

Prepare 2 copies of each entry form. Attach one to back of frame; submit 2<sup>nd</sup> at registration.

Photocopies of entry forms are acceptable.

**Questions?** Contact Laurel Arts at (814)443-2433 or [alison@laurelarts.org](mailto:alison@laurelarts.org)

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2026 Photo Contest

May 20<sup>th</sup> – June 11<sup>th</sup> 2026



**What:** The Laurel Highlands Photo Friends (LHPF) Contest.

**Who:** Everyone with an interest in photography. All abilities welcome.

**When/Where:** Entries will be accepted on May 13<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm-4:00pm, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am- 6:00pm, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am -2:00pm at the Laurel Arts Dressler Center, 214 S. Harrison Ave., Somerset, PA 15501.

**Terms & Conditions:** Entrants must sign an exhibit/display release. Form will be available at time of registration.

**Awards reception:** Ribbons and prizes will be awarded during a public reception at Laurel Arts on May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm.

**Prizes/Judging:** Awards will include a ribbon and cash prize in each category: 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$40, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$30, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$20; Best of Show \$50.

**Exhibition:** Entries will be on display at the Laurel Arts Dressler Center from 11:00am – 6:00pm Monday through Thursday and 10:00am – 2:00pm on Saturday from May 20<sup>th</sup> – June 11<sup>th</sup>. All entries must be picked up on June 13<sup>th</sup> between 11:00am – 2:00pm at the Laurel Arts Dressler Center. No photographs will be returned by mail. *Photo Friends will not be responsible for unclaimed photographs nor for lost or stolen photographs. Photographs not claimed by July 1, 2026 will be disposed of.*

**Categories:**

1. **Scenic:** Landscapes or seascapes
2. **Floral:** Flowers and plants
3. **Fauna & Birds:** Animals, birds, and insects
4. **People:** Posed or candid
5. **Black & White:** Any subject in black and white, *absolutely no color accepted in this category.*
6. **General:** Still life, abstract, and if it doesn't fit anywhere else, it goes here.

**Limit of 2 entries per category**  
**1 out of every 2 entries must be for sale**

**Editing Guidelines:** (1) Images may be edited/enhanced as long as a majority of physical features in photograph are not changed. (2) No foreign or artificial elements may be added. (3) All photographs must be photo-realistic and look as if a photographic camera produced them.

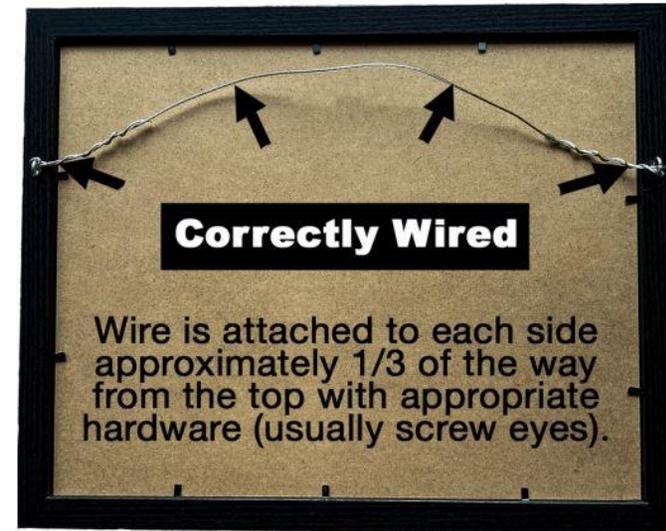
***Absolutely no AI generated photographs will be accepted.***

**Submissions:** Prepare two entry forms for each submission. Attach one form to the back of the framed photo; submit 2<sup>nd</sup> form with payment at registration. Indicate a price or NFS (not for sale) on each form (1 out of every 2 entries must be for sale). A W-9 form must be submitted at time of registration; forms will be provided at check in. Laurel Arts will transact all sales and collect sales tax. They will also retain a 30% commission on gallery sales. Please price your photos accordingly.

**Rules:**

- Entry fee is \$12 per photo. Students up to 12<sup>th</sup> grade may enter at \$8 per entry. **CASH ONLY.**
- **Limit of 2 entries per category. 1 out of every 2 entries submitted must be for sale.**
- **Photo requirements:** Framed photographs of varying sizes, with smallest size accepted of 5"x7" and largest size may not exceed 16"x20". Alternative photography printing is acceptable such as canvas, wood, metal, etc. All entries need to have a horizontal wire on the back for hanging. No sawtooth hangers. See example of correct wiring on next page.
- Digital matting is acceptable.
- Entries may not have been previously displayed in a Laurel Highlands Photo Friends contest during the past 3 years.
- No collages or montages.
- Entries must be the original work of the submitting photographer.
- All entries must be suitable for public viewing—no lowd or obscene material.
- No identification of photographer may be visible on front of photo or mat.
- The LHPF reserve the right to accept or reject any entry presented for exhibition.
- Entries not meeting the exhibition requirements will be rejected.
- All submitted photos must remain in the exhibit until it closes on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**Virtual Exhibit Guidelines:** This exhibit will be displayed on the Laurel Arts website: [www.laurelarts.org](http://www.laurelarts.org). The photographer understands and agrees that Laurel Arts reserves the right to reproduce and distribute the images through print and/or electronic media for promotion of the exhibition. The photographer grants Laurel Arts the right to allow authorized agents to photograph and/or videotape the photos and to use or reproduce images of the photos for publicity and educational purposes. The photographer confirms there are no existing copyrights on the photos in this exhibition that interfere with these conditions and will retain all copyrights to his/her photography.



### Somerset County Town Planner Competition

- There is no fee for Town Planner (TP) entries.
- A total of 4 seasonally relevant photos may be entered per person. One photo per season (Summer, Spring, Fall, & Winter).
- **Photos must have been taken in Somerset County.**
- Photos for this competition must be 8x10 prints matted to 11x14, be horizontally oriented, and framed with a horizontal wire on the back. Winning photos must be high resolution and at least 300 dpi at 100%.
- Selections for each of the 12 months will be chosen for the Town Planner from photos entered.
- \$100 dollars will be awarded to the photo chosen for the 2027 Town Planner Cover.