



RASC St John's Centre Astroimaging Contest

Who Can Submit to the Contest:

Submissions will be accepted from any RASC St. John's Centre member and any person currently residing in Newfoundland. **The winner of any of the 3 adjudicated categories cannot submit to that category for the next contest.**

Important Note:

By submitting an image to the St. John's Centre Astroimaging Contest, the photographer gives permission for its use on the RASC St. John's Centre website, at St. John's Members' Meetings, and on the prize sponsor's website and social media. If the image is to be used for any other purpose, the imager's permission will be requested specifically for that purpose.

The deadline for submission is midnight December 1, 2023. This would allow for distribution to the adjudicators and for any arrangements that would be necessary regarding the awards presentations at the Centre's January meeting.

Contest Categories:

The RASC St. John's Centre Astroimaging Contest has four categories:

1. Wide Field/ Landscape (WF)
2. Solar System (SS)
3. Deep-Sky/Prime Focus (DS)
4. Drawings (DR)

Image Description Guidelines:

Provide a single text file with the image description(s) separate from the images. The information provided will be used when posting the images (except the photographer's name prior to the winners being announced). Each description should be a single text block with:

- Photographer's name
- Image Title
- What the object is
- Pertinent details
- Capture details: location, time, camera make, camera settings, lens, mount, total exposure time, focal ratio, processing steps, etc.

Image Guidelines & Submission:

Images submitted may be in colour or black and white. No composite photos are allowed. Stacked photographs are allowed. Each person may submit two entries per category. A submitter may win only once per category for which they submitted images (i.e., they cannot win both 1st and 2nd prize in a category).

Images should be in JPEG format, 2,400 pixels wide, and should not have text (such as labels, copyright notices or other information) imprinted on them. Images should not be embedded in a presentation format. Nightscape images and photos consisting of stitched mosaics and panoramas are allowed but other composites (for example, those with foregrounds shot from a different location and/or date than the sky portion) are not eligible.

All images must be captured using equipment you personally set up and operated.

File Name format: category + image Title + file extension.

Please do not include your name or initials in the naming of the file. For example:

- WF Terra Nova Milky Way.jpg
- SS Moon crater Plato.jpg
- DS M101.jpg

Images are to be emailed to (photos@stjohnsrasc.ca). Include your full name and address in your email with the JPEG of your image. Use the naming format and the image description cited above.

Judging

The winner will be determined by St. John's Centre members voting for their favourite images of all those submitted to the contest. The Astroimaging Contest prizes will be determined each year in conjunction with the contest sponsors.

Announcement of Winners

All images submitted will be judged for their technical merit as well as their composition, visual interest, and artistic merit. Voting of members and contest participants to determine the Award winners will be via Survey Monkey.