

**Photography in Sussex County Presents:
The 2023 Photography Exhibition at the Sussex County Farm and Horse Show/
New Jersey State Fair**

Fair Dates Friday August 4 Through Saturday August 12

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 by the entrant (all age groups included) but 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 22 from 10 am to 2pm and Sunday July 23 from 10am to 2pm.

Also, **Sparta Photo and Video,** 43 Theater Center, Sparta, will accept entries until Wednesday, July 19 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 3:00pm on Sunday August 13. 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 15 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. 17. 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, 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 or art work to create one final image. All images and composites must be the work of the entrant.

Photo Art & Composites/Student Division

Photo Art and Composites/ 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.

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 "2023 Photography in Sussex County Rules and Entry Form".

Printed copies and the on-line version will be available by, Saturday, April 29. 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 (201.914.9739) or stemcenter@aol.com or Donna Romanick or 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.