

Department 114 - Photography

Superintendent: Taube Museum of Art

Photography Schedule

	<u>Drop Off</u>	<u>Judging</u>	<u>Pickup</u>
All Photography Exhibits	Monday - 7/6 - 8am-5pm	Wednesday - 7/15	Saturday - 7/25 - 6-8pm Sunday - 7/26 - 10am-2pm

Deadline for entries is July 6, 2026. Open Class Photography may be brought to 4-H Hall in the ND State Fair Center.

ENTRY FEE: Division A & B: \$1/class
Division C: \$1/exhibitor

RULES ON ENTERING:

- Entries must be made online by July 6. Online entry can be found on ndstatefair.com
- Competition is open to North Dakota residents only.
- Entry must include the title of each exhibit being entered. Attach entry information to work with tape.
- Please enter exhibit under person's name who made it
- All reasonable care will be given to exhibits entered. The North Dakota State Fair and the Taube Museum of Art will not be responsible for any loss or damage during transit, judging or exhibition. Submission of entry implies acceptance of and compliance with these conditions and regulations.
- Unless exhibits comply with these rules, they will not be accepted.

RULES ON DROPPING OFF:

- Any article, having been properly entered, can be forwarded by mail or prepaid express to Dept. 114, ND State Fair, PO Box 1796, Minot, ND 58702, where it will then be placed on exhibition. The management however, will not be responsible for any breakage of glass or loss of any article. A self-addressed label and return postage must accompany the exhibit for return. The ND State Fair will assume no responsibility for return of exhibit with insufficient postage. Send complete list of articles contained in package. Mailed exhibits must reach the Fair Office no later than 5pm Friday, July 3.
- No entries will be accepted after deadline. Judging will begin Wednesday, July 15 at 1:30pm.
- All entries must be in a sack, package, box, etc., for protection and return.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

- The judges are instructed not to award prizes unless the articles are deemed of real merit, even though they may be the only entry in the class.
- Any article exhibited in prior years at the North Dakota State Fair is ineligible to show
- The Acceptance Committee will review all exhibits for eligibility for judging, and for display if space is limited. All prize winners will be displayed. Unworthy entries will not be awarded places or displayed.

RULES ON PICKING UP:

- Exhibits will not be released before 6pm on the last day. Exhibits may be picked up on Saturday, July 25 between the hours of 6pm and 8pm or on Sunday, July 26 between the hours of 10am and 2pm. Claim checks must be shown before release. The building will be closed at 8pm Saturday, July 25. Those picking up exhibits Saturday must pay gate admission.

Best of Division:

One Best of Division Rosette will be awarded in each division of this department.

Best of Show:

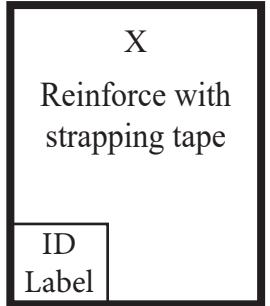
One Best of Show Award will be given in the Needleworks Department.

Cash awards will be mailed September 2026

SPECIFICATIONS FOR PRINT

(Black/White and Color)

- Minimum size of print 8"x10", maximum size of mount 16"x20" (including frame).
- All photos must be covered in some way - plastic, acetate or shrink wrap. No LOOSE photos or photos with glass will be accepted.
- All photos must be matted. No corrugated cardboard, masonite, poster board, etc. Mount may be same size as print, but may not be larger than 16" x 20". Only one print per mount.
- Place hanger on back of mount (see diagram), centered 2" from top. Reinforce hanger with strapping tape. Photos are hung for the entire fair, and must be ready to hang. Due to the nature of our facility, do not use tape, string or any type of metal hook. Saw tooth hangers will be allowed on framed pictures only.
- Photographer's name, address, print title, Division and Class number must be on the back of the mount.



Definitions (Amateur and Junior):

- **Scenes:** A view, landscape, seascape, etc.
- **Portraits:** Recognizable likeness of a person or persons.
- **Pure Nature:** Wild flowers, wild animals, etc. Prints of stuffed animals and museum sets will not be accepted. Nature subjects should not include the handiwork of man (roads, buildings, cultivated plants, domesticated animals, etc.)
- **Domestic Nature:** Animals, pets and cultivated flowers.
- **Photojournalism:** Picture that tells a story.
- **Still Life / Contemporary:** An arrangement of inanimate objects or creative or imaginative departure from reality.
- **North Dakota State Fair:** Must have been taken at the 2024 or 2025 ND State Fair of educational, livestock, produce, commercial exhibits, human interest scenes, or Carnival Midway. The State Fair Board reserves the right to use any of this lot for advertising purposes, with exhibitor retaining ownership of print. (Three State Fair and three carnival pictures may be entered).
- **Miscellaneous:** Must not fit in any other category.

Premiums

- **Classes:** \$19.00 • \$16.00 • \$14.00 • **HM: Ribbon** • **Best of Division:** \$23.00 and special ribbon

SECTION ONE - AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY

Entry Fee: \$1.00 per class (Limit 4 entries per class)

Amateur Rules and Information:

1. Competition open to **amateur** photographers, residents of North Dakota.
2. Photography must have been taken by the exhibitor. All work must have been completed in the past year and must not have been previously entered at the ND State Fair.
3. Exhibitors may have no more than four (4) entries in any class, except State Fair classes, which may have six (6).

DIVISION A - COLOR PRINTS

CLASS

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| 1. Scenics | 6. Photojournalism |
| 2. Portraits | 7. Still Life/Contemporary |
| 3. Pure Nature | 8. North Dakota State Fair/
Carnival Midway |
| 4. Domestic Nature -
Animals | 9. Miscellaneous |
| 5. Domestic Nature -
Flowers | 10. Theme Class - (See Static
Information on Page 50) |

DIVISION B - BLACK/WHITE OR SEPIA PRINTS

CLASS

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| 1. Scenics | 7. Still Life/Contemporary |
| 2. Portraits | 8. North Dakota State Fair/
Carnival Midway |
| 3. Pure Nature | 9. Miscellaneous |
| 4. Domestic Nature - Pets | 10. Theme Class - (See Static
Information on Page 50) |
| 5. Domestic Nature - Flowers | |
| 6. Photojournalism | |

SECTION TWO- JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY

Entry Fee: \$1.00 per exhibitor

Junior Rules and Information:

1. Competition open to **junior** photographers, age 15 and under. Include birthdate on your entry blank by your name
2. Limit two (2) entries per class.
3. Print specifications apply.

DIVISION C - JUNIOR

CLASS

1. Scenics
2. Nature – Domestic or Wild
3. People
4. Photojournalism
5. Miscellaneous
6. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

