

Monaca Public Library
Annual Photography Contest

Through the Lens:
Beaver County is Beautiful!

A photography contest open to Beaver County residents
featuring photographs taken in Beaver County.

General Guidelines:

1. All submissions must be formatted to 8x10 and printed with no matting or framing.
2. This is an amateur photography contest. Please note we are defining an amateur as someone who makes less than 50% of the annual income from photography.
3. Ages: This contest is open to adults (older than 19), teens (13-18) and children ages 7 to 12.
4. Important Dates to remember:
 - a. Entries accepted by: Saturday January 18, 2025, at the Monaca Public Library. No online or digital submissions accepted
 - b. Photos on Display and Peoples Judging: Monday January 27th thru February 15th
 - c. Winners Reception—Saturday February 22st
5. Adult and Teen participants may submit one photo in each category with a maximum total of 9 photos possible. Youth participants may choose from any of the categories listed but are limited to only one photo submission in total.
6. The front of the photos cannot include any identification of the entrant. Digital editing should be kept to a minimum. Those who enjoy using photoshop and other editing applications can enter one photo into the “Edits Gone Wild” Category
7. Photos can be recently taken, or taken in the past.
8. Editing should be kept to a minimum (formatting, lighting, color correction). No AI-generated images accepted. No photo collages accepted. No stock image photos accepted.
9. All submissions must be photos taken within Beaver County, Pennsylvania.
10. All participants should be residents of Beaver County, Pennsylvania.
11. All submissions should be family-friendly; no nudity, drugs, alcohol, or violence. Please keep subject matter tasteful and appropriate for all ages.
12. Please be respectful of property, animals, and other people when taking photographs.
13. Photos containing images of people: Photographer is responsible for obtaining permission from any persons included in their submissions
14. Any and all questions can be asked by contact the Monaca Public Library at 724-775-9608

Divisions and Submission Categories:

Divisions will be separated into age groups as follows:

- **Youth (7 – 12)**
- **Teens (13 – 18)**
- **Adults (19+, amateurs)**

*Amateurs are persons who make less than 50% of their income from photography work.

Categories should be determined by the primary subject of a photograph.

The following categories will be considered for judging:

- 1. Landscape (Rural or Urban)**
- 2. Plants and Animals**
- 3. Portrait**
- 4. Action**
- 5. Astrophotography (taken within Beaver County)**
- 6. Edits Gone Wild—Digitally enhanced significantly**
- 7. Abstract/Miscellaneous**
- 8. Film/35mm**
- 9. Holidays**

Participants are allowed one submission per category.

Adults and Teens can submit one photo per category. Youth are limited to one photo total.

Submission and Judging Guidelines:

- All entries must be submitted to Monaca Public Library by Saturday January 18, 2025, at 4: 00 pm.
 - No matted or framed photographs will be accepted.
 - No photo collages will be accepted.
 - No photographs taken outside of Beaver County will be accepted.

- Judging by the public (“Peoples Choice” will happen between January 27 thru February 15, 2025.
- Photographs will be available for pick-up after the Saturday February 22 Winners’ Reception.
- The Peoples Choice judging--the public--will be asked to judge photographs based on the following criteria:
 - Representation of the contest theme (Beaver County is Beautiful)
 - Adherence to the submission category
 - Quality of image (framing, focus, composition, lighting, color, etc.)

Prizes and Winners

Best in Show – 1 for each Division (for the 3 Age Groups): •\$20 Amazon Gift Card and Best in Show ribbon
Local Judge will select the Best in Show awards.

People’s Choice awards:

9 First Place Awards (per Category): 1st Place Ribbon • \$10 Amazon Gift Card
9 Second Place Awards (per Category): 2nd Place Ribbon \$5 Amazon Gift Card

Monaca Public Library
Amateur Photography Contest Entry Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Circle Division: Youth (7-12) Teen (13-18) Adult (19+)

Circle your individual Category Submission(s) below (maximum of 9 for Adults and Teens, and maximum of 1 for Youth):

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|---------------------|---|
| 1. Landscape | 5. Astrophotography |
| 2. Plants & Animals | 6. Abstract/Miscellaneous |
| 3. Portrait | 7. Edits Gone Wild—Digitally enhanced significantly |
| 4. Action | 8. Holidays |
| 9. Film/35mm | |

Number of photos/different categories submitted: _____

NOTE: If submitting more than 1 submission, please attach to this form a list of the submissions, and list the location, name, title of piece if have one, and date.

Copyright, Intellectual Property, and Hold Harmless

Participants retain all other rights to their images. Photographers agree to allow Monaca Public Library to display their entries within the Monaca Public Library for the public to vote, “People’s Choice” voting.

#1-- Circle one of the following: I WILL ALLOW or I WILL NOT ALLOW my winning photo(s), to be posted on the Monaca Public Library’s Facebook page. NOTE this is not required.

#2—REQUIRED—place initials to left of the hold harmless statement below:

_____ I agree to indemnify and hold the Monaca Public Library and its employees, officers, and agents, harmless from and against all liabilities, claims, actions, proceedings, damages, losses, costs and expenses, including attorneys’ fees, for any loss, theft (either digitally or physically), or damage done to photos, that may occur while my photo is being used as part of the Monaca Public Library’s “Through the Lens: Beaver County is Beautiful!” Photo Contest and exhibition.

Signature

Date