

**Eatonton Putnam Arts Foundation  
2012 Amateur Photography  
Contest & Exhibition**

*By entering this photo contest, contestants agree to the rules of this contest and to the legal terms and conditions listed in this document. Entry fees benefit the Eatonton-Putnam Arts Foundation.*

Direct questions to [putnamsnapper@gmail.com](mailto:putnamsnapper@gmail.com) or post on the "X-Treme Exposures!" Facebook page.

**ELIGIBILITY**

This contest is open to anyone who qualifies as an amateur as defined below. No purchase is necessary to enter. This contest is void wherever prohibited by law.

- Amateur photographer is someone who earned less than 35% of his or her annual income with photography related activities in the previous 12 months and has not won or placed in a contest or combination of contests 5 or more times in the previous 12 months.
- Entries must have been taken by the submitting photographer and must be his/her original work. The photographer must have release rights for any entry if necessary.
- Employees and immediate family members (spouse, parent, child, sibling or sibling's spouse) of Eatonton Putnam Arts Foundation (EPAF) staff and contest organizers are not eligible.

**ENTRY DATES and PICK-UP DATES**

Entry Dates: Entries must be received between February 20 and 27 to be considered for prizes.

Pick Up/Retrieval Dates: Contestants must pick up their photograph immediately after the exhibit closes on Sunday, March 25, 2012 between 4:00 and 5:00 P.M. OR pre-arrange for one of the alternatives below.

Alternatives to Pick Up/Retrieval:

- Shipping return alternative: Contestants can pre-arrange for **pre-paid return shipment** from UPS, FedEx, DHL, etc. Indicate this option on the Entry Submission Form and include all mailing materials/labels and instructions with the entry. Entries will not be returned at the organizers' expense.
- Donation Alternative: Contestants may donate prints to the Oconee Regional Humane Society for a fundraising auction or to the Eatonton Rehabilitation Center for nursing home patients to enjoy in that facility.

**JUDGING & WINNER NOTIFICATION**

After close of the entry period, eligible photographs will be evaluated by an unbiased, qualified photographer/artist selected by organizers. All decisions by the Judge are final. Winners in each category will be notified by phone or email on or about March 16, 2012.

Submitting photographers and their families are invited to the reception and awards ceremony at The Plaza Arts Center on March 16 from 5:30-6:30 P.M. Best in Show winners will be announced at that time.

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**AWARDS**

Category Ribbons - Ribbons will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners in each category. Winners will be posted on the EPAF website at [www.theplazaartscenter.com](http://www.theplazaartscenter.com). Winners, photos and other contest information will also be featured on the "X-Treme Exposures!" Facebook page under Putnam Snapper.

Best in Show Awards - The photographer who wins the Best in Show award will receive \$250 and a Best in Show ribbon. The winning photo will be framed and displayed in The Plaza Arts Center with a plaque identifying the photographer, title of photo and year of contest. The photo will be returned to the winner the following year after the next contest winner is announced.

Additional Best in Show Awards:

- 1<sup>st</sup> in Show - \$150 cash award and ribbon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> in Show - \$150 cash award and ribbon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> in Show - \$100 cash award and ribbon

**CATEGORIES**

- Black and White
- Birds, Blooms and Butterflies
- Country Living and Water World
- Critters
- Digital Darkroom (radically post processing image, HDR techniques etc.)
- Juniors (under 18 years at submission time. See entry fee information under Entry Instructions.)
- Landscapes and Skyscapes
- Reflections and Silhouettes
- Smorgasbord (if it doesn't fit elsewhere!)
- Sports and Action

**ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS**

Entries must be "family friendly." Show organizers reserve the right to disqualify any entry deemed not acceptable. Entry fees will not be refunded if an entry is disqualified.

1. Each print must be matted. Mats of any color and size are acceptable, however, total dimensions of print and mat must not exceed 11" x 14". Photos must **NOT** be framed.
2. Entry Fee is \$10.00 per photo, 6 entries for \$50.00, and 12 entries for \$100.00. There is no limit on number of entries. Fees may be paid in cash or with check made payable to EPAF.
  - a. Note: Junior photographers (under 18 years of age) pay no fee for the first entry submitted in the "Junior" category. He/she may submit additional entries, in any category, and regular entry fees will apply. A signed release from a parent or guardian must be attached to entries submitted by junior photographers.
3. Attach a completed Entry Submission Form to the back of each entry.
4. Designate a return/donation option on the Entry Submission Form. Entries with no designated option will be disqualified from the contest and discarded. Entry fees will not be refunded.

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5. Submit photographs with an attached Entry Submission Form (form below) along with entry fees in one of the following ways. Please read all options:
- a. Deliver to The Plaza Arts Center office at 305 N. Madison Avenue, Eatonton, Georgia in a non-returnable bag or box.
  - b. Mail directly to EPAF, P.O. Box 4874, Eatonton, Georgia 31024.
  - c. If using ANY pre-paid shipping/return shipping process, mail entries to EPAF, 980 Madison Road, Eatonton, GA 31024. Include all mailing instructions and shipping labels/materials.

Photographers may sell any print after contest ends. Transactions are exclusively between buyer & seller.

*By entering, contestants agree to all terms and conditions of this contest. Decisions by the Judge are final. EPAF staff, Chamber Staff & organizers/volunteers are free of liability for any damage to any print. Contest organizers may display any entry in any format for promotional contest purposes.*

**ENTRY SUBMISSION FORM:** Clearly print your information, sign and attach to the back of EACH photograph entry. **Please Note:** Entries with no designated "entry return/donation instructions" will be disqualified from the contest and discarded. Entry fees will not be refunded.

Photographer's Name: _____
Address: _____
Email Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
Category: _____
Title of Photograph (if applicable) _____
Entry Return/Donation Instructions: ____ Will pick up photo from the Plaza ____ Pre-paid return shipping (I have included shipping materials/info with this entry) ____ Please donate photo to one of the following ( <u>circle one</u> ): <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Oconee Regional Humane Society      Eatonton Rehabilitation Center</b></p>
I have read and agree to terms of contest and indicated my choice of entry return/donation of photos above.
Signature _____
Parent/Guardian Signature for Junior Entry _____

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**GENERAL TERMS**

As an entrant in this photo contest, it is your responsibility to determine whether you are eligible to enter and to comply with the entry instructions and other photo contest rules set forth herein. Any violation of the contest rules may result in your disqualification, in the sole discretion of organizers. In the event of a dispute relating to the identity of the entrant, the entrant will be deemed to be the authorized signer on the entries label.

Organizers reserve the right to disqualify you if, among other reasons, you breach the warranties you are required to make, you have failed to secure permission from persons whose recognizable images appear in the photo, or your entry is lost, late, misdirected, incorrect, garbled or incompletely received, for any reason whatsoever.

EPAF further reserves the right to disqualify you, and to seek damages against you to the fullest extent permitted by law, if you intentionally or recklessly damage EPAF web site or tamper with the entry process or operation of the Web site or otherwise undermine the legitimate operation of the contest, or attempt to do so. Such actions may violate criminal and civil laws.

In the event that EPAF cannot complete the photo contest as planned, including but not limited to by reason of infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized interventions, force majeure, technical failures of any sort or other causes beyond the control of EPAF that corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of the photo contest, EPAF reserves the right to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the photo contest.

By entering this photo contest, you agree to release EPAF and its affiliates, and their officers, directors, agents, attorneys, employees, volunteers, docents and all representatives, from any and all liability for any claims, demands, causes of action, damages, judgments or settlements, or for any losses or injury to earnings, profits, or goodwill, or for any direct, indirect, special, punitive, incidental or consequential damages, including attorneys' fees and court costs, other than entrant's out-of-pocket expenses (if any) associated with entering the contest, arising out of or relating to this photo contest, your access or lack of access to EPAF web site, or in connection with any other electronic display, promotion or social networking site, or in connection with any prize won, any misuse or malfunction of any prize awarded, or any use by EPAF of the photographs submitted.

By entering the photo contest, you hereby agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless Eatonton-Putnam Arts Foundation (EPAF), and its affiliates, and their officers, directors, agents, attorneys, employees, volunteers, docents and representatives, against and from all third party claims, demands, causes of action, damages, judgments or settlements, including reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs, arising out of or relating to this photo contest, or in connection with any prize won, display methods, promotional uses, any misuse or malfunction of any prize awarded, or any use by EPAF of the photographs submitted.

In the event of any dispute, controversy or claim between an entrant and EPAF, the parties shall first seek to resolve the dispute through informal discussions. In the event of any dispute, controversy or claim cannot be resolved informally, the parties agree that the dispute, controversy or claim will be settled by binding arbitration in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association in effect at the time of commencement of the arbitration, and the parties agree that judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof.