

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

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

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 resize small files to fit requirements). Images should be saved as a high quality JPEGs or TIFFs.
- b. Submit images **online** at www.silosandsmokestacks.org.
- c. Images may also be submitted on a PC formatted CD. Please accompany CD with a complete entry form and print-out for each image submitted.

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 are 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 MATERIALS LOST, DAMAGED OR MISDIRECTED IN THE MAIL.

Judging/Categories

1. Photos will be judged by an independent panel according to category relevance, quality, content, composition and creativity.
2. Winners will be announced no later than November 14, 2011.
3. Photos will be judged in the following categories.
 - a. **Farm Life:** Photos depicting families and life on the farm throughout the Heritage Area.
 - b. **Farmscapes:** Artistic depictions of farm and field scenes documenting the rural landscape.
 - c. **Festivals & Fairs:** Photos documenting events that celebrate the culture of the region, with emphasis on events at designated SSNHA Partner 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."
 - d. **Heritage Area Sites:** Photos documenting the experiences at any of the SSNHA Partner Sites. Please list Partner Site name on entry form. SSNHA Partner Sites may be found at www.silosandsmokestacks.org under "Places to Go."
 - e. **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).

SSNHA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RECLASSIFY PHOTOS BETTER SUITED TO AN ALTERNATE CATEGORY.

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