

2018 Joyce K.L. Smith Environmental Photography Competition

Competition Guidelines

****Failure to follow guidelines will result in your disqualification****

Enter by August 31, 2018 at www.gobroomecounty.com/emc

1. The subject of each photograph must be in Broome County.
2. Entries must be submitted by Noon on Friday, August 31, 2018.
3. To enter you must submit a donation of \$5.00 per photo or \$12.00 for three photos (additional digital registration fee applies). See the event registration page for more information.
4. Competition is open to amateurs only; professional photographers are asked not to enter (professional is defined as more than half of your income from photography sales/services).
5. Entries will be accepted in the following three (3) categories:
 - **Animal Life (Wildlife):** Wild animal portraits (no domesticated animals), close-ups, action and behavior.
 - **Plant Life:** Close-ups of plants and trees.
 - **Natural Landscape:** Outdoor scenes taken during any season.
6. One award will be given to a photo from all entries that best embodies the theme: ***Wetland Wonders.***
7. Photos:
 - Each entrant may submit up to three (3) images.
 - Photos may be color or black and white
 - Photos must be submitted digitally in jpeg format and will be judged based on the quality submitted.
 - Photos must be no larger than 3000 pixels by 2000 pixels or 6MB.
 - If images are not provided at a resolution suitable for enlargement, they will be disqualified.
 - Do not submit photos that have received merit in this competition previously.
8. The following awards will be given:
 - Best in show
 - Best themed photo (Our Forested Lands)
 - Best student entry
 - First place in each category (3)
 - Up to five honorable mentions in each category
9. A panel of local professional photographers and environmental specialists will judge photographs based on the following criteria:
 - quality of images submitted
 - lighting
 - composition
 - technique
 - use of selective focus
 - narrative and feeling
 - how well pictures represent categories
10. Winners will be notified mid-September. Winning photographs will be part of an exhibit at the Broome County Arts Council Gallery from October 5th-26th, with an opening reception and awards ceremony held on October 5th from 6-9pm.
11. Winning photographs will be printed/mounted by the event committee for inclusion in the Environmental Photo Show. Exhibited photos will be given to winning photographers for personal use upon completion of the exhibit. If the award-winning images cannot be provided at a resolution suitable for enlargement, they will be disqualified.
12. Entry constitutes agreement that images may be published, exhibited, and used in all forms and media in relation to the Broome County EMC. Entrants retain all other rights to photographs.
13. Winners must be able to furnish written consent of people appearing in their photographs. A model release form can be printed from the EMC website.
14. Additional donations to the Joyce K.L. Smith Memorial Fund to further local environmental education efforts are greatly appreciated and can be submitted via the link on the EMC website or made payable to Joyce K.L. Smith Memorial Fund, and sent c/o Broome County EMC, PO Box 1766, Binghamton, NY 13901.
15. Winner must pick up printed images up at the Council of the Arts gallery on Friday, October 26th or at the EMC office beginning on October 31, 2018. More details will be provided when winners are notified.