

DEPARTMENT 20 – PHOTOGRAPHY

RULES

1. PHOTOS MUST BE 4x6 SIZE THIS IS STRICTLY ENFORCED.
2. All photos must be **MOUNTED** on **THE FRONT OF WHITE cardstock or poster board that is cut to exactly 5x7.**
3. NO FRAMES/GLASS FRAMES WILL BE ACCEPTED STRICTLY ENFORCED.
4. Exhibitors must be amateurs/non-professionals.
5. One entry per class. (THE SAME PICTURE MAY NOT BE ENTERED IN BOTH BLACK AND WHITE AND COLORED CLASSES.)
6. Photos are to be printed on photographic paper.
7. **Photo must be taken by person entering it.**
8. Photo must have been taken within the **last 12 months.**
9. Photos taken with phones or digital notebooks will be disqualified.

Criteria for Judging Photography

I. Picture Quality – 25 points

Is this picture in focus; exposed correctly; sharp or grainy; blurry; clean (no dust spots, scratches, smudges or finger prints); correct shutter speed used; correct lighting, contrast, color (processor's fault sometimes); appropriate use of flash; consider technical aspects of picture in this criteria.

II. Story Telling Ability – 25 points

Is one idea presented; what story does picture tell; significance of picture or subject; does it have impact; is it unusual, interesting or blah; is it just a "pretty picture"; what is emotional effect.

III. Composition – 50 points

Does it follow the Rule of Thirds; what is center of interest; good use of elements of balance, design, color, lines, angles, contrast, depth, framing and focus; is background appropriate; close-up or wide-angle use; are all of the elements composed in a pleasing arrangement.

SECTION A: BLACK AND WHITE; SECTION B: COLOR

Classes are the same for sections A and B

1. Action	5	3	1
2. Amphibians and reptiles	5	3	1
3. Animals	5	3	1
4. Architecture – interiors, exteriors, bridges or sculpture	5	3	1
5. Arkansas History, taken within the last year, location noted	5	3	1
6. Digitally Altered	5	3	1
7. Flora – any type vegetation	5	3	1
8. Insects and arachnids	5	3	1
9. Photojournalism (any photo showing man and his environment)	5	3	1
10. Portrait (a candid photo of a person or persons posed in a setting)	5	3	1
11. People (a candid photo not in a posed setting)	5	3	1
12. Scenic (landscapes, seascapes, or a selective view, such as a tree)	5	3	1
13. Still life	5	3	1
14. People with animal	5	3	1
15. Bird	5	3	1
16. Transportation	5	3	1
17. Butterfly	5	3	1
18. Abstract	5	3	1
19. Clouds	5	3	1
20. Sports	5	3	1
21. Other	5	3	1