

37th Annual InFocus Competition, Exhibition & Sale

Call for Entries

Show Open Wednesday's – Sunday's
April 10 – April 21, 2024

Jamestown Community Hall
18246 Main St. Jamestown, CA

Digital images entries will be received by SMARTER ENTRY from
December 21, Thursday, 6:00 a.m.
through
February 19, Monday, 6:00 p.m.

Reception and Awards **Sunday April 7, 2024**

Each person may enter up to 6 images, no more than 3 in any one category, and the work must be hand delivered and picked up on the designated check in and out dates at Jamestown Community Hall. Sorry, no shipping options available.

Entries are to be submitted electronically for the jurying process via the web-based competition management system, Smarter Entry. Only photos that are accepted for display through the jurying process will need to be framed and delivered for exhibition.

Judges

There will be three judges. You can learn about them on the website. <https://www.infocus-tcaa.org/judges-2024.html>. Entries will be juried from the web-based competition management system “Smarter Entry” to select the accepted works to be hung in the show. The Judges will make awards. The InFocus Committee or the judges may disqualify delivered entries if they fail to comply with framing rules or vary significantly from the electronic version of the photo.

Categories

- Photographs will be judged in six categories: **Nighttime, Landscape, Man Made, People, Plants, Animals.** Definitions of these categories and examples of each are available on the InFocus website at <https://www.infocus-tcaa.org/categories-2024.html>.

- The categories may overlap. It will be your choice to pick the category

you wish your image to be entered in.

Awards

- Best of show -- \$250 and ribbon
- Charles Moore Award for Excellence in Photography -- \$200 and certificate
- First place -- \$125 and ribbon
- Second place-- \$75 and ribbon
- Third place -- \$50 and ribbon
- Honorable Mentions -- \$25 and ribbon
- Judges Choice -- \$50 and ribbon
- Sponsors Award -- \$25 and ribbon
- People's Choice Award, Adult and Student winners. The winners will receive \$35 and a ribbon.

Conditions of Entry

- The work must not have been accepted into InFocus before.
- Images must have been produced in the last 3 years.
- No AI generated images will be accepted.
- Submissions of original works of photographic art may include but are not limited to classic film and digital photography.
- 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 into Smarter Entry and preparing images for submission are available on the InFocus website <http://www.InFocus-tcaa.org>.
- Images entered online into the "Smarter Entry" system **must not have the author's name or the name of the photograph *displayed on the image***.
- Each entrant may submit up to 6 photos, no more than 3 images per category. See the fee schedule below. **Entry fees are not refundable.**
- InFocus may use all digital images submitted to this competition for media purposes only.
- InFocus will 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 12, 2024.

- Note that accepted entries will be listed by title as entered in Smarter Entry. Use unique titles. Make a note of your titles for reference when viewing the acceptance notification. **Please capitalize just the first letters of your name, photo titles and descriptions. This information is used for labels to be displayed with artwork.**

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

Entry Fees

\$30 for the first two images and \$10 for each additional image entered. Entry includes a membership with Tuolumne County Arts Alliance (TCA) and all its benefits * (see www.mytuolumnecountyarts.org for details)

Commission

All works must be for sale. Commission is 20%. During the show the commission goes to the committee for future improvements. On SALE days, April 20 and April 21, the commission goes to the buyer in a form of a 20% sale discount to encourage sales.

Timeline

- December 21, Thursday – OPEN SMARTER ENTRY Competition at 6:00 a.m.
- February 19, Monday – InFocus COMPETITION CLOSES to entrants at 6:00 p.m.
- March 12, Tuesday – **On or before, notify photographers as to acceptance into competition**
- March 12, Tuesday – April 5, Friday – **Time for accepted entrants to frame/mat photographs**
- April 5, Friday – **Receive** accepted entries from noon until 5:00 p.m.
- April 6, Saturday – Receive accepted entries from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- April 7, Sunday – **Reception 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.**

- Show hours:
- Wednesday April 10 – Sunday April 14 – Noon – 5:00
- Wednesday April 17 – Saturday April 20 – Noon – 5:00
- Sunday April 21 – Noon to 3:00 p.m.
- April 20, Saturday – **Sale day**. All works will be **discounted 20%** to encourage sales.
- April 21, Sunday – **Sale day**. All works will be **discounted 20%** to encourage sales.
- April 21, Sunday – **Artists pick up their entries** from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Rules

- Accepted art must be the same as submitted online.
- Works that have been selected for the show **must be hand delivered to Jamestown Community Hall during the check-in and check-out periods**. Accommodations may be made in advance. **We are unable to accept works that are shipped.**
- Show administrators reserve the right to reject a photograph when delivered to the show site if the photograph fails to comply with framing rules or varies significantly from the electronic version of the photo.
- **The minimum image size is 8" x 8"** (not the frame, the image)
- **The maximum width of the framed photo is 34", measured on the outside edge of the frame.**
- **The maximum overall framed size is 60 inches**, which is determined by adding the outside-framed height, plus the outside framed width together. *For example: A 16"x20" print in a frame might measure 19"x23" when measured from outside edge to outside edge. Add 19"+23" to determine the overall framed size which, in this example, is 42".*
- **Photos may not weigh more than 12 lbs. We do have a scale.**
- Photos must have picture-hanging wire firmly attached across the back. Wires must be taught and placed between 1/3 and 1/4 the height of the frame measured from the top of the frame. Sharp wire ends must be taped.

Canvas, metal and glass prints need wires or acceptable hanging systems (see photos below). **Saw tooth, Styrofoam or alligator hanging systems are not acceptable.**

- Accepted works must be submitted in framed or finished condition. Plastic or “fast” frames are not acceptable. Canvas wraps, metal or glass prints are not required to be placed in frames.

- If your name is ***on the image***, it will be covered during the judging process.

- Accepted works must remain in the exhibit through the show closing date.

- Artists are encouraged to furnish an Artist’s Statement or Biography for our Artist’s Statement Binder.

- Works that have been hung in the show must be picked up on Sunday, April 21 between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.** Bring your receipt to claim your photos.

- Photos that are not picked up during these hours will be taken to the Tuolumne County Arts office. Any photos not picked up within 14 days will be considered a gift to TCA and may be used at their discretion. TCA does not accept responsibility for any damages that might occur in transporting.

- Every precaution will be taken to protect the artwork. However, InFocus and Tuolumne County Arts (TCA) will not be responsible for loss or damage to art entered in the show.