

## TIPS AND IDEAS FOR PHOTOGRAPY

Currently, we have the opportunity to spend more time amongst the flowers, shrubs, and trees in our gardens and to capture their beauty in a photograph.

### Tips for a Great Photo

- Look at the flower, plant, shrub, or tree from different angles for more interesting image – sometimes it helps to get low to the ground to capture the right shot.
- Get close and look for details
- Avoid a cluttered background – focus on the flower, fruit, shrub, tree, bird or insect
- Sometimes a cloudy day can make color pop

Why not consider entering that special photography in the FGCMMD photography contests this fall.

Following are some suggestions to help you:

1. Make sure you follow the requirements for each photography category and on the application for the Photography Awards on the FGCoFMD website at [www.fgcofmd.org](http://www.fgcofmd.org)

For Example:

- Annette Richter Award specifies – **Maryland native** vine, shrub or flower
  - District Directors Photography awards specifies – flower, fruit or leaves of an **annual** plant, tree or shrub
  - Henry C. Reynolds Photography Awards specifies “**overall silhouette**” of tree or shrub
2. Information on your photograph under the award description on the application for which you are submitting and make sure you include the **botanical name** (There are several websites that offer this information. Make sure the information is current. Some classifications have changed due to DNA testing.)
  3. Complete the **Photography Awards application** and send electronically (via email) to your district awards chairman.