



Bondar Challenge Artist's Statement

Level: Ruby – Honourable Mention

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Title of My Photograph: *Spring is Blooming*

Time/Date: May 19, 2020, 6:50 pm

Weather: Breezy and Sunny with partial clouds

Mode: Manual

Artist's Statement:

In my photograph, I wanted a unique view of spring. I liked the thought of flowers since they are a major giveaway of the season. The red tulips were exactly the thing I was looking for. They stood out against the green leaves, and the petals were a shiny and bold red. I chose a top view to showcase the flowers because I wanted the bud of the flower to be the focal point of my photo.

The main point of this picture was to show how nature grows during spring. But, the photo also reminded me of a quote by Buddha — "When you like a **flower**, you just pluck it. But when you love a **flower**, you water it daily." This reminded me of how nature is precious and caring and appreciating it is just a little step everyone can do to help the world.

What makes this picture attractive to me is the sharpness in the photo. The focus directs the person to look at the flower. I also find the texture of the stamen of the garden tulip interesting. Furthermore, the bright red colour of the blossom's petals is eye-catching

This picture made me want to research more about the bloom in the frame, and I found out a lot of information. I found out that the flower is a garden tulip and they usually blossom in April or May (hence the name is related to Spring). They are found in many countries, although they were originated in Turkey. The fact that surprised me the most about these tulips was that they can survive extreme temperatures, and even those of below freezing.

My photo could have been Improved if I had applied the rule of thirds.