



## **Rose Photography Contest At The Kansas City Rose Show**

Along with live roses, the Kansas City Rose Show will be accepting photographs of roses during the annual show on June 3, 2017, in the Loose Park Garden Center. The rose show photography classes include photos of single blooms, sprays (two or more blooms on one stem), pictures of the Laura Conyers Smith Municipal Rose Garden, and other special views of roses or rose parts. The photos must be 5x7 in. prints with no frame or matting. For the single bloom and spray classes, you must know the name of the variety of the rose in your photo, and what group of roses it belongs to, such as hybrid tea, shrub or climber. Entries will be accepted from 9:30 am until 12:00 pm on June 3. Assistance will be available to help you place your photo in the correct class. For further rose show information contact Glenn Hodges at 913-888-0957 or visit the Kansas City Rose Society website, [www.kansascityrosesociety.org](http://www.kansascityrosesociety.org).

Photographing roses is like exploring a whole new world, and once you understand it your skills will improve. It is a delicate balance of composition, seeing and making choices for the picture you want to create. Here are some tips for creating beautiful and prize-winning rose photos:

- It is important to think about the time of day and the amount of sunshine. On cloudy days, there will be no shadows and the photos will be softer. On sunny days, there will be shadows and the photos will be crisper looking in general.
- Experiment with composition. Always be aware of the background and notice details, such as how a leaf may be laying over a petal.
- If it's windy, notice how that may affect the clarity of the photograph. If there is movement, adjust the shutter speed and use a tripod to steady the camera. Remember, as you open the aperture, the focus will become soft and shallow; as you close the aperture, the focus will be sharper and deeper.
- As you photograph roses, think of them as portraits; and as you focus on the petals and interior light, they become landscapes.
- Most importantly, take chances and play! Digital photography is wonderful for learning. It allows the luxury of looking at the photograph immediately. You can delete what you don't want and try again until you're successful.

If you would like to explore other contests for rose photography, the American Rose society is holding several events, including a calendar competition for 2018 and a contest just for middle and high school students. For more information visit their website [www.rose.org](http://www.rose.org) then click on the Resources tab, then on Contests.

