

**DIVISION 55
PHOTOGRAPHY**

Entries close Tuesday July 28, 2026.

Entries must be in the fair office before 5:00 P.M. or made online before midnight.
No late entries will be accepted.

- **Entry Fee:** \$1.00 per entry. Exhibitors are limited to three entries per class.
- **Drop off:** Photographs with entry tags attached must be brought to the Starlite Ballroom Sunday, August 2 from 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
- **Judging: Closed**
- **Pick up:** Exhibits must be picked up with claim tickets on Monday, August 10 from 7:00 A.M to 11:00 A.M.

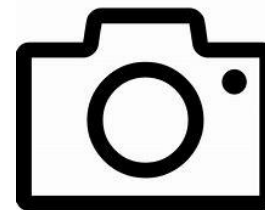
Premiums Awarded by Mississippi Valley Fair

- **Premium Paid:** 1st \$18.00, 2nd \$12.00, 3rd \$10.00, 4th \$5.00. Ribbons first through fifth for each class. Rosette awarded to best in show and judge's choice.

Superintendent: Natalie Sharoian

RULES

1. **IMPORTANT:** It is the exhibitor's responsibility to read and abide by the General Rules and Regulations.
2. All entries must be made upon entry forms provided or online. If entering online, entry tags may be printed by exhibitor. If not entering online, complete entry form and return it with full payment of all fees. To receive your entry tags please send a self-addressed stamped envelope with the entry.
3. All aspects of the photo must be the original work of the exhibitor. (Compositions, any editing/retouching, and mounting.)
4. Photographs may be either black and white or color. They may be processed from negatives, slides or digital cameras. **NO AI** or photos created in their entirety by artificial computer-generated programs. No signature watermarks.
5. All photos must be taken within the last calendar year.
6. **NO PROFESSIONALS**, anyone that makes money from taking photos, or anyone who has been a professional photographer in the past ten (10) years.
7. **ENTRY SPECIFICATIONS:** Photographs must be printed on photographic paper and 8"x10" only. Photos **MUST** be flush mounted on either mounting board, mat board or card stock. **NO** foam core. **NO** 3-dimensional elements. Entries not following these guidelines may be disqualified by the superintendent.
8. Entry tag must be taped to the back of the photo with the title of the entry, makes up 10% of the scoring. Do not attach with string.
9. Judges' determination and interpretations of the rules will be final - not subject to any review.
10. Prints will be judged on Mechanics - 30%, Storytelling Ability - 25%, Composition - 20%, Neatness/Presentation - 15%, and Title - 10%.
11. The subject matter of photographs must be in good taste and appropriate for public display. Photos displaying unsafe practices or illegal activities will not be displayed.
12. **We reserve the right to disqualify or not display any entries that do not meet the above specifications.**
13. **Proposed categories for 2027 (subject to change)**
 - A. Landscapes of the Heartland
 - B. Patterns & Textures
 - C. Red, White & Blue
 - D. Animals in Action
 - E. Children's



Class No.

1. Summertime
2. Family and Friends
3. Concert and Event
4. Golden Hour (photos taken just after sunrise or before sunset)
5. Children's Class - any subject matter, any theme. Exhibitors must be 14 years of age or younger.