

DEPT. N-PHOTOGRAPHY



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Quick Reference – Photography

- Entries need to be at the fair office by August 4th with the photography entry form attached.
- Pick-up entries in Photography department August 17th from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Remaining entries will be in the fair office at noon August 18th and should be picked up by August 22nd.

NOTE: The photography department is on the 2nd floor of the Four Seasons Centre. Please note the second floor is accessible by either stairs or an elevator and is air conditioned.

PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW THE RULES OF ENTRY

1. Entries are open to amateurs who pursue photography as a hobby.
2. The appropriate class and lot must be listed on the back of each print. Special entry blanks may be obtained at the SCFF office or downloaded from www.scff.org. Use only one entry blank to list all entries. It must be enclosed with the pictures entered. Online entries will not be accepted.
3. All prints must be securely mounted on 16"x 20" matboard or foam core. NOT THIN TAGBOARD. It must be strong enough to keep the print flat; arranged to be exhibited with the 20" dimension VERTICAL OR HORIZONTAL. Exhibitor's name, address, county, print title, location of photo, class and lot must be legibly printed on the back of each mount. Title on FRONT of the mount is NOT required, nor desired, since it's a picture distraction. It is suggested that the letters be no more than 1" high. Mountings must be secure, neat, and attractive. NO GLASS, FRAME MOUNTED OR WRAP AROUND MOUNTED ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.
4. Entries must be mailed or hand delivered with the entry blank to the Steele County Free Fair Office, 1525 S. Cedar, Owatonna, MN 55060. The entries must be received by August 5. To protect the photos, submit entries in a labeled box or bag. No late entries will be accepted. If you want your bag or box returned, print your name or use an address label for proper identification.
5. Entries should be picked up at the exhibit space between 6 PM and 7 PM on Sunday, August 17. August 18 to August 22 pictures may be picked up at the fair office. If pictures are removed from the exhibit without permission, before 6 PM Sunday, the right to enter future competitions will be forfeited. If it is desired to have them returned by mail, packaging, postage and return label must be provided.
6. The Steele County Free Fair assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to prints; however, all reasonable care and diligence will be exercised to safeguard the exhibits.
7. The right to photograph, copy or reproduce any entry or group of entries for the purposes of Fair publicity is considered granted unless specifically denied on the entry form.
8. ALL Winning entries are NOT eligible for re-entry in competition again, although applicable to a different lot.
9. Judging is based upon COMPOSITION (Subject placement in the format area/Cropped viewpoint), IMAGE QUALITY, (Sharpness, Exposure, Lighting, etc.) and INTEREST VALUE (Grabs/Holds your attention).
10. ALL judging decisions are FINAL, including the number and type of awards issued.
11. A People's Choice Award, sponsored by Tri M Graphics, will be selected by viewer votes. The voting will close at 12:00 PM Sunday, August 17. Please vote only once. A plaque will be awarded to the winner.
12. Gladys Wavrin Best in Steele County Plaque will be awarded.
13. NO OUT-OF-STATE ENTRIES.

PREMIUMS

First place in each lot \$10.00 and ribbon

Second place in each lot \$8.00 and ribbon

Third place in each lot \$6.00 and ribbon

Honorable Mention in each lot \$4.00 and ribbon (One honorable mention will be given for every 8 entries in each lot).

BEST IN EACH CLASS - Champion Ribbons & \$5.00

PHOTOGRAPHY DESCRIPTIONS

- There are the SIX CLASSES in the Photography Department, defined as follows:

Adult (ages 18 & up), Junior (ages 17 & under), and Professional/Masters (One who owns a photography business or pays taxes on their photos OR those winning 2 or more blue ribbons in the previous year.)

ENLARGEMENTS - 8x10 or larger, Color or Black & White.

CLASS 1-Adult CLASS 2-Junior CLASS 3-Professional/Masters

SNAPSHOTS - 5x7 or smaller either in Color or Black & White.

CLASS 4 -Adult CLASS 5-Junior CLASS 6 (*Professional)

- Within each Class, exhibitors may submit up to TWO (2) entries in each lot. Limit of 12 entries per exhibitor.

MANIPULATION ALLOWED ONLY IN OPEN, PEOPLE AND SCENERY.

LOTS are defined as follows:

Lot 1 - **OPEN** - Domestic animals, cultivated plants or flowers, still life, and all computer altered images. Manipulation allowed.

Lot 2 - **PEOPLE** - The person(s) must be the predominate center of interest.

Lot 3 - **NATURE** - There should be no evidence of the influence of man, such as cultivated plants or flowers, domestic animals, fences, utility poles, road, trails, etc. *NO MANIPULATION

Lot 4 - **SCENERY** - Landscape, Seascape, Cityscapes also acceptable, but man's influences may be in evidence.

Lot 5 - **PHOTO JOURNALISM** - (Life in our World) Humans and their environment. Include spot news, sports, dramatic events, human interest that tell a story. Items that would be seen in a newspaper. *NO MANIPULATION Manipulation: cropping, removing dust marks, minor contrast, sharpening, and minor color adjustments allowed.

ENLARGEMENTS - 8x10 or larger. One print secured on one mount.

Class 1 - Adult (ages 18 & up)

Class 2 - Junior (ages 17 & under)

Class 3 – Professional/Masters

SNAPSHOTS - Five or Six Photos on each entry. 5x7 or smaller.

No 8x10 allowed.

Class 4 - Adult (ages 18 & up)

Class 5- Junior (ages 10-17)

Class 6 – Professional/Masters

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August 12-17, 2025-Steele County Free Fair Photography Exhibit Entry Form

EXHIBITOR #

This form must be submitted with your entries.

(Office Use Only)

●●●●Limit of 2 entries in each lot for a total of 20 in all lots●●●●

ENLARGEMENTS CLASS #

CLASS 1 (Adult) - 2 (Junior) - 3 (Professional/Master)

One 8 x 10 or larger print placed on a 16 x 20 vertical mount (matboard, foam core, or cardboard). B&W or Color

Limit 2 entries in each Lot

LOT 1-Open

1. _____

2. _____

LOT 2-People

1. _____

2. _____

LOT 3 -Nature (No manipulation)

1. _____

2. _____

LOT 4-Scenes

1. _____

2. _____

LOT 5-Photojournalism (no manipulation)

1. _____

2. _____

SNAPSHOTS CLASS #

CLASS 4 (Adult) – 5 (Junior) – 6 (Professional/Master)

5 or 6 prints 5x7 or smaller on a 16 x 20 vertical mount (matboard, foam core, or cardboard) is single-entry.

B&W or Color

Limit 2 entries in each Lot

LOT 1-Open

1. _____

2. _____

LOT 2-People

1. _____

2. _____

LOT 3 -Nature (No manipulation)

1. _____

2. _____

LOT 4-Scenes

1. _____

2. _____

LOT 5-Photojournalism (no manipulation)

1. _____

2. _____

Exhibitor Name _____

Address _____ **Phone** _____

City, State, Zip _____ **County** _____

Email address _____

Would you like to volunteer to sit at the booth during the fair? Yes _____ **No** _____

Day and time you would be available _____