

Capture the Heart of America



2009 Photo Contest

Contest Details

- All entries must be taken within the 37-county Heritage Area.
- Submissions must be postmarked no later than **Sept. 18, 2009**.
- Participants may submit a maximum of **three entries per category**.
- Photo categories include (see back for description):

Events/Festivals • Farm Life • Heritage Area Sites • Images of the Past (pre 1950s) • Scenic



Awards

- Awards will be presented in each category for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, as well as Best of Show.
- Winning photos may be featured in the Silos & Smokestacks Visitor Guide and/or Web site.

Please send submissions to:

Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area
Attn: 2009 Photo Contest
604 Lafayette Street, Suite 202
P.O. Box 2845
Waterloo, IA 50704-2845
or submit online at www.silosandsmokestacks.org

SEE BACK FOR GUIDELINES AND ADDITIONAL DETAILS

Please visit www.silosandsmokestacks.org for a map of the region and listing of sites within the Heritage Area. For more information, call (319) 234-4567 or email photocontest@silosandsmokestacks.org.

Entry form should be included with each individual entry (please print)

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Category of Photograph (circle one): Events/Festivals, Farm Life, Heritage Area Sites, Images of the Past (pre 1950s), Scenic

Photo Title _____

Location/Site _____ Date Taken _____

By signing below, I verify that a) I have read all of the guidelines and agree to abide by them for the purpose of this contest. b) I acknowledge that my image will become part of Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area's permanent collection of photographs. c) I am the photographer of the accompanying photograph and/or hold all rights therein.

Signature _____ Date _____

Rules/Guidelines - Failure to follow ALL rules/guidelines may result in disqualification

Photos must be taken within Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area (SSNHA); visit www.silosandsmokestacks.org for map of region, listing of sites or to obtain a copy of the SSNHA Visitor Guide. Contest is open to amateur and professional photographers. Staff of Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area and members of their immediate family are not eligible. Employees and volunteers of designated sites **are eligible** to submit entries. Individuals need not reside within the Heritage Area.

Entries/How to Submit

1. Digital Images

- a. Images should be formatted to a minimum of 5"x7" at 200 dpi, though larger images are preferred (please do not resample small files to fit requirements).
- b. Images must be submitted on a PC formatted CD in JPG (at high quality) or TIFF format.
- c. Please accompany CD with a completed entry form and print-out for each image submitted.
- d. Digital images may also be submitted online at www.silosandsmokestacks.org.

2. Print Images

- a. Print size must be a minimum of 5"x7", but 8"x10" is preferred.
- b. Do not send matted, mounted or framed prints.
- c. Negatives will not be accepted.
- d. Attach a completed entry form to the back of each print. Do not write on the photo itself.

3. Images may have minor alterations for color, contrast, cropping, etc., but may not be significantly altered, appear unnatural or have elements added or removed.

4. Photos containing recognizable people **must be** accompanied by a signed model release form. Model release forms available at www.silosandsmokestacks.org.

5. Mailed entries must be carefully packed in padded envelopes with stiff cardboard.

6. **Entries, regardless of medium will not be returned.** Please do not send your only copy of an image. *Images of the Past (pre 1950s) will be returned upon request and inclusion of a stamped/addressed envelope.*

SSNHA IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY MATERIAL LOST, DAMAGED OR MISDIRECTED IN THE MAIL.

Judging/Categories

1. Photos will be judged by an independent panel according to quality, content, composition, relevance and creativity.

2. Winners will be announced no later than October 30, 2009.

3. Photos will be judged in the following categories.

a. **Events/Festivals:** Events/festivals throughout the Heritage Area, with emphasis on events at designated Heritage Area sites or agricultural related events. Photos featuring people are strongly encouraged. Events throughout the Heritage Area may be found at www.silosandsmokestacks.org under the Events Calendar.

b. **Farm Life:** Photos depicting farm life throughout the Heritage Area.

c. **Heritage Area Sites:** Photos taken at any of the 104 Heritage Area sites. Please list site name on entry form.

d. **Images of the Past (pre 1950s):** Photos from the past taken prior to 1950 depicting the culture and heritage of the region (need not be taken by individual submitting, yet must hold rights to images).

e. **Scenic:** Farm, field or nature scenes throughout the Heritage Area.

4. SSNHA reserves the right to reclassify photos better suited to an alternate category.

Reproduction Rights

Entry in the contest constitutes agreement to allow photographs to be published, exhibited and used in all forms and/or media by Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area. Entrants retain all other rights to their photographs.