

# Oklahoma State Fair®

2011 Creative Arts Program

## Photography Competition Guide

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### 2011 Quick Reference Guide: Creative Arts Important Dates

Competition guides and entry forms will be posted online by mid-May. Entry forms will be accepted starting at that time. Online registration will open July 1, 2011.

Registration will close on August 15, 2011. See page 3 for late entry instructions.

**Delivery of Exhibits:** Entry clerks will receive items at City Arts Center at the following times:

**Saturday, September 10, NOON to 5:00 PM and Sunday, September 11, NOON to 5:00 PM**

**Pick up of Exhibits:** Entry clerks will release exhibits upon presentation of a claim check at City Arts Center at the following times:

**Monday, September 26, 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM and Tuesday, September 27, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

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## Rules and Regulations



### PHOTOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS

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The Oklahoma State Fair reserves the right to reject any exhibit offered if it is objectionable in any way, if it requires an excessive amount of space, or if the capacity of the department has been reached. Any contest may be cancelled for lack of entries.

Your items will be handled with care; however, Oklahoma State Fair, Inc. is not responsible for items that are damaged while on display during the Fair.

Exhibitors age 14 and under are welcome to compete in an older age group, provided they confine all their entries to the older age group. Exhibitors may not enter in the 14 and under class if competing in any other open age photography class.

**Please read the rules carefully!**

### EXHIBITOR AND EXHIBIT INFORMATION

**Who may enter?** Only Oklahoma residents may enter.

**How many exhibits can be entered?** Exhibitors may make only one entry in each class unless otherwise stated.

**What is the cost to enter?** Creative Arts contests are free to enter unless the entry is late.

**What if I am not sure which class to enter my exhibit?** Should an exhibit be entered in the wrong class, the superintendent may make the proper correction for the exhibit.

**Can I mail in my exhibit?** No.

**Do I need to register for live contests?** Yes.

**How do I get into the Fair if I am entered in a live contest?** Parking passes will be mailed out to all exhibitors prior to the Fair who are entered in a live contest. The exhibitor will need to check in with the ticket taker at the designated gate to be allowed to enter State Fair Park. Only the exhibitor will receive free entry.

Exhibits must be the work of the exhibitor except in the classes for Antiques and Collections. Antiques and Collections must be the bona fide property of exhibitor. Exhibits that have been entered at a previous Oklahoma State Fair are not eligible for re-entry, except as noted. Exhibits need to have been completed after September 1, 2010, except as noted.

Each exhibit will be evaluated by professionals and the decision of the judge(s) is final.

All cash prizes will be paid from the awards as marked by the judges and not from ribbons that may be attached to the exhibits. Judges are instructed not to award cash prizes or ribbons unless the exhibit is deemed worthy of the placing awarded. BEST OF SHOW payouts for the Creative Arts Department WILL be mailed to exhibitor after the close of the Fair.

Within 90 days from the last day of the 2011 Oklahoma State Fair, it is the responsibility of the Payee to file, in writing, a claim for lost or incorrect awards.

If it is ascertained that an exhibitor has made any false statement in regard to any article or exhibit, or if any exhibitor attempts to harass or interfere with the judge or judges in the performance of their duties, the exhibitor shall be excluded from competition and forfeit all premiums.

Any protest must be made in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$50, which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Said protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be filed with the Manager by Noon on Thursday, opening day of the Fair.

Every effort will be made to display entries in an attractive arrangement; however, items entered for competition will be displayed only through 3rd place. Other entries will be displayed only as space is available and at the discretion of the superintendents. When appropriate, we will display all items from one division together but this is not guaranteed.

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## Registration and Calendar of Events



### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

September 15 - 25

**Deadline:** August 15, 2011

**How to Enter:** Competition guides and entry forms will be posted online by mid-May. Entry forms will be accepted at that time.

**Online Registration:** Online registration will open on July 1, 2011.

**Passwords:** If you have used the online system to enter in the past and have forgotten your password, you can ask the system to e-mail you the password or call the Creative Arts Office at (405) 948-6731.

**Late Registration:** A \$10 fee will be charged per exhibitor (not per entry) for anyone registering after August 15, 2011 but before September 2, 2011. Fees must be paid before the entry form will be processed.

**On-Site Registration:** After Sept. 2, 2011, exhibitors must register on-site and they will be charged a \$15 fee per exhibitor (not per entry). Fees must be paid before the exhibits will be accepted. On-site registration will be held on September 10 and 11 from NOON to 5 PM.

### CREATIVE ARTS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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|------------------------|--|
| <b>Mid-May</b>         | Competition Guides posted online; Entry forms accepted.  |
| <b>July 1</b>          | Online registration opens; Online registration period is July 1 - August 15.   |
| <b>August 15</b>       | Entry deadline for the Oklahoma State Fair Creative Arts competitions and contests. Registrations must be received, postmarked, or submitted online by MIDNIGHT on August 15, 2011.  |
| <b>August 16</b>       | Late registrations processed with a \$10 fee. Late registration paperwork must be mailed, faxed, or hand-delivered to the State Fair Administration Building. Late registrations will be accepted through September 2, 2011. Exhibits will still be turned in on the check-in days or the day of the live contest. |
| <b>September 10</b>    | Entry clerks will receive photography items at City Arts Center at the following times: NOON to 5:00 PM.   |
| <b>September 11</b>    | Entry clerks will receive items at City Arts Center at the following times: NOON to 5:00 PM.   |
| <b>September 10-11</b> | On-site registrations will be processed with a \$15 fee from NOON to 5:00 PM.  |
| <b>September 12</b>    | All Creative Arts entries will be judged (excludes live contest entries). This is a closed judging. Exhibitors are not permitted to attend. Judging results will be posted online as time permits. Results will not be given over the phone.   |
| <b>September 13</b>    | Cooking entries that place below 4th place may be picked up between 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM. Exhibitors must come by the building to check their placing.  |
| <b>September 15</b>    | 2011 Oklahoma State Fair opens! The Creative Arts Building will host a series of demonstrations, live contests, and special events every day of the Fair.  |
| <b>September 25</b>    | Last day of the 2011 Oklahoma State Fair.  |
| <b>September 26</b>    | Entry clerks will release photography exhibits upon presentation of a claim check at City Arts Center at the following times: 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM.  |
| <b>September 27</b>    | Entry clerks will release photography exhibits upon presentation of a claim check at City Arts Center at the following times: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Items that are not picked up by 2:00 PM will be disposed of.  |

**PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW**  
**Division 3803**



**Exhibitors may only enter 1 photo per class.**

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**Important:**

All photos must be 8" x 10" in size and mounted on 11" x 14" BLACK backing. Photos may be mounted on cardstock, posterboard, or matte board. Photos must not be titled or identified on the front, but identifying information will be accepted on back of print. Photos will not be accepted if they do not follow these requirements.

Only amateur photographers may enter. An amateur is a person who derives no more than 10% of his income from his photography.

Black & white and color photos are accepted in all classes.

Photos previously shown in this section may not be re-entered.

Photos will not be released early.

**Classes:**

01. Nature and wildlife
02. Scenic and landscape
03. Action
04. Floral
05. Geometric or abstract patterns
06. Portraits and people
07. Pets
08. Computer generated graphics
09. Computer enhanced photo
10. Twilight/nighttime photos
11. Other subject, not otherwise listed
12. Ages 14 and under only, any photography subject

**AWARDS**

Placing ribbons will be awarded through 10th place in each class. Honorable Mention ribbons will be awarded to 15 entries per class.

**BEST OF SHOW..... Medallion & \$25**

**BEST INDIVIDUAL ..... Rosette & \$25**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S CHOICE ..... Rosette & \$25**

**STATE FAIR SHUTTERBUGS:  
LIVE DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY SHOOTOUT  
Division 3804**



**September 15 - 25**

**Sunday, September 18, 2011**

- 1:00 PM - Check-in at City Arts Center
- 4:00 PM - Upload Photos
- 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM - Judging
- 7:00 PM - Awards Announcement

Space is limited to the first 50 exhibitors who register (in each class); these individuals will be notified by September 3. Alternates will be notified by September 12. Entry deadline is August 15, 2011.

After check-in and instructions are given, participants will be released into State Fair Park to shoot-it-out with other digital photographers. Participants must return to City Arts Center by 4:00 PM to download the image of their choice from their camera memory card.

**PLEASE ERASE ALL PHOTOS FROM YOUR MEMORY CARDS BEFORE STARTING THE CONTEST.**

Participants may submit only ONE photo for judging. Submitted photos from all participants must include the element provided to them at check-in.

Judging will take place from 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM. All images will be compiled into a slide show. Participants and fairgoers will then vote for three of their favorites, with the top three vote recipients placing first through third.

NO DIGITAL ALTERATIONS or CROPPING! This includes any in-camera adjustment options.

NO TRIPODS ALLOWED. Tripods are a trip hazard and will not be permitted. Monopods are allowed.

By participating in this contest, exhibitors are giving their permission to the Oklahoma State Fair to reproduce their image in any Fair publications, printed materials or merchandise without compensation.

Only amateur photographers may enter. An amateur is a person who derives no more than 10% of his income from his photography.

**Classes:**

- 01. Adults
- 02. 16 years of age and younger

**AWARDS**

<b>First Place (in each class)</b> .....	<b>Rosette &amp; \$50</b>
<b>Second Place (in each class)</b> .....	<b>\$25</b>
<b>Third Place (in each class)</b> .....	<b>\$15</b>

# NEW ONLINE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST!

## GREAT STATE FOR A PHOTO - HOMETOWN SNAPSHOTS

Each hometown in Oklahoma contributes something unique to this great state! Photos in this division should reflect what makes your hometown special. Themes can include a landmark, attraction, celebration, or any other favorite thing that makes your town one-of-a-kind.

### To Enter

E-mail your favorite Oklahoma hometown photo to: [photo@okstatefair.com](mailto:photo@okstatefair.com). Photos must be no larger than 10MB. The subject line of all submissions should be "Hometown Snapshot Contest." Only one photo entry per person. Only amateur photographers may enter. Black & white, sepia and color photos will be accepted.

The following information must be included with your e-mail:

- First and last name
- Current address
- Phone number(s)
- E-mail address
- Name of town featured in your photo

Deadline to submit photos is AUGUST 5TH, 12:00 PM. No late photos will be accepted. Top 25 photos will be available for voting on the Oklahoma State Fair Facebook page August 10th-17th ([www.facebook.com/OkStateFair](http://www.facebook.com/OkStateFair)). Winners will be announced August 22nd.

By participating in this contest, exhibitors are giving their permission to the Oklahoma State Fair to reproduce their image in any Fair publications, printed materials or merchandise without compensation.

This contest is open to all ages.

Winning photos will be displayed in City Arts Center during the 2011 Oklahoma State Fair--all other photos will be displayed as space permits and may be featured in an online slideshow.

### AWARDS

**First Place.....4 Season Passes, 1 Season Parking Pass and  
4 tickets to winner's choice of Xtreme Bulls  
Tour & Concert OR Disney On Ice presents  
Disney/Pixar's Toy Story 3**

**Second Place.....4 Season Passes and 1 Season Parking Pass**

**Third Place .....4 Oklahoma State Fair admission tickets and 1 Parking Pass**