

2017 TVAA

“Take Your Best Shot!”

Photo Contest Information

- \$5 per entry. Total of **5** Photos per individual.
- Photos will be accepted from **July 24-31, 2017** only.
- Photos can be any size and must be mounted or matted not to exceed 11"x14"
- Framed photos cannot be accepted.
- The photographers name may not appear on the front of the submission.
- Photos can be picked up after **August 29, 2017**.
- Photos left more than 30 days will be donated to charity.
- Full or part-time professional photographers who receive all or a majority of their income from photography are not eligible to compete. All others may enter - regardless of age or address, a digital shooter or a film lover, an outdoor enthusiast or a studio photographer - you can enter the contest.
- Submissions must be taken with a camera, through a lens, Cell phone photos are ok.
- Photos can only be submitted one time – please do not enter the same image from a previous contest.
- Images will be judged on overall photographic and artistic quality.
- Cash prizes for Best of Show and First Place in Each Category. Ribbons will be awarded to all placing photos and honorable mentions.

First Friday Photo Contest Awards Reception
August 4, 2017 from 5-8pm at
Gallery N Gifts (100 W. Tehachapi Blvd.)

Permitted Modifications: Photos that are “stitched” into a panoramic are eligible in all categories. Images may be cropped. Red-eye removal and spot editing is allowed. One step enhancement (such as “AutoFix”, “QuickFix”, “AutoLevels”, etc.) is allowed. Use of filters to sharpen or soften is allowed. Use of corrective functions such as contrast, brightness, tone, hue, lightness, color balance, tint are allowed. In other words, **minimal** – one step corrections are allowed. Not everyone has the experience or skill to use Photoshop type programs – those images should be classified as Altered Images.

**Please complete an entry form for EACH photo entered
and secure to the back of your photo.**

2017 TVAA “Take Your Best Shot!” Photo Contest Categories

It's summer and that means it's time for fun! We've taken suggestions from past contest participants and shaken up our contest categories for this season's contest. Can't wait to see what you all come up with!

Inside tip!: The judges also judge on if the photo fits the category, so if your photo doesn't fit in a category, save it for the next contest!

Landscape/ Nature: These images showcase outdoor beauty. Note: please specify in the title or description the name of the location.

Altered Images: This category is appropriate for digital art - images created or drastically altered in software like Adobe Photoshop®. If the digital darkroom work is the main attraction of the photo, or plays a big part, enter it here. Photoshop® composites and creations, Images greatly manipulated with software filters, HDR photos, Photos stitched into a panoramic. This category is NOT for: Photos that have such a subtle application of photo-editing techniques that one cannot tell any post-processing work has been done. Optimized images that don't look like digital art should go into another category.

Elements of Design: These artistic /abstract images make good use of graphic elements of design. We are looking for photos that showcase line, shape, pattern, form, texture, perspective, etc. They can consist of any subject matter. Perspective, Line, Pattern.

Travel: These images should showcase architectural elements of your favorite places. Please include where your photo was taken.

Animals: These images are of all kinds of animals, birds, etc. Please specify in the title or description if the animal was photographed in the wild or in a captive setting.

Flowers: Photographs of flowers in any setting.

Youth Photography: A chance for our youth to showcase their talents. Use the above categories as guidelines for competition. All photographers 18 and under will be included in this category. **Entries that are not labeled YOUTH CATEGORY will be entered into the above general categories. Please include your age with your submissions.**

The categories are not written in stone and are considered suggestions more than rules. We reserve the right to determine when a photo fits or does not fit into a particular category. Photos deemed inappropriate for family viewing may be removed from consideration without the entrant being notified. By entering your submission you grant us the rights to publish your photo on our website or use for promotional purposes.

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