

2018 CREATIVE ARTS COMPETITION

for the
Greater Gulf State Fair
OCTOBER 26 – NOVEMBER 4, 2018



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International Association of Fairs & Expositions
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National Independent Concessionaires Association

Photography Exhibition

WHO MAY ENTER:

- All Divisions are open to ages 13 or older.
 - Professional vs Amateur
 - **Professional:** An artist who is actively and regularly employed as an artist, or is engaged in the promotion of their work for sale or commission as indicated by business cards, brochures, portfolios, and other marketing items, or is represented in galleries or art shows or in publication. (Department 20)
 - **Amateur:** An artist, who creates art as a hobby or pastime, is a student of the arts, does not regularly present work for sale or is not actively promoting their work for sale. Voluntary advancement to the next level is allowed. (Department 21)

HOW TO ENTER:

Entry Dates:

- **Online Entry:** 12:00am on Saturday, September 1st through 12:00pm on Saturday, October 13th. A link to the online entry portal can be found via a link on www.mobilefair.com. Entries must be dropped off for judging on October 12th between 12:00pm – 4:00pm or on October 13th between 9:00am – 12:00pm to the Greater Gulf State Fair Office.

Entries

Must be made under the name of the individual who created it. Do not use business/school or fictitious names. There are no team entries. Please enter using the exhibitor's name as it will appear on the display tag.

Entry Confirmations

You will receive e-mail notification and confirmation immediately once entry is received.

Entry Fees

- **Professional:** \$5.00
- **Amateur:** \$2.00

Entry Limit

- **Professional:** Each participant receives a 4 foot x 8 foot display section upon which to arrange exhibit. There is no maximum or minimum limit to the number of pieces in display. Each participant is limited to one (1) display section.
- **Amateur:** Limit three (3) per category.

NEED HELP?

Need assistance with the online entry or determining Division or Class?

Online: Click on link for an online entry tutorial found at www.mobilefair.com.

Phone: During office hours at (251) 334-4573 (Someone will return your call within 48 hours)

E-mail: exhibits@mobilefair.com

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES

1. Photography is defined as photographic compositions created solely to express the aesthetic vision of the artist. Photographs will be judged for their beauty, composition, meaningfulness, and technical skill.
2. Read Competition Guidelines. Changes are made each year. Review the Fine Arts Rules/Guidelines below at the end of this guide and the GGSF General Rules found on the website. Non-compliance will disqualify your entry.
3. Exhibitors are solely responsible for reading the competition guidelines and rules, and entering their items in the correct Departments/Lots. Incorrect entries may result in disqualification and may not be exhibited. Artwork not properly labeled will not be judged.
4. No refunds will be issued for items incorrectly entered by the exhibitor.
5. Entries must be made personally by the exhibitor. Original work only. No kits, direct copies of original artworks, classroom assignments (excluding School/Instructional Division), or group work will be accepted.
6. Artwork must be original and completed within the last two years.
7. Artwork exhibited at any prior GGSF is not eligible for entry and will not be accepted.
8. Due to the family-oriented theme of the GGSF, no exhibit dealing with nudity, drug use, obscenity, defamatory statements, violence or gang activity, satanic or cult theme or other offensive or objectionable content will be accepted. This at the discretion of the Exhibits Chairman and Fair management.
9. Final acceptance of the entry for judging and exhibition will be left to the discretion of the Exhibit Chairman. All decisions of the Exhibit Chairman are final.

HOW IS MY ENTRY JUDGED?

Professional & Amateur Department Judging

Exhibits are placed using the American Judging System where exhibits are ranked one against another. Awards will be made if, in the opinion of the jury, the items entered have sufficient merit. 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place and Honorable Mention may be awarded in each class if judges so determine. 1st Place winners will compete for Division Winner. Division Winners will compete for Best of Show.

Awards

The judges will select award winners from accepted entries that were confirmed after delivery.

Judges

The judges are qualified professionals chosen by the exhibit chairperson. All judging is final.

Judging Results

Results can be viewed online at www.mobilefair.com by the opening day of the Fair or in-person at the GGSF Exhibition Gallery during public hours of the Fair.

Reassignment of Entry Department/Lot

Judges and/or the Exhibit Chairman have the option of reassigning an entry to a more appropriate department or lot. However, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to enter their work in the appropriate class. Failure to do so may result in disqualification. Classes or Departments may be combined to create an adequate judging pool.

Disqualified Entries

If an entry is disqualified after judging is complete, the judge will not change the status of awards given for other entries.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR EXHIBITION

Delivery Dates

Entries must be dropped off for judging on October 12th between 12:00pm – 4:00pm or on October 13th between 9:00am – 12:00pm to the Greater Gulf State Fair Office.

Presentation & Display of Artwork

- **Labeling:** Exhibits must be securely labeled on the back of each entry with the provided identification label.
- **Presentation Required:** All works must be mounted on matte board with minimum 2" border. (NO FRAMES)
- **Size Limits for Fine Arts Entries:** Minimum photo size must be 8" x 10". Maximum size is 28" x 22" (Not equal area in square inches, not equal in length plus width). If your image plus matte is square it must be between 8 inches square and 22 inches square. For rectangular, if one side of your photo plus the mat is larger than 28 inches and/or the other side is larger than 22 inches your entry will be disqualified. If one side is smaller than 8 inches and/or the other side is smaller than 10 inches your entry will be disqualified.

HOW TO PICK UP YOUR ENTRY AFTER THE FAIR

Pickup Dates:

Monday, November 5th, 10:00am – 4:00pm

Tuesday, November 6th, 9:00am – 4:00pm

No exhibit shall be removed in whole or in part during the period of the Fair. Exhibits which are not claimed by **4:00pm on the Tuesday after the Fair closes** will be considered abandoned and will be disposed of as the Fair Management sees fit. Claim check or Photo ID is required for pick up. If you are unable to pick up your items, please arrange for someone to pick them up for you. The Greater Gulf State Fair is not responsible for exhibits left after this date.

WHAT IF I GET AN AWARD?

Display

Accepted entries will be displayed in the Exhibition Gallery with any awards received. Results will be posted online by opening day of the fair at www.mobilefair.com. Please do not call or email for competition results.

Award

Awards will be available during pick up hours to the exhibitor whose name is indicated on the entry form.

Department 20

Photography Exhibition - Professional

Lot #	Lot Description	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1.	Professional Photography Exhibition	\$100	\$75	\$50

Awards

- Dollar premiums as shown plus ribbons awarded to top three places.
- Best of Show: \$50 plus rosette

Judging

All entries will be judged on the basis of creative quality, composition, originality, appeal, and presentation. All decisions of the judges are final.

Notes:

- Greater Gulf State Fair General Rules shall apply
- Each participant receives a 4 foot x 8-foot display section upon which to arrange exhibit. Exhibitor may advertise: gallery name/studio name/address/email/telephone number. Exhibitor should display current work.

Department 21

Photography Exhibition – Amateur

Lot #	Lot Description	1st	2nd	3rd
A - 1	Black & White	\$20	\$10	\$5
A - 2	Color	\$20	\$10	\$5

Awards

- Dollar premiums as shown plus ribbons awarded to top three places
- Best of Show: \$25.00 plus rosette
- Best Photo Representing the Greater Gulf State Fair: \$35 plus rosette

Judging

All entries will be judged on the basis of creative quality, originality and technique.
All decisions of the judges are final.

Notes:

- Greater Gulf State Fair General Rules shall apply.