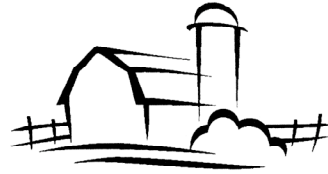


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Michigan's Bounty

2009 Photo & Art Contest Guidelines & Rules

EIGHTH Annual Photo & Art Contest & Exhibit entries due October 13 - 24, 2009. All "Michigan's Bounty" entries of photos & art will be on display at the Coopersville Farm Museum November 03, 2009 through January 9, 2010.

Specifications: Just a couple simple rules; each entry **MUST** contain the image of something bountiful in the state of Michigan. Use your imagination or stick with the basics of farming and agriculture in Michigan. All art, photographs, & digitally enhanced work should be framed and **ready to hang**. Due to limitations, all 3 D layouts exceeding two feet by two feet must be registered prior to October 13, 2009. All qualified competitive entries will be judged and displayed to the public for the duration of the exhibit (Nov. 3 - Jan. 9).

Eligibility: Open to all ages. Entries submitted competitively must be your own work and must have been completed in the last two years. Entries must meet the specifications above to be eligible for prizes.

Entry Fees: Competitive photos or art participants are required to pay \$2.00 fee per entry if they are 18 years old or older and out of high school. Students, 18 years old or less, are eligible to compete without an entry fee.

Exhibit Only/Non-Competitive: Entries that you would like to submit for exhibit, but are not your work or were created more than two years ago, are not eligible for prizes, although we would love to add them to the display. These entries may be of historic value or done by another individual. We know there are some great, old photos out there that are worthy of being on exhibit. Possibly your parents or grandparents can put their hands on photos they took in the 30s, 40s, or 50s. There will be no entry fee for exhibit only items and they will not be eligible for prizes. Loan/Entry form must accompany each.

Liabilities: Although the Coopersville Farm Museum Staff will exercise due care in handling work submitted to this exhibition, we cannot be responsible for any loss or damage to any work of art. **Each entry is submitted at your own risk.**

Acceptance: All accepted entries will be considered on temporary loan to the Coopersville Farm Museum and shall remain in its possession for the duration of the show. **No early withdrawals will be permitted.**

Judging: All entries will be judged. Judges consist of qualified art/photo professionals and/or prize sponsors. The judges will not know the name of the artist/photographer at the time of judging. Judges may not judge any category they have an entry in.

Release: Coopersville Farm Museum has the right to photograph any and all entries in this contest/exhibit for promotional use, including catalogs, brochures, posters, and other printed matter, as well as for viewing on our website: www.coopersvillefarmmuseum.org. Photos taken by the museum staff may be retained/used for promotional or archival purposes.

Awards: First, Second and Third places will be awarded in each of the following Youth and Adult categories:

YOUTH CATEGORIES

Art - Preschool (not more than 5 years old)
Art - Lower Elementary - Kindergarten - Grade 2 (not more than 8)
Art - Upper Elementary - Grades 3 - 5 (not more than 11)
Art - Junior High School - Grades 6 - 8 (not more than 14)
Art - High School - Grades 9 - 12 (not more than 19)
Photo - Preschool (not more than 5 years old)
Photo - Lower Elementary - Kindergarten - Grade 2 (not more than 8)
Photo - Upper Elementary - Grades 3 - 5 (not more than 11)
Photo - Junior High School - Grades 6 - 8 (not more than 14)
Photo - High School - Grades 9 - 12 (not more than 19)
Digitally Enhanced Photos - Youth 3 - 18 only

ADULT CATEGORIES

Oil and oil pastel: oil-based medium
Acrylic: acrylic being the dominant (80%+) medium
Watercolor: watercolor or inks being the dominant medium
Pastel: At least 80% (soft) pastel (not oil pastel)
Mixed media, collage, textiles: any materials on any surface
Graphite, charcoal and colored pencil
Black & White Photography (film or digital)
Color Photography (film or digital)
Artistic/Digitally Enhanced Photography (obviously altered)

First Prize - Gift item(s) with a value of at least \$25 = \$500
Second Prize - Gift item(s) with a value of at least \$15 = \$300
Third Prize - Gift item(s) with a value of at least \$10 each = \$200

Total value of prizes awarded will be at least \$1,000

Prize packages are sponsored by area businesses and organizations yet to be determined. If you have a gift or service you would like to provide to our winners, please contact the museum director, LeeAnn Creager at (616) 997-8555.

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