

2016 Photography Exhibit – Department M

JUNIOR DIVISION

Don Aittama, Department Superintendent

Junior Division Rules and Regulations

The Photography Department will accept entries on Sunday, August 14th from 2 until 6 p.m.

* Pre-Registration of your entries will be available through the Rockingham County Fair Website. The link will be posted from July 01 through midnight on Wednesday August 10. This will save considerable time for both you and the Photography Department staff during the intake process and everyone is encouraged to use it.

Entries are to be reclaimed on Sunday, August 21 from 2 to 4 p.m. A claim ticket must be presented. Any exhibitors removing their entries prior to this time will be prohibited from future participation in this event. .

The department reserves the right to refuse to accept or display a photograph that is deemed to be inappropriate in content for viewing by a general audience.

Care will be taken in handling and displaying your photos, however, the Photography Department and the Fair Association assumes no liability for damaged or stolen entries.

Junior Division Entrant Eligibility

The Junior Division is divided into three age categories:

Section I - Ages 8 & Under

Section II - Ages 9 – 13

Section III - Ages 14 – 19

January 1, 2016 will be used to determine the contestant's age. All contestants must reside within the City of Harrisonburg or the County of Rockingham.

Photo Eligibility

Previous entries exhibited at the Rockingham County Fair are not eligible.

Photos must be the work of the exhibitor

Only one photo per class may be entered. The same subject may not be used more than once in any class.

Entries may be in color or black & white. Except for the Artistic category listed below, *digital enhancements are limited to cropping and basic corrections for exposure, color and contrast.*

Cropping to custom sizes is encouraged such as 5" x 10" or 12" x 6" to enhance the composition of the image.

Photo Requirements

SIZE: Minimum photo size is 5" in any direction and the maximum photo size 12" in any direction. Photos that are matted must not be more than 16" in any direction including the mat.

PRESENTATION: Only one image per entry, with the exception of the photo story and photo album classes.

BACKING: All photos shall be mounted or matted.

Mounting photographs on a foam board with permanent adhesive is the most secure way to display your photographs.

Matted photos will also be accepted. The preferred color of the mat is black or white. All matted prints must be secure to the back of the mat. Wide tape or permanent adhesive is recommended for securing the prints between the mat and backing. **DO NOT USE FOAM TAPE TO TAPE THE PICTURE TO THE BACK OF THE MAT.** It is recommended that you leave a ½ inch margin at the top so that a binder clip can be attached without damaging your print.

The entrants name and class must be on the back of each entry. In addition, entries in the following classes must also include the following information:

1. Rural Rockingham & Rocktown: location taken
2. Abstract: identify subject matter
3. Artistic: identify the process or technique used

FRAMES: Not accepted

HANGING:

All photos must be ready for hanging. Binder clips and pegboard hooks will be provided. If inadequate or no provisions are made, the clips will be placed directly on the mat or mounted photograph (see suggestion under mounting).

Determining Class Eligibility

1. Class eligibility will be determined by the main subject matter of each photo.
3. *Not all classes are available in all age groups.*

JUNIOR DIVISION CLASS AND DEFINITIONS:

SECTION I - AGES 8 & UNDER:

- 101. People** –Your best photo of a person(s)
- 102. Pets** - Your favorite animal photo
- 103. Down on the Farm** – A photo that depicts life on the farm
- 104. Life in the City** – A photo that depicts an activity in a city or town
- 105. School Days** – Show youth engaged in an organized activity; may be school, church, 4-H, Boys & Girls Club, organized sporting event, etc.
- 106. Vacation!** – A photo taken while you were on a trip or vacation
- 107. On The Move** – Your best action shot
- 108. That’s Funny!** – A photo that makes you laugh
- 109. Rural Rockingham** – A photo that defines our county (location must be noted on the back of the entry)
- 110. Rocktown** – A unique photo that depicts our county seat, Harrisonburg (location must be noted on the back of the entry)
- 111. Miscellaneous** – A photo *that does not fit* into any other category
- 112. Patriotic.** A photo that exemplifies the patriotic spirit of our country.
- 113. Photo Story** – A series of photos mounted on foam core or poster board that tells a story. Captions are optional. For this class there will be no minimum print size. Overall dimensions of the photo storyboard can not exceed 24 X 30 inches.
- 114. Photo Album**
 1. The album shall consist of up to 20 photos mounted in photo album or a binder.
 2. On the first page include only one photo, the one you deem your “best photo”. Only this page may contain a photo larger than 4 X 6. Entrants may include a caption on this page indicating why they consider this their best photo.
 3. The second page must include 2 photos taken indoors.

4. The third page must include 2 photos of a moving object.
5. Page 4 must include 2 close-up photos.
6. Page 5 must include 2 posed photos (portrait of a person or a pet).
7. The remaining pages (optional) may be of any subject matter.

SECTION II – AGES 9 -13

- 201. People** – A posed or candid photo of a person
- 202. Pets** - Your best shot of your companion animals
- 203. Wildlife** - Wildlife in its natural habitat or zoo
- 204. Landscapes** – Depicts natural scenery
- 205. Cityscapes** – An urban landscape that includes manmade structures and scenery
- 206. Rural Rockingham** – A photo that defines our county (location must be noted on the back of the entry)
- 207. Rocktown** – A unique photo that depicts our county seat, Harrisonburg (location must be noted on the back of the entry)
- 208. Humorous** – An amusing or humorous moment caught on film
- 209. Action** – The focal point is a moving object
- 210. Architecture** – A structure, such as a building or bridge that is the focal point
- 211. Close-up** – An object photographed at very close range, with the subject clearly defined and recognizable
- 212 Pictorial** – A photo that conveys a feeling or an emotion
- 213. Abstract** – Contains a design of patterns or shapes where the subject matter is not evident. (subject matter must be identified on the back of entry)
- 214. Artistic** - A photo that has been altered using digital editing software or post printing. This would include, but not limited to, digital stitching techniques or those enhanced or altered through the use of digital software programs such as Photoshop. May include composites of several images. Any digital processing technique may be used. (the technique or process must be described on back of entry)
- 215. Photo Restoration** - Select an old or damaged photograph to copy and digitally restored and/or enhanced. The original print may be any size; however the restored print must meet the minimum and maximum sizes set

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SECTION III – AGES 14 - 19

301. People – A posed or candid photo of a person

302. Pets - Your best shot of your companion animals

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305. Cityscapes – An urban landscape that includes manmade structures and scenery

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314. Photojournalism - Depicts a newsworthy event

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316. Photo Restoration - Select an old or damaged photograph to copy and digitally restored and/or enhanced. The original print may be any size; however the restored print must meet the minimum and maximum sizes set forth in the photo requirements. A copy of the original print must be attached to the restored photo.

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AWARDS

Photographs will be judged on originality, composition, technical merit, overall quality and subject matter pertaining to the class. New for 2016 – the number of ribbons awarded per category will increase as follows:

Blue Ribbons (First Premium) – up to 3

Red Ribbons (Second Premium) – up to 3

White Ribbons (Third Premium) – up to 3

Fourth and Fifth premium ribbons will no longer be awarded

The number of ribbons awarded in each class will depend on the merit of the images in each class.

Ribbon winners will receive a cash award, as follows:

Blue Ribbons: \$5

Red Ribbons: \$4

White Ribbons:: \$3

Judging will occur between Sunday evening and Tuesday morning by a panel of independent professional photographers.

A “**Sweepstakes**” ribbon will be awarded to the exhibitor winning the most blue ribbons *in each age division*. In case of a tie, the number of second place awards of the tied participants will determine the sweepstakes winner.

A “**Best of Show**” ribbon will be presented to a single entry in *each age division* that is judged to be the most outstanding in composition, technical merit and creativity. All first place entries are eligible.

AN ONLINE FAIR WEEK PHOTO CONTEST

The special online photo contest will be held during the week of the fair to provide the Rockingham County Fair Association with photographs that can be used in future fair brochures, publications and advertisements.

The contest will be open to all photographers, so use your imagination and creativity.

Fair photos can be emailed to Don Aittama at donaphoto@aol.com. Photos should be at least 6 megapixels in size. File sizes less than 6 megapixels will not be accepted.

Daily prizes will be awarded, as well as a grand prize winner!

Official Rules and upload links will be posted on the Fair Website and the Photography Dept. Facebook Page.

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