

# DEPT. N - PHOTOGRAPHY



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## 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](http://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, 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 18. August 19 to August 23 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 competition 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. Voting will close at 12:00 p.m. Sunday, August 18. 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.**

## Quick Reference Photography

Entries need to be at the fair office by August 5th with the photography entry form attached. Pick-up entries in Photography department August 18th from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Remaining entries will be in the fair office at noon August 19th and should be picked up by August 23rd.

**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.**

## PHOTOGRAPHY DESCRIPTIONS

1. These are the **SIX CLASSES** in the Photography Department, defined as follows: Adult (ages 18 & up), Junior (ages 17 & under), and Professional  
ENLARGEMENTS - 8x10 or larger, Color or Black & White. **CLASS 1 (Adult) CLASS 2 (Junior) CLASS 3 (Professional)**  
SNAPSHOTS - 5x7 or smaller either in Color or Black & White. **CLASS 4 (Adult), CLASS 5 (Junior), CLASS 6 (\*Professional)\*** Professional is one who owns a photography business or pays taxes on their photos.
2. 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

**SNAPSHOTS - Only 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

## 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).  
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