

2017 Eatonton-Putnam Arts Foundation 8th Annual 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. If you have questions, call The Plaza Arts Center at 706-923-1655 or Chairperson, Maggie, 404-281-6139.

DIVISIONS

- **Amateur:** Photography is strictly a hobby. Photographers use basic to advanced cameras or image editing software. They do not earn any income from photography based activities. These photographers have not won more than 3 ribbons (1st-4th place) in the 2016 Plaza Arts Center Photo Contest or Best in Show Award in any Plaza Arts Center Photo Contests. Amateurs may enter in the Advanced Division if they choose to.
- **Advanced:** Photographers have had additional experience beyond basic amateur photography. They may earn some income from the sale or publication of images and other photography related activities. They may have won a Best in Show Award in any Plaza Arts Center Photo Contests or 4 or more ribbons in the 2016 Plaza Arts Center Photo Contest.
- **Junior:** Photographers are under 18 years of age at photo submission time. They may enter any photo with no regard to categories. See entry fee information under Entry Instructions.

ENTRY DATES and PICK-UP DATES

Entry: Entries will be accepted January 21 - January 27. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JANUARY 27. Allow plenty of time for mailed entries to arrive before the deadline or they will not be accepted.

Pick Up/Retrieval Dates: Contestants MUST pick up their photographs on Friday, February 24 from 4 PM to 6 PM in the Reception Hall. No photographs will be returned by mail. Any photographs not picked up by February 25 will be discarded or donated.

Alternative to Pick Up/Retrieval:

- **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. Please make your choice on the entry form.

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.

Submitting photographers and their families are invited to the reception and awards ceremony at The Plaza Arts Center on February 17 from 5:30-6:30 P.M. Best in Show winners in amateur and advanced divisions will be announced at that time. Winners will not be notified in advance.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The show will be open to the public Saturday, February 18 through Friday, February 24 from 10 AM to 4 PM.

AWARDS

Category Ribbons - Ribbons will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners in each category. Winners will be posted on the EPAF website at www.theplazaartscenter.com. Winners, photos and other contest information will also be posted on The Plaza Arts Center's Facebook Page.

Best in Show Awards – Best in Show Awards will be presented to Amateur and Advanced Photographers and each will receive ribbons and cash prizes.

Best in Show Awards:

- Best in Show - \$150 cash award and ribbon
- 2nd in Show - \$125 cash award and ribbon
- 3rd in Show - \$100 cash award and ribbon

CATEGORIES for Amateur Division

- Landscapes
- Birds
- Country Roads
- Animals
- Flowers
- Back in the Day
- Smorgasbord (if it doesn't fit elsewhere)
- *One Word Essay

CATEGORIES for Advanced Division

- Landscapes
- Out and About
- Smorgasbord (if it doesn't fit elsewhere)
- *One Word Essay
- **Digital Darkroom

***ONE WORD ESSAY** - Enter a photo that best depicts one word such as hope, love, determination, excitement, adventure...any word you choose. Name your photo with that one word.

PHOTO ENHANCEMENT

Amateur: Images submitted must not be digitally altered beyond standard optimization including cropping, removal of dust, reasonable adjustments to exposure, color and contrast, etc.

****Advanced:** Digital Darkroom category is for images altered using post-processing techniques including multi-exposures, high dynamic range (HDR), artistic filters, significant adjustments to exposure, color and contrast.

ELIGIBILITY

- Entries must have been taken by the submitting photographer and must be his/her original work.
- Employees of EPAF and contest organizers are not eligible to enter.

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 a check made payable to EPAF.
Note: Junior photographers (under 18 years of age) pay no fee for the first entry submitted in the junior division. He/she may submit additional entries in any category of the amateur division. Regular entry fees will apply. A signed release from a parent or guardian must be attached to entries submitted by Junior photographers. See entry form.
3. Attach a completed Entry Submission Form to the back of each entry. **Clearly print information.**
4. Designate a pick up or 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.

5. Submit photographs with an Entry Submission Form (form below) attached to each photograph along with entry fees in one of the following ways. Please read both options:
 - a. Deliver to The Plaza Arts Center office at 305 N. Madison Avenue, Eatonton, Georgia in a **non-returnable bag or box** January 21 - January 27 (Mon.-Fri. 8:00-4:00, Sat. 10:00-4:00).
 - b. Mail directly to EPAF, 305 N. Madison Avenue, Eatonton, Georgia 31024. No entries will be returned by mail. **Mail early so deadline will be met.**
6. If there is any doubt of correct hanging of photo, put an arrow at top of photo.
7. No signatures are allowed on photos or mats.

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. ***The organizers reserve the right to move any entries from a designated category or division if deemed necessary due to content or post processing techniques or Advanced status of photographer.****

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.

<p>Check if this is the first time you have entered a Plaza Arts Photo Show. _____</p> <p>Check here if your email address has changed since the last show. _____</p> <p>Photographer's Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Email Address: _____</p> <p>Phone Numbers: _____</p> <p>Division (circle one): Amateur Advanced Junior</p> <p>Category: _____</p> <p>Title of Photograph (if applicable) _____</p> <p>Entry Return/Donation Instructions:</p> <p>_____ Will pick up photo from the Plaza on March 3 from 4 to 6 PM. NO photos will be returned by mail. Pick up photos in Reception Hall.</p> <p>_____ Please donate photo to one of the following (<u>circle one</u>):</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Oconee Regional Humane Society Eatonton Rehabilitation Center</p> <p>I have read and agree to terms of contest.</p> <p>Signature _____</p> <p>Parent/Guardian Signature for Junior Entry _____</p>			
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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.