

SCHEDULE

July 1-31 - Submission Deadline for Entries

August 5 - Entries are judged.

August 12-19 - Photography Exhibition at The Victoria Mall.

August 20 - Entries may be picked up at between 12:30 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. All entries must be signed for at pick up.

August 21 - Entries will be shipped for those who requested and paid for return shipment.

AWARDS **OVER \$1500 IN PRIZE MONEY WILL BE GIVEN AWAY THIS YEAR**

Adult Division:

Best of Show—\$125 in prize money and a Ribbon.

1st Place in Each Category—\$75 in prize money and a ribbon.

2nd Place in Each Category—\$50 in prize money and a ribbon.

3d Place in Each Category—\$25 in prize money and a ribbon.

Student Division

(Up to 18 years or students in high school):

1st Place - \$30 & Ribbon

2nd Place - \$20 & Ribbon.

3rd Place - \$10 & Ribbon.

IN ADDITION Richard of Korczynski's Photo Lab and Studio will select 3 photographs from the Adult Division and provide the following:

First - a 16" x 20" Stretched Canvas Print **Second** - a 16" x 20" Watercolor Print **Third** - a 16" x 20" Mounted Print
Student Division and provide the following:

First - a 16" x 20" Color Print **Second** - a 11" x 14" Color Print **Third** - a 8" x 10" Color Print

CONTEST DIVISIONS

Adult Division:

- ▶ Entry fee shall be \$6.00 per entry.
- ▶ All entries must be entered in a specific category
- ▶ The categories are:
 - ◆ Animals/Fauna (AN) ● Birds (BD) ● Buildings & Structures (BS) ● Close Up/Macro (CM)
 - ◆ Creative (CR)* ● Flowers/Plants (FP) ● Landscape/Scenic (LS) ● Miscellaneous (MX) ● People/Portraits (PP)
- **Creative (CR):*
 - (a) *The Creative Category includes images that have been obviously manipulated to present "altered or artistic reality" (i.e. obvious distortion of color or shape; use of electronic filters to significantly transform the original image for artistic effect).*
 - (b) *The Creative Category may also include images specifically created (or chosen) for artistic effect as determined by the photographer. This may include, but is not limited to; pleasing blurs, zoom blurs, soft focus, illusions with light, abstracts, etc.*
- ▶ The subject of the photograph determines the category. Photograph subjects that cannot be identified for a specific category must be entered in the Miscellaneous Category.

Student Division

- ◆ Entry fee shall be \$3.00 per entry.
- ◆ Students must identify themselves as a student on the "Photo Form" attached to the back of each entry.
- ◆ Students will compete in one general category.
- ◆ Students must follow same deadlines and contest rules as adults.
- ◆ Student entries cannot compete for the "Best of Show" Award
- ◆ Students may enter in Adult Division provided the appropriate Adult Division fees are paid and all adult division rules and requirements are followed. Student who compete in the Adult Division are eligible to compete for the "Best of Show" award.

RULES

- ◆ The contest is open to all photographers.
- ◆ The photographer must have personally taken the photograph.
- ◆ It is the photographer's responsibility to obtain permission from any individual who is the subject of any photograph entered in this contest. The photographer, by submitting photographs for this competition, acknowledges that permission has been obtained from the subject. The Victoria Photography Club, Inc. and other sponsors cannot be held liable for any violation of this rule.
- ◆ With regard to any photograph submitted to this contest, the owner of the photograph retains the copyright.

- ◆ By entering any photograph in this contest, the photographer grants the Victoria Photography Club, Inc. royalty- free, irrevocable and non-exclusive right and license to use, copy, adapt, transmit, communicate, publicly display, distribute and create compilations and derivative works from any such submitted photograph to promote the contest. The photographer represents and warrants that he/she has the right to grant the license set out above.
- ◆ Photos that have won in previous VPCI contests are not eligible
- ◆ A minor, by entering a photograph in this contest, acknowledges that he/she has been given permission by the child's parent or guardian to grant permission to the Victoria Photography Club to reprint, publish or otherwise reproduce the images, as described above.
- ◆ The contest organizers reserve the right to refuse to display any photograph deemed unsuitable for competition.
- ◆ Images may be digitally manipulated. This includes, but is not limited to, cropping, straightening, color correction, contrast enhancement, minor cloning, and sharpening. Alterations should not be obvious in all categories except the "Creative" category.
- ◆ The top 350 entries (based on the judge's scores) will be selected for public display.

ENTRY SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be accepted for judging, each entry must:

- ◆ Submit the Photographer's Summary Form (*See Summary Form*). Include appropriate entry fee per entry. Please make check or money order payable to The Victoria Photography Club, Inc. **NO CASH, PLEASE**. Please include the check number for the check used to pay for the entries on each "Summary Form."
- ◆ No photographer's signature or any other markings on the front of the photograph or matte.
- ◆ The name, address, phone number, and or email address of the exhibitor, and category entered must be attached on the stiff backing of each matted entry (*See "Entry Form"*).
- ◆ An envelope, unsealed, must be attached to the photo backing containing a card **2x3.5" (business card size)** with the photographer's name, town/city of residence, category entered, title of entry and where photo was taken. This card will be used for display after judging.
- ◆ All photos may be any size up to 8x12, and all photos must be attached to an 11x14 matte. No frames.
- ◆ Entries (the photograph and matte) must then be mounted to a stiff backing.
- ◆ Each photograph, matte, and backing must be securely adhered together to create a single photograph.

DELIVERY AND RETURN OF ENTRIES

- ◆ Entries may be dropped off at: **RE/MAX Land & Homes**, 5215 N. Navarro St., Victoria, Texas 77904 Monday through Friday, 9 AM – 5:00 PM. (July 1—July 31)
- ◆ Entries may be mailed to: The Victoria Photography Club Inc., PO Box 5232, Victoria, TX 77903. No mail entries will be accepted prior to July 1 or after July 31.
- ◆ Entries that are sent to the contest by mail must include a return address label and appropriate postage. Entries without the return label and correct postage cannot be returned by mail. The Victoria Photography Club Inc. will not be responsible for any return costs or insurance.
- ◆ No entries will be accepted after the July 31 deadline.
- ◆ Entries not picked up at The Victoria Mall at this time will be taken to the Korczynski's Photo Lab and Studio in Victoria, Texas. The pictures will be held for one week before the entries are destroyed.
- ◆ Entries may be picked up by someone other than the photographer with the photographer's written approval. Identification may be required to pick up entries. All entries must be signed for at pickup.

JUDGING

- ◆ Images shall be judged on technical merit, impact, composition, and category.
- ◆ Entries will be judged by three qualified judges.
- ◆ Each image will be given a score between 5 and 10 by each judge. The total score will be used to rank the images.
- ◆ The judge's decisions are final.

LIABILITY

- ◆ Victoria Photography Club Inc., RE/MAX Land & Homes, The Victoria Mall and other contest sponsors assume no responsibility for loss or damage of any kind.

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