

"IMAGES FROM THE EDGE"

FIRST ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS

Where: www.fhvnp.org (online submissions open March 1, 2012)
Deadline: Monday, April 2, 2012 at 5 p.m. (Hawai'i Standard Time)

SLIDESHOW & FINALISTS CEREMONY

Where: Kilauea Visitor Center in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park
When: Saturday, April 28, 2012 at 6 p.m. in honor of National Park Week
(fee-free all week, from April 21 to 29)

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

Where: Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park
Opening: Saturday, June 9, 2012 from 5 to 7 p.m.
(fee-free day in park in honor of Get Outdoors Day)
Exhibit: June 9 to June 17, 2012
(park entrance fees apply except for June 9 fee-free day)

Purpose:

Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park (FHVNP) is a non-profit organization that strives to "connect people with the park" through education, volunteerism, and philanthropy. FHVNP is pleased to announce our first annual "Images from the Edge" photo contest. We look forward to receiving fine photographic images of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park made by our island residents and off-island visitors of all ages and skill levels. The contest will culminate in a Slideshow & Finalists Ceremony, followed by an Exhibit of the award-winning works.

Eligibility:

Open to anyone with an original photograph taken in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park (park entrance fees apply). All photos must have been taken within the last three years. Photos must not have been exhibited in any juried show in Hawai'i. Contestants under the age of 18 must have the consent of their parent(s) or legal guardian(s). The photographer must own all rights to photos entered and agree to allow the Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and/or the Volcano Art Center to use entered photos for promotional and publicity purposes.

All National Park Service and Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park rules must be followed when taking photographs. Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park staff and board (and their immediate family members) and Volcano Art Center staff and board (and their immediate family members) are not eligible to participate in this contest. Members of both organizations are encouraged to enter.

Submission & Deadline:

Photos must be submitted as digital images. No prints or slides will be accepted. Photos may be color or black & white. Photos must be submitted in JPG format with a minimum resolution of 1,200 pixels (on the longer axis) and a maximum resolution of 1,500 pixels (on the longer axis). Maximum file size is 1 MB per photo. The photographer's name must not appear anywhere in or on the digital image to allow for anonymous judging.

Visit www.fhvnp.org (after March 1, 2012) for an online entry form and information on how to upload your images. Photographs may be entered in one of three skill level categories: Amateur-Beginner, Amateur-Advanced, and Professional (see definitions below). Entry fee for up to 3 photos is \$25, payable online by credit card. Deadline for website submissions is April 2, 2012 at 5 p.m. (Hawai'i Standard Time).

FHVNP is not responsible for computer system, hardware, software, or program malfunctions or other errors, failures, or delayed computer transactions or network connections that are human or technical in error.

Judging:

Our distinguished jurors are professional photographers Rick Decker and Alvis Uptis of West Hawai'i. Our two impartial judges will review all entries, which will be judged anonymously on the following criteria: 1) creativity, 2) photographic quality, 3) camera skills, and 4) appropriateness to the theme of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.

Award Categories:

First, second, and third place awards will be given in three categories:

- **Amateur-Beginner**
a photographer with limited photographic experience
- **Amateur-Advanced**
a photographer who has had photos published or has placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in a juried contest; this category may also include someone who has been photographing for a number of years and is skilled but may not have entered a contest
- **Professional**
a photographer who earns most of her/his income from photography

There will also be from three to seven Honorable Mentions.

Prizes:

All finalists' photographs will be displayed in an Exhibit at the Volcano Art Center Gallery from June 9 to 17, 2012 (see below for more details). Other prizes include:

First Place (in three categories)

- One (1) year FHVNP membership at the Sponsor (\$125) level
- FHVNP sweatshirt
- \$75 gift certificate to the Hawai'i Volcanoes Institute
- *Additional prizes to be announced (e.g., helicopter tour, zipline adventure, Volcano tour, etc.)*

Second Place (in three categories)

- One (1) year FHVNP membership at the Family (\$45) level
- FHVNP cap
- \$50 gift certificate to the Hawai'i Volcanoes Institute
- *Additional prizes to be announced*

Third Place (in three categories)

- One (1) year FHVNP membership at the Individual (\$30) level
- FHVNP t-shirt
- \$25 gift certificate to the Hawai'i Volcanoes Institute
- *Additional prizes to be announced*

Honorable Mention(s)

- FHVNP decal
- 3 booklet set of selected birds, flowers, and plants of Hawai'i

Slideshow & Finalists Ceremony:

All photos will be considered for inclusion in a special multi-image slideshow. The Slideshow & Finalists Ceremony will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 28, 2011 in honor of National Park Week. The event takes place at the Kilauea Visitor Center in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park (fee-free all week, April 21 to 29). After the slideshow, the finalists will be announced during a ceremony (or, if unable to attend, notified after the event). A complete list of finalists will be posted at www.fhvnp.org by May 1, 2011.

Exhibition:

All finalists' photographs will be included in an Exhibit at the Volcano Art Center Gallery from June 9 to 17, 2012 in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park (park entrance fees apply except for June 9 fee-free day). To announce the award winners, there will be an Opening Reception with refreshments from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on June 9, 2012 (fee-free day in park in honor of Get Outdoors Day). All award-winning photos in the Exhibit will be offered for sale to the public and the gallery will retain a 50% commission. Exhibit photos should be printed at 11" x 14" and dry-mounted on single-ply foam core (3/16") inside a 16" x 20" black matte. Further specifications (including shipping details) will be provided to finalists after the Slideshow & Finalists Ceremony.

Sponsors & Mahalos:

This event co-sponsored by [Volcano Art Center](#). We also appreciate assistance and donations from the following supporters: judges [Rick Decker](#) & [Alvis Uptis](#), Ken & Mary Goodrich of [Hawaii Photo Retreat](#), and [Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park](#), plus [Big Island Candies](#), [Blue Hawaiian Helicopters](#), [Hawaii Forest & Trail / Kohala Zipline](#), [Hawai'i Pacific Parks Association](#), [Nui Pohaku Adventure Tours](#), [Volcano Places](#), [Volcano Video Productions](#), and more (to be announced).

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