Thank you for your interest in the 5th Annual Sam Houston Memorial Museum Amateur Photography Contest and Exhibit! This contest/exhibit is a great event for photographers of all ages to compete in different categories and have their artwork exhibited in a gallery setting. We welcome photographers near and far to this growing event, and ask that you please read the rules and regulations carefully, there are numerous changes for 2014!

AWARDS & ARTISTS RECEPTION: Monday, December 1, 2014
4:30pm—6:00pm, FREE EVENT

Exhibit Gallery
Katy & E. Don Walker, Sr. Education Center
1402 19th Street
Huntsville, TX 77340

Winner's will NOT BE NOTIFIED prior to the reception.
You do NOT need to be present to win.
Winners not in attendance will receive their awards by mail following the show.

THE RULES

1. This is an amateur show. Professionals may not enter. You are considered a professional if you make a living selling your photographs. Photographs must be the work of the contestant.

2. Each photo entered must include completed entry blank. Entry forms are available on our website and also can be picked up at the Museum at any entry location.

3. All photo entries become the property of the Museum and WILL NOT BE RETURNED. NO EXCEPTIONS.

4. Entries must be postmarked or delivered to Museum by 4:00pm on Sept. 28, 2014.

5. No signed or dated photos will be accepted. Please lightly write your name on the back of the photo, at the top to determine its orientation. Failure to state proper orientation waives your right to request a change later if item is hung incorrectly.

6. Photos will be numbered by Museum staff. Judging will be done by the public who views the exhibit.

7. Winners will be notified at the Awards and Artists Reception on Monday, December 1, 2014.

8. Photographs must be submitted as 8x10s. No other sizes will be accepted. Entries that are matted, framed, or mounted WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

9. Photos will not be accepted with names or titles on the front of image.

10. Photographs must be suitable for family viewing and the Museum reserves the right to refuse any entry.

11. Black and Whites may be entered into any category. Only B&W will be accepted in the B&W category.

12. Post-processing is allowed, however, overly processed images are not recommended.

13. Photographers may enter as many categories as they wish, however, no more than 2 photos per category.

14. Any violation of contest rules will result in disqualification. NO EXCEPTIONS.

15. Each photo entry is $5.00 cash and payment must accompany your photo submission. Credit cards are NOT accepted for photo entries.

The Awards & Artists Reception for 2014 we be held at the end of the show’s gallery run to allow for the public’s voting of the 2014 Contest. Please mark your calendars so you can be in attendance!
In 2014, you be the judge! ~VOTING BEGINS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14~

For our fifth anniversary of the SHMM Photography Contest/Exhibit, we are shaking things up a bit! This year, we are asking the Museum visitors to be our judges for the 2014 Photo Contest! What does this mean? Follow the list below and vote daily if you choose!

- Voters may fill out a pre-printed Voter Card each time you visit the gallery.
- You may only vote once per photo, and only cast your vote(s) once per day for the duration of the show.
- You must be present at the gallery to cast your vote(s).
- A voter card will be issued to you for voting. This card will need to be filled out completely, signed, and turned in during your visit for your vote(s) to count.
- Voter cards are numbered by the Museum. No copied voter cards will be accepted.
- You may cast up to three (3) votes per category. You may only vote once per photo (explanation: you may not vote three times for the same photo).
- Photos will be numbered and grouped by category. Artist's names will not appear anywhere on the photos.
- Votes will be updated daily by Museum staff. No information will be leaked to the public prior to the Awards Reception for Artists at the close of the Exhibit on December 1, 2014.
- Awards for Best in Show and Reserve Grand Champion will go to the two photos that receive that most votes from the public.
- You may come to the Museum and vote on the exhibit every day the Museum is open to the public. The Museum reserves the right to close the Walker Center and Exhibit Gallery at any time due to staffing concerns. We will make every reasonable effort to keep the gallery and building open during regular business hours for voting purposes.
- Artists may vote on their own work, following the general voting rules.
- Voting will close on Sunday, November 30, 2014 to allow for votes to be counted prior to the December 1 Awards Reception.

Questions about the 2014 Photography Contest/Exhibit can be directed to:
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