

2016 Photography Exhibit – Department M

SENIOR DIVISION

Don Aittama, Department Superintendent

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.

Senior Division Entrant Eligibility

The senior division is open to all amateur photographers over 19 years of age that reside in the City of Harrisonburg or the County of Rockingham. January 1, 2016 will be used to determine the contestant's age.

For the purpose of this event, an amateur is defined as an exhibitor who has not advertised their services, or received money from the sale of photographs in the past year with the exception of winnings from a photography contest.

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 and commercial processing is acceptable. *Except for the Artistic category 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 photo 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 secured within 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. Please note that binder clips will be placed at the top of your print to hang it and it may leave a mark on the print or mat.

Determining Class Eligibility

1. Class eligibility will be determined by the main subject matter of each photo.
2. The same photo or similar photo cannot be entered in multiple classes.

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SENIOR DIVISION CLASS DEFINITIONS:

401. **People** – A posed or candid photo of a person
402. **Pets** - Your best shot of your companion animals
403. **Wildlife** - Wildlife in its natural habitat or zoo
404. **Landscapes** – Depicts natural scenery
405. **Cityscapes** – An urban landscape that includes man-made structures and scenery
406. **Rural Rockingham** – A photo that defines our county
407. **Rocktown** – A unique photo that depicts our county seat, Harrisonburg
408. **Humorous** – An amusing or humorous moment caught on film
409. **Action** – The focal point is a moving object
410. **Architecture** – A structure, such as a building or bridge that is the focal point
411. **Close-up** – The subject is photographed at a very close range and is clearly defined and recognizable
412. **Pictorial** – A photo that conveys a feeling or an emotion
413. **Abstract** – Contains a design of patterns or shapes where the subject matter is not evident. Subject matter must be identified on the back
414. **Photojournalism** - Depicts a newsworthy event
415. **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)
416. **Photo Restoration** - Select an old or damaged photograph to copy and digitally restore and/or enhance. 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.
417. **Patriotic**. A photo that exemplifies the patriotic spirit of our country.

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

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.

SECTION V – OUR LOCAL HERITAGE

This class is for the display of old photographs. They will not be judged, and need not be taken by the exhibitor. This class is designed to show off our local heritage, Harrisonburg and Rockingham County as it was in the past. Photos should show something that is no longer in existence or has significantly changed. An index card will be provided to record any information that you may have about the photo. There is no minimum print size for this class and you may display more than one entry. All photos must be matted or mounted (no frames) and ready for hanging. You may also pre-register photos for this display.

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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