

## **Eligibility**

The contest is open to all photographers, regardless of age, gender or nationality. Entrants under 18 years of age require the permission of a parent or guardian. By entering the contest, entrants under 18 years of age indicate that they have obtained the permission of a parent or guardian.

## **Submission Rules**

Entry is limited to original works that have not formerly been displayed or exhibited and to which the entrant holds all applicable rights.

Entries must portray images located in Clinton County. Entries depicting images that are not from Clinton County will not be considered.

Works that have won prizes in other contests or that have been submitted to other contests currently underway, including similar works, are not eligible. Works that are entered in other competitions after submitting to this contest will be deemed as those having been submitted to other contests currently underway.

Entries can be submitted to multiple categories so long as the total number of entries is within the limit of one entry per category, three entries total.

## **Submission Guidelines**

Image data files created with any digital device including smartphones, digital still cameras (including medium and large-format cameras). Images that have been retouched using software or by other means will be accepted. Retouched photography using a camera app or photo editing app is also accepted.

- Both color and monochrome images will be accepted.
- File size: up to 20 MB of image data per work
- File format: JPEG
- The standard color space for the judging process is sRGB.

Please note that winners may be requested to provide higher resolution images for publication or display purposes related to the contest.

## **Judging**

All entries will be posted onto an Flickr account maintained by the Organizer. Awards will be decided after the final round of judging. Contest results are scheduled to be announced on this website by mid-October.

## **Disclaimers**

- Entries and the persons depicted therein are restricted to works for which the entrant holds the copyright or for the use of which the entrant has received the prior permission of the right holder.
- The entrant is responsible for taking all steps necessary to protect the rights of persons depicted, including but not limited to obtaining their permission.

- Entrants are responsible for the resolution of any legal issues arising from their works and agree to pay any costs thereby incurred.
- The organizer reserves the right to disallow entries that depict brand logos or other intellectual property, whether on signs or posters or in other forms, or that in its judgment are harmful to the public order, violate standards of decency or are contrary to the goals of the contest.
- Entrants must hold all applicable rights to the final image, including any retouching or other image processing.
- Entrants will not be notified of receipt of their entries. Please note that the organizer will not respond to inquiries concerning their receipt.
- Entries are only accepted through the Internet.
- Entrants shall bear all costs incurred by entering the contest.
- Entering the contest constitutes agreement to the terms and conditions stated in these Entry Guidelines.
- The organizer reserves the right of final judgment concerning items not expressly stated in these Entry Guidelines. Entrants who do not consent to the organizer's decisions may withdraw from the contest. All costs associated with withdrawal from the contest are to be borne by the entrant.
- Once submitted, entries will not be returned to entrants under any circumstances, even if they are later withdrawn. Please note that the organizer may elect to suspend or postpone receipt of any or all entries if in its judgment the contest cannot be run smoothly, securely or without affecting the fairness of the judging due to circumstances beyond its control, including but not limited to network failure, computer viruses or unauthorized access to its servers.

Please note that when a winning work is used for exhibitions and the like stated below, due to circumstances concerning printing or otherwise, the tone or expressed meaning may not be strictly reproduced according to the winner's intent.

Please note that no response shall be given to any inquiries or complaints regarding the judges' decisions.

### **Responsibility**

Although entries are handled with reasonable care, the organizer does not accept responsibility for accidents, damage or loss during upload. The organizer does not accept responsibility for damages arising from or related to circumstances beyond its control, including but not limited to network failure, computer viruses or unauthorized access to its servers. The organizer does not accept liability for damages or other harm suffered by entrants as a result of their participation in the contest.

Entrants are required to obtain the prior permission and consent of the persons who are portrayed in their works or who hold the copyright or other intellectual property rights to the works or the items portrayed therein. Entrants agree to fully indemnify the organizer and accept all responsibility for any third-party complaints or objections concerning copyright or other intellectual property rights infringement or damages arising from the works submitted. The

foregoing limitations also apply to the responsibilities borne by the judges and third parties participating in the contest in cooperation with the organizer.

### **Entrants' Rights**

Although entrants retain the copyright and other equivalent rights to their entries, the organizer retains the rights listed below in the "Organizer's Rights" with respect to the entries.

### **Organizer's Rights**

The organizer reserves the right to publish entries to its website throughout the submission period in order to publicize the contest and to promote life in Clinton County. Such publication does not guarantee an award of any kind.

The organizer reserves the right to publish all entries onto websites and social networking service accounts related to the contest. Some entries may be cropped for publication. With the objective of publicizing the contest and to promote life in Clinton County, the organizer reserves in perpetuity the non-exclusive right to publish, reproduce, make public, publicly transmit, display, print, distribute and screen winning entries with the credit titles on websites and public social networking service accounts, in photo exhibitions, and in the facilities managed or organized by organizer and agents authorized by the organizer without the additional prior consent of the winners.

The organizer, etc. will display the names of the winners and the titles of the winning entries on contest-related websites and public social networking service accounts, at exhibitions, and in other locations where the works are shown.

Entrants are requested to familiarize themselves with the "Personal Information" below.

Upon agreement with the creator and/or winner, the organizer reserves in perpetuity the non-exclusive right to publish, reproduce, make public, publicly transmit, display, print, distribute and screen entries or winning entries with labels indicating them as entries or winning entries of the contest and the credit titles, without compensation.

If, as a result of this contest, a for-profit entity wishes to obtain and or display entries as part of a commercial venture, organizer will provide said for-profit entity with entrants' contact information and they will be responsible for procuring any and all rights and releases from the entrant needed to display said entry. Organizer will not take part in any for-profit entity displaying and/or acquiring releases for displaying an entry at a commercial venture.

Entries that in the judgment of the organizer do not conform to these Entry Guidelines will be disqualified. Entrants will not be notified in this event.

These Entry Guidelines shall be construed in accordance with the laws of Illinois.

### **Personal Information**

When submitting works to the contest, the entrant must include an entry form that provides accurate personal information to the organizer. Entries that do not contain the required information will not be accepted.

Use of personal information provided by entrants may be used as required to notify winners of the results; provide entrants with information about the contest; correspond with

entrants about their submissions; announce the winning entries; and generate general contest statistics.

### **Data Storage**

Note that regardless of the entrant's residence, data provided in a submission (image data of works and personal information) will be stored at the discretion of the organizer. On websites, in publications or otherwise pertaining to the contest, the names of the winners will appear with the winning entries, and entrants' names may also be used to establish their identity in the event that they request updates to their addresses or other personal information.

### **Disclosure of Personal Information to Third Parties**

The organizer may disclose to judges, and to third parties overseeing the contest, such personal information as may be required for contest management.

In providing personal information for this purpose, the organizer assumes responsibility for the appropriate oversight of personal information through non-disclosure agreements and other measures.