

2012
DEWITT COUNTY SHUTTERBUGS
PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST AND EXHIBITION

Location: Cuero Municipal Library, 207 E. Main Street, Cuero, Texas, 77954:
Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30-5:30, Saturday 9:00-12 noon

Schedule:

March 1-24: Submission window for entries: All entries must arrive at the Cuero Municipal Library, 207 East Main, Cuero, TX., 77954 between **Thursday, March 1 and Saturday, March 24.** No entries will be accepted after the deadline. *Note: the Library closes at 12:00 noon on Saturdays.*

March 31: Entries are judged.

April 2 - April 26: Photography Exhibition.

April 28: Entry Pick up 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon, Cuero Municipal Library, unless arrangements have been made for entries to be shipped back.

Awards:

1st Place in each category	\$50 & ribbon
2nd Place in each category	\$40 & ribbon
3rd Place in each category	\$30 & ribbon
Special Texas Wildflower Award	\$75 & ribbon
Best of Show	\$100 & ribbon

Adult Division

Youth Division

\$30 & ribbon
\$20 & ribbon
\$10 & ribbon

Adult Division:

- Entry Fee is \$5 per entry-no limit per category.
- All entries must meet submission requirements.

To be eligible for Texas Wildflower Award photographer must designate within the Flowers/Plants category that it is a Texas wildflower. Flower must be identified.

Categories:

Architecture	Animals/Fauna	Flowers/Plants	Landscapes/Scenic
Miscellaneous	Portraits/People	Special Effects (digital or film)	

Youth Division: Open to students in the 8th grade or lower.

- Entry Fee is \$3 per entry
- All Youth entries will compete in one general "Youth Division" category.
- On the 3"x5" card and on the envelope on the back of photo, state "Youth Division" and "grade level".
- Youth exhibit will be limited to only the highest scoring entries.
- With the exception of the entry fee and category, all other contest rules are the same as those of the Adult Division.

Judging:

- Images will be judged on technical merit and artistic impression.
- Entries will be judged by three qualified judges and receive a score of 1 to 10 from each judge. Scores will be totaled and used to rank the images.
- Only the highest scoring photos in each category (approximately 250) entries will be exhibited.

The contest and display are completely at the discretion of the DeWitt County Shutterbugs.

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Mounting/Matting Requirements

- Photos may be any size up to 8"x12" and must be matted to 11"x14".
- Entries must be unframed.
- Photograph, mat and stiff backing (such as foam core, mat board or heavy weight cardboard) must be securely adhered together to create a single photographic display.
- No photographer's signature or other marking on the front of the photograph or mat is allowed.
- **Entries in plastic sleeves do not show well during judging and should not be used.**

Submission Requirements:

1. The name, address and phone number of the exhibitor must be on the back of each entry (you may use an address label with phone # added). An envelope must be attached to the entry backing containing a 3"x5" card with the photographer's name, city of residence, category entered, title of the photo, and where the photograph was taken. The card will be used for display in the April Exhibition. Category entered must also be printed on the outside of the envelope containing the 3"x5" card. Indicate the top of the photo with an arrow on back of entry.
2. Photographers who wish to compete for the Texas Wildflower Award must designate "Wildflower" on the 3"x5" card and on the envelope that the flower/plants category entry is also a Texas wildflower. Entry must be a verifiable Texas wildflower.
3. Include an 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper itemizing photographer's entries by category and title. Include name, address, e-mail address, telephone number and the total of entry fees.
4. Include proper entry fee of \$5 (\$3 youth) per photograph. Make one check or money order payable to DeWitt County Shutterbugs. *No cash*. Include postage-paid return mailer for mailed entries unless other arrangements have been made.
5. Previous winning entries in the DeWitt County Shutterbugs Photography Contest are not admissible. DeWitt County Shutterbugs reserves the right to refuse entries deemed in poor taste. DeWitt County Shutterbugs will determine the configuration of the exhibit.
6. Adult division entries require a specific category determined by the photographer. The Miscellaneous category applies only to photos that fit no other category. Photos classified incorrectly may be penalized with a lower score.
7. *Substantially manipulated* photos **must** be entered in the Special Effects category. Printing a digital photo or scanning/printing an image is not considered substantial manipulation even if adjustment is made for color balance or exposure. If **substantial** changes were made with software (e.g. moving, deleting, adding or changing images, etc.), then the final image shall be considered manipulated and CANNOT be entered in any category other than the Special Effects category.

Pick-up and Return of Entries

All entries **must remain for the full length of the exhibition** (see schedule). Entries **must** be picked up between **9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on April 30**, unless mailing arrangements were included with entry. Written notification is needed for a third party to pick up entries.

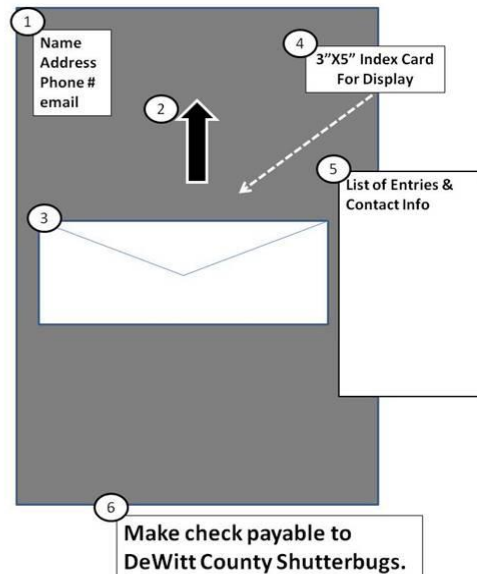
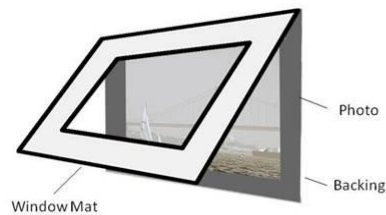
Liability

The DeWitt County Shutterbugs, the Cuero Municipal Library and the City of Cuero assume no responsibility for loss or damage to photos of any kind. Plastic sleeves on photographs will not be removed by the Shutterbugs.

Checklist for Entries:

Please go over this checklist before submitting entries.

- _____ 1. Print name, address, phone number and e-mail address on back of each entry--you may use an address label with your phone number and e-mail added.
- _____ 2. Indicate the top of the photo with an arrow on back of entry.
- _____ 3. Attach envelope to backing of each entry with the category entered written on the outside of the envelope for processing your entry.
- _____ 4. Include 3"x5" index card in above envelope to be used in the display.
 - name
 - city of residence
 - category entered
 - title of photo
 - where taken
- _____ 5. Include 8.5"x11" paper listing all entries by category and title, and your contact information.
- _____ 6. Include a check to cover cost of entries made payable to DeWitt County Shutterbugs. Indicate on the check the name(s) of entrant(s) if different from the name on the check.
- _____ 7. Make arrangements for return shipping in the event you won't be picking up your entries.



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