



## PHOTOGRAPHY

### Department 26—Open Show

Amount Offered: \$1,324.00

Entry Fee: \$1.00 per entry (2 entries per Class maximum)

Challenge: \$1.25 per entry (2 entries per Class maximum)

Late Registration Fee – Approval Required: \$25.00 per entry

Judging Time: Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at 11:30 am

Location: Building E

Superintendent: Miki Myshkowec .....(847)417-9875

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### Rules and Regulations

1. Entries must be filed with the fair office by 3:00 pm on July 14, 2024, or by midnight online. **LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU REGISTER ONLINE!**
2. All exhibitors are required to purchase a week long exhibitor pass.
3. Home Arts General Rules apply.
4. Bring entries to **Building E** on **Monday, July 29 between 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm**. Exhibitor's tags must be paper-clipped to the upper right-hand corner of mounting. Exhibitors name must NOT appear on exhibit. Exhibitor tags will be given out when you drop off your photographs.
5. Non-livestock/Home Art exhibits will be released on the **SUNDAY of fair week between 8 pm and 9 pm OR MONDAY AFTER FAIR (AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup>) from 10 am-1 pm, exhibits may not be removed before then**. Ribbons and exhibits will be available for pick up at these time slots only. Any exhibits that remain unclaimed after 4pm on the Friday following the Fair will be donated or discarded.
6. All photographs must be entered by amateurs and entered under the name of the person who took them. Professional photographers are NOT eligible to enter. For this exhibit, if one of the following apply, you are considered professional: (1) Those who maintain a public studio, (2) Sells their work and/or advertises for business, (3) Derive more than 50% of their income from photography, (4) Have won two or more Best of Show (or similar) awards in a photography contest.
7. **Challenge Division:** there are 14 categories open to all levels of photographers. All entrants, please review your status as a photographer. If you are starting to sell your work and/or advertising yourself as a photographer or taking photographs (employed by and paid) for a photography studio, then please enter in our new Challenge Categories. It is not in our intention to exclude anyone from entering their work, but we want to make sure the competition is fair to all. \*See special Instruction Challenge Division.
8. Photographs are NOT to be altered by computer or any art media unless otherwise specified. Accepted forms: UV filter, polarized filter, soft filter, adding contrast, color corrections, and cropping. No color saturation and no HD may be used. For the **Challenge Division** Photoshop or similar programs are allowed.
9. Finished prints MAY BE printed from a home computer or a Photo lab (i.e. Wal-Mart, Walgreens, Shutterfly) Matte finish is preferred over glossy due to glare.
10. Photographs may be taken with any type of camera; Digital, 35 mm, point and shoot.
11. Please check carefully when putting prints in OTHER categories. Prints entered in "other" MUST NOT qualify for any other Division listed, or they will be disqualified.
12. Each print may ONLY appear in one Class (**photo may not appear in Home Arts Department**) and must not have been previously entered in the McHenry County Fair. Superintendents reserve the right and will disqualify ANY "suspicious" prints without any exception or discussion. NOTE: this includes images which have been changed slightly, cropped differently or is similar in concept.
13. When choosing your photographs, please keep in mind this is a family orientated event and any photograph deemed not to be in keeping with that nature, may be disqualified and not displayed.
14. **COLOR AND BLACK AND WHITE PRINTS:**
  - a. Finished print size should be 8 x 10. Prints are to be mounted on a 10 x 12 WHITE POSTER BOARD (No mat Board is allowed). Creating a 1-inch border on all 4 sides. This will allow the print to be mounted properly using staples. NO double-sided tape. Scotch wrinkle free stick or liquid glue adhesive works well. No other mounting materials or frames are allowed.
  - b. No photo corners are allowed.

- c. A matte finish is preferred over glossy due to the glare.
  - d. **\*\*NEW\*\* Captions allowed.** Please provide TYPED short description of your photograph. and attach to lower left corner of Poster Board. **NO Captions allowed in Jr or Challenge.** Please call with any questions
  - e. Please remove dates.
15. JUDGING: This department has “open judging.” Exhibitors may watch the process; however, exhibitors may NOT disturb the process or speak to the Judge(s) or the Superintendent(s) during this time. Any infraction of this rule will disqualify ALL photography exhibits entered by the exhibitor. Judges’ decisions are final. In the event of indecision between Judges, the Superintendents reserve the rights to step in as an additional Judge for a final decision.
16. Superintendents reserve the rights to disqualify any exhibits that do not abide by any of the Photography Rules and Regulations.
17. Entries will be judged solely in competition and in comparison, with each other.
18. The McHenry County Fair Association, for the safety of those attending the Fair (including the rider), prohibits the use of bicycles, scooters, skateboards, hoverboards, and similar wheeled riding items of the Fairgrounds, during the Annual Fair, including set-up and take-down.

**Open Color Print/Open Black and White Print Premiums** First-\$5; Second-\$4; Third-\$3; Forth-ribbon

**Challenge Premiums** First-\$8; Second-\$5; Third-ribbon; Forth-ribbon

**Best of Show:** (One per Division. Each first place within a Division will compete for this award): Rosette

Division	Class
<b>COLOR PRINTS</b>	
<b>A</b> McHenry County Fair Theme: Stars, Stripes and Summer Nights	<b>1</b> Kids on the Farm <b>2</b> Family Farms <b>3</b> Farmers Market <b>4</b> Fall Festivities <b>5</b> Barns <b>6</b> Farm Scene <b>7</b> Stars, Stripes, and Summer Nights <b>8</b> Farm Animals <b>9</b> Tractors <b>10</b> Farm Traditions <b>11</b> Animal Farm Life: Horse/Llama/Alpaca
<b>B</b> Everyday Living	<b>01</b> Individual Child 0-3 Years <b>02</b> Individual Child 4 years and up <b>03</b> Children – 2 or more <b>04</b> Child and Adult <b>05</b> Portrait (posed subject) <b>06</b> Character Study <b>07</b> Kids and their pets <b>08</b> At Play <b>09</b> Humorous <b>10</b> Senior Adults <b>11</b> Images at Home ( Your favorite things Inside or around your home) <b>12</b> Blue <b>13</b> My Time Capsule (things you would put in a time capsule) <b>14</b> Things you Find on the Sidewalk <b>15</b> Home Town-Shoot like a Tourist <b>16</b> Street Photography (Everyday life in Public Places)
<b>C</b> Scenic	<b>01</b> Landscapes <b>02</b> Seascapes <b>03</b> Down by the Water <b>04</b> Winter <b>05</b> Fall <b>06</b> Sunrise/Sunsets (must include an Object in the photo) <b>07</b> Places to Escape <b>08</b> National Parks (captions required) <b>09</b> Covered Bridges <b>10</b> Waterfalls <b>11</b> Fog/Mist

**Color Prints Continued**

<b>Division</b>	<b>Class</b>	
<b>D Nature</b>	<b>01</b> Trees <b>02</b> A Walk in the Woods <b>03</b> Weather 04 Floral - Single Flower	<b>05</b> Floral—2 or More Blooms <b>06</b> Floral—Wild Flower <b>07</b> Fungi/Mushrooms <b>08</b> Gardens
<b>E Animals/Birds/Insects</b>	<b>01</b> Butterflies <b>02</b> Domestic Dog(s) <b>03</b> Domestic Cat(s) <b>04</b> Horse(s) <b>05</b> Water Fowl <b>06</b> Marine Life	<b>07</b> Wild Life (no birds) <b>08</b> Zoo Animals <b>09</b> Baby Animals <b>10</b> Frogs <b>11</b> Insects (not butterflies) <b>12</b> Birds
<b>F Structures</b>	<b>01</b> Architecture <b>02</b> Bridges (Not Covered) <b>03</b> Windows, Doors, Doorways <b>04</b> Statue(s)	<b>05</b> Lighthouses <b>06</b> Building Long Forgotten <b>07</b> Churches <b>08</b> Fences
<b>G The Art of Seeing</b>	<b>01</b> Reflections <b>02</b> Silhouette(s) <b>03</b> Leading Lines <b>04</b> Patterns <b>05</b> Textures	<b>06</b> Still Life/Non-Living Creatures <b>07</b> Shadows <b>08</b> Framing <b>09</b> Geometric Shapes
<b>H All Other Categories</b>	<b>01</b> Planes, Trains & Autos <b>02</b> Signs <b>03</b> Water Drops <b>04</b> Night Scene	<b>05</b> Bubbles <b>06</b> Dark & Moody <b>07</b> Other (does not qualify for any other class)

**BLACK AND WHITE PRINTS**

<b>M Black and White Prints</b>	<b>1</b> Individual Child <b>2</b> At Play <b>3</b> Family Time <b>4</b> Relationships <b>5</b> Travel <b>6</b> Character Study <b>7</b> Birds <b>8</b> McHenry County Fair <b>9</b> Vintage <b>10</b> Street Photography (Everyday Life in a Public Place) <b>11</b> Landscape <b>12</b> Light <b>13</b> Weather	<b>14</b> A Walk in the Woods <b>15</b> Animals <b>16</b> Dogs <b>17</b> Horses <b>18</b> Architecture <b>19</b> Barns <b>20</b> Windows/Doors <b>21</b> Empty Places <b>22</b> Cemeteries/Headstones <b>23</b> Flowers <b>24</b> Reflections <b>25</b> Shadows <b>26</b> Blurred Motion <b>27</b> Other (does not qualify for any other class)
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<b>CHALLENGE</b>		
<p><b>N</b> Challenge Division - Open to all level of Photographers. Photoshop/similar programs are allowed. 8"X10" unless specified, black and white or color allowed.</p>	<p><b>1</b> Post Card Worthy (any image you would put on a post card)  <b>2</b> Photo of the Day (any subject – no rules)  <b>3</b> Black and White (Any Subject)  <b>4</b> Travel  <b>5</b> People  <b>6</b> Macro  <b>7</b> Backlight  <b>8</b> Signs of Spring</p>	<p><b>9</b> Full Frame – One subject matter filling the whole frame  <b>10</b> Nine Elements – Must show <u>ALL</u> of the following: Light, Textures, Pattern, Shadow, Color, Line, Size, Shape, Depth.  <b>11</b> Animals  <b>12</b> Golden Hour  <b>13</b> Abstract - Landscape  <b>14</b> In Between  <b>15</b> Tilt Shift</p>

\*Challenge Division – Photography may not have won in any previous contests. (Best of show, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place or similar).



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# Photography Open Show Entry Form

*Use a separate form for each show.*

- Register online at [www.mchenrycountyfair.com](http://www.mchenrycountyfair.com) or in the office at 11900 Country Club Road, Woodstock, IL 60098 on Monday – Friday from 9 am – 2 pm. Weekend Registration open Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> 8 am-12 pm and Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> 10 am-3 pm ONLY.
- Entries must be filed with the fair office by 3:00 pm on July 14, 2024, or by midnight online. **LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU REGISTER ONLINE!**
- Entries will NOT be taken by phone, fax, or email. NO REFUNDS!
- One entry per line. Note changes in Division and Class numbers!

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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I have read and understand, and in consideration for being permitted to exhibit at the 2024 McHenry County Fair, agree and consent to abide by the rules of the competition. This includes the McHenry County Rules and Regulations and the Home Arts Department Rules as stated in the Rule section in the McHenry County Fair Book and on the Website: [mchenrycountyfair.com](http://mchenrycountyfair.com)

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Exhibitor (Owner/Exhibitor) Date

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Guardian/Parent of Exhibitor (if under 18 years of age) Date

#	Fee	Total
	\$1.00 per Open entry	
	\$1.25 for Photo Challenge	
	\$25.00 Late Registration Fee – per entry	
	\$15 Exhibitor Pass (one required per Exhibitor)	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>