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2025 WILD AMELIA NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST IS UNDERWAY

Nassau County, FLA., March 18, 2025 – Entries are now being accepted for the annual Wild Amelia Nature Photography Contest. The goal of the contest is to recognize outstanding photography that celebrates the natural landscapes, birds, flora, and fauna found throughout Nassau County.

The contest is open to youth and adults, amateur and advanced photographers with cash prizes awarded for winning images. **The deadline for entry is April 1, 2025: all entries must be submitted using an online form.** Winning images will be displayed in a photography exhibit at the Ft. Clinch Visitors Center and other venues throughout the year. Contest entries may be used in promotional materials for Keep Nassau Beautiful, with photo credits given. All photographers interested in entering the Photo Contest should carefully review the rules and submission process outlined on the organization's website, <https://keepnassaubeautiful.org/programs/wildamelia/>.

A panel of judges will score each photo (with the names of photographers removed) and compile the scores to determine the winners. Photos may be entered in four different categories: Birds, Other Fauna (mammals, reptiles, insects, amphibians, etc.), Flora (flowers and plants), and Environmental Landscapes. Two adult categories, Amateur and Advanced Amateur/Professional, are open to photographers age 18+. Two youth categories are open, one for ages 12 and below and one for ages 12-17. There will be a winner in each category and a "Steve Leimberg Best in Show" Grand Prize Winner.

The 16th annual Wild Amelia Nature Festival will be held with events beginning Friday, May 9 and concluding Saturday, May 17, with the popular Eco-Expo featured during the Bicentennial Opening of the Beaches. In addition to the Photography Contest display of entrants, there will be exhibits for adults and children, ecotours, music, food trucks, and live animal exhibits. A complete schedule and more information on the 2025 Wild Amelia Nature Festival will be available [from the organization's website, https://keepnassaubeautiful.org/2025-festival/](https://keepnassaubeautiful.org/2025-festival/). Contact 904-261-0165.

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For over 30 years, Keep Nassau Beautiful has been dedicated to conservation, sustainability, and beautification efforts in Nassau County, Florida. Through its flagship programs—including Wild Amelia, Planting Nassau's Future, and Gardens of Amelia —Keep Nassau Beautiful educates, engages, and activates residents and visitors to protect the natural environment, reduce litter and waste, and expand and preserve the local tree canopy. Recognized with numerous state and local awards, in 2024, the organization collected and properly disposed of over 84 tons of waste, planted over 800 trees, and educated over 7,000 individuals. To learn how to contribute to the work of Keep Nassau Beautiful visit www.keepnassaubeautiful.org.



2024 Steve Leimberg Best in Show winning entry, Gary Bowlick, A Mother's Love