

## **CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS- AND ANYONE WITH A PHONE/ CAMERA!**

In an effort to continue some of the “fun” contests and offer FAPMS members the ability to win some cash, the FAPMS BOD is bringing to you the 2020 Virtual Vic Ramey Photo Contest!

For those who don't know, Vic Ramey dedicated his career to conservation and aquatic plant management (APM). He was passionate and persistent to share aquatic plant management information to the public and worked behind the scenes with grass roots groups to educate them on the importance of APM. He was pivotal in developing the website, <http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu> designed to share information and images about native and invasive aquatic plants. Vic is also remembered for his ambition to teach the teachers in order to introduce invasive aquatic plant issues starting with our children in the classroom. The annual FAPMS photo contest is to celebrate Vic's passion and honor his work.

Rules are a little different this year and have been adapted to function around COVID 19. Photos may be submitted in 2 categories by active FAPMS Members:

- Aquatic Scenic
- Aquatic Operations

Limit of 2 photos may be submitted in BOTH categories (total of 4 photos), e-mailed to [K.Gladding@ufl.edu](mailto:K.Gladding@ufl.edu)

Photo submission information must be included with the e-mail:

- 1- Digital submission (e-mail to Kelli) of photo
- 2- Titled or have a description
- 3- Labeled for which category of submission
- 4- Location of photo
- 5- E-mail should include the photographer's name & phone number

All photos must be submitted by **COB on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**!

Photos are judged on category relevance (40%), creativity or artistic impression (40%), composition and arrangement (10%), and focus and sharpness (10%). The board reserves the right to reject any photo that does not meet the specified criteria.

Photos will be judged by members of the FAPMS BOD.

Winners will be announced during the October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020- Annual business meeting starting at 1:30 pm. Prizes include: 1<sup>st</sup> place- \$150.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> place- \$100.00; 3<sup>rd</sup> place- \$50.00

NOTE: Winning photos may be used in *Aquatics* magazine at the editor's discretion if they are also available as .jpg files in sufficient resolution. For a potential cover photo, hold your camera/phone to get a “portrait aspect” photo as opposed to “landscape.” Set your camera to 1MB+ (MegaByte) or 5MP+ (MegaPixels) for best results. If none of this makes sense to you, ask someone younger than yourself for help! Winning photos may also be posted on the FAPMS website.

For questions and photo submission, please contact Kelli Gladding at [k.gladding@ufl.edu](mailto:k.gladding@ufl.edu).

***Good luck, photographers!***