Department E
Photography
Superintendent - Dee Smith - 465-5105

Special Premium Awards
Superintendent's Choice: $25 Sponsored by Dee's Photo Images
Advanced Best of Show - Color: $20 Sponsored by Bob's Valley Market
Advanced Best of Show - Black and White: $20 Sponsored by Bob's Valley Market
Sr Adult Best of Show - Color: $20 Sponsored by Helena Photographic Society
Sr Adult Best of Show - Black and White: $20 Sponsored by Helena Photographic Society
Adult Best of Show - Color: $15 Sponsored by Bob's Valley Market
Adult Best of Show - Black and White: $15 Sponsored by Bob's Valley Market
Youth Best of Show - Color: $15 Sponsored by Bob's Valley Market
Youth Best of Show - Black and White: $15 Sponsored by Bob's Valley Market

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General Rules for Photography:

1. IMAGE SIZE RULE: images can be any size between 8X10 and 12X18 and must be **flush mounted (edge to edge) on foam core or mat board** the same size as the photo.
2. Presentation of photograph will be part of the judging. Photos should be clean with no scratches, rips, dirt or smudges on surface of photo, and *SECURELY SEALED* to the foam core or mat board on all sides of the print in order to be accepted.
3. Photo entries shall NOT be matted, framed, or glassed.
4. *Photos must be in good taste and appropriate for family viewing.* If not, they will be disqualified by the Superintendent.
5. Exhibitor must have taken the photo and exhibitor's name and phone number must be shown on the top left on the *backside* of the photo mount.
6. LIMIT two entries per class per exhibitor with a maximum of 6 photos entered and must be the work of the exhibitor *not entered in any prior years.*
7. *Division 1:* **Adult Advanced classification** refers to those who are more skilled in photography. There are no age restrictions to enter this category.
8. *Division 2:* **Adult Amateur classification** refers to those who are at a beginner or intermediate skill level of photography or who take photos as a hobby.
9. *Division 3:* **Youth classification** refers to students age 17 and under.
10. Exhibitors who enter under the wrong division may have their entries moved to the appropriate division at the discretion of the superintendent. All photos are judged on their merit regardless of how many photos are entered in any one class.
On the entry form, please indicate which division you are entering.

Some Characteristics of good photos

- **Good Composition** - use the rule of thirds; include only what's necessary; subject should be obvious and dominate the photo; avoid background and foreground distractions; use best shooting angle; be in focus; balance all the elements included in the photo
- **Good Lighting –** no over or under exposed photos; soft light better than harsh light; avoid lens glare; early morning and early evening light produces best light for outdoor photos.

- **High Impact** - photo immediately pulls the viewer in and holds their attention
- **Color Saturation** – no washed out colors – keep colors rich and vibrant
- **Attention to Detail** – get rid of all distraction in your photo. Pay attention to everything that you are including in your photo before you take it. If it is not necessary, leave it out. The same is true when cropping your photo– crop out anything that distracts from the main subject.

Descriptions:

Macro – photo taken with a macro or close up lens with a 1:1 or 1:2 ratio.
Babies and Children - photos of babies and children that capture their personality.
Creative - utilize a variety of methods that alter the original photo in some way ie: adding textures and patterns, multiple exposures, paint color on black and white, or any other creative technique.
Flowers - photos can be either wildflowers or cultivated flowers.
Scenic – a scene such as landscape, seascape, cityscape, etc. without people.
Insects, Bees and Butterflies - Insects, bees or butterflies should be the *main subject* in your photo.
Planes, Trains, Automobiles – photos depicting mechanical modes of transportation.
Nostalgia – represents the quality of a time past, often containing antiques and old objects.
Pets - photos that capture the *personality* of your pet.
Portraits - can be high school seniors, individuals, couples, or families.
Before and After – photo entry must show both the *original* **Before** photo as a 4x6 and the **After** photo as an 8x10 and both on an 11x14 *digital format* to produce one final print done with video editing software such as Lightroom or Photoshop.
Architecture – photos of buildings, bridges, towers and man-made structures.
Wildlife - photos of wild animals and birds in their natural habitat. No zoo photos.
Weather - rain, hail, storm clouds, rainbows, lightening, floods, hurricanes, Borealis, Milky Way, etc.
Hodge Podge – a *quality* photo that does not fit any of the above categories.

BLACK AND WHITE PRINTS
Class Numbers

1100 Black and white Macro
1101 Black and white Babies and Children
1102 Black and white Creative
1103 Black and white Flowers
1104 Black and white Scenic
1105 Black and white Insects, Bees, Butterflies
1106 Black and white Planes, Trains, Automobiles
1107 Black and white Nostalgia
1108 Black and white Pets
1109 Black and white Portraits
1110 Black and white Before and After
1111 Black and white Architecture
1112 Black and white Wildlife
1113 Black and white Weather
1114 Black and white Hodge Podge

COLOR PRINTS
Class Numbers

1115 Color Macro
1116 Color Babies and Children
1117 Color Creative
1118 Color Flowers
1119 Color Scenic
1120 Color Insects, Bees, Butterflies
1121 Color Planes, Trains, Automobiles
1122 Color Nostalgia
1123 Color Pets
1124 Color Portraits
1125 Color Before and After
1126 Color Architecture
1127 Color Wildlife
1128 Color Weather
1129 Color Hodge Podge
1130 Montana Cowboys or Cowgirls at rodeos or on the farm or ranch.