

The PEI Model Forest Network Contest

The Prince Edward Island Model Forest Network Partnership, together with the Department of Environment, Energy and Forestry, is holding a special forest-theme photo contest *What Does the Forest Mean to Me*, running from October 22, 2011 to February 29, 2012. So get out there with your camera and show us what the forest means to you, submit your photos and win great prizes.

“The members of the Model Forest Network are encouraging people to head outside and capture images that reflect how they perceive and use our public and private forest lands,” said Richard Gill, chair of the Model Forest Network . “Whether enjoying wildlife, walking, hunting, working, snowshoeing or biking, we are looking for images that reflect the importance of Island forests.”

While the Island’s beaches, farms and small communities often receive the most attention, forests are often featured for their lush greens in spring and summer, vibrant red, orange and yellow of fall, and the white stillness of winter. Some photographers also try to capture the hundreds of ways people use and connect with forests every day.

The contest is designed to promote awareness and appreciation of all types of forests including urban and rural, and public and private forests. Themes could also include how forests meet various economic, social, recreational, cultural, ecological and aesthetic needs...

Three first place prizes, each consisting of a one hundred dollar gift certificate and professional mounting and framing from Island Photolab will be awarded for the winning photographs. For contest rules and for details about prizes, visit the other links on the website or contact Greg Ridgway at (902)368-4800 or at gregmodelforest@gmail.com.

We would like to thank the 27 participants who showed up for the Oct.22 workshop, it was a great success with perfect photo weather. We would also like to thank our three volunteers who made this event possible, Adi Ascaragic, Barry Bain and Weldon Boone,