34th Annual InFocus VIRTUAL Competition and Show
Call to Entries
Sunday, March 14, 2021

"We will not let Covid defeat us."

The committee has made the tough decision to have a virtual show this year.
"Our hope is that we can make it FUN FOR ALL
but still high in quality work to be judged and shared.

Please join us this year and next year we will gather together again."

Changes:
- **We realize you many not have been taking lots of pictures the past 9 months so we are allowing for you to DUST OFF OLD IMAGES for entry (as long as they have not been entered in any show in the past.)**
- **We have lowered the price to enter and we have still included a year membership in Tuolumne County Arts with all its benefits.**
- **We will make it possible for the visitors to the virtual gallery to contact you directly to arrange to purchase your images. No commissions necessary**
- **We won't give ribbons (hard to ship) but will award cash prizes and certificates.**
- **We will have a zoom awards ceremony and hope everyone will attend. All winners will be notified there first.**

Categories
Photographs will be judged in six categories:
1. **Covid Times-20/20 Perspective**
2. **Landscape**
3. **Man Made**
4. **Animals**
5. **Plants**
6. **People**

Each entrant may submit up to **6 photos**. See the fee schedule below.

Definitions of these categories and examples of each are available on the InFocus website at http://www.infocus-tcaa.org/categories.html. Each category may have both color and monochrome images. These categories may overlap. It will be your choice to pick the category in which you wish your image to be entered. Submissions of original works of photographic art may include but are not limited to classic film and digital photography.

Sales
We will make it possible for the visitors to the virtual gallery to contact you directly to arrange to purchase your images. No commissions necessary. Please select that box during your submission process. You can always go back and edit that until the contest closes.

Jurors
Entries will be juried from the web-based competition management system "Smarter Entry" to select the accepted works. The jurors will view the accepted works in our virtual space and will make the awards.

Awards
- The winner of Best of Show will receive $200 and a certificate.

- The Charles Moore Excellence in Photography Award winner will receive $200 and a certificate.

Cash prizes and ribbons will be awarded in each category:
- $150 for First Place, $75 for Second Place and $50 for Third Place and certificates
- Judges Choice awards will receive $25 and a certificate
- Sponsor Awards will receive $25 and a certificate

Conditions of Entry
- Entries are open to amateur and professional photographers ages 18 years and older.
- All entries must be images entered online via "Smarter Entry" through the following link: https://client.smarterentry.com/tcaa. Assistance with logging in to Smarter Entry and preparing images for submission are available on the InFocus website http://www.InFocus-tcaa.org.

TO PREPARE IMAGES FOR ONLINE ENTRY PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:
- *Make a copy of your original photo to apply the resizing criteria.*
  - File size no smaller than 4 mb and no larger than 8 MB.
  - Set image resolution first to 300 ppi.
  - Then size to 1,280 pixels **or larger** on the longest side with the other side, width or height, proportional. A smaller size may result in an image too small for the judges to properly view.
  - JPG (creates the smallest file size), TIF, or PNG format
- Images entered online into the "Smarter Entry" system may not have the author's name or the name of the photograph displayed on the image.
- Naming protocol: Use unique titles and note the names of your titles for reference when viewing the acceptance notification. Bad choice would be image1.jpg.
- InFocus may request a high-resolution electronic image of the winning photographs for media purposes.
- Acceptance notification will be posted on the InFocus website http://www.InFocus-tcaa.org and notices will be sent by email no later than Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

LOWER Entry Fees
Each entrant may submit up to **6 photos**.
$20 for the first two images and $10 for each additional image entered. Entry still includes a membership with Tuolumne County Arts Alliance (TCA) and all its benefits
* (visit www.mytuolumnecountyarts.org for details) **Entry fees are not refundable.**

Timeline and Calendar of Events
- **January 4, Monday – Open Smarter Entry Competition at 6:00 a.m.**
- **February 8, Monday – InFocus competition closes to entrants at 6:00 p.m.**
- **March 2, Tuesday – Notify photographers as to acceptance into competition**
- **March 14 – Zoom party to announce the winners! Details to come!**
- **March 15, Monday –Virtual Show is open to the public online.**

For questions, email us at contests@tuolumnecountyarts.org. Or refer to the InFocus website at http://www.InFocus-tcaa.org for more detailed information.