



## 2015 Photo Contest

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# PHOTO CONTEST 2015

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Bangor State Fair  
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## RULES

(Please read ALL rules carefully to avoid disqualification)

- ❖ **Please** read Rule #7 carefully for print size and matting requirements.
  - ❖ **All prints MUST be mounted on a foam core or other rigid backing.**
  - ❖ **ALL** information required in Rule #6 **MUST** be on the back of the print (back side of the foam core) **AND** on the photo entry tickets.
1. This contest is intended for amateur photographers only, an amateur being one who earns less than half of his/her income as a photographer. Persons 18 years of age or younger will be judged separately, unless the entrant states a preference to have their images judged with the Adult Class Categories.
  2. Entries will be limited to **one** black & white and **one** color print in each adult category; **two** prints may be entered in the Youth and High School categories. Prints may be prepared using either a film or digital photographic process. You may not use the same image in more than one format; e.g. you cannot use the same beautiful flower close-up in color prints and B&W prints.
  3. Entry fees (**Fees are per individual. Please make checks out to Bangor State Fair**):
    - a. Adult (19 years old and over) – **\$15**
    - b. High School (14 to 18 years old) – **\$10**
    - c. Youth (13 years old and under) – **\$5**
  4. Any photograph which is determined by the committee or judges to not conform to the category entered will be moved into a more appropriate category for judging, unless this causes the entrant to exceed the number of prints allowed in that category. If there is no category available, the image will be disqualified.
  5. Pictures entered in a previous Photo Contest at the Bangor State Fair will not be accepted and will be disqualified.
  6. The following information must be on the reverse side of each entry: the entrant's **name, address, phone number, the category** (see Adult, Youth and High School Class Categories on the next page), and the location where the photo was taken. This is in addition to the information on the photo tickets, in case they get separated from the print. **Please include a title for the image.** There can be **NO writing or anything else added to the front of the print** which might influence or distract the judges. Complete the Bangor State Fair Photo Contest Registration Form and the Photo Tickets for your prints prior to delivery to the Bangor Civic Center. Attach the photo tickets to your prints (one for each print) per the instructions included with the registration form.

7. Prints (image area) must be **8 inches by 10 inches** or larger, but **NOT** larger than **16 inches by 20 inches**, including matte. Panoramas are OK, but the long dimension must be within the 20 inch limit. Images **must be mounted on a backing, either foam core or other rigid backing**. Mattes are optional, but are highly recommended to help protect the print. **No** construction paper. **No** frames. **No** canvas wraps. (SEE ILLUSTRATION.)

**Photo Mounted On Backing**



**Front Matte in Place**



8. Image Manipulation—The following rules regarding image manipulation will apply:
- Color or B&W prints in all categories **EXCEPT** Nature may include any addition, modifications or manipulations, as long as they are the original work of the maker. Traditional toning (e.g. sepia, blue, silver) is allowed in all B&W categories, **INCLUDING** Nature, as long as it is still a monochrome image.
  - Nature images may not show the "hand of man," nor contain artificially produced hybrid plants or animals, mounted specimens or obviously set arrangements. Any form of manipulation that alters the truth of the photographic statement is ineligible. Limited manipulations may include resizing, cropping, selective or overall lightening or darkening and restoration of the original color of the scene. No special effect filters, including blur to simulate out-of-focus areas, may be applied. Sharpening is allowed but must appear natural. Conversion to black and white is obviously allowed for the B&W nature category, but the conversion must be complete; i.e. no selective display of color within a B&W scene, or vice versa.
9. Photos may be delivered to the contest either by mail or in person.
- Mailed photos** should be sent to: **PHOTO CONTEST 2015, c/o the Cross Insurance Center, 515 Main Street, Bangor, ME 04401**. Pictures mailed to Photo Contest 2015 must be received no later than 4:00 PM, Friday, July 24, 2015. Include registration form, fee and photo ticket(s) with photos. Entries to be returned by mail to you must be MAIL READY (proper container, stamps, etc.).
  - To deliver photos in person**, bring your prints to the **Fair Grandstand** on Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Entry to the print drop-off area will be through the door on the race track side of the grandstand, near the west end of the building. There will be signs to guide you.
10. All photos must be removed from the Grandstand on Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Arrangements must be made with the Eastern Maine Camera Club if you are not able to collect your entries during this time. For further information, email: [info@easternmainecameraclub.org](mailto:info@easternmainecameraclub.org).

## **ADULT CLASS CATEGORIES (Over 18 years old):**

**(Note: One Black & White plus one Color print per category. No nudes in any category.)**

1. People
2. Children
3. Nature—the “hand of man” cannot be evident in the picture.
4. Animals
5. Flowers
6. Open—Any subject matter in good taste.
7. Maine—Photos that symbolize Maine and were taken in Maine.
8. Maine State Parks—Scenic photos taken in any Maine State park. These can be landscapes, seascapes, mountains, or other recognizable landmarks, such as rock formations, streams, waterfalls, etc.

Prize money and ribbons in all of the above categories include: First Place, \$20.00; Second Place, \$15.00; Third Place, \$10.00; Ribbons only will be awarded for Honorable Mention.

## **18 YEARS OLD AND UNDER CATEGORIES:**

**(Note: Two Black & White plus two Color prints per category. No nudes in any category.)**

**There are two separate age ranges for the 18 and under categories:**

- **High School** (ages 14 through 18)
- **Youth** (ages 13 and under)

Please indicate on your registration form which age range you are entering in. If you are 18 or under, but choose to compete as an Adult, you may not enter in either the High School or Youth categories at the same time. Also, if you are under 14, you may choose to compete in the High School category, but you may not compete in the Youth category at the same time. The photo categories for both age ranges are as follows:

1. Open (any subject matter in good taste)
2. Maine—Photos that symbolize Maine and were taken in Maine.

Prize money and ribbons in both of the 18 and under categories include: First Place, \$20.00; Second Place, \$15.00; Third Place, \$10.00; Ribbons only for Honorable Mention.

## **BEST IN SHOW:**

ADULT CLASS: \$100.00 each for color and black & white

HIGH SCHOOL: \$50.00 (One award in either color or black & white.)

YOUTH CLASS: \$50.00 (One award in either color or black & white.)

**All prints MUST be mounted on a foam core or other rigid backing.**

The contest committee reserves the right not to award ribbons and premiums to photos deemed not worthy by the judges, or to combine categories when numbers of entries are insufficient.

**Prize money will be forfeited if any print is removed from display before Mon, August 10th.**

**ALL DECISIONS OF THE CONTEST COMMITTEE AND JUDGES WILL BE FINAL.**

**DEVIATION FROM THE ABOVE RULES WILL AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFY YOUR ENTRIES.**

**ALL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE GIVEN REASONABLE CARE. THE COMMITTEE OR BANGOR STATE FAIR CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR DAMAGED PHOTOS, OR PHOTOS NOT PICKED UP WITHIN 30 DAYS.**



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2015 PHOTO CONTEST  
 REGISTRATION FORM  
 &  
 PHOTO TICKET INSTRUCTIONS

<p>PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY</p> <p>NAME _____</p> <p>STREET _____</p> <p>CITY _____</p> <p>TELEPHONE _____</p> <p>EMAIL _____</p>	<p>Number of Photos Entered:</p> <p>_____ Color Prints</p> <p>_____ Black &amp; White Prints</p>
	<p>Which category applies to you?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Adult (19 years old and over)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> High School (14-18 years old)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Youth (13 years old and under)</p>
<p>Fee Enclosed (One form and fee per person. Only one person per form.):</p> <p>_____ Adult – <b>\$15</b>    _____ High School – <b>\$10</b>    _____ Youth – <b>\$5</b></p>	
	<p>ALL PRINTS MUST BE MOUNTED          ON FOAM CORE OR OTHER RIGID          BACKING.</p>

Submit this form, along with the photo(s), fee, and Photo Ticket(s) from the Photo Ticket forms at the same time. Packages must be received at the address above no later than 4:00 PM, Friday, July 24, 2015, or may be dropped off in person on Monday, July 27, 2015, from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM at the

1. Fill out a photo Ticket for each entry.
2. Do not write in the "Seq. num." or "Awards" boxes. These are for contest officials only.
3. Check off the appropriate box for Adult/HS/Youth and Color or B/W.
4. Place the mounted photo face down.
5. Write your name, address, phone number, category, and location photo was taken on the back of the mounting board in case the Photo Ticket comes off.
6. Place the Photo ticket face down in the lower right hand corner of the mounting board. Align the ticket so that it hangs below the mounting board, as shown.



7. Tape the top of the ticket to the mounting board as shown.



8. Fold the ticket up at the dotted line.



9. Use a post-it note or small piece of tape to temporarily hold the ticket up for judging.



10. When the contest officials hang the photo for display after the judging, the ticket will be released so that it hangs below the mounting board to identify the photographer.



