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Boardman Arts Park: Photography Exhibit Contest

Boardman Arts Park, Where Community and Creativity Meet

Boardman Arts Park invites artists part of historically underrepresented groups that reside in Delaware County to participate in a photography exhibit competition that depicts Diversity in Delaware. The contest will select 16 photographs that would illustrate the diversity of the community from the eyes of the artists. On their Facebook page, Facebook.com/BoardmanArtsPark, a representative for the Park states, "We are hosting this contest to engage with a community of artists we may not have connected with before, as well as to bring a new piece of art and form to the Park."

Legal residents of Delaware County, Ohio that are part of one or more of the eight historically underrepresented groups are invited to enter. These groups are: Appalachian, Asian, Black / African American, Disabled, Hispanic / Latinx, LGBTQ+, 60+ years of age, and Veteran. Artists must be aged 13 – 99 as of date of submission, with permission from a parent or legal guardian for those under 18. Artists can submit up to three (3) photograph entries, and the same photograph in multiple categories will be considered multiple submissions. Entries will be accepted through January 15, 2024 at 8:00 PM.

Boardman Arts Park is thrilled to have four guest judges for the contest: Kris Kolb, Delaware artist and retired art educator; Jeff Nilan, Ohio Wesleyan University Fine Arts Professor; Devin Taylor, Recruitment & Retention Coordinator in the LGBT Center at Case Western Reserve University; and Jeremy Rosario Maldonado, VP, associate creative director at FCB Health in New York City. Two Entries will be selected from each diversity group category, for a total of 16 winning submissions. Entries will be judged on five categories to include Storytelling, Content, Image Quality, Composition, and Creativity. These categories will be equally weighted. Selected winners will receive a \$250 cash prize for each winning submission. The selected photographs will also be mounted on large (3'x5') outdoor display boards to be exhibited in the Arts Park's outdoor art gallery along the William St corridor (with over 13,000 views a day).

For full contest rules and details, and to enter, visit BoardmanArtsPark.org/photography. Boardman Arts Park looks forward to your submissions!