

Photography in Sussex County Presents:
The 2024 Photography Exhibition at the Sussex County Farm and Horse Show/New Jersey State Fair
Fair Dates Friday August 2 Through Saturday August 10

Entry Information: There will be a limit of three (3) entries per person. Entries are limited to Sussex County residents, members in good standing in one of the three Sussex County photo clubs or a currently registered student at a Sussex County school. Summer residents must list their Sussex County address on the entry form. The photos must have been taken recently by the entrant (all age groups included). The entrant certifies that he/she used a camera to produce all components of the photos being entered. The photo can be processed by a professional lab. Nothing that identifies the entrant may be on the front of the print or the mat. Entries must be in good taste and family friendly. Images deemed unfit by the committee will not be judged or exhibited. The expectations of the committee are that any artist's work will be as original as possible. We leave the originality of the image up to the integrity of the artist. The committee understands that there are few truly original ideas but will take it on good faith that all the artists are attempting to submit work that is as unique as possible.

Entry Fees: Five dollars for each adult entry and one dollar for each student entry.

Matting: The acceptable matting format is a print attached to a backer board with a cut-out mat attached over the front of the print. Flush mounts are not acceptable as the prints can be damaged in handling. **Frames or glass are not permitted.** Conditions in the Richards Building are normally quite hot and humid during the exhibition. As a courtesy, the exhibit hosts usually do some "first aid" on any photos that need it. Please be sure that your technique and materials are up to hanging in the extreme conditions for the duration of the Fair.

Sizing: Adults: Entrant may make their prints any size that will fit on a 16 x 20 mat. All the prints must be matted on 16 x 20 mats.

Students Aged 3 to 16: While 8 X 10 photos are recommended, prints may be any size but must be mounted on 11X14 mat.

Students Aged 16 to 18: Mat size may be 11 X 14 or 16 X 20

Any deviation from these mats and backing requirements will not be accepted for entry into the exhibition.

Entry Drop Off Locations: Entries may be dropped off at two locations. **The Fair Admin Building**, 37 Plains Road, Augusta on Saturday July 20 from 10 am to 2pm and Sunday July 21 from 10am to 2pm. Also, **Sparta Photo and Video**, 43 Theater Center, Sparta, will accept entries until Wednesday, July 17 during regular store hours. Please check for store hours.

Pick Up: Entries may be picked up at the Fairgrounds Richards Building from 12 pm, noon, to 3:00 pm on Sunday August 11. If you are picking up prints for someone else, please come with information as to the category numbers and how many prints you are picking up. Entries not picked up on Sunday will be available on Tuesday August 13 from 10am to 2pm at the Fair Admin Building. Beyond that the balance of the prints will be available at **Sparta Photo and Video** from Thursday Aug. 15. They will be held for 90 days and at that time all the prints will be destroyed.

Awards: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and honorable mention ribbons will be awarded in all divisions and categories provided a suitable number of entries are submitted in each category.

There are two special categories for the **Sussex County Awards**, one for adults and one for students. **These photos need to be taken in Sussex County and preferably demonstrate some aspect of life in the County.** There will be rosette and cash awards for best in these two categories. First place student winner will receive a \$10.00 cash award, and a \$25.00 cash award for the adult winner. There will also be second and third place ribbons in these categories, as well as, honorable mentions.

Rosettes will be awarded for Best in Show Amateur Division, Adolf Fassbender Award (Best in Show Adult Advanced Amateur Division), and Best in Show Masters, and Most Creative. There will also be a rosette for the **Charles Current Award** for Best in Show Student. In addition to the rosette, the Charles Current Award includes a \$50 cash prize. Each first-place winner in the student division will be awarded a \$10 cash prize. **Since all rosette and cash winners will be notified by e-mail or telephone, be sure to include your e-mail and phone number on the entry form.**

Divisions and Special Award Categories:

Sussex County Award:

These photos must be taken in Sussex County and preferably demonstrate some aspect of life in the County.

Sussex County Award/Student Division All Ages
Sussex County Award/Adult All Divisions

Photo Art and Composites: This category is for highly computer manipulated photos and photos that have been post processed by blending multiple images to create one final image. All images and composites must be the work of the entrant, and the entrant has not used generative AI in the creation of the photo.

Photo Art & Composites/Student Division and Adult Division

Student Division: - This Division is open to students from 3 years old to 18 years old only.

Adult Amateur Division (19 years and older): This Division is for photographers who have **not** won two blue ribbons or rosettes at this level in former fair competition.

Adult Amateur Advanced Division: This Division is for photographers who have **not** won three blue ribbons or rosettes at this level, have had some professional training or are college students studying photography

Masters Division: This division is for those who have won three blues or rosettes at the AAA level.

Photographers have the option of beginning or placing themselves at a higher level, but will remain at that level until qualified to advance forward.

Entry forms: Entry forms may be picked up at the **Fair Admin Building**, and at **Sparta Photo and Video** in Sparta. The rules of the contest and the entry form will be available on-line at sussexcountyfairgrounds.org. Click on "Be a Part of the Fair", "Be an Exhibitor", scroll down to "Art, Photography...", Click on "2024 Photography in Sussex County Rules and Entry Form"

Printed copies and the on-line version will be available by, Saturday, April 27. Please complete the entry form and affix it to the back of each entry. For the entries not dropped off at the Fair Admin Building, an envelope with the entry fee enclosed should be taped to the back of each entry. Any questions about materials, entries, rules or any phase of the exhibit should be directed to Eileen Stemley (stemcenter@aol.com) or Donna Romanick (donna.romanick@yahoo.com)

Volunteers Wanted: The only way that this competition continues to run is through the efforts of the volunteers who do the bulk of the work. Those of you who would like to contribute to this effort may do so by contacting Donna Romanick. Her info is in the preceding paragraph. If you contact her, you will be put on a list of persons to be contacted as the Fair approaches for meetings, etc. There are rewards for working other than the obvious personal feelings of contributing to a good cause. Passes to the Fair are available for those who contribute sufficient time working as a volunteer. In addition to the passes, there are community service credits available for our high school volunteers.

"Photography in Sussex County" Entry Form (Photo Show at the NJ State Fair)

Please enter your information as clearly as possible and attach this form to the back of each entry.

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Photographer Name _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

Email _____ Circle if you are member of: PSC SCC VCC Camera Club

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. SELECT your Division 2. CIRCLE one Category # that matches your entry* 3. ATTACH this form on the back of your mat.

STUDENT DIVISION (3 to 18 years only) Open to students from age 3 to 18 only. <i>Student mat size: 11" by 14" (Category #5 can be 11" by 14" or 16" by 20")</i>	ADULT AMATEUR DIVISION (19 years and older) Open to photographers who have not won two blue ribbons or rosettes at this level in former competitions at this Fair. <i>Adult Amateur Division mat size: 16" by 20"</i>	ADULT AMATEUR ADVANCED DIVISION Open to photographers who have not won two Fair blue ribbons or rosettes at this level, have some professional training, or are studying photography in college. <i>Adult Amateur Advanced Division mat size: 16" by 20"</i>	MASTERS DIVISION Open to those who have won three Fair blue ribbons or rosettes at the AAA level. <i>Masters Division mat size: 16" by 20"</i>	
#1 Age 3-6 years #2 Age 7-9 years #3 Age 10-12 years #4 Age 13-15 years #5 Age 16-18 years #6 "Sussex County Award" Student Division All Ages Where taken: <hr/> #7 Photo Art & Composites Student Division *See entry instructions	#8 All Monochrome #9 Country Life #10 Flowers #11 Wild/Zoo Animals #12 Domestic Animals #13 Birds #14 Landscape #15 Insects #16 Waterscape #17 Humor #18 General	#19 Portrait (People Only color image) #20 Architecture #35 "Sussex County Award" Adult Division Where taken: <hr/> #36 Photo Art & Composites Adult Division *See entry instructions	#21 People (Color) #22 Animals (Color) #23 Landscape (Color) #24 Floral (Color) #25 Still Life (Color) #26 Architecture (Color) #27 All Monochrome #28 General #35 "Sussex County Award" Adult Division: Where taken <hr/> #36 Photo Art & Composites Adult Division *See entry instructions	#29 People (Color) #30 Animals (Color) #31 Architecture (Color) #32 Landscape (Color) #33 General (Color) #34 All Monochrome #35 "Sussex County Award" Adult Division Where taken: <hr/> #36 Photo Art & Composites Adult Division *See entry instructions

No AI used: The photographer certifies that a personal camera was used to produce all components of the entered photo. Initial here: _____

If you are interested in selling this image, check here: _____ (We will contact you if a buyer is interested.)

Signature of Entrant or Parent/Guardian

I grant the New Jersey State Fair/Sussex County Farm and Horse Show permission, the right to use my photography or photograph of me for editorial, trade, advertising, web content, and other purposes in any manner and medium. Furthermore, I understand that no royalty, fee, or other compensation shall become payable to me by reason of such use. This use agreement does not assign the copyright to the New Jersey State Fair/Sussex County Farm and Horse Show.

Entrant Signature: _____ Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Please do not use my photograph or photos of me _____