

Attention All Photographers



"Dragon fly and flower"
2015 Mascoutah Example



"Silver Creek Preserve Natural Art"
2015 Mascoutah Example

2016 Mascoutah Photography Contest

"Hometown Treasure - Mascoutah"

Submissions must be received by Monday, [March 21, 2016](#)
The Museum will be open 1 to 4 pm on Sunday, March 13 and 20 to receive photographs being delivered in person.
Personal delivery can also be made by appointment.

The Mascoutah Heritage Museum announces that the 2016 Annual Photography Contest will be held from Monday, November 2, 2015 to Sunday, April 3, 2016 when winners will be announced. The photos will be on display from April 3, 2016 to August 7, 2016. This year's exhibit and contest theme is entitled "**Hometown Treasure - Mascoutah**" and will be held in the Museum building, at 306 W. Main street. Photographers, amateur and professional, are invited to make submissions to the contest and exhibit. The photographers may also sell their displayed photographs to the public. The purpose of the exhibit is to stimulate interest in the community and to recognize the unique beauty and historical significance of Mascoutah and the immediate area surrounding Mascoutah in every season. There are four prizes:

- One First Place Purchase-Prize Award of \$150 by the Mascoutah Historical Society.
- Best Youth Photographer Prize (18 and younger) of a \$150 photo shoot by Rue2 Photography
- Best Woman Photographer prize (19 and older) of \$50 sponsored by Mascoutah Tuesday Women's Club

- An additional **People's Choice award of \$50** will be made at the close of the exhibit in August based on ballots received from museum patrons during the exhibit.

An opening reception and announcement of the winners with a display of the entries will be held from 1 - 4 pm at the Mascoutah Heritage Museum on Sunday, April 3, 2016.

Rules and Photographer Recognition:

Location:

In order to recognize places of interest in Mascoutah and immediate areas, all photographs must be taken in the Mascoutah area, on farmlands or other areas within 10 miles of Mascoutah but not within another city's jurisdiction or Scott AFB areas. Photographs do **NOT** have to be taken within the time period of the contest.

Prizes:

The first place prize is a "purchase prize". The Museum will purchase the first-place matted photograph with accompanying use rights for \$150. The first place purchase prize also requires permission be granted for the Society to use the photograph in publicity for the 2016 and 2017 contests as well as in printed material generated as a result of the current or next year's contest.

A Youth Award sponsored by Rue2 Photography will be judged by Rue2 Photography and announced at the reception. The \$50 prize for best photograph submitted by a woman sponsored by the Mascoutah Tuesday Women's Club will be judged by the three judge panel. The People's Choice Award of \$50 will be announced at the close of the exhibit in August 2016 and will be based solely on ballots received from patrons of the museum. Depending on how many entries are received, the museum will display the three prize winners and as many of the other entries as possible in the photo exhibit space. If the total number of entries received exceeds the display capacity, the other entries will be rotated through the display in an attempt to provide equal time for viewing and voting by the public. These additional awards are not "purchase prizes".

Judging:

The winners will be chosen by a panel of three independent judges.

Works submitted for the purchase prize will be judged on the following criteria:

- Expression of the theme, "**Hometown Treasure - Mascoutah**"
- Quality of the photographic composition and

- Quality of the photographic reproduction

* **Due to the Museum's family friendly orientation, the Society reserves the right to reject entries which in its judgment are inappropriate for display in the Museum.**

All photographs submitted must be:

- Print must be at least 8" X 10" size and

- matted (mat not to exceed 16" X 20") and

- matted with a white mat

Each photographer may submit up to three matted prints for the Contest. Photo release forms are available at the museum and should be completed and signed when the photos are submitted. Photographers are responsible for picking up their unsold photographs after the contest closes on August 7, 2016. Those not picked up by October 31, 2016 will become the property of the Mascoutah Heritage Museum and may be sold with the Museum retaining all proceeds. Personal Delivery of Photographs: Museum open hours are Sunday, March 13 and 20, 2016 from 1 - 4 pm or by appointment.

Presentation requirements:

It is highly recommended, but not required, that the matted print be either framed or in a clear covering. The Museum will not be responsible for damage to photographs. All framed photographs must have a wire firmly attached to the back for hanging. Those framed without a wire or other open hanger will not be exhibited. Matted prints may be displayed using double sided tape on the back side, small pins inserted in the corners or clips.

For each of the photographs submitted, information on the back of the mat must include the name of the photographer, title, price (if for sale), mailing address, contact numbers and image reproduction information. Also, please include a temporary, removable, title card without the photographer's name to be affixed to the front for judging. Judging will occur prior to the opening of the exhibit. Winners will be notified in writing or by email. It is not necessary to be present in the area to receive recognition.

You can contact the Mascoutah Heritage Museum in the following ways:

Mail:

Mascoutah Historical Society
Annual Photography Contest
306 W. Main
Mascoutah, IL 62258

Phone: 618-566-9774

E-mail, with the subject "Re: 2016Contest" to maschistsoc@gmail.com

Financial sponsors of this exhibit :

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Submissions Due

Monday, March 21, 2016

Opening Reception

Sunday, April 3, 2016

1 - 4 pm