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CONTRA COSTA ELECTIONS HOSTS PHOTO CONTEST

The Contra Costa Elections Division is kicking off what promises to be a busy election year in a fun, unique way.

The office is holding its third biannual photo contest, and the grand prize winner will be featured on the cover of the March 2020 Voter Information Guide, which goes out to over 650,000 registered voters in Contra Costa County. The contest theme is “The Flora and Fauna of Contra Costa County.”

“The Photo Contest is a fun way to get our residents involved in the election process and pique their interest in voting,” Registrar of Voters Joe Canciamilla said. “It’s also a great way to highlight the talent of our residents.”

The contest begins Thursday, August 1 and submissions are due by midnight on September 30. Entries must be submitted digitally, along with a written photo description of no more than 100 words. There is no entry fee.

Past covers have featured photos highlighting the beautiful sights and history throughout the county, which enhances the voters’ experience. The second and third place winners will also have their photos featured on the Elections Division website, in the office lobby and in other elections publications.

Rich Hall of Walnut Creek, the winner of the November 2018 Photo Contest, says that he hopes his photo capturing service at the Pleasant Hill Library inspires others to participate in the voting process.

“I’m happy I could share a little bit of what this community means to me through my photography,” Hall said. “Working for the public library has been such a great opportunity to get to know and serve the folks in our county.”

The Elections Division held the first photo contest in 2016, and has received more than 100 entries during that time. Some of those submissions are featured on the Contra Costa Elections website, www.cocovote.us.

More information, including photo submission forms, are available on the Contra Costa Elections website, www.cocovote.us.

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