

2017 Photo Contest Report
February 2, 2017 ONPS Board Meeting
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The 2017 ONPS Photo Contest had 24 entries for the six categories that included Close Up, Flora and Fauna, Native Landscapes, Garden Wildflowers, Special Category – Host Plants and Plant of the Year - American Basket flower. The voting was completed by 10 members of the ONPS Board. Awards will be posted on the ONPS Web site as well as the ONPS Facebook page. A PowerPoint presentation is to be shown during the Indoor Outing on February 3, 2018. I have included in the presentation numerous photos saved from posts to the ONPS Facebook page.

Since I am not a botanist I did not attempt to identify or confirm the plants identities submitted for this photo contest. Only two of the entrants submitted the requested information for common and scientific names. I have included that information in this report along with my understanding of the plants identity. One voting board member did note the name for our Plant of the Year changed from *Centaurea americana* to *Plectocephalus americanus*. This was noted in the presentation. Due to space names were not include anywhere else, i.e., presentation.

The winners are as follows:

Category	Place	Photographer	Descriptions
Close Up	1 st	Lynn Michael	Maple tree in flower
	2 nd	Sandy Graue	a monarda
	3 rd	Cecelia Kleman	Fungi
	3 rd	Leslie Cole	Prairie bluebells, <i>Eustoma exaltatum</i>
Flora & Fauna	1 st	Sally Webb	bee on Ironweed, <i>Bombus fervidus</i> ?
	2 nd	Lynn Michael	spider on yellow cone flower
	tie	tie	tie
Host Plant	1 st	Lynn Michael	Passion flower/vine
	2 nd	Sally Webb	<i>Zenaida macroura</i> <i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i> (sheltering)
	3 rd	Sally Webb	Anisoptera Libellulidae? unidentified leaves (hunting stand)
	tie	Lynn Michael	Passion flower/vine
	tie	Leslie Cole	Catalpa caterpillar sphinx, <i>Catalpa speciosa</i> parasitic wasp
	tie	Leslie Cole	<i>Aster aster novae-angliae</i> & sulfur butterfly
Garden Wildflowers	1 st /2 nd	Lynn Michael	phlox
	tie	Sally Webb	ironweed

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Native Landscape	1 st	Sandy Graue	grass on rock with moss and lichen
	2 nd	Sally Webb	Omphalotus illudens?
tie	3 rd	Lynn Michael	tree pathway
tie	3 rd	Sandy Graue	Mexican hat coneflower
Plant of the Year	1 st	Lynn Michael	side view early bloom
	2 nd	Leslie Cole	top side view later bloom
	3 rd	Sandy Graue	top view and earlier buds in with tickseed