Register: To make arrangements at the event, please register for the competition.
Fees: Free for TAGB active members. For others NON member event entrance fee applies ie $10 per member

All entries should be submitted on the TAGB Ugadi event, between 2-4pm. Pickup of photos at the registration desk after 6pm.
Entry Number: A number will be assigned to label on the photograph at the PHOTO CONTEST registration desk.
Who can participate: This is for amateur photographers only.

Theme for both levels (level 1: under 18 and Level 2: above 18 years)

**Massachusetts (MA) nature in the early spring time – This can include subjects like favorite animal or**
**bird or insect or fruits/ floral arrangement**

Submit color or B/W print at the event: Max Size: 8x11 but not less than 5x7.
Optional: submit the file electronic media in portable USB. All digital files must be 20 megabytes or smaller, must be in JPEG or JPG format (The USB will be returned at the event only)

Rules:
1. Photo should be taken by contestant him/herself without guidance of others.
The picture should have been taken within the period of 3 weeks before the event date.
2. Photographs need NOT be taken with a digital camera only.
3. The picture must be at least 1,600 pixels wide (if a horizontal image) or 1,600 pixels tall (if a vertical image).

4. Enclose a 8x11 size sheet with details: Type of camera used, Date and Time of the picture taken, lenses setting used (if available), appropriate caption and details if any to share. (Do not write your name. State only Entry number on this sheet. )
   The caption must be complete and accurate, sufficient to convey the circumstances in which the photograph was taken.
5. State your FULLL NAME, telephone number on the back of photograph and enclosed sheet:
6. Only minor burning, dodging and/or color correction is acceptable, as is cropping.
7. TAGB judges reserves the right to examine the photograph/source material or interview contestant in order to confirm compliance with stated rules.
8. Not expecting any qualified or professional (for ex. Full time photographer, certified or licensed photographer or deemed oneself as a professional) take part in this contest.
9. Entry should be NOT be previously have won any award in the TAGB or other organization's Photo Contest.
10. The photograph, in its entirety, must be a single work of original material taken by the Contest entrant.
11. By entering the Contest, entrant represents, acknowledges, and warrants that the submitted photograph is an original work created solely by the entrant, that the photograph does not infringe on the copyrights, trademarks, moral rights, rights of privacy/publicity or intellectual property rights of any person or entity, and that no other party has any right, title, claim, or interest in the photograph.
12. Decisions made by TAGB organizers and Judges selected by TAGB are final. No explanation will be provided. The pictures can be used by TAGB for promotional purpose or display on their website.

Judging Criteria:
1. Originality (uniqueness): 5points
   You never know when a photo opportunity may arise, so have your camera ready.
2. Technical Excellence: (5 points)
   Select the right camera settings. That means the proper exposure, shutter speed, white balance and depth of field. And be aware of lens flare!
3. Composition: 5 points
   Sometimes you might find a better composition by cropping afterwards. So crop it if it will help composition.
4. Overall impact: (5 points)
   Choice of object, presentation, caption, details provided.