

2026 Region 2 Photo Contest

The categories for this year's Region 2 photo contest are Best Single Bloom, Best Multi-Bloom/Clump and Best Creative/Artistic. Photos in the latter category can be wide-ranging, but help us to see daylilies in a unique way. Composition, lighting, color accuracy, perspective, distinction, and artistic quality count in each category. For inspiration, you can review images from our 2025 Region 2 Photo Contest in recent issues *Great Lakes Daylily* and on our Region 2 website.

First place winners in each category will receive a generously donated Madcat Daylilies introduction. More information about these gift plants can be found at the ADS online database.

General Contest Rules

- Any AHS Region 2 member of any age can enter up to two entries per category for a total of six entries.
- The entries must have been taken by the member submitting them.
- The photos must have been taken in 2026.
- High resolution digital files in .jpg format are preferred (not to exceed 7 MB), but film prints are accepted.
- Submissions must be emailed by September 1, 2026 to Region 2 Editor Sandra Dunn at greatlakesdaylily@gmail.com or mailed to 3035 Parman Road, Dansville, MI, 48819 in time to arrive by September 1, 2026.

Photo Guidelines

- All submitted images must include all or part of a daylily bloom and may also include other types of flowers, garden art or garden critters. Images should not include people.
- **Please rename image files to include your name, category, and cultivar name.** If you do not know how to do this, please contact Sandra Dunn for guidance.
- Minor photo editing, such as cropping and minor color and light correction, is allowed. Please use caution to avoid overmanipulation and enhancement of images. No borders or text should be used.
- Submitting an entry grants the American Daylily Society (ADS) and its Regions the right to reprint or republish submitted photograph(s) in any of the newsletters or journals published by ADS or any of its Regions; to publish such photograph(s) on any website maintained by or on behalf of ADS or any of its Regions; and to publish such photograph(s) in any other publication published by ADS or any of its Regions.
- Images will be judged by an independent panel of three to four judges. Selections will be made on the basis of photographic quality including light and color accuracy, focus, composition, visual appeal and originality.
- A prize will be awarded to the first and second place winners in each category.
- In addition, the winning photos (and others) will be included in a future issue of the Region 2 *Great Lakes Daylily*.

Awesome Prizes !



'Remembering Chris Linker'

(Joe Hudson, 2024)

Donated by Madcat Daylilies

BEST SINGLE BLOOM PRIZE



'Remembering Bob Catherwood'

(Joe Hudson, 2022)

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BEST MULTI-BLOOM PRIZE



'Bert Thomas'

(Joe Hudson, 2025)

Donated by Madcat Daylilies

BEST PHOTOGRAPHER CHOICE PRIZE

Runners-up in each category will receive a \$50 gift certificate from Along the Fence Daylilies in Dansville, Michigan