



NORTHWEST
WASHINGTON

FAIR

Open Class Photography

August 13 – August 22, 2026



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OPEN CLASS PHOTOGRAPHY – DEPT. 07

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Entries are due online by July 24

Exhibits will be due in the Phillips 66 Building Saturday August 8 from 10 am to 2 pm. Enter the fairgrounds through Gate 1. There is parking at Gate 1 and the Mt. Baker Rotary Building. If you cannot enter online, you may still enter your photos at entry drop off.

Pick up entry and ribbon: Sunday after Fair from 10 am to 2 pm. Entries not picked up will be unsecure and may be moved.

The Open class Photography Department encourages all ages and abilities to display their work at the Fair. Please share your photo for our community to enjoy during the Fair.

Open Photography Guidelines:

- Online entries are still required to be brought in at the times listed for the department. An online entry does NOT guarantee a space if the available space is full when you arrive.
- Original prints produced within the last 12 months and not previously shown at the Northwest Washington Fair are eligible.
- All photos must be printed on photographic paper. Entries printed on paper, card stock, etc. will not be accepted.
- **No frames, glass, plastic wrap etc.** All photos must be 8 x 10, placed with an 11 x 14 mat (mat frame, cardboard, foam core, etc.).
- All photos must be family friendly.
- Division A two entries per exhibitor, each exhibit must be in a different class.
- The judge will be an artist, teacher, or critic of established reputation in the field of photography.
- Photography entries must be picked up Sunday. After Sunday release time there is NO Security available and entries may be moved.
- No entry can be removed early, removal of entry will result in a forfeit of your premium and a one year suspension in the photography department.
- It is the responsibility of the artist to inform the department if the photograph has been digitally altered (computerized: digitally altered other than resizing and resolution).

Age Groups: Age as of July 1st of current year.

Senior – ages 60+

Adult - ages 19 to 59

Teen - ages 15 to 18

Junior – ages 10 to 14

Youth – age 9 and under

DEPARTMENT 07 – OPEN CLASS PHOTOGRAPHY

DIVISION A – PHOTOGRAPHY

Limit of 2 Division A entries per exhibitor, must be different classes. Must be a 8x10 inch print on an 11x14 inch mat.

Premiums	First	Second	Third
Professional	5.00	4.00	3.00
Adult	4.50	4.00	3.50
Senior	4.50	4.00	3.50
Teen	4.00	3.50	3.00
Junior	3.50	3.00	2.50
Youth	3.00	2.50	2.00

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CLASS NUMBERS

1. People - one or more people (no shadow photos allowed). Can be posed portraits or candid shots.
2. Animal - one or more animals
3. Landscape/ Scenic (no seascapes or sunsets/sunrises)
4. Seascape
5. Sunset/Sunrise
6. Astrophotography – stars, planets, or other celestial objects
7. Building/Machines/Boats/Cars – No standalone billboards or signs.
8. Flowers - one or more flower, weed, or plant.
9. Action - any subject where the viewer can see action is in progress
10. Close-up/ Macro - any subject, very close or zoomed in.
11. Design Element - any subject showing the predetermined design element. This element will change each year. For this year, the design element is textured
12. Still Life - any inanimate object(s) posed for photo
13. Color of the Year – any subject with the predetermined color as the main color of the photo. This will change each year. For this year, the color is red, white, and blue in celebration of 250 Years of the United States.
14. Whatcom County - any place or event in Whatcom County.
15. Last Year's Fair - previous year's fair. Can be of anything at the Fair. A caption is required.
16. Composite – an image created from 2 or more original images to create a new one. You can use other elements as well, and you can portray something that doesn't exist in the real world, but the photographic elements must be in the main part of the image and original to you.
17. Black and White
18. Digitally edited
19. Other, not in any other class

DIVISION B – PHOTO BOARDS

Maximum of one class per exhibitor, and one entry per class. All photos must be minimum of 3 ½” x 5” in size. Photos may be manually cropped if you are unable to find a commercial printer that makes this size photo. Over all dimensions of photo board may not exceed 22” x 14” – dimensions larger than this will result in a loss of all mounting points and the possibility of not being displayed due to limited space. Please cut board to a size that complements your display. Excessive unused space will result in a loss of some mounting points.

PREMIUMS: 6.00 5.00 4.00

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1. Photo Story - 3 to 6 prints that tell a story or sequence of events with a beginning, an ending, a title, and captions.
2. Theme Board - 3 to 6 photos depicting a specific theme. Title required; captions, poems, or other written words are optional.

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