26 in the Aiken-N. Augusta area); 'Second Friday' Folly Beach Bird Walks, and selected other events noted on the Audubon SC website.
3. Categories: **Plant life/Landscape** and **Wildlife**
4. The **Fee of \$20** and the **Entry Form** must be submitted in order to participate in the contest & for entry to Beidler Forest and Silver Bluff. Checks should be made out to: **Audubon South Carolina**.
5. Number and size: Entrants may submit up to 3 printed un-mounted images, measuring no smaller than 8"x10" and no larger than 8½" x 12". (Color, black & white and infrared images will be accepted. Photographs will not be returned.) The photographer's name, mailing address, e-mail address, phone number, date and location image was taken, title and category of submission (ie, Plant lifelandscape or wildlife) must be attached to the back of each print.
 - **DEADLINE for SUBMISSION:** Images must be **received** at the Audubon South Carolina office, 336 Sanctuary Road, Harleyville, SC 29448, marked "Attn: Nancyjean Nettles" no later than **September 8, 2009**. (Entries may be hand-delivered or mailed.)
6. Photographers must sign in at Beidler or Silver Bluff with each visit; or check in with the Audubon staff member in charge of a special Audubon SC event approved for this contest. Ordinary daily admission fees to Beidler Forest are included for participating photographers. (Not including special events and canoe trips.) Early admission to Beidler Forest & Silver Bluff *may be possible*. Call the Silver Bluff Audubon Center at 803-471-0291 and the Beidler Forest Audubon Center at 843-462-2150. **NOTE: Due to the endangered status of Wood Storks, participants wishing to photograph storks at the Silver Bluff foraging ponds must make arrangements with the staff prior to their visit: 803.471.0291** (Silver Bluff address: 4542 Silver Bluff Road, Jackson, SC 29831.)

JUDGING & AWARDS:

- Entries will be judged by a panel of professional photographers chosen by a non-competing representative of the Carolinas' Nature Photographers Association.
 - Entries will be judged on subject matter, composition, lighting, photographic technique and the quality of the print.
 - The decision of the judges will be final and winners will be decided by September 30, 2009.
 - Prizes: **"BEST in SHOW" \$300** (One award)
 - 1st Place: **\$150** (Two awards: one Plant/landscape and one Wildlife)
 - 2nd Place: **\$100** (Two awards: one Plant/landscape and one Wildlife)
 - 3rd Place: **\$50** (Four awards: two Plant/landscape and two Wildlife)
 - With photo credits given, images entered may be used free of charge by Audubon South Carolina and/or the Carolinas' Nature Photographers Association for promotional purposes for up to 24 months from the announcement of winners. All other rights to these images will be retained by the photographers.
 - Winning photographers must deliver an 11"x14" or 11"x16" borderless print of their winning image to Don Wuori ((29 Old Springs Court, Columbia, SC 29223) **AND** a high-resolution scan or jpeg file to Nancyjean Nettles nnettlles@audubon.org by **November 1, 2009**.
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- For directions to the Audubon Centers or for further information, visit the Audubon South Carolina website at: www.sc.audubon.org
 - For more information about the Carolinas' Nature Photographer's Association, visit their website at www.cnpa.org
 - Technical questions? Contact Don Wuori at: d_wuori@yahoo.com.