

The Bird Competition



The Emily Guthrie Smith Award, affectionately referred to as The Bird Competition, has been held since 1964 between the Dallas Camera Club and Fort Worth Camera Club.

Despite the name, the contest is not about bird photography. The competition began when [Emily Guthrie Smith](#) suggested that an annual contest would be fun for both clubs.

Smith was a Fort Worth native and nationally known artist and teacher. Her works are in private collections, museums and the Archives of American Artists in the Smithsonian Institution.

She donated and carved the trophy, a wood sculpture engraved with the winning club's name, but the reason she chose a bird is not known.

The competition is held in October or November and hosting rotates between clubs. Here are the annual winners:

2025 Dallas
2024 Fort Worth
2023 Fort Worth
2022 Fort Worth
2021 Fort Worth
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2017 Fort Worth
2016 Not Held
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