

7th Annual Highlands Juried Art/Photo Exhibit

The New Jersey Highlands Coalition, in association with *Skylands Visitor* Magazine, is proud to announce its 7th Annual Highlands Art and Photography Exhibit featuring the landscapes, flora, fauna, natural, cultural and historic resources of the Highlands of NY, NJ, PA and CT.

Due to current events, Artists are invited to submit work for a dedicated Highlands Art Exhibit website and that will also be amplified across social media platforms. A selection of winning images will be featured in *Skylands Visitor*, a popular magazine with a combined online viewership and print circulation of 50,000, promoting outdoor recreation and tourism throughout northern New Jersey. Winning entries will also be shown in a special exhibit at Studio 7 Gallery in Bernardsville later this year and the New Jersey Highlands Coalition will be hosting a reception honoring the artists and awarding prizes.

This year, thanks to a generous donor, a Grand Prize of \$500 will be awarded along with Second Place and Third Place awards of \$300 and \$200 respectively. Other prizes will include gift certificates for framing, printing and special events. Selections from both exhibits will be featured on a newly-dedicated Highlands Art Exhibit website and social media sites. Prize-winning images will accompany press releases to be sent to prominent NJ publications.

Two-dimensional painting, drawing, pastel, mixed-media and photography featuring the landscapes, flora, fauna, natural, cultural, or historic resources of the Highlands of NY, NJ, PA and CT will be accepted for jurying, as will 3-D, small sculpture and carving. Abstract images and sculpture are also accepted as long as they are inspired by the Highlands. See details below.

Deadline:

Digital entries must be received by midnight, Monday, July 6, 2020. Winning artists will be notified by the second week of July and should be ready to submit a high-resolution, printable version of the winning image suitable for publication (details below).

Rules:

By submitting images, each entrant agrees to the following rules:

- All entrants 18 years of age or older will be classified in the Adult Category. All artists under 18 years of age will be entered into the Youth Category. Employees and Trustees of the New Jersey Highlands Coalition and their immediate family members are not permitted to enter.
- Initial entries must be in digital format (see How to Enter below). Submissions may be abstract or non-abstract, and may include mixed-media, photography, paintings, drawings, pastels, or 3-D/sculpture.
- Each submission must feature, or be inspired by, the flora, fauna, landscapes, natural, cultural or historic resources of the Highlands of NY, NJ, PA and CT, or flora and fauna typically found in the Highlands (images of individual plants and animals from outside of the Highlands will be accepted as long as the species depicted is found within the four-state Highlands Region). Please note that New Jersey's Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge is considered part of the Highlands due to its location and any work featuring the Great Swamp will be accepted.

For more information about the Highlands Region please visit:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York%E2%80%93New_Jersey_Highlands

- Initial entries must be sent as low-resolution JPEG files (details below). However, Winning Artists and those selected for publication in Skylands Visitor must be ready to send high-resolution files upon notification (JPEG files, sized to 10 inches on the longest side, with a resolution of 300 dpi).
- The three prize-winning pieces-Grand Prize, First Place, and Second Place-must be available for exhibit later this year at Studio 7 Gallery in Bernardsville (date to be decided). Upon notification, the three winning pieces selected for exhibit must be delivered framed, wired, and ready to hang by the date designated by the gallery.
- Artists are encouraged, but not required, to offer their work for sale. If they chose to do so, proceeds will be split 70/30, with 70% of the sale price going

to the artist and 30% going to the New Jersey Highlands Coalition.

- 2-dimensional work must be limited to 30 inches on its longest side when framed. Accepted work will include photographs (color or black and white), original paintings, drawings, pastels and mixed media. 3-dimensional work (sculpture or carvings) must be either free-standing or suitable for hanging. If hanging, the work may protrude no more than 4 inches from the wall when hung. Free-standing sculpture and carving must not exceed 20 inches in any direction.
- Photographs must not be heavily manipulated; only minor burning, dodging, contrast and color adjustments are permitted. Heavily manipulated photographs or portions of photographs may be accepted as “abstract” work, or part of “mixed media” work, if another medium is employed in the same piece.

All work must be the property of the entrant; entrant must be the copyright owner and the work must not infringe on the rights of others. Submitted work must not contain any offensive, sexually explicit, or inappropriate content.

- Work depicting any recognizable person or persons must be accompanied by a signed model release.
- Entrants will retain copyrights to their work. Entrants acknowledge, however, that by entering this competition, they grant the New Jersey Highlands Coalition the right to reproduce, distribute, and display all work submitted in any form in connection with the Exhibit, or for promotion of the Exhibit. Full credit will accompany any image used for these purposes.

How to enter:

The fee to enter the Adult Category is \$20.00 for up to three images (Youth Category entries are free - see below). [Please pay your registration fee via this link to Paypal.](#) There is no fee for entering the Youth Category but artists under 18 will be limited to one image only.

Submissions are accepted by email only and must be sent to njhighlandsart@gmail.com.

PLEASE FOLLOW DIRECTIONS: All images must be submitted as attachments in digital jpeg format. Each image must be 72 dpi, sized between 1,000 – 1,600 pixels on its longest side, and must not exceed 2 megabytes.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT PAINTINGS, DRAWINGS, SCULPTURE, ETC., ARE WELL PHOTOGRAPHED. Work should be evenly lit with accurate colors and even borders. Please avoid artifacts such as shadows or reflections when photographing your work. For free-standing sculpture and carving, at least two images of each piece must be submitted, showing at least two different angles. Poor reproductions of your work will decrease your chances of being selected for publication.

Images must be labeled with entrant's last name, first name, image number, title and medium (ex:Smith_John_1_Sunrise_Lake_Hopatcong_Photo graph).

FOR YOUTH CATEGORY ENTRANTS (under 18 years of age), please label entries with artists's last name, first name, image number, title and medium followed by "Youth."
(ex:Smith_John_1_Sunrise_Lake_Hopatcong_Photo graph_Youth).

Submissions must include the following information in the body of the email: a submission list with corresponding label information, as discussed above, for each piece (last name, first name, image number, title, medium, outside dimensions and "Youth" if under 18); entrant's email address, physical address and phone number, and, if appropriate, the location for each piece and/or species depicted (remember, it must be native to, or inspired by, the Highlands Region).

Artists 18 years of age and older must include a copy of their Paypal receipt with their submission.

Please contact **srabastidutta@gmail.com** with any questions.