

Section Q Central States Dahlia Society (CSDS) Photographic Competition

Section Q Classes for 2025

Q1 - Single bloom

Q2 - Multiple bloom

Q3 - Close-up views

Q4 - Black & White

Q5 - Dahlias in the Garden (Images may include people and critters)

Q6 - Dahlias in the Show

Q7 - Artistic/Creative Expression

RULES:

- 1) Open to all photographers. Images must have been taken in 2024 or 2025.
- 2) Maximum of **three** printed images per class. The same image may not be submitted to multiple classes.
- 3) **All photographers interested in entering (including those intending to mail in photos) must register in advance of the show by August 29, 2025, by either:**
 - E-mailing csdsphotoshow@gmail.com with name, e-mail, phone number and best estimate of number of photographs you plan to enter; or
 - Completing the online conference registration with the same information.**Entries may also be submitted by mail and must be received by September 11, 2025. Mail-in entries must be prepared as per the rules, labeled and mounted on an 11" x 14" mat, ready for hanging in the show. Anyone wishing to submit by mail must register by August 29, 2025, and must email: csdsphotoshow@gmail.com for further instructions. CSDS/ADS is not responsible for lost or damaged entries.**
- 4) All entries must be mounted on an 11" x 14" mat provided by the entrant. The size of the photograph will be the photographer's choice. No glass, plastic or clips are allowed.
- 5) The entrant's name and address (or name and e-mail address) must be clearly visible on the rear side of the matting of each entry, along with the class in which the photo is being submitted. In addition, the entrant must complete a standard CSDS entry tag properly identifying the Class and attach it to each entry. The tag must be folded closed to conceal the name of the exhibitor. Official entry tags and string for attaching the tags will be available at the venue.
- 6) A table for receipt of entries will be available at the show venue starting **Friday, September 19, 2025**. All entries must be brought to the photography exhibit table, labeled, tagged and ready for display no later than **8:00 AM** on the show's opening day on **Saturday, September 20, 2025**. (Please note: This cut-off time is earlier to allow for proper set-up.)
- 7) Images may be edited for basic adjustments including but not limited to brightness, contrast, sharpness, color adjustment.
- 8) Image manipulation, distortion, or other modifications shall only be allowed in Class Q7: Artistic/Creative.

- 9) AI-generated images such as those created by text prompts are prohibited in all categories.
- 10) Photographs will be judged on content, composition, creativity, quality of subject and overall photographic excellence.
- 11) Ownership of the images' copyright are retained by the entrant but CSDS and ADS may post images of entries on their websites and publications.
- 12) All entries must remain in exhibition until close of the show. Entrants must claim their photos at the show's closing or make his/her own arrangements for return. Unclaimed photos become the property of CSDS and may be archived, sold, or used for any purpose deemed appropriate by its officers. CSDS/ADS is not responsible for lost or damaged entries.

AWARDS FOR SECTION Q

- a) Judges will award 1st and 2nd place in each class.
 - b) Judges will select a Best Image in Show for placement on the Honor Table. This image will receive a Gold Ribbon & Special Award.
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