

2017 NATURE VISIONS PHOTO EXPO

Join Us for the 2017 Nature Visions Photo Expo!

The 2017 Nature Visions Photo Expo is scheduled for November 3rd through the 5th at the Hylton Center for the Performing Arts on the George Mason University—Manassas campus. Online ticket sales begin on August 1, 2017. Be on the lookout for an email providing club discounts later this summer and then head over to www.naturevisions.org to sign up.

Student Competition Reminder

The student competition has been a growing part of Nature Visions the last few years, and we're expecting great things this year! Submission of images for this competition opens on May 15th and runs through May 31st. Please help to remind any high school students you know to get those images in.

New at Nature Visions

We are pleased to announce two new features to Nature Visions this year. In addition to the always popular raptor photo shoots, we are going to offer a parrot photo shoot. Also, in response to numerous requests, we are going to offer a portfolio critique. You will be able to bring a portfolio of images and spend some one-on-one time with one of our many speakers and workshop leaders to review your images. Look for both of these opportunities when you sign up this year.

Competition Rules Update and Schedule

There have been some changes to the competition rules, especially as they apply to using textures. You cannot use textures produced by someone else, or purchased, such as Topaz Textures. You can only use textures produced by yourself. For more information, check out the <http://naturevisions.org/the-exhibits/expo-submissions/>.

For 2017, the schedule for image entry and submission is as follows:

August 14 th	Image Uploads begin
September 15 th	Deadline to uploads images that will be reviewed
September 22 nd	Upload Ends
October 13 th	Announcement of accepted images
October 14 th -28 th	Collection of prints

Key Note Speakers

We have two great keynote speakers for this year's expo. Matt Klowoski is a nationally renowned photographer who has great expertise with Photoshop and Lightroom. His all-day workshop "Landscape Photography Masterclass" will be held on Friday, 3 November. In this lecture, he will cover some of the inspirational aspects of landscape and outdoor photography along with a discussion about light and some of the best ways to capture certain landscapes. His Saturday session "Removing Distractions from Photos" will look at the tips and tricks for removing distracting elements from photos, and which tool works best for the job.

Our second keynote speaker is Melissa Groo, nationally renowned photographer, conservationist and ethicist. Her photographs have been published in numerous books and magazines, including *Smithsonian*, *Audubon*, *Birdwatching*, *National Wildlife*, *Living Bird*, and *Conservationist Magazine*. Melissa will speak on her journey into wildlife photography, sharing basic tips as well as pointers on ethical photography of wildlife, throughout touching on the power of photography to affect conservation.

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