

2026 CRLC Photo Contest

Photo Submission Deadline: April 10, 2026

You are invited... to submit your images relating to rocks, minerals and fossils for a chance to win up to \$30 per image category and year-long Calgary Rock and Lapidary Club bragging rights. Winners will be selected through ballot submission process at the 2026 CRLC Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show by show attendees. More information on this year's show: [CRLC Rock & Mineral Show - May 8-10, 2026](#)

It's as simple as choosing your favourite images (up to 2 submissions per category) and:

- a) **Submit as high resolution digital photos to Ingrid Eichelbaum, ieichelbaum@yahoo.ca , OR**
- b) **Bring printed 5"x7" images to any CRLC monthly meeting on or before April 10, 2026.**

Please ensure you include with each photo submission: your name, contest category and a brief description of what is featured in the photo (either within the body of your email or by attaching a paper summary to the back of your printed image).

All submitted photos will be printed as **5"x7"** images for public viewing and voting. Photos may be taken in either portrait or landscape orientation.

Photos will be retained by CRLC following the contest and displayed throughout 2026 at the CRLC Clubhouse.

Categories

A. Close Up and Personal

Demonstrate your Macro or Micro photography skills or zoom into a particular view of your mineral, rock or fossil favourite that best illustrates its form and unique character.

B. Rocks as Art

Show off your artistry with photos of polished or carved stones, ming trees, burnished bowls, rock gardens, lapidary and other jewelry making items etc.

C. In the Wild

Share photos of interesting rock or mineral formations 'in situ', as outdoor formations (nature or human-constructed using natural stones and minerals).

D. Specimens

Do you have that one rock that you absolutely love? The one that is the highlight of your collection? Show us your best rock, mineral or raw gemstone. Specimens should not be extensively altered.

The Boring Bits...aka Contest Rules

1. Photos must have been taken by a current (i.e. membership paid for 2026) Club member.
2. **All photos, regardless of category, must be rock, gem, mineral or fossil-related.**
3. Photos must be anonymous. Images may not include recognizable individuals nor any information identifying the photographer.
4. Each CRLC member may submit up to 2 images per category.
5. Photos may have been taken at any time in the past, as long as they were not previously submitted to a CRLC contest.
6. You may crop and edit your photos as desired. Just ensure you are starting with a high enough resolution image that cropping does result in blurring or distortion within your submitted image.
7. Your photo remains your property, but by submitting it to the CRLC Photo Contest, you grant permission to CRLC unrestricted use of the image within Club promotion and to advertise Club courses and events, both online and in print. Photo credits will be given whenever possible. The Club may alter the photos by scanning hard copy images into digital format.

Voting

- Voting will be open to all people attending the 2026 CRLC Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show.
- Each person votes for their single favorite photo within each category. In the event of a tie, the winner will be selected by the CRLC Show Committee from the tied photos.
- Winners will be announced at the June CRLC general meeting (Saturday, June 13th, 2026)

Prizes

A participant may win one prize per category.

1st Prize: \$30

2nd Prize: \$15

Submission Instructions:

For **digital image submissions**, email Ingrid @ ieichelbaum@yahoo.ca with the following:

1. Identify your category or categories.
2. Files must be of format JPG, GIF or PNG (preferably JPG).
3. File size must be no larger than 2MB per photo.
4. Images with watermarks or other identifiable markings will be rejected.
5. Please crop your images to either a 5"x7" portrait or 7"x5" landscape size.
 1. Submitted images that are smaller than 5" x 7" will be printed with a black or white background (Costco's choice) to make the image fit the photo paper.
6. Please name files with **your** name and the category

e.g. "Ingrid Eichelbaum – Close Up and Personal-1.jpg"
"Ingrid Eichelbaum – Rocks as Art-1.jpg"
"Ingrid Eichelbaum – In the Wild-1.jpg"
"Ingrid Eichelbaum – Specimen-1.jpg"

7. Maximum 2 photo submissions per category (total 2 x 4 = 8 photos)
8. Provide a short, family-friendly caption for each photo within your email. This will be displayed with your image at the 2026 CRLC Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show

e.g. Picture #1 – Crazy Lace Agate
Picture #2 – Mountains at Lake Louise
Picture #3 – Crater of Diamonds State Park

For printed photos:

1. Photos printed using photo paper display best versus images printed to regular paper or cardstock.
2. For each photo, write the following onto a separate piece of paper and attach using tape to the back of the image:
 1. Your name
 2. The category you're submitting the image to
 3. Photo number (if submitting more than one image to a given category)
 4. A brief, family friendly caption you'd like displayed with the photo to help identify the rock, mineral or fossil in the picture.

e.g. "Ingrid Eichelbaum – Close Up and Personal-1, Crazy Lace Agate"
"Ingrid Eichelbaum – Rocks as Art-1, Amethyst Wind Chimes"
"Ingrid Eichelbaum – In the Wild-1, Telescopic view of moon craters"
"Ingrid Eichelbaum – Specimen-1, Iron Pyrite in Quartz Matrix"

3. Please take care not to crease or mark the images. You may bring your photos and their identifying information to one of the CRLC Monthly Meetings on or before April 10, 2026.

Reach out to Ingrid with any photo contest questions, email: ieichelbaum@yahoo.ca or post to the CRLC Rock & Mineral Show Facebook page (facebook.com/calgarygemshow).