

Photography Competition Handbook

PROGRAM CALENDAR

Online or Paper Entry Form deadline	Friday, January 6, 2017
Deliver items to the Florida Center — located at the Florida State Fair. (see page 4)	Thursday, January 26, 2017 10:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Shipping Information – (see page 4)	Friday, January 27, 2017 10:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Saturday, January 28, 2017 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Items exhibited	February 9 - 20, 2017
Entry pickup	Wednesday, February 22, 2017 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Thursday, February 23, 2017 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

For more information, contact
Competitive Exhibit Coordinator

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Why Compete?

Floridians are truly fortunate to have a vibrant cultural tapestry which provides us with a bounty of talent throughout the state. What better way to celebrate the amateur photographer than to host and showcase our best image makers in the state? We are excited to include all the ways we capture images these days, including cellphone & drone images.

Competition Overview

Entry Fee: Adult Division \$3 per entry

Entry Fees are non-refundable

Enter online at www.floridastatefair.com. From the **Home Page** select the **Events** link and drop down to select **2017 Competitive Exhibits**.

How to enter online – page 4

Paper entry form is available on the last page.

General Rules – page 5

All online & paper entries must be completed on or before January 6, 2017.

Exhibitors are encouraged to read this handbook in its entirety.

Eligibility

- **All Exhibitors need to be a resident of the State of Florida**
- **The Photography Adult Divisions** are open to adults ages 18 and older. **No prerequisite for entry.**
- The Photography Competition is open to professional, semi-professional and amateur status photographers.

Entry Rules

Please read the Entry Rules carefully as they have changed this year.

1. Because of the limitations of the space for display an overall total of **three (3) photographs per person** will be accepted for judging, **but only one (1) entry per class**, as an exhibitor cannot compete against himself.
2. Artists are to exhibit work completed during the past two years.
3. **Photographs must be printed on photo paper (gloss or matte)**, unless exhibiting in Alternative Process.
4. **All photographs must be matted. Prints that are not matted will not be accepted.** See "Preparing Entry for Exhibition" on this page. By matting your photograph you will protect your artwork during handling at the Fair.
5. **Do not frame your entry or mount to just a board.**
6. In keeping with the Florida State Fair's family orientation; items of an offensive, controversial or objectionable nature or subject matter will not be accepted.

NEW

Judging & Awards

The Fair ensures that the judges we employ are knowledgeable in the division in which they are judging and will be impartial. Judging will be done using a scorecard to assist in keeping the decisions as objective as possible. Judges reserve the right to decide proper classification of entries. The decision of the judges are final.

If, at the Judge's discretion, an entry does not merit a placing, the Judge shall give no award under any circumstance. This rule applies whether there is one or more exhibits in the Class.

Awards Information

First Place – State Fair Ribbon \$20

Second Place – State Fair Ribbon \$15

Third Place – State Fair Ribbon \$10

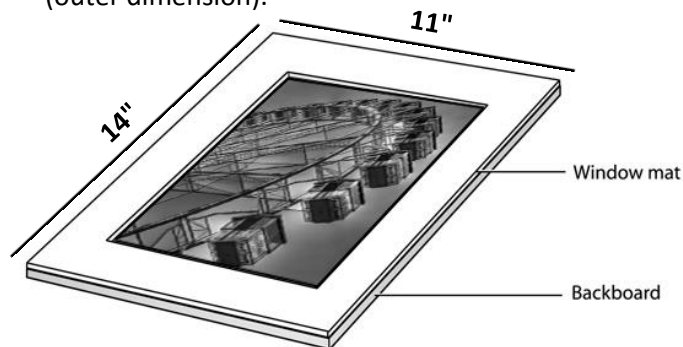
Best of Show – State Fair Ribbon \$50

Best of Show Awards will be chosen from the first place winners in each Adult Division.

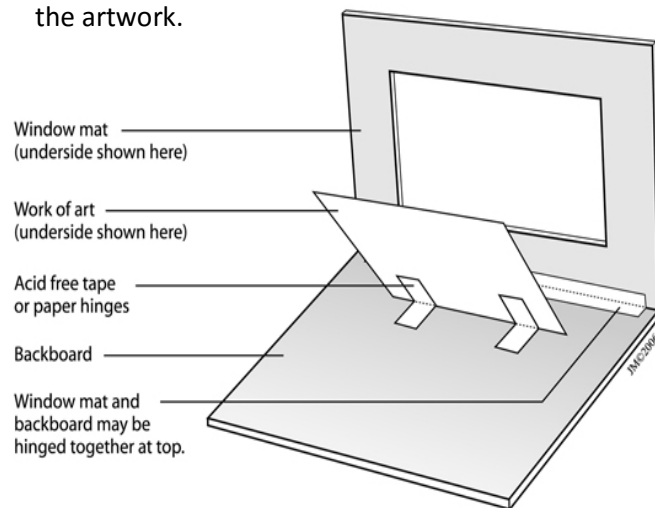
Honorable Mention Ribbons **may be awarded, at the discretion of the judges.**

Preparing Entry for Exhibition

- Photographs must be printed on photo paper (gloss or matte), unless exhibiting in Alternative Process.
- All photographs must be matted in a standard single weight black or white mat board. The finished size of the mat board must be 11" x 14" (outer dimension).



- Print size(s) shall be no larger than 8" x 10", and be securely mounted in a standard single weight mat board with a backing board and a window cut to fit the size of your photograph.
- The print is mounted to the back board and the window and back boards are hinged together with paper tape.
- Prints can also be attached to a board with a **hinge mount**; the method we recommend involve taping the print into place with *folded hinges*. Other types of tapes and adhesives, such as masking tape, rubber cement, and glue sticks will lose their adhesive powers over time and will leave a residue that stains the artwork.



The Photography Exhibition will be held in the Florida Center during the Florida State Fair. The exhibit will be open for your viewing pleasure.

Photography – Divisions & Classes

Definitions

All Black & White & Color photographs can be taken with any type of camera (film or digital)

Digital/Photographic Manipulation: Using darkroom or digital tools to manipulate the original image.

Digital/Photographic Compositing: An image created from two or more source images combined into a single image. This includes multiple exposures and collage.

Alternative Printing Process: The term alternative process refers to any non-traditional or non-commercial photographic printing process. These process include, but are not limited to: cyanotype, light printing, salt printing, lifts and transfers, platinum prints, infrared, etc.

Alternative Capture Process: Uses a variety of non-traditional cameras to create images; such as Pinhole camera, Toy Camera, Polaroid, etc.

Hand colored image refers to any method of manually adding color to a black-and-white photograph, generally either to heighten the realism of the photograph or for artistic purposes.

Judging Criteria

Originality – 30%

Unique approach to subject matter
Is there a WOW factor?

Execution Quality – 30%

Exposure, white balance, focus, depth of field, lighting, resolution, etc.

Composition – 30%

Presentation – 10%

Matted properly, print condition, etc.

Color Photography – Adult

Division 55.101

Class Description

- 1 People (Portraits & Figures)
- 2 Scene (Land, Sea, Sky & City Scapes)
- 3 Still Life
- 4 Flowers, Plants & Trees
- 5 Animals (Wildlife, Pets & Farm Animals)
- 6 Abstract, Surreal & Non-representational
- 7 Digital/Photographic Manipulation & Compositing
- 8 Other Not Listed

Black & White OR Monochrome Photography – Adult

Division 55.102

Class Description

- 1 People (Portraits & Figures)
- 2 Scene (Land, Sea, Sky & City Scapes)
- 3 Still Life
- 4 Flowers, Plants & Trees
- 5 Animals (Wildlife, Pets & Farm Animals)
- 6 Abstract, Surreal & Non-representational
- 7 Digital/Photographic Manipulation & Compositing
- 8 Other Not Listed

Alternative Process – Adult

Division 55.103

Class Description

- 1 Alternative Printing Process
- 2 Alternative Capture Process
- 3 Hand Colored Image



How to Enter Online

We encourage you to enter online, using ShoWorks. The Florida State Fair has implemented ShoWorks, an on-line entry program. ShoWorks is an industry standard used by over 50 fairs nationally. This user-friendly program can be trusted to accurately enter you into our competitions and allows for efficient communications via e-mail. We are excited to have ShoWorks to better facilitate entering Florida State Fair competitions.

- **Take a moment to look through this Competition Handbook to see which division and class your entry is eligible to compete in.** Then, follow the easy steps listed below to enter the competition you have chosen.
- **To Enter Online using ShoWorks.**
Go to www.floridastatefair.com and at the top of the home page select the **Events** link and you will see in the dropdown list the **2017 Competitive Exhibits** link. The link to **Enter Online** is at the top of that page.
- You can pay fees with a credit card or mail in a check.
- **Everyone must register as a new exhibitor** when logging in for the first time.
- When registering, please **consider that how you input your information** is a direct source for the publishing of names and titles for Award Recognition and Publications. Please pay special attention and use proper spelling, capitalization, full names of cities/counties, no abbreviations and correct contact and mailing outlets.
- **Note that sessions expire after 20 minutes** of inactivity, so “save the cart” if you plan on leaving the computer for more than 20 minutes.

Mailing Paper Entry Forms

- **Entry Forms must be postmarked by Friday, January 6th, 2017.**
Failure to complete any portion of entry form may result in disqualification.

Mail Entry Form to:

Family Living Competition – Photography
Florida State Fair
P.O. Box 11766
Tampa, FL 33680

Make checks payable to: Florida State Fair Authority



Delivery of Entries

- **All entries must be delivered to the Florida State Fair Authority on either:**
Thursday, January 26, 10:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Friday, January 27, 10:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 28, 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Deliver entries to:

Florida State Fair Authority
Florida Center Bldg.

Enter off of Orient Road thru the Service entrance on the west side of the fairgrounds

Map with directions to the Florida Center available on the Competitive Exhibits webpage.

- Entries arriving at the Fairgrounds after Delivery and Shipping Deadlines may be disqualified.

Shipping Information

- Shipped entries must arrive no later than Friday, January 20, 2017.
- Include a **Shipping Form**, available at www.floridastatefair.com on the **Competitive Exhibits** Page. Shipments missing form will be returned COD after the Fair.
- **Shipped entries, with Shipping Form to:**
Florida State Fair Authority –
Photography Competition
4800 US Hwy 301 North
Tampa, FL 33610.
- Entries are shipped back to exhibitors after the Fair in the same container. Use reusable shipping containers.
- Return shipping costs are the responsibility of the entrant.
- Return shipping options: COD, Prepaid shipping label, UPS or FedEx account.

Retrieving Entries

- See the calendar for Pick Up dates, times and locations (page 1).
- Entries not picked up on designated dates can be arranged for special pick up appointment by emailing Brenda.Gregory@freshfromflorida.com.
- All entries not claimed by April 1, 2017 will be recycled or donated through our program department.

General Rules

The Florida State Fair shall not be responsible for accidents or losses that may occur to any of the projects at the State Fair, or during shipping, and the exhibitors shall hold the Florida State Fair and its officers harmless and indemnify them against any legal proceedings arising from such accident or loss. The Florida State Fair reserves the right to return mailed/shipped entries by any carrier available.

Insurance Information

Any insurance desired on an entry must be acquired by the exhibitor. The Florida State Fair does not insure and is not responsible for any loss, damage, or theft of entries even if the loss, damage, or theft occurs as the result of the handling of the exhibit by staff, volunteers, contractors and/or visitors.

Division/Class Cancellation

The Florida State Fair management reserves the right to return entries and cancel any division or class in which, in its judgment, the entries are insufficient to secure adequate competition.

Entry Errors

Florida State Fair management is not responsible for finding errors in entries. Exhibitors are responsible for any and all errors which were submitted online or on entry and summary forms. No exhibitor shall be entitled to an award which has been disallowed as the result of his own error. The Florida State Fair management shall withhold the payment of awards for exhibits that are ineligible and may recover awards that have been paid for ineligible entries that are disclosed during post audits of Fair records. However, exhibitors with cause are entitled to question the validity of any disallowance. Such exhibitors should inform the Florida State Fair management immediately, in writing, giving their name, address, complete description of the entry and the reason for requesting reconsideration. Requests will not be considered later than ninety (90) days after receiving notice of disallowance.

Substitution

Substitutions may be made in still exhibits only in the same division of the original entry class of the original exhibitor, and may be made only if completed by the entry delivery date. Substitutions must be made at time of delivery check in. The Florida State Fair or the judge may disqualify or transfer to the correct class any entry which is not a true representative of the division or class in which it is entered.

Previously Entered Entry

Any entry that has been exhibited at a previous Florida State Fair is not eligible for entry in the 2017 Florida State Fair.

Verification

Exhibitors wishing to verify that the Florida State Fair has received submitted entry forms and fees must include a self-addressed/stamped postcard when submitting entry forms. Online submissions will receive a confirmation code once entries are submitted.

Responsibility

The Florida State Fair shall not be responsible for exhibits remaining on the fairgrounds after designated release times. All still exhibits or display elements remaining on the Fairgrounds after the designated release time will be treated as abandoned property and will be disposed of on or before September 1st of the same year.

Removal of Entries

An exhibitor may not remove his or her entry from the Florida State Fair once it has been accepted. Entries must be on exhibit at the official opening of the Fair or at any other time specified in the Competition Handbook and shall not be removed from the Fairgrounds prior to the release date printed in the handbook, except (at the discretion of the Florida State Fair management) in cases of positive evidence of sickness, accident and/or death, or other circumstances that are in the best interests of the Fair.

Dishonored Checks

A penalty of \$25.00 per dishonored check must be paid if a check in payment of entry fees or other applicable fees is refused by the bank. Only cash, certified check or money orders are acceptable for penalty payment.

Design

The Florida State Fair assumes total design control over the presentation of the exhibits. Entries designed for hanging and not so equipped will be hung in a manner deemed appropriate by the Fair. No exhibit changes will be made once the entries have been displayed. Once an entry has been received by the Florida State Fair, no further handling of entry by exhibitor shall be permitted. Relocation and final placement shall be accomplished by Florida State Fair personnel. Entries requiring assembly/disassembly must include detailed instructions and sketches for assembly/disassembly. Instructions should indicate lifting points, unsecured parts and any other information required for such handling. Where necessary, bank pins will be utilized to attach exhibits for display.

2017 Florida State Fair

Photography Competition Entry Form

OFFICE USE ONLY

Exhibitor # _____

Total Fee _____

Paid YES NO

Type Cash MO Check

Check No. _____

Entry Forms must be postmarked by Friday, January 6th, 2017. Failure to complete any portion of entry form may result in disqualification.

Please print legibly

Exhibitors Name (First, Last)		Organization
Mailing Address		County
City	State	Zip Code
Phone ()	Email	

Entry Fee: Adult Division \$3 per entry

Exhibitors may enter up to three (3) entries for judging, but only one entry per class.

#	DIVISION #	CLASS #	Enter Title of Photograph	FEE
1				
2				
3				
Total Amount Due				\$

I hereby certify that I have read the Florida State Fair General Rules for the Competitive Exhibits Program (Page 5) and the above item(s) is/are entered for exhibition strictly in accordance with these rules, by which I agree to be governed. I also agree that the Florida State Fair may use my name, likeness, or photograph (including, but not limited to photographs of my entry), in any manner relating to my participation in the Competitive Exhibits Program, free of charge and without further notice or consultation.

Signature of exhibitor _____

Date _____

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