

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a paintbrush, applying vibrant red and blue paint to a textured surface. The brush is positioned horizontally, with the bristles touching the surface. The background is blurred, showing more of the painted surface and some light-colored elements.

SAN MATEO COUNTY FAIR
FINE ARTS
DEPARTMENT
2024 CONTEST BOOK

SEVERAL CASH PRIZES AVAILABLE!

ENTRY DEADLINE

**THURSDAY, MAY 2
AT 11:59PM**

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Fine Arts Galleria

The Art of Healing



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2024 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, May 2	midnight	Online <u>ENTRY</u> for all FINE ARTS GALLERIA due
Thursday, May 9	5pm	All LATE entry forms must be in office by 5pm
Friday, May 17	2-8pm	ENTRIES received in Expo Hall
Saturday, May 18	2-8pm	ENTRIES received in Expo Hall
Saturday, June 1 - Sunday, June 9		On-going Artwork Sale during fair hours
Monday, June 10	2-7pm	Artwork released

Entry Fees: \$10.00 per entry
NO MAXIMUM ENTRY FEE

MINIMUM AGE 16 YEARS

ENTRIES: Enter online at www.sanmateocountyfair.com by May 2, 2024. LATE ENTRY FORMS WILL BE TAKEN UNTIL 5 p.m. **ON MAY 9, 2024** with an additional \$100.00 late fee. Late entry forms available online at www.sanmateocountyfair.com and must be delivered to the fair office.

ALL entries MUST be picked up on June 10, 2024
The Fair will not hold any entries left past 7pm on Monday, June 10, 2024

ART DROP OFF

More information will be sent as it gets closer to entry drop off.

- a. **DROP OFF:** Don't waste your time standing in line if your art is not framed or wired properly. The peak waiting time is from 3-6 pm on the first day of Entries Received (see Schedule of Events above)
- b. **PICK UP:** PLEASE GO DIRECTLY TO EXPO HALL for pick up. All entries must be picked up on Monday, June 10 at the scheduled times listed above in the Schedule of Events. The San Mateo County Fair assumes no responsibility for items that are not picked up on the release day. To ensure an orderly process and guarantee the safety of your art, exhibitors are required to wait for an attendant to retrieve their work from the display wall. Your understanding and patience are greatly appreciated.

FAIR MANAGEMENT SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LOSSES OR DAMAGES INCURRED FROM ACCIDENTS OR VANDALISM BY ANY OF THE EXHIBITORS OR EXHIBITS AND THE EXHIBITORS SHALL HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY THE FAIR AGAINST ANY LEGAL PROCEEDINGS ARISING FROM SUCH ACCIDENT OR LOSS. THIS INCLUDES GLASS FROM FRAMED ARTWORK.

SUBMISSION RULES

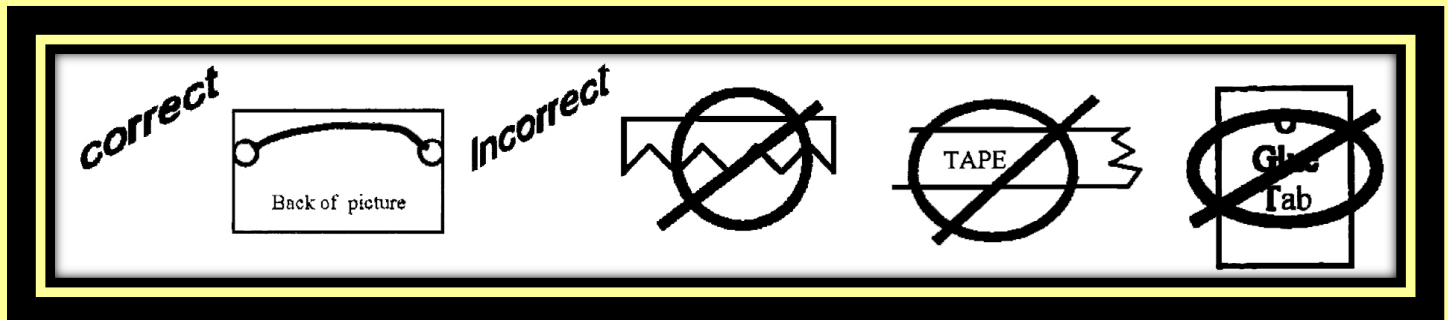


1. All state rules and local rules apply. **MINIMUM AGE IS 16 YEARS.**
2. All amateur and professional work will be accepted regardless of residence.
3. **There are absolutely no refunds of entry fees for any reason.**
4. The Fair reserves the right to order the removal of any exhibit which is not in the best interest of the Fair or which has been entered in violation of its rules and regulations.
5. **SALES:** Art sales will be conducted by an official Fair salesperson. Full payment of sales originating at the Fair must be made before the conclusion of the Fair.
 - a. Artist will be notified when artwork has been sold. Payment to the artist will be mailed after the closing of Fair.
 - b. All sold artwork will be held until closing of the Fair at which time it will be relinquished to the buyer. Proper identification will be requested of the buyer. The sold artwork must be picked up during the scheduled Artwork Release Times. (See Schedule of Events on first page of Fine Arts)
 - c. In pricing your artwork, allow 20% of the total sales as a donation to the Fair. The artist will receive 80% of the price listed on the entry form. In addition, the buyer will be required to pay applicable sales tax.
 - d. **PUT THE TITLE AND SALE PRICE WHEN DOING THE ONLINE ENTRY.**
 - e. If the artwork is not for sale, write 'Not for Sale' on the entry form.
6. No advertising material of any kind will be allowed in the Fine Arts Department without approval of the Supervisor.
7. No artwork may be removed from the Fair prior to the scheduled Artwork Release time at the close of the Fair.
8. American system of judging will be used unless otherwise noted.

9. All works must be the original work of the artists. No precast or pre-made patterns may be used in the Fine Arts Competition. "INDEPENDENT" artwork done in a classroom setting is eligible if it is one-of-a-kind and not produced by the other students in the class. **Work copied from any art publications or from another artist is not eligible to compete.**
10. Each piece of artwork must be marked on the back, top left-hand corner, or on the base, with the artist's name and title of artwork and phone number as it appears on the entry form.
11. Poorly framed and wired art may not be displayed if deemed unsafe.
12. RELEASE: Artist retains all rights; however, the artist agrees that the visual arts entry may be displayed and used for publicity purposes at the sole discretion of the Fair management.
13. GICLEE PRINTS of paintings must be entered in Print Media #307 Class 2. This does not apply to giclees of photographs entered into Photography.

FRAMING AND HANGING RULES:

1. ALL ARTWORK MUST BE SECURELY WIRED FOR HANGING. No non-wired, serrated metal bar hanging devices or raw edged glass will be accepted. Paintings must be dry when delivered. We encourage the use of acrylic instead of glass on larger works due to the weight of glass. Also, please use secure frames firmly fastened together. Watercolors, works on paper, and cartoons may be protected with glass or acrylic. No raw glass edges allowed.
 - a. Fragile Works: At time of entry, works deemed extremely fragile may be disallowed unless properly protected by a case or other suitable means provided by the artist.
 - b. Each visual arts entry must be in its original format.



2. **WRAPAROUND EDGES ON CANVASES ARE ONLY ACCEPTABLE IF PAINTED AND WITHOUT STAPLES.**

AWARDS

1. Awards offered are per class except as noted per division, sweepstakes, or special awards. Honorable mention ribbons will be given in classes where warranted.
2. Although there is no limit to the number of entries per Visual Artists **except for Photography**, there can be no more than two awards in each class per person. See Photography dept. rules for number of photographs allowed.
3. It is agreed and understood that all entries/exhibitors may be photographed for publicity and promotional purposes.
4. **THE AMERICAN SYSTEM OF JUDGING** is a competitive system. Exhibits are placed before a judge or group of judges who rank the exhibits. The exhibits are then awarded prizes based on the quality of the exhibits. A standard of quality is employed here also, but the exhibits are judged against the standard as well as each other. Most often, the best exhibit receives a First Prize ribbon, the next best exhibit a Second Prize, and so forth. However, a judge may determine that there is no exhibit worthy of the First Prize and would award the best exhibit a Second Prize, a Third Prize or no prize at all. A judge may not award the same prize to more than one exhibit (i.e. no ties allowed).
5. Awards are offered based on judging by a diverse panel of Bay Area professionals.
6. **Judging is based on ORIGINALITY, CRAFTSMANSHIP, CONTENT, AESTHETICS, AND INTENTION.** Artists' names are not visible to judges at any time before or during the judging session.



SPECIAL AWARDS

The Fine Arts Galleria would like to thank all the various donors and sponsors who went above and beyond the call of duty to provide extra recognition for our exhibitors. It is because of you that our fair is one of the area's greatest community assets and celebrations. The San Mateo County Fair invites all recipients of these awards to follow up with a thank you note to the appropriate donor or sponsor.

PLEASE NOTE: Read each award carefully and enter accordingly. You are NOT automatically entered into any division or contest in the Adult Section. You MUST enter each and every contest on the entry form except the Lois Kelley Award and Tony Governale Award and the Dischler Impact Award. **YOU MAY NOT ENTER ANY ONE PIECE INTO MORE THAN ONE CONTEST.**

Lois Kelley Memorial / Exhibitor of the Year Award

Sponsored by San Mateo Event Center and Fair Association Board of Directors

AWARD OFFERED:

Plaque & \$150 to the winning Visual Artist

Plaque & \$150 to the winning Photographer

Plaque & \$150 to the winning Urban Artist (Skate Board & Tattoo Divisions)

Special Notes:

This award is given in honor of Lois Kelley, past Board Member, past President of the San Mateo County Event Center and Fair Association, and past manager of the Fine Arts Department.

Eligibility:

No entry or fee is required to be considered for this award. One award is given to the top overall exhibitor in the Visual Arts, one award to the top exhibitor in Photography, and one award in the Urban Artist based upon cumulative awards won. Winners of this award are not eligible to receive it for the following two years.

Honorable Mention Awards are not given the same consideration as 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in the ribbons counts and will be used only at the judges' discretion as numerical tiebreakers for this award.

Tony Governale "Board of Directors Favorite" Memorial Award

Sponsored by San Mateo Event Center and Fair Association Board of Directors

AWARD OFFERED:

Trophy and \$100

Special Notes:

This award is in honor of past Board Member, Tony Governale, who passed away on Dec. 28, 1999. He was a dedicated Board member that was very passionate about the San Mateo County Fair and the San Mateo Community.

Eligibility:

No entry or fee is required to be considered for this award. All Visual Arts and Photography entries that have been awarded a Best of Show award are considered for this prize. **The Fair Association Board of Directors** will choose one single selection from all the Galleria's Best of Show awardees as their favorite.

The Dischler Impact Award

AWARDS OFFERED:

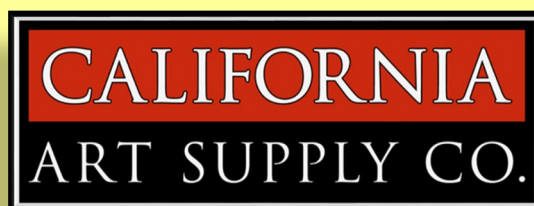
1 st place	Rosette and \$175
2 nd place	Rosette
3 rd place	Rosette

Special Notes: Targeted to the photo images that have the greatest Impact (emotional, intellectual, sensual, etc.) across all categories of the SMCF show photo entries (including Carry The Light). The awards will be for 1st place, 2nd place, and 3rd place (without distinction of B&W or Color).

No entry or fee is required to be considered for this award.

BEST OF SHOW AWARDS

*Sponsored by the San Mateo County Arts Commission
and California Art Supply Company in San Mateo.*



Each Category is awarded a Rosette, \$150 cash & a \$150 gift certificate

Best of Show: Paintings – Oils and Acrylics

Best of Show: Watercolor

Best of Show: Works on Paper and Mixed Media

Best of Show: Ceramics, Pottery and Sculpture

Best of Show: Jewelry

Best of Show: Fine Art Glass

Best of Show: Color Photography

Best of Show: Black & White Photography

Best of Show: Special Categories Photography

(Special Effects, Cell Phone, and Photojournalism)

Note: Judges may refrain from awarding a Best of Show Award in areas where there are not enough entries to warrant a healthy competition.

VISUAL ARTS CONTESTS

AWARDS OFFERED: DIVISIONS 300 – 309

1 st Place	\$100	Rosette
2 nd Place		Rosette
3 rd Place		Rosette

DIVISION 300 – PAINTINGS – OILS AND ACRYLIC

DIVISION 301 – WATERCOLORS

DIVISION 302 – WORKS ON PAPER – Pastels, Inks, Charcoal, etc.

CLASS:

1. Abstract (cannot contain recognizable imagery)
2. All Animals (wild and domestic)
3. Floral
4. Landscape, Street Scenes, and Seascapes
(includes cloudscapes and urban skylines)
5. Space/Underwater/Fictional or Fantasy Scenes
6. Religious, Spiritual, Inspirational
7. Portraits (A close-up single human figure or group (no animals, no overt nudes please))
8. People – two or more people as the main subject. Also, a big crowd or small group of people in any setting
9. Still Life - a study of arranged or grouped man-made or natural objects
10. Structural/Architectural (close-up study or interpretation of a natural, fictional or man-made form)
11. Transportation (boats, trains, cars, airplanes, etc.)
12. Surrealism (recognizable yet fantastic imagery and incongruous juxtapositions (ie. Salvador Dali))
13. Miniatures (any 2-dimensional framed work not exceeding a 5”x 7” canvas. Must be wired.)
14. Ethnic Folk
15. Other

NOTE: Please read class descriptions carefully. Judges will re-assign wrongly entered pieces without notice.

(No giclees accepted- see Div. 307)

This is a family-oriented competition and exhibit. Children will be viewing this exhibit. With that in mind, artwork must not, in the sole and unfettered discretion of the competition staff, contain obscene, provocative, defamatory, sexually explicit, or otherwise objectionable or inappropriate content.

DIVISION 303 – CARTOONS AND GRAPHIC ART

CLASS:

1. Cartoon and Graphics including digital art
2. Cartoons and Graphics AI Generated

DIVISION 304 – MIXED MEDIA AND COLLAGE

Any two-dimensional piece using more than one medium on paper, canvas, board or panel
Three-Dimensional works must be entered into the Sculpture Division #308

CLASS:

1. Mixed Media and Collage

DIVISION 305 -- FINE ART GLASS

Includes two or three-dimensional cased, cast, etched, sand carved, blown, stained glass, etc.

CLASS:

1. Hot Glass - includes blown glass, solid-sculpted glass and cast glass
2. Warm Glass – slumped, kiln glass, kiln-casted glass, bent glass, flame-worked glass, pate de verre
3. Cold Glass - sandblasted, acid etched, grinding, polishing, engraving, assembled and glued

DIVISION 306 – CERAMICS AND POTTERY

CLASS:

1. All Pottery and ceramics

DIVISION 307 – PRINT MEDIA

Includes traditional etchings, lithographs, serigraphs, woodcuts, linocuts, etc. that utilizes transferred imaging.

CLASS:

1. Traditional Print Media
2. Digital reproductions of original art (giclees) on either canvas or paper (giclees of photographs not accepted)

DIVISION 308 – SCULPTURE

CLASS:

1. All 3-D traditional materials (clay, stone, wood, etc) Non-traditional materials may also be entered in this division. If artwork is made from at least 50% recycled materials, you may want to submit into the Found Art Division, especially if it has a “recycled” flavor to it.

DIVISION 309 – JEWELRY

SPECIAL NOTES: NO SETS--Please submit each item individually. For example: if you have matching earrings and necklace that would be two submissions; one for the earrings and one for the necklace. If sets are submitted, they will be disqualified.

Leave entries open for touching and examination (don't pin down or encase) It is easier to examine a piece that is not locked down so that the workmanship is evident.

**The judge would like to have the title of the piece and a short description of what was the inspiration for the piece and any other brief information that you would like to include

CLASS:

1. Lampwork or fused glass – This category includes beads, buttons, components or jewelry-related objects that are at least 85% or more glass made by the applicant. Entries that use someone else's glass beads or components should be entered in "Finished Jewelry" Class 10.
2. Metal Clay – This category includes all beads, buttons, components, jewelry or jewelry-related objects that are at least 85% or more metal clay made by the applicant. Entries that use someone else's metal beads or components should be entered in "Finished Jewelry" Class 10.
3. Seed Beads – This category includes beaded beads or a piece of jewelry that is at least 85% or more seed beads/bugle beads and that uses weaving as the primary technique.
4. Wirework – This category includes all jewelry, accessories, handmade beads, jewelry-related objects and sculptural objects that are made predominately with wire or in which the primary techniques used are wirework techniques.
5. Chain Maille – This category includes all jewelry, accessories, jewelry-related objects and sculptural objects in which at least 85% of the primary technique used by the applicant is chain maille.
6. Polymer Clay – This category includes beads, buttons, components or jewelry-related objects that are at least 85% or more polymer clay made by the applicant. Entries that use someone else's polymer beads or components should be entered in "Finished Jewelry" Class 10.
7. Fabricated or Cast metal – This category includes all jewelry or jewelry-related objects that are fabricated and/or cast entirely by the applicant. **All synthetic and natural stones are accepted in this category.**
8. Strung Jewelry -- This category will include a piece of jewelry that is made from materials such as, but not limited to, glass beads, crystals, semi-precious stones, wire, metal clay, seed beads (piece must be less than 40 percent seed beads), found objects, etc. NOTE: If the piece predominantly showcases another category (such as polymer clay), it should be submitted into that category.
9. Beaded Objects or Accessories -- This category includes a non-jewelry item or accessory, including, but not limited to, purses, shoes, sculptures, or wall hangings
10. Finished Jewelry

THEMED CONTESTS

AWARDS OFFERED

DIVISION 310

1 st Place	\$150	Rosette
2 nd Place		Rosette
3 rd Place		Rosette

DIVISION 311

1 st Place	\$200	Rosette
2 nd Place		Rosette
3 rd Place		Rosette

DIVISION 312

1 st Place	\$200	Rosette
2 nd Place		Rosette
3 rd Place		Rosette

DIVISION 313

1 st Place	\$100	Rosette
2 nd Place		Rosette
3 rd Place		Rosette

DIVISIONS 314

1 st Place	\$175	Rosette
2 nd Place		Rosette
3 rd Place		Rosette

DIVISION 310 – SAN MATEO COUNTY SCENES

Sponsored by Burlingame Art Society

SPECIAL NOTES: This award is given to the artist whose **painting** is judged the best representation of a scene from anywhere in the county of San Mateo. Subject matter includes either natural or urban scenes and the **work must contain a reasonably recognizable landmark to qualify**. The maximum number allowed is two entries in this division. The work must have been painted within the last three years and not previously shown at the SM County Fair.

Eligibility: This contest must be entered on the entry form.

Entry may not be entered into another contest.

CLASS:

1. San Mateo County Scenes

DIVISION 311 - "THE ART OF HEALING"

SPECIAL NOTES: This prize is awarded to the one artist whose work best represents the theme of "The Art of Healing" in either the **Visual Arts (2-D and 3-D) or Photography divisions**. This is completely open to the artist's interpretation, which may be literal, symbolic, or suggestive of the theme. The maximum number allowed is two entries in this division.

Eligibility: This contest must be entered.

NEW RULE -- Entry may not be entered into another contest and duplicate photo prints may not be submitted to other contests.

CLASS:

1. "The Art of Healing"

DIVISION 312 – DIA DE LOS MUERTOS/DAY OF THE DEAD

Sponsored by Peninsula Artist Eva Portillo

Eligibility: This contest must be entered on the entry form. Entering the same piece into another division is not allowed. 2 and 3-dimensional art welcome. Not open to Video entries. Open to all Visual Art, Photography and Craft Specialties. Only one 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place awards offered for all classes combined. Only the first place receives a premium award.

CLASS:

1. Any two-dimensional art or photo---must be framed and wired properly
2. Sculptures
3. Any craft specialties including masks, sugar skulls, candles, mini boxes, tote bags, aprons, sewn dolls, quilts, pillows, paper mâché skeletons or skulls, tissue flowers Papel Picado (hand cut paper)



DIVISION 313 – FOUND ART, RECYLCED ART, & UPCYCLED ART

SPECIAL NOTES: Art must be composed of at least 50% recycled or discarded items. Kinetic art is welcomed. May be floor-standing, hanging wall art, or pedestal art (we have pedestals).

Wall pieces (like shadow boxes) must be wired for hanging. Max weight for hanging art is 15 lbs. Explanation of materials used may accompany each item on a 3x5 white index card using 12-point Helvetica. **Mixed Media Dolls and Altered Books** are eligible in this division as well if they meet with the recycled requirements. No kit or classroom work is eligible to enter. Judges are looking for the unique use of discarded items.

CLASS:

1. All entries, whether 3-D or 2-D

DIVISION 314 – CALLIGRAPHY/HAND LETTERING

Sponsored by Pacific Scribes



SPECIAL NOTES: Two-dimensional artwork which includes calligraphy or hand lettering as its predominant element in **any medium**, including mixed medium and in **any substrate** (ie. wood, canvas, paper, etc), that can be displayed as two-dimensional art that is wired for hanging.

CLASS:

1. All two-dimensional entries

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS

AWARDS OFFERED

DIVISION 316

1 st Place	\$50	Rosette
2 nd Place		Rosette
3 rd Place		Rosette

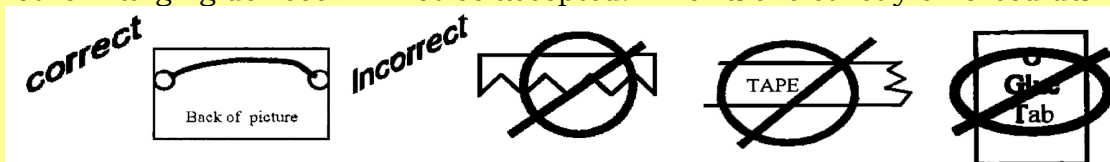
RULES: *Please read carefully – rules do change*

1. **FORMAT:** Each photo must be in its original format (and taken within the last three years. No raw glass edges allowed. All images must be framed.

FRAME SIZE must be NO LARGER than 28 inches (inside dimension) on the long side (size limit is 14 inches for the cell phone-camera competition). **Metal Prints may not exceed 28" on the long side.**

Photojournalism Photo Essay images should be mounted in a single frame.

FRAMES MUST BE SECURELY WIRED FOR HANGING (THAT INCLUDES PRINTS ON METAL). Serrated or other hanging devices will not be accepted. This rule is strictly enforced during drop-off.



2. **LIMIT ON ENTRIES** - All entries will be hung in the exhibit. With that in mind, contestants will be **limited to 10 entries** across all photography classes combined.
3. We discourage the use of glass and will not be responsible for any breakage and resulting damage to images – it happens. We also strongly encourage the use of non-glare acrylic due to strong overhead lighting reflecting on glass.
4. Photos entered in the wrong classes will be re-assigned without notice to the artist.
5. **JUDGING:** Photography will be judged on originality, craftsmanship, content, aesthetics, and intention. Judges reserve the right to not make awards if they feel there is nothing entered of merit.
6. **RELEASE:** Photographer retains all rights; however, the photographer agrees that the photo may be displayed and used for publicity purposes at the sole discretion of the Fair management.
7. **RETURN:** Photography must be picked up on Artwork Release Monday immediately following the end of the Fair (see Schedule of Events at beginning of art section). The San Mateo County Fair assumes no responsibility for photos not picked up on the designated pickup day.
8. This is a family-oriented competition and exhibit. Children will be viewing this exhibit. With that in mind, photography must not, in the sole and unfettered discretion of the competition staff, contain obscene, provocative, defamatory, sexually explicit, or otherwise objectionable or inappropriate content.
9. In Color and Black & White Classes, photos utilizing digital filters, digital color enhancement, and special effects of any kind, infrared film, non-traditional development techniques, High Dynamic Range (HDR), and digitally stitched panoramas must be entered into the Special Effects Classes, 27 and 28. Digital processing that utilizes techniques and practices that were employed in a traditional darkroom are acceptable. Photo Judges reserve the right to reclassify any work they feel has been enhanced beyond acceptable processing practices.
10. There are absolutely no refunds of entry fees for any reason.

DIVISION 316 – PHOTOGRAPHY

(Please note that there is a limit of 10 entries per contestant across all classes)

ABSTRACT means no recognizable images.

SURREAL is characterized by recognizable yet fantastical imagery and incongruous juxtapositions.

CLASS: COLOR

1. Abstract, Surreal, Fantasy
2. Animal, Domestic (no birds)
3. Birds
4. Floral
5. Landscape/Seascape
6. Human Portrait & Figures (no overt nudes)
7. Religious, Spiritual, Visionary
8. Still Life
9. Architecture, Structure
10. Transportation
11. Urban Landscape



CLASS: BLACK & WHITE

12. Abstract, Surreal, Fantasy
13. Animal, Domestic (no birds)
14. Birds
15. Floral
16. Landscape/Seascape
17. Human Portrait & Figures (no overt nudes)
18. Religious, Spiritual, Visionary
19. Still Life
20. Architecture, Structure
21. Transportation
22. Urban Landscape

No AI photo creations will be accepted.

CLASS:

23. Photojournalism - The single image class is a photo that fully captures the story of an event with a single image. Photojournalism shows us things that we would not normally see and takes us places we would not ordinarily go. Henri Cartier-Bresson called it the “critical moment.”
24. Photojournalism - The photo essay class is 3 to 5 photos of an event that tells a story on a single theme so that they give a deeper, fuller, more rounded view of the subject than a single image can. The organization can be either chronological or thematic, but the photos should work together to enrich the theme. All the images should be mounted in a single frame.
25. **Special Effects -- Photographic** -- Photographic would include adding special effects to a photo such as blurring, zooming, use of infrared film or digital sensor, special filters, HDR, etc., while taking or processing the photo.

URBAN ART

AWARDS OFFERED

DIVISION 317

1st Place	\$100	Rosette
2nd Place		Rosette
3rd Place		Rosette



DIVISION 317 – SKATEBOARD ART DECK



CLASS:

1. All Skateboard Decks (must have mounting wires on the back of the deck to hang and secure the deck to display walls)

DIVISION 318 – TATTOOING

AWARDS OFFERED

DIVISION 318

1st Place	\$100	Rosette
2nd Place		Rosette
3rd Place		Rosette



RULES:

- Class 1 & 2 please rules for Photography.
Class 3 please see rules for Painting and Sculpture Divisions.

CLASS:

1. Drawing & Sketch Designs
2. Photos
3. All other 2D and 3D art forms