

2022 PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

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Photography Exhibition

WHO MAY ENTER

- All Divisions are open to ages 13 or older.
 - Professional vs Amateur
 - **Professional:** An artist who is actively and regularly employed as an artist, or is engaged in the promotion of their work for sale or commission as indicated by business cards, brochures, portfolios, and other marketing items, or is represented in galleries or art shows or in publication. (Department 20)
 - **Amateur:** An artist, who creates art as a hobby or pastime, is a student of the arts, does not regularly present work for sale or is not actively promoting their work for sale. Voluntary advancement to the next level is allowed. (Department 21)

HOW TO ENTER

Entry Fees - Waived for 2022 GGSF

Online Registration

Register by visiting www.greatergulfstatefair.com under the participate tab.

Entry Drop-Off

Friday, Oct. 21 at GGSF Admin Offices from 10 am - 4 pm. Enter the main parking lot via Zeigler Blvd. Drive through the gate to the left of the Ticket Office and the admin office is immediately on the right.

Entries

Must be made under the name of the individual who created it. Do not use business/school or fictitious names. There are no team entries. Please enter using the exhibitor's name as it will appear on the display tag.

Entry Limit

- **Professional:** Each participant receives a 4 foot x 8 foot display section upon which to arrange exhibit. There is no maximum or minimum limit to the number of pieces in display. Each participant is limited to one (1) display section.
- **Amateur:** Limit three (3) per category.

NEED HELP?

Need assistance with the online entry or determining Division or Class?

Phone: During office hours at (251) 344-4573 (Someone will return your call within 48 hours)

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES

1. Photography is defined as photographic compositions created solely to express the aesthetic vision of the artist. Photographs will be judged for their beauty, composition, meaningfulness, and technical skill.
2. Read Competition Guidelines. Changes are made each year. Review the Fine Arts Rules/Guidelines below at the end of this guide. Non-compliance will disqualify your entry.
3. Exhibitors are solely responsible for reading the competition guidelines and rules, and entering their items in the correct Departments/Lots. Incorrect entries may result in disqualification and may not be exhibited. Artwork not properly labeled will not be judged.
4. Entries must be made personally by the exhibitor. Original work only. No kits, direct copies of original artworks, classroom assignments (excluding School/Instructional Division), or group work will be accepted.
5. Artwork must be original and completed within the last two years.
6. Artwork exhibited at any prior GGSF is not eligible for entry and will not be accepted.
7. Due to the family-oriented theme of the GGSF, no exhibit dealing with nudity, drug use, obscenity, defamatory statements, violence or gang activity, satanic or cult theme or other offensive or objectionable content will be accepted. This is at the discretion of Fair Management.
8. Final acceptance of the entry for judging and exhibition will be left to the discretion of Fair management and judges.

HOW IS MY ENTRY JUDGED?

Professional & Amateur Department Judging

Exhibits are placed using the American Judging System where exhibits are ranked one against another. Awards will be made if, in the opinion of the jury, the items entered have sufficient merit. 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place and Honorable Mention may be awarded in each class if judges so determine. 1st Place winners will compete for Division Winner. Division Winners will compete for Best of Show.

Awards

The judges will select award winners from accepted entries that were confirmed after delivery.

Judges

The judges are chosen by Fair Management.. All judging is final.

Judging Results

Results can be viewed in-person at the GGSF Exhibition Gallery during public hours of the Fair.

Reassignment of Entry Department/Lot

Judges and/or Fair Management have the option of reassigning an entry to a more appropriate department or lot. However, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to enter their work in the appropriate class. Failure to do so may result in disqualification. Classes or Departments may be combined to create an adequate judging pool.

Disqualified Entries

If an entry is disqualified after judging is complete, the judge will not change the status of awards given for other entries.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR EXHIBITION

Presentation & Display of Artwork

- **LABELING:** Exhibits must be securely labeled on the back of each entry. Please clearly write your name, address and phone number. Include the Department and Lot Number. Labels will be provided at drop-off.
- **Presentation Required:** All works must be mounted on matte board with a minimum 2" border. (NO FRAMES)
- **Size Limits for Fine Arts Entries:** Minimum photo size must be 8" x 10". Maximum size is 28" x 22"

WHAT IF I GET AN AWARD?

Display

Accepted entries will be displayed in the Exhibition Gallery with any ribbons received.

Awards

Cash awards and ribbons will be available during pick up hours to the exhibitor whose name is indicated on the entry form. Monetary premiums may be mailed the week following the fair.

Department 20

Photography Exhibition – Professional

Lot #	Lot Description	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1	Professional Photography Exhibition	\$100	\$75	\$50

Awards

- Dollar premiums as shown plus ribbons awarded to top three places.
- Best of Show: \$50 plus rosette

Judging

All entries will be judged on the basis of creative quality, composition, originality, appeal, and presentation. All decisions of the judges are final.

Notes:

- Greater Gulf State Fair General Rules shall apply
- Each participant receives a 4-foot x 8-foot display section upon which to arrange exhibit. Exhibitor may advertise: gallery name/studio name/address/email/telephone number. Exhibitor should display current work.

Department 21

Photography Exhibition – Amateur

Lot #	Lot Description	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
A - 1	Black & White	\$20	\$10	\$5
A - 2	Color	\$20	\$10	\$5

Awards

- Dollar premiums as shown plus ribbons awarded to top three places
- Best of Show: \$25.00 plus rosette
- Best Photo Representing the Greater Gulf State Fair: \$35 plus rosette

Judging

All entries will be judged on the basis of creative quality, originality and technique. All decisions of the judges are final.