

## 2026 SFHWC Photo Salon Guidelines

This year's SFHWC Photo Salon will consist of 7 categories: 1) Forest Insects; 2) Forest Pathogens and Fungi; 3) Forest Insect/Pathogen Damage; 4) Series (3-7 slides) – where a single slide just won't tell the whole story; 5) Forest Health Specialists at Work; 6) "Other" – for subjects related to forest entomology/forest health that don't conveniently fall into any other category; and 7) Video – submit a video on anything forest health related; please have the video edited to be less than one minute in length. **The winner in Best of Show will win \$50 and a spot on next meeting's Program cover!!!!**

"Humorous," will not be a judging category this year, but PLEASE STILL SUBMIT FUNNY PHOTOS! We will have them in the slideshow during the banquet, but they will not be judged.

Submissions are limited to digital media. Please submit photos in as large a format/file size as possible and uncompressed to **Brittany Barnes** ([brittanybarnes8@gmail.com](mailto:brittanybarnes8@gmail.com)). Deadline for submission is **Friday, June 26, 2026** to allow for photo salon preparation and judging. Fill out a submission form (see below) for each entry.

Unless photographers specify otherwise, the winning images will be added to Forestry Images, [www.forestryimages.org](http://www.forestryimages.org). Photos that have won 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place prizes in previous SFHWC photo contests are not eligible. Please consider the guidelines suggested on the Forestry Images website:

- If possible, use at least a 4 megapixel digital camera.
- Images should be taken at the largest size and best quality setting the camera is able to produce.
- Images **MUST** be at least 700 pixels on the longest side to be used.
- Very good quality can be obtained in high-resolution JPEG files.
- We prefer you send the unedited, least compressed jpeg file available. Experienced personnel are on hand to edit your image, if needed.
- JPEG uses a compression scheme that degrades the image each time it is saved. It is important you do everything possible to avoid repeatedly saving the file before submission. If you do edit, crop or enhance the JPEG before submitting, be sure to save the image at the highest quality possible and try to do all edits at one time to avoid repeatedly saving the file.
- Retain a copy of the original file from the digital camera in case you need to start the editing process over again.

If you need more information, please contact me by e-mail: [brittanybarnes8@gmail.com](mailto:brittanybarnes8@gmail.com). Also, if you have a story that needs to accompany your photo(s) that won't fit on the submission form, please send it as an attached MSWord document along with the photo(s).

**I look forward to receiving your best images. If you have no photos to enter, but would like to serve as a judge, please let me know!!!**

Thanks.

Brittany Barnes

**SFHWC PHOTO SALON – Submission Form**

**Southern Forest Health Work Conference**

**Jekyll Island, GA**

**August 4-6, 2026**

**CATEGORIES:** 1) **Forest Insects**; 2) **Forest Pathogens and Fungi**; 3) **Forest Insect/Pathogen Damage**; 4) **Series** (3-7 related slides that tell a story); 5) **Forest Health Specialists at Work**; 6) **Other** – for subjects that don’t conveniently fall into any other category; and 7) **Video** – less than one minute in length and on anything forest health related! Also, **Humorous** – not judged, but appreciated!

**FORMAT:** Photographs are to be submitted to **Brittany Barnes** ([brittanybarnes8@gmail.com](mailto:brittanybarnes8@gmail.com)) as high-resolution digital images.

Winning images will be incorporated into The Bugwood Network Forestry Images ([www.forestryimages.org](http://www.forestryimages.org)) unless specific “non-submission” is requested by the photographer.

See image submission guidelines at [www.forestryimages.org/contribute.cfm](http://www.forestryimages.org/contribute.cfm).

**JUDGING:** Criteria for judging are excellence of photographic technique, aesthetic appeal, clarity of purpose, and scientific accuracy. **Winners will be selected for each category, and one photo will be selected as Best of Show. The winner of Best of Show will win \$50!!!!**

- Please fill out one form for **each category entered**.
- Please make sure that **your name** is on every photo.

**CIRCLE THE CATEGORY YOU WISH TO ENTER:**

*Forest Insects; Forest Pathogens and Fungi; Forest Insect/Pathogen Damage; Series; Forest Health Specialists at Work; Other; Video; and/or Humorous (not judged)*

Photographer’s Name:

Mailing Address, email and phone number:

PHOTO TITLE/DESCRIPTION (Limit three for categories other than series):

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3. \_\_\_\_\_
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Send all entries by e-mail to: **Brittany Barnes** ([brittanybarnes8@gmail.com](mailto:brittanybarnes8@gmail.com)) by **June 26, 2026**.