

The Photo Arts Club of Toledo presents its 38th Annual Photo Contest
Co-sponsored and exhibited at Metroparks Toledo, Secor Metropark



we'll frame it!

Exciting News!!

Thanks to the La-Z-Boy Company for donating a La-Z-Boy chair (or other product) for Best of Show. The winning photographer will receive a certificate to be redeemed at any Toledo Area La-Z-Boy outlet for up to \$599 towards the purchase.

Categories:

Note: monochrome prints are allowed in all categories

- A. **People** (people are the main subject)
- B. **Plants** (plants are the main subject-individual plants, close-ups or groupings, not scenic landscapes)
- C. **Animals** (animals are the main subjects, including birds, insects, reptiles, etc.)
- D. **Places** (landscapes, vistas and locations are the main subject)
- E. **Open** (photographs that cannot be categorized in any other category, e.g., still life, abstracts, food, products, etc.)
- F. **Monochrome** (black & white, grayscale, monotone or sepia.) No selective color added.
- G. **The Christine Holliday Youth Division** (17 and under, as of January 12, 2026) – photos from any of the above categories.
- H. **Digital Creation - new this year** (highlights post-production techniques using author's original digital images - details below)

Prints need to be dropped off no later than February 14, 2026.

Online registration will begin on January 12, 2026.



<http://bit.ly/PACT2025Contest>

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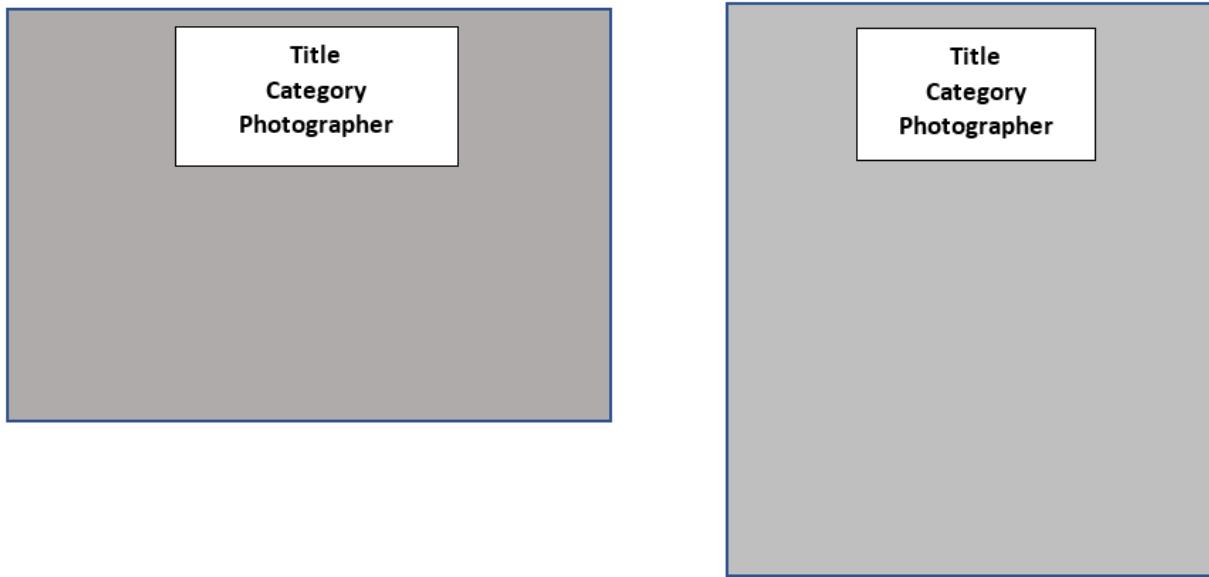
[2026 Annual Contest Brochure](#)

Contest Rules:

- *This contest is open to amateur photographers who earn less than 51% of their income from photography.*
- Contest will be strictly limited to the first 300 photos entered. Online registration will automatically end once the limit is reached.
- Entry fee is \$8 per photo. Limit 10 photos per photographer. Two options for payment:
 - Payment through PayPal on our website. (Credit and Debit cards accepted)
 - Make check payable to "Photo Arts Club of Toledo" and enclose in an envelope with registration information taped to the back of one of the photos.
- All photos must be mounted on strong flat mounting board; unmounted photos will not be accepted.
- Presentation: Matting and backing board must be securely attached.

- Photos must be at least 8" x 10" excluding matting and no larger than 20" x 24" including matting. Photos must not be framed or contain glass and not enclosed in sleeves.
- Photos will be hung using Velcro. Photos that are too heavy to be supported in this manner will be disqualified. Examples include metal prints, wood backing, etc.
- No name, title, date or identifying text is to be on the front of the photos.
- No nudes or offensive photographs or titles. Judgement of the contest committee is final.
- Enter each photo in only one category.
- Winning photos (1st, 2nd or 3rd place) from previous Photo Arts Club of Toledo annual contests are not eligible to enter.
- All photos entered into competition must begin with an original capture in a camera (phone cameras included). This rule excludes images or parts of images created by artificial intelligence. It does not prohibit using image editing programs (e.g., Photoshop, Lightroom, Sharpen AI, etc.) that use artificial intelligence to modify or improve images.
- NEW THIS YEAR! A new category for Digital Creation has been added. Entries should highlight the effective use of post-production techniques to produce a creative change to the author's original digital image(s). Suggested examples include, but are not limited to, composites, abstractions, layering, blending, and other techniques of digital manipulation. Images in this category must demonstrate significant post-capture modifications. Entries in this category are not eligible for the Best of Show prize.
- Utmost care will be taken in handling and displaying photos, however the Photo Arts Club and Metroparks Toledo will not be liable for lost or damaged photos.
- An ID label will be attached to the upper right-hand corner of the photo to identify the photographer and title after judging. Note that matting can help in preventing the ID label from obscuring the photo.
- The Photo Arts Club of Toledo and Metroparks Toledo have the right to use all photos for informational and promotional purposes with photographer credit.
- A label needs to be properly taped or glued to the BACK of each print. Labels will be provided on the confirmation email. It is important that the labels be placed properly to ensure the print is judged and exhibited correctly based on the orientation of the print.

Tape or glue the label on the back of each print at the **top center**. Be sure to place the label correctly to ensure the print is judged and exhibited correctly based on the orientation of the print.



Exhibition Dates and Times:

The exhibit opens on Saturday, February 28th at the Secor Center. The hours will be 10am to 4pm, Saturday and Sunday, for the first weekend. Thereafter, it will be open on Saturdays and Sundays from Noon to 4 pm. On Sunday, March 29, 2026, the exhibit closes.

Awards:

Ribbons will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place and Honorable Mentions. Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be mailed after the opening of the exhibit.

Metroparks Toledo

The Secor Center at Secor Metropark is operated by Metroparks Toledo located at 10001 W Central Ave, (US20), Berkey OH, 43504. Six miles west of I-475/US 23 on West Central Avenue/US 20. <https://metroparkstoledo.com/explore-your-parks/secor-metropark/>