



SEVENTH ANNUAL LOVE OF THE LAND PHOTO CONTEST

Calling all shutterbugs! Help us celebrate the beauty of Virginia and enter the Historic Virginia Land Conservancy's (HVLC) seventh annual Love of the Land photo contest. HVLC is your local, private land trust that has enhanced the community's quality of life by preserving the land you love for over 35 years. And the best part is we *live* here and get to enjoy these natural surroundings every day.

Two categories are eligible for cash prizes – one for adults and one for kids – and lucky winners receive a check, have their pictures converted to notecards and their photos displayed on the HVLC website with reprints available for purchase. Submitting your entry is easy . . . review the contest rules below and submit your digital photo along with the online form.

Submissions are now open for the Historic Virginia Land Conservancy's *Seventh Annual Love of the Land Photo Contest*

Please read the complete contest rules before you submit your photograph.

Here are some highlights:

- Photo must have been taken between March 1, 2026, and September 4, 2026.
- Photos are to be taken of nature, outdoor landscapes, farms, waterways, or other views that capture the natural world around you.
- Please do not submit images that have been heavily manipulated.
- Only amateur photographers are eligible. Professional photographers (i.e., anyone who earns more than 50 percent of their annual income from photography, determined at Sponsor's sole discretion) are not eligible.
- By entering, you grant HVLC permission to use your photo in any medium.

- Only one entry is allowed per person. By submitting a photo, you are stating that you took the photo and own the rights to the photo. **All submissions must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on September 11, 2026.**

Winners will be announced on September 28, 2026. Submit your digital photo to: ann@HistoricVirginiaLandConservancy.org, along with the online form.

Contest Rules

HOW TO ENTER: Submit your entry by completing the form found on the HVLC website. One photo/entry per person only, and photo must have been taken between March 1, 2026 and September 4, 2026. If you submit multiple entries, we will consider only the first photo received. You may only submit an image that you have taken yourself, and you must have all necessary rights to the photo to submit it here.

Include a brief caption and the date the photo was taken, plus your name, email address and phone number. Please do not submit images that have been heavily manipulated. It is acceptable to adjust images to achieve color balance that reflects the scene as you observed it. Cropping is also acceptable. HVLC has the right to disqualify any image that it feels has been overly altered.

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By entering, you grant HVLC permission to use your photo in any medium, including to edit, publish, distribute, and republish it in any form. Photographers retain the copyright to their images.

Entries must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on 9/11/26. Entries that are late, incomplete, unreadable, inaccurate, unintelligible, or otherwise not in compliance with these Official Rules will be disqualified. HVLC is not responsible for lost, destroyed or misdirected entries.

PRIZES: Cash awards: First prize \$150; second prize \$100; third prize \$75 for each entry category. A total of six winners.

SELECTION OF WINNERS: The six winners will be selected by HVLC staff and photography professionals, based on originality and creativity. The winners will be notified and announced September 28, 2026 and invited to attend the HVLC annual meeting in November 2026 where all the winning photographs will be presented. Incomplete entries will not be accepted.

Three winners for each entry category will be announced:

- One for youth ages 13 – 18
- One for entries from adults ages 19 and up