

**RULES FOR THE 2011-12 PHOTO CONTEST SPONSORED BY
LOWER CT RIVER VALLEY LAND CONSERVATION TRUSTS (TRUSTS)**

1. The Contest is open only to amateur photographers (defined as someone whose principal, i.e., more than 50%, source of income is not derived from the sale of photographs or providing photographic services).
2. Photographs must be taken in the towns of Lyme, Old Lyme, Essex, East Haddam, and Salem, and submitted (postmarked) no later than January 31, 2012. There is no limit on the number of photos that can be submitted.
3. First, Second and Third place ribbons will be awarded in each of the following categories: Landscapes/Waterscapes, Plants, Wildlife, and Cultural/Historic, and Contestants Under Age 15. Also, Honorable Mention ribbons will be awarded to those individuals who did not win other ribbons. In addition, a Special Award will be given to honor our deceased judge, John G. Mitchell, for the best photo reflecting environmental conservation. Wildlife cannot be captured or restrained.
4. All photographs submitted must be at least 8 X 10 inches in size, **matted (not larger than 16x20)**. You may put your name on the back of the photo, but not on the front. Please do not submit wood, metal or glass frames. The photos can be in color or black & white using film or digital cameras. A separate **Entry Form** must be completed for each photo submitted agreeing to the rules of the contest and mailed with their photographs to **Land Conservation Trusts Photo Contest, P. O. Box 1002, Old Lyme, CT 06371**. Photos may also be dropped off at the Old Lyme Library during the month of January, 2012. In addition, you are required to submit digital copies of your images (no smaller than 500KB) by email to LandTrustPhotos@Yahoo.com or submit a CD with your photos.
5. Please note that photographs submitted cannot be returned and will become the property of the TRUSTS. Although you retain complete copyright over the image, you grant the TRUSTS a royalty-free right to use, display and reproduction of the images for purposes of publication in all media including, but not limited to, the Essex Savings Bank calendar, to display on websites, exhibitions and fund raising, including the sale or gift of items using the images. Every attempt will be made to credit the photographer where reasonably possible.
6. All prints are submitted at the photographer's own risk. The TRUSTS cannot accept responsibility for any loss of or damage occurring to any entries, whether this occurs in transit or while in the keeping of the TRUSTS, although every care will be taken.
7. By submitting a photograph for consideration, you warrant and represent that the photograph you submit is your own original work and that you alone own the copyright to it. It is the legal responsibility of the entrant, and not the TRUSTS, to ensure that they comply with these ownership and copyright requirements and that they own the rights to reproduction of their images without violating the rights of any kind of third party. Entrants that do not fulfill these criteria will be deemed ineligible and disqualified.
8. The TRUSTS and judges reserve the right not to award certain prizes if the entries are deemed to be of inadequate quality or to change the prizes due to unforeseen circumstances.