Plenty of Beauty at the Bottom

NNCI Image Contest - <https://bit.ly/2oaygP8>

In honor of National Nanotechnology Day, October 9th, the National Nanotechnology Coordinated Infrastructure (NNCI) is hosting the Plenty of Beauty at the Bottom image contest. Referencing Richard Feynman’s 1959 lecture, *There’s Plenty of Room at the Bottom*, this image contest celebrates the beauty of the micro and nanoscale. Images must have been produced at an NNCI facility in the past two years. Each site will decide which images will be submitted to the contest; only one image per site can be submitted to each category. Sites do not have to submit an image to all three categories. Please do not resubmit images from last year’s contest.

Timeline:

Sites submit their chosen images to the *Image Contest 2022 Dropbox* folder by September 13, 2024

Public voting open September 20-27, 2024, via PollUnit

Winners announced on October 9, 2024

Prizes for each category stated below:

For the winning site, printing and framing of the winning image.

For the winning artist(s), funds to support travel to a professional conference up to $1,000/artist.

Categories:

* Most Stunning – beautiful images can use false color but the original image details should not be altered. Colorization of the image is not required for submission.
* Most Unique Capability – sites can show off something that makes their facility stand out.
* Most Whimsical – cleverly insert something extra into an image. Example: create landscapes or rolling seas or a still life.

Submission Guidelines:

1. Image must be submitted in JPEG, PNG or TIFF format at the highest resolution possible. All additional information should be included in image information file also uploaded to dropbox.
2. All images must include a scale bar. It can either be inserted into the image or shown below.
3. Each image will need a short description (100 words) explaining the image and research behind the image. The description must be suitable for a general audience. No jargon, please.
4. Up to two people can be listed as authors of the image. Include their name, appointment (graduate student, scientist, postdoctoral fellow, etc.), NNCI site where the image was created, title of image, full name of instrument used to produce image.

Contest Rules:

Images must be produced at an NNCI facility.

**Images must have been made since August 2023.**

Images may be used by the NNCI and National Science Foundation (NSF) for promotional purposes. Your submission implies you have full author rights to submitted images and agree to give consent to NNCI and NSF for use of images.

