



PHOTOGRAPHY

Department 26—Open Show

Amount Offered: \$1,324.00

Entry Fee: \$0.75 per entry (2 entries per Class maximum)

Challenge: \$1.25 per entry (2 entries per Class maximum)

Judging Time: Wednesday, August 4 at 11:30 am

Location: Building E

Superintendent: Nancy Shepherd.....(815)338-7406

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Rules and Regulations

1. Entries must be filed with the fair office by 3:00pm on July 18, 2021 or by midnight online. **LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU REGISTER ONLINE!**
2. All exhibitors are required to purchase a week long exhibitor pass.
3. Home Arts General Rules apply.
4. Bring entries to **Building E** on **Monday, August 2 between 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm**. Exhibitor's tags must be paper-clipped to the upper right-hand corner of mounting. Exhibitors name must NOT appear on exhibit. Exhibitor tags will be given out when you drop off your photographs.
5. Non-livestock/Home Art exhibits will be released on the **SUNDAY of fair week between 7 pm and 9 pm OR MONDAY AFTER FAIR (AUGUST 9th) from 10 am-1 pm, exhibits may not be removed before then**. Ribbons and exhibits will be available for pick up at these time slots only. Any exhibits that remain unclaimed after 4pm on the Friday following the Fair will be donated or discarded.
6. All photographs must be entered by amateurs and entered under the name of the person who took them. Professional photographers are NOT eligible to enter. For this exhibit, if one of the following apply, you are considered professional: (1) Those who maintain a public studio, (2) Sells their work and/or advertises for business, (3) Derive more than 50% of their income from photography, (4) Have won two or more Best of Show (or similar) awards in a photography contest.
7. **Challenge Division:** there are 12 categories open to all levels of photographers. All entrants, please review your status as a photographer. If you are starting to sell your work and/or advertising yourself as a photographer or taking photographs (employed by and paid) for a photography studio, then please enter in our new Challenge Categories. It is not in our intention to exclude anyone from entering their work, but we want to make sure the competition is fair to all. *See special Instruction Challenge Division.
8. Photographs are NOT to be altered by computer or any art media unless otherwise specified. Accepted forms: UV filter, polarized filter, soft filter, adding contrast color corrections, and cropping. No color saturation and no HD may be used. For the **Challenge Division** Photoshop or similar programs are allowed.
9. Finished prints MAY BE printed from a home computer or a 1-hour facility (i.e. Wal-Mart, Sam's Club, Costco). Matte finish is preferred over glossy due to glare.
10. Photographs may be taken with any type of camera; Digital, 35 mm, point and shoot.
11. Please check carefully when putting prints in OTHER categories. Prints entered in "other" MUST NOT qualify for any other Division listed, or they will be disqualified.
12. Each print may ONLY appear in one Class (photo may not appear in any other Home Arts Building F Department) and must not have been previously entered in the McHenry County Fair. Superintendents reserve the right and will disqualify ANY "suspicious" prints without any exception or discussion. NOTE: this includes images which have been changed slightly, cropped differently or is similar in concept.
13. Superintendents reserve the right and will disqualify prints that do not qualify for a specific category and/or photographs in bad taste; (i.e. nudes or suggestive photographs).
14. **When choosing your photographs, Please keep in mind this is a family orientated event and any photograph deemed not to be in keeping with that nature, will be disqualified and not be displayed.**
15. COLOR AND BLACK AND WHITE PRINTS:

- a. Finished print size should be 8 x 10. Prints are to be mounted on a 10 x 12 WHITE POSTER BOARD (No mat Board is allowed). Creating a 1-inch border on all 4 sides. This will allow the print to be mounted properly using staples. NO double-sided tape. Scotch wrinkle free stick or liquid glue adhesive works well. No other mounting materials or frames are allowed.
 - b. No photo corners are allowed.
 - c. A matte finish is preferred over glossy due to the glare.
 - d. ****NEW** Captions allowed.** Please provide TYPED short description of your photograph. and attach to lower left corner of Matte Board. **NO Captions allowed in Jr or Challenge.** Please call with any questions
 - e. Please remove dates.
2. JUDGING: This department has “open judging.” Exhibitors may watch the process; however, exhibitors may NOT disturb the process or speak to the Judge(s) or the Superintendent(s) during this time. Any infraction of this rule will disqualify ALL photography exhibits entered by the exhibitor. Judges’ decisions are final. In the event of indecision between Judges, the Superintendents reserve the rights to step in as an additional Judge for a final decision.
 3. Superintendents reserve the rights to disqualify any exhibits that do not abide by any of the Photography Rules and Regulations.
 4. Entries will be judged solely in competition and in comparison, with each other.
 5. Photo critiques Information To Be Announced when entries turned in on Monday, August 2, 2021.

Open Color Print/Open Black and White Print Premiums First-\$5; Second-\$4; Third-\$3; Forth-ribbon

Challenge Premiums First-\$8; Second-\$5; Third-ribbon; Forth-ribbon

Best of Show: (One per Division. Each first place within a Division will compete for this award): Rosette

Division	Class	
COLOR PRINTS		
A McHenry County Fair Theme: Growing For You	1 Kids on the Farm 2 Family Time 3 Farmers Market 4 Fall Harvest 5 Barns	6 Farm Scene 7 McHenry County Fair 8 Farm Animals 9 Tractors
B Everyday Living	1 Individual Child 0-3 Years 2 Individual Child 4 years and up 3 Children – 2 or more 4 Child and Adult 5 Portrait (Posed Subject) 6 Character Study 7 Kids and their pets 8 At Play 9 Humorous 10 Graduation 2020 or 2021	11 Working from Home 12 Frontline Workers 13 Volunteers/Pitching in 14 6 ft Apart 15 Learning from Home 16 Mask Up 17 Outdoor Dining 18 Game Night 19 Home Projects
C Scenic	1 Landscapes 2 Seascapes 3 Down by the Water 4 Winter Scenes 5 Fall	6 Sunrise/Sunsets (must include an object in the photo) 7 Places to Escape 8 National Parks (captions required) 9 Empty Places

Color PRINTS Continued		
Division	Class	
D Nature	1 Trees 2 A Walk in the Woods 3 Weather 4 Floral-single flower	5 Floral–2 or more Blooms 6 Floral–wildflowers 7 Gardens 8 Floral Opposite colors
E Animals/Birds/Insects	1 Butterflies 2 Domestic Dog(s) 3 Domestic Cat(s) 4 Horse(s) 5 Water Fowl 6 Marine Life	7 Wild Life 8 Zoo Animals 9 Baby Animals 10 Frogs 11 Insects 12 Backyard Birds
F Structures	1 Architecture 2 Bridges 3 Windows, Doors, Doorways 4 Statue(s)	5 Lighthouses 6 Building-Long Forgotten 7 Churches

G The Art of Seeing	1 Reflections 2 Silhouette(s) 3 Leading Lines 4 Patterns	5 Textures 6 Still Life/Non-Living Objects 7 Shadows
H All Other Categories	1 Planes, Trains & Autos 2 Signs 3 Cooking Together	4 Food 5 Other (does not qualify for any other class)

BLACK AND WHITE PRINTS

M Black and White Prints	1 Individual Child 2 A Day in the Life - Kids 3 Family Time 4 Relationships 5 Frontline Workers 6 Character Study 7 Birds 8 McHenry County Fair 9 Vintage 10 Game Night 11 Landscape 12 Light 13 Winter 14 A Walk in the Woods	15 Animals 16 Dogs 17 Horses 18 Architecture 19 Barns 20 Windows/Doors 21 Empty Places 22 Cemetery/Headstones 23 Flowers 24 Shadows or Reflections 25 Signs 26 Other (Does not fit in any other category)
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CHALLENGE

N Challenge Division - Open to all level of Photographers. Photoshop/similar programs are allowed. 8”X10” unless specified, black and white or color allowed.

- 1** The Year 2020 – One photo that defined the year
- 2** Photo of the Day – any subject – No Rules
- 3** We are Stronger Together
- 4** Travel
- 5** People
- 6** Macro
- 7** Window Light
- 8** Winter

- 9** Full Frame – One subject matter filling the frame
- 10** Nine Elements – Must show ALL of the following: Light, Textures, Pattern, Shadow, Color, Line, Size, Shape, Depth.
- 11** Animals
- 12** Golden Hour

*Challenge Division – Photography may not have won in any previous contests. (Best of show, 1st, 2nd, 3rd place or similar).



Trophies and Awards for all Occasions

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Photography Entry Form

Use a separate form for each show.

- Register online at www.mchenrycountyfair.com or in the office at 11900 Country Club Road, Woodstock, IL 60098 on Monday – Friday from 8 am – 2 pm. Weekend Registration open Saturday, July 17th 8 am-12 pm and Sunday, July 18th 10 am-3 pm ONLY.
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- Entries will NOT be taken by phone, fax, or email. NO REFUNDS!
- One entry per line. Note changes in Division and Class numbers!

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

	Dept. Number	Division Letter	Class Number	Description of Entry
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I have read and understand, and in consideration for being permitted to exhibit at the 2021 McHenry County Fair, agree and consent to abide by the rules of the competition. This includes the McHenry County Rules and Regulations and the Home Arts Department Rules as stated in the Rule section in the McHenry County Fair Book and on the Website: mchenrycountyfair.com

Exhibitor (Owner/Exhibitor) Date

Guardian/Parent of Exhibitor (if under 18 years of age) Date

#	Fee	Total
	\$0.75 per Open entry	
	\$1.25 Photo Challenge	
	\$15 Exhibitor Pass (one required per Exhibitor)	
	Total	\$