

Arts Division 17 - Photography

Art Director
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New Mexico State Fair
September 7 - 17, 2023

Art Preview Night
Wednesday, September 6, 2023
Doors open 6:00 PM

\$4,180.00 in Premiums

Entries
Creative Arts Center

Walk In Entries Accepted

Friday, August 18, 2023
Saturday, August 19, 2023
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Entry Fees
Payable to New Mexico State Fair
(Fees are Non-Refundable)

Section 260 - Youth
\$5.00 per photograph (Limit of 4 entries)

Section 261 - Adult Amateur
\$10.00 per photograph (Limit of 4 entries)

Section 262 - Professional
\$15.00 per photograph (Limit of 4 entries)

Special Rules

1. Photographer must be a NM resident.
2. **Photographers are to provide a completed W-9 upon registration in order for the fair to process award premiums or art sales payable to artists.**
3. Entries Allowed: Up to 4 photographs, per section. Color or Black & White. Signature on print or mat allowed. Business names not allowed.
4. Each photograph may be entered once and cannot be entered in future years.
5. Once an exhibitor has entered in Section 262 Professional, exhibitor may not change to Section 261 - Adult Amateur.

6. **Section 260:** Youth - 18 years old or younger. (Derives no income from photography)
7. **Section 261:** Adult Amateur-19 years old or older. (Derives no income from photography, if in Section 261 - Adult Amateur, sells a photograph during the NM State Fair and is the only place your work is sold you will not be classified as a Professional for future State Fairs).
8. **Section 262:** Professional - 19 years old or older. To enter work in Section 262, must be a Professional Photographer and make a portion of their income from photography.
9. Out-of-town Artists may ship entries and arrive no later than August 17, 2023. Include 1 check payable to NM State Fair for entry fee along with completed entry cards and **postage in the form of postage stamps** for return shipping fee. Out-of-town entries must be shipped to:

Attn: Ramona Vigil-Eastwood
Expo New Mexico, Photography Division
300 San Pedro Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87108

10. Entry cards available at time of entry or may be mailed to you, by calling (505) 222-9738 after June 25, 2023. Entry cards must be completed and signed by Photographer.
11. Display Procedure: There is no **SET** score or criteria that guarantee a photograph will be displayed; generally, photographs not accepted are not displayed. Photographs with awards will be displayed first followed by the highest scoring photographs in descending score order until all display space is gone.

Photographs not displayed will be handled as follows:

- Adult Amateur & Youth photographs will be put inside a clear protective sleeve and placed in a mat bin for exhibit and sale.
 - All photographs will be returned Tuesday, September 19, 2023, between 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Any questions or concerns please call (505) 222-9738.
12. **PHOTOGRAPHS MUST BE FOR SALE.** Photographer must indicate price on entry card. A 25% commission charge will be deducted from price stated by photographer at time of entry on all work sold during the fair.
 13. Photos submitted must be originals that he/she has created, composed, made the original exposures and that the processing and any special effects were done by the entrant. Copy work not allowed, the NM State Fair officials reserve the right to remove any work that is a copy.

14. The NM State Fair is a family-oriented event. Images found offensive or in bad taste will be removed by NM State Fair officials.
15. Precautions are taken for the safety of all entries, but in no case, will the New Mexico State Fair, the State of New Mexico, employees, contractors or volunteers be held liable for the loss or damage to any entry while in the Fair's possession. **Photographers are encouraged to carry insurance.**
16. **NEW PLEASE READ:** Unsold photography must be claimed upon presentation of entry card receipts at the Creative Arts Center **Tuesday, September 19, 2023, from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.** Any photographs/items remaining on the Fairgrounds after September 19, 2023, will be considered abandoned and shall become the property of the New Mexico State Fair to be disposed of at its discretion. Photographers are responsible for picking up their own photographs or provide written authorization for pick-up by another individual, including entries which were shipped. Shipped entries will be returned in the same container received, provided funds to cover the shipping costs were included with the entry.
17. Failure to comply with division rules will result in disqualification from being judged.

Judging Criteria

Judges are instructed to judge the photographs according to the following criteria.

- A. **Impact:** The photograph should draw the viewer to look at the work.
- B. **Creativity:** The image should stir the viewer's imagination.
- C. **Style:** What sets the photograph apart from the others?
- D. **Composition:** Good placement of the main and secondary subjects.
- E. **Presentation:** The photograph should be presented in such a way to enhance it.
- F. **Color Balance:** Good color selection for the subject.
- G. **Center of Interest:** Should lead the viewer through the photo and hold the eye without distraction.
- H. **Lighting:** The correct quality for proper exposure and quality for the gender of the subject or mood of the composition.
- I. **Subject Matter:** The image should give an outstanding interpretation of the subject.


- J. **Print Quality:** Photograph should have proper density, contrast and finishing.
- K. **Technique:** Technique is the foundation of photography, but the application of art principles is necessary. Design brings ideas into concrete form.
- L. **Statement:** The image should present the viewer with a complete story.

Identification – Backside of Photograph

Each entry must have the following information on the back, upper left-hand corner.

- Your name and phone number
- Your – city and zip code
- The title of photograph (Photographs must have a title). Please do not use "UNTITLED" as a title.
- **Do Not use more than 36 characters including spaces in your title.**
- Print Class Number and Ticket Claim number that corresponds with your entry card.
Ex: # 1 – 1001 - Scenic's
- The price of your print.
- If you do not put a category on the back of your print, it will be judged in miscellaneous.
- On upper right-hand corner, place a bold arrow pointing up to indicate whether entry is to be displayed, horizontally or vertically.

BACK SIDE OF PHOTOGRAPHY Identification Form Example

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| Photographers Name Phone Number (505) 100-0001 Albuquerque, 87110 Title - "City Lights" Class # - Ticket #, ex.: #1-1001 Scenic's Price - \$1.00 |  |
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Section 260-261 Youth & Amateur Adult

YOUTH & ADULT AMATEUR ENTRY SIZE:

1. Photographs must be **Permanently Mounted** to an **11"x14" mat board**. The **entire back** of the photograph must be stuck to the mat board. Do not use foam core.
2. You may single or double mat your photograph. (The entry should not be any thicker than 3 single weight mat boards). Digital Mats are accepted.

3. **DO NOT FRAME YOUR ENTRIES (Framing is different from matting).**
4. Photograph size on the 11"x14" mat board shall not be any smaller than a 5"x7" or any larger than 11"x14".
5. One photograph per mat board unless multiple images tell a story. Each photo on the entry must be at least a 5"x7" image.

Section 260-Youth 18 Yrs. & Under

| Premiums | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Honorable Mention |
| \$40.00 | \$30.00 | \$20.00 | Ribbon |

Classes 1-6

1. Scenic's-Landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes
2. Sunrise/Sunsets - Photo with a sunrise, sunset
3. Animals - Reptiles, Sea Animals, Insects, Birds, Wild or Domestic Animals
4. Human Interest - Any setting, including street photography.
5. Flowers - Plants, Trees, Anything that blooms
6. Miscellaneous - Any Photo not listed above

Best of Show **\$50.00 & Rosette**
Popular Vote Award **\$25.00 & Rosette**

Section 261-Adult Amateur 19 Yrs. & Older

| Premiums | | | |
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| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Honorable Mention |
| \$60.00 | \$50.00 | \$40.00 | Ribbon |

Classes 7-12

7. Scenic's-Landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes
8. Sunrise/Sunsets - Photo with a sunrise, sunset
9. Animals - Reptiles, Sea Animals, Insects, Birds, Wild or Domestic Animals
10. Human Interest - Any setting, street photography
11. Flowers - Plants, Trees, Anything that blooms
12. Miscellaneous - Any Photo not listed above

Best of Show **\$75.00 & Rosette**
Popular Vote Award **\$40.00 & Rosette**

Section 262 – Professional

PROFESSIONAL ENTRY SIZE:

- Entries must be in a frame, no smaller than 15"x18" and not larger than 30"x30" measured from the outside of the frame. Poster frames not allowed. Glass or Plexiglas allowed. Framed photographs may include a mat. Frames must be fitted with a wire, ready for hanging. The wire must extend 2 inches below the top of the frame.

- The size of the photograph must not be smaller than 11"x14" and not larger than 30"x30". A dry mount photo process before framing is recommended. Mat and frame colors are your choice. We recommend black frames and neutral mat colors in order to keep the viewer's attention to the photograph.
- One photograph per frame unless the multiple images tell a story.
- **SIGNATURES OR ANY IDENTIFYING MARKINGS FOR ANY BUSINESS NOT ALLOWED ON THE FRONT SIDE OF YOUR PHOTOGRAPH. PHOTOGRAPHS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM BEING JUDGED AND ANY ENTRY FEES PAID ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.**
- Panoramic Images allowed and judged in class entered.
- Modern Metal Prints: Image on Aluminum Sheet

Section 262 – Professional

| Premiums | | | |
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| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Honorable Mention |
| \$150.00 | \$125.00 | \$100.00 | Ribbon |

Classes 13-18

13. Human Interest - Any setting, including street photography
14. Art: - Illustrative, Creative, Abstract, and Impressionist
15. Scenic's: - Landscapes, Seascapes and Nightscapes
16. Urban: - Cityscapes, Street Scenes, Bridges, Churches, Wrecking Yards, etc.
17. Wildlife: - Animals of all kinds including insects
18. Miscellaneous – Any photo not listed above

Best of Show **\$200.00 & Rosette**
Popular Vote Award **\$100.00 & Rosette**

As a participant, volunteer, or attendee, you recognize that your participation, involvement and/or attendance at any Fair event or activity includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist and that you knowingly and freely assume all such risks related to illness and infectious diseases, such as COVID-19, even if arising from the negligence or fault of the Released Parties.