

2008 *Bee Culture* Calendar Photo Contest – Bees On Flowers

Plan now for the 2008 *Bee Culture* Beekeeping Calendar Photo Contest. This year's topic is a favorite with beekeepers everywhere – close-ups of bees on flowers. Here's some guidelines and suggestions to consider before you even start, and before you push the release.

- **Frame the photo**

Bee Culture calendar photos are nearly square, so the best part of your photo should fit in to that shaped square area.

- **Photo should be both bee and flower**

The finished product should be a close-up, but not so close we can't tell what the flower is.

- **Color Contrast**

A bright yellow honey bee on a bright yellow flower may not be the best choice. Look for colorful differences between bee and flower.

- **Focus**

Both bee and flower should be well focused in the final cut.

- **Action**

A bee hovering over the surface of a complimentary colored flower, with yet another colored background (sky, leaves, other flowers) adds a level of beauty to a final shot. Also, two, three or five bees in the scene add action, especially if some are arriving and others feeding.

This photo is one of our contest winners from the 2007 calendar. It was taken by Carol Mark of Utica, Kentucky and appeared on the May page of the calendar.



- **Friends**

Additional models add interest – other kinds of bees, different colored honey bees, or other insects on the same flower. Try to ID them if possible.

**Deadline for January 2008
publication absolutely has to be
October 1, 2007.**

- **Quantity and Quality**

If possible, get two or three similar shots for your entry. And try this several times, Spring, Summer and Fall. You may find that you, and your bees are much more comfortable together on goldenrod than apple blossoms. Consider, too, different times of the day – different light; more, or less nectar/pollen; less wind; more, or fewer bees. Good Luck!

Submit photos via email attachment, as tif, jpg or pdf, at 5" x 7" size, 300 dpi resolution. If submitting more than one photo please send only one/message. Or, send on a cd or dvd; or, send prints or slides. Do not submit transparencies.

Enter as many photos as desired. We will choose 14 photos - cover, 12 months, back page article. Each winner receives a free one year subscription. Photos will not be returned. Send to kim@beeculture.com or Bee Culture Calendar Contest, 623 West Liberty Street, Medina, OH 44256