Call for Photographic Submissions: "Art & Soul of Home"

Seeking Images of Home in All Its Forms

Home is place where we go to rest after a long days work, recuperate from illness, and gather with others in celebration. It is a place we can practice daily rituals and life's big celebrations. Home is the place we can practice vulnerability and acceptance, may find security, comforts and at times experience conflict and tensions of a real life.

Home can be a place that calms you, a space you have lived or visited often. Home could be one person or a group of people that meets often. Please send us your images that show us the spaces, the people or the gatherings that depict and define home for you.

Submission Guidelines

This open call invites photographers and visual artists to explore where and in whom they find home and what it personally means to them. We welcome all photographic works including the following styles:

- **Journalistic & Documentary** Capturing authentic moments and lived-in spaces. Scenes of daily rituals, active gatherings, solitude, and transitions
- Narrative Images that tell a story of home through objects, and textures that evoke home. Portraits of people within their personal spaces.
- **Portraits** individuals or groups that embody the spirit of home and community.
- **Metaphorical & Abstract Imagery** Artistic interpretations of what feels like home beyond the beyond physical space. Symbolic or abstract visual expressions of belonging.

Artists are encouraged to explore both literal and symbolic representations of home, whether through the solitude of a well-worn chair, the warmth of a gathering, or the marks of time on familiar walls, Home may also be a container where one works through uncomfortable tensions.

Why This Matters

We are building an image archive that recognizes Home as both the foundation of community and a container of cultural significance. This platform brings together multiple artistic voices, and creates a collective visual memory celebrating the many ways people create, sustain, and experience home. Whether home is permanent or transient, inherited or self-built, shared or solitary, images will contribute to a larger, layered narrative of belonging and seeks to reveal both personal and common nuance of what Home means across varied experiences.

Founders of this archive are actively submitting exhibition proposals in the Central Texas area, and selected works will be part of both a virtual and in-person exhibition for a true community event. This project seeks to remind us that home is not about perfection, but about presence.

How to Submit

- Submit up to 5 images (JPG, max 2000 px on the long side, and name files accordingly: LastnameFirstname_title_best print size)
- Write a short statement (max 300 words) on how your work depicts home
- Please send images that have been edited to a final state but let us know in the email if they may be adjusted for editorially such as minor cropping and retouching that may be needed for final display
- Deadline: April 30, 2025
- Email submissions to: <u>submissions@homeartsoul.com</u>
- Artists will be notified by: May 30, 2025

Join us in creating a visual language of home—one that is real, raw, and deeply felt.

Contact

Sites currently under construction/in progress: homeartsoul.com

Instagram: @artandsoulofhome