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2008 NEW HAMPSHIRE LILAC PHOTO CONTEST IS UNDERWAY
AIM IS TO DEVELOP APPRECIATION OF OFFICIAL STATE FLOWER

As lilac trees begin to bloom across New Hampshire, the Governor's Lilac and Wildflower Commission is once again sponsoring a photography contest to recognize outstanding images of the official State Flower.

Entries are now being accepted for the 2008 Lilac Photo Contest. Photographs must be taken in New Hampshire during the 2008 Lilac season. According to the contest rules, "photographs must be of a lilac shrub or tree in a community landscape setting such as small parks and commons, or along streets, front and back yards in neighborhoods, village greens; and in open public spaces such as parks in cities and towns."

NHDOT landscape specialist Guy Giunta, who chairs the Governor's Lilac and Wildflower Commission, says the goal of the annual lilac photo contest is to develop greater public appreciation of New Hampshire's state flower.

The contest is open to amateur photographers only. The contest's grand prize is a deep sea fishing adventure for two. Other prizes include a scenic train trip, lodging at New Hampshire Inns, and lilac bushes. The postmark deadline for the contest is June 30, 2008. Entries must be sent to: Lilac Photo Contest, PO Box 103, Sanbornton, NH 03269-0103.

Detailed contest rules, including a required entry form, can be obtained at participating locations, including any New Hampshire Welcome Center and Rest Area.

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