

From: Georgia Mountain Fair: 2024 Photography Contest and Exhibit

TO: PHOTOGRAPHERS

You are invited to participate in the Photography Contest and Exhibit. Both amateur and professional photographers are encouraged to participate. **The Contest is FREE to enter.** Please pay close attention to ***instructions***, as days of the Contest are different from previous years. The 2024 Georgia Mountain Fair opens on **Friday, August 16th**, but the **Photography Exhibit Set-Up date is on Tuesday, August 20th** and the Exhibit **opens to the Public on Thursday, August 22** at 11:00 a.m.. The show closes at 7:00 p.m. on the last day of the Fair, Saturday August 24th.

The categories for the exhibit include **People, Scenery, Flora, Fauna, and Abstracts**; and all categories are included in the judging.

We are requesting that you complete and **return the *Registration Form*** below, no later than **Friday August 02**, to the address indicated on the form.

We look forward to your participation and hope this will be an exciting experience for you as you share your creativity with fair-goers!

REGISTRATION FORM: PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST 2024 - GEORGIA MOUNTAIN FAIR

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ (Please Print)

- I plan to exhibit _____ (Maximum 10) photographs during the Georgia Mtn. Fair.
- I have read the ***RULES FOR ENTERING PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST*** and agree to abide by them.
Please initial here: _____
- I understand: If my photos do not meet the *Rules*, they will not be judged.
Please initial here: _____
- How did you learn about the Contest? _____

PLEASE DELIVER OR MAIL THIS FORM BEFORE August 02 to:

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST, GEORGIA MOUNTAIN FAIR P.O. BOX 444 HIAWASSEE, GA 30546

This form may be duplicated.

RULES FOR ENTERING GA Mt Fair (GMF) 2024 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST AND EXHIBIT

- 1) **EXHIBIT SET-UP:** Participants: Please study these procedures carefully. **NOTICE: Set-up is NOT on Monday.**
 - a. **DATE:** On **TUESDAY August 20, 2024**, between **9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.**, participants will take their photographs for displaying to the *Flower Show/Photography Building*.
 - b. **DIRECTIONS:** Enter by the gate at the Music Hall. **Tell Gate Attendant the reason you are there before the Fair opens.** Go around the Music Hall and take the first dirt road on the right by the fence. This road follows the shoreline to the exhibit building on left, which is across from the Restrooms. *Admission to the Fair at any other time will require full admission price by your party.*
 - c. **REQUIRED PROCEDURE:** **BEFORE SIGNING IN, do 2 things:** Unload your boxes *first* and put them on the display site of your choice (**not over 5 feet long**). **Then, you must move your vehicle away from the front entrance.** *Someone will be outside at the front door to show you where to park (left side of the restrooms).* **THEN SIGN IN with the Contest Director.** You may store boxes during the week under the table, *out of sight.*

- 2) **PERMITTED SIZES OF PHOTOGRAPHS, BACKINGS, and NUMBER OF ENTRIES:**
 - a. **SIZES:** Photographs submitted for judging must be a Minimum of 5"x 7" or larger; and Maximum of **16" X 20" (this INCLUDES THE OVERALL SIZE OF THE MATTE AND FRAME)**. **NOTE: ONLY 5 OF SIZE 16" X 20" MAY BE SUBMITTED.**
 - b. **BACKING:** **All photographs MUST have a firm support and BE MATTED and/or FRAMED.** Use real photograph mattes and **do not attach any pictures to construction paper.** No pictures may be exhibited in clear plastic sleeves nor in clear plastic stand-up frames. Canvas or tin photos are OK.
 - c. **USE OF A.I.:** Traditional photography with minimal post-editing, such as Lightroom, are fine but products that use algorithmic digital solutions and layers such as Topaz **are not allowed.**
 - d. **NUMBER OF ENTRIES:** You may bring **up to 10 photographs** to display. **However, please be aware: depending on the amount of entries we have this year and the allotted space, on Set-Up Day we may need to reduce this number to a maximum of 5 pictures per photographer.**

- 3) **DISPLAYING PHOTOGRAPHS:**
 - a. Please bring your own materials for displaying your pictures, such as props, table-size easel stands, boxes/risers to accommodate your entry. You should consider some colored or black background fabric to give your display a professional look.
 - b. Entries **must be identified with labels** (or placards) **telling both the TITLE and WHERE each photo was taken.**
 - c. **NAMES SHOULD NOT BE VISIBLE ON FRONT OF PHOTOGRAPHS**, but your name on the back is recommended. *You may leave a set of your business cards with name & contact info.*

****ADDITIONAL DISPLAY RULES:**

- Please submit **ONLY photos that have not been entered in prior shows at Georgia Mountain Fair.** **Repeat photos will not be judged.**
- **GA Mt Fair Rules: Due to Safety Regulations, floor easel/stands are not permitted.** **AND, please be aware: No holes, screws, staples, or tape are allowed on the walls.**

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- 4) **SALE OF PHOTOGRAPHS:** *You may sell your pictures if you wish.* Someone will be on duty at all times to handle such transactions. **Please put the Sale Price on the BACK of your pictures that you want to sell; and notify the Contest Director Janet Cosby on *Set-Up Day*:**
janetcosby@gmail.com
- 5) **LENGTH OF EXHIBIT:** Exhibiting your photographs requires them to be **on display through the closing of the show and the Fair at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 24th.** You may pick up your pictures at 7:00 p.m. that day—or--on Sunday between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. ***Dismantling your display prior to the end of the show is not allowed.***
- 6) **JUDGING AND PRIZES:** Judging of photographs will take place on **Tuesday afternoon, August 20th (after the morning photo set-up), when the building will be closed to the public AND photographers all afternoon.** **The Exhibit is closed on Wednesday and will Open to the Public on Thursday morning, August 22, at 11:00 a.m.**

Prizes are as follows:

First Place/Best in Show: \$200.00

Second Place: \$100.00

Third Place: \$75.00

Fourth Place: \$35.00 (Ten Winners)

Fifth Place: \$25.00 (Eighteen Winners)

Honorable Mention: \$15.00

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