

PHOTO CONTEST GUIDELINES

Your photograph could become the cover for the 2027 Lower Columbia County Writers Anthology.



Isn't Traci Wolfe's original photograph perfect? That's why we used it for the cover of HIDDEN WORLD.

We Want Your Best Shot

One of CCAA's missions is to provide opportunities for local creatives to showcase their work—and that includes photographers.

That's why we're holding a photo contest to find the cover image for *A GREAT ESCAPE: A Lower Columbia County Writers Anthology*.

For our inaugural anthology, we focused on the sense of place over theme. We wanted the cover to say "Columbia County" loud and clear. Traci Wolfe's stunning photograph of the Columbia River did exactly that. Sure, that bank of fog hints at hidden things (connecting to our HIDDEN WORLD theme), but honestly? We just loved how it captured our home.

We're taking the same approach for *A GREAT ESCAPE*. Show us Columbia County through your lens. Whether your photo connects directly to the theme or simply captures the beauty of where we live, we want to see it.

What We're Looking For

The Scene: Landscapes, landmarks, or anything that screams "Columbia County." Your photo must be taken in Columbia County.

The Quality: Original, unedited photographs only—no filters, no Photoshop magic, no AI at all. We want the real deal.

Technical specs:

- 300 DPI resolution
- Landscape orientation preferred at 3600 x 2700 pixels or larger
- Portrait orientation (at 1800 x 2700 pixels) works too if that's your vision
- JPG format

How many? Submit up to THREE photographs. We want options!

Who Can Enter

Anyone! Seriously. Professional photographer? Amateur with a great eye? Smartphone genius? We want to see your work.

Under 18? You'll need a parent or guardian to co-sign the photo release if your image wins.

Winner Takes These

If your photo is chosen, you'll receive:

- A paperback copy of the anthology to proudly display on your shelf

- Photo credit for the cover in the copyright section
- Recognition at our launch event
- Bragging rights forever

Rights: We'll hold exclusive rights to your image for one year, then limited rights for up to three years while the anthology is in circulation.

How to Enter

Submit your photos via [this form](#) by **August 30, 2026**.

Selection Process

We'll narrow the entries down in two rounds:

Round 1: CCAA selects the finalists.

Round 2: The anthology contributors vote to determine the winner.

The winning photographer will be notified by **October 30, 2026**. If our first choice can't accept (hey, life happens), we'll offer it to the runner-up.

Get your cameras ready. We can't wait to see how you capture A GREAT ESCAPE in Columbia County.