

NEENAH ARTS COUNCIL PHOTO CONTEST - 2023 **Celebrating the City of Neenah's Sesquicentennial**

Neenah Arts Council, in collaboration with the Neenah Public Library, announces the Second Annual Photography Contest and Exhibition.

The 2023 juried contest will highlight the City's Sesquicentennial (150th anniversary of Neenah's incorporation as a city). **Photos submitted should capture the spirit and beauty of the City of Neenah.**

Novice photographers (age 17 and younger) will be judged separately from adult photographers.

Basic info:

Photos must have been taken in the City of Neenah between January 1, 2022, and March 1, 2023, and, in celebration of the City's Sesquicentennial, should capture the spirit and beauty of the City of Neenah. Photographers may submit up to six photos. Novice photographers may submit up to six photos. Entries must be submitted both in print and digitally. Entries will be accepted March 1 through March 31, 2023.

Full Rules:

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There is no residency requirement for photographers.

Photos will be displayed at the Neenah Public Library throughout April and online via local websites and Facebook pages. Digital photos may be displayed on City of Neenah, Neenah Arts Council, Neenah Public Library, Future Neenah, and Neenah Joint School District websites, Facebook pages, Instagram, etc.

Entries will be judged on creativity and style, composition, presentation, and impact. Winners will be announced in early April. An Awards and Artist reception will be held at the Neenah Public Library in April.

Entries are accepted March 1 through March 31, 2023. All entries must be delivered to the Neenah Public Library by March 31, 2023. Neenah Public Library is located at 240 East Wisconsin Avenue, Neenah, Wisconsin 54956. Entries may be mailed or dropped off in person during open hours. Digital copies must also be received by March 31, 2023. Upload digital photos to <https://neenahlibrary.org/arts-council-photo-contest>.

All photos must be original and must not include photographic elements produced by another photographer, unless submitting a photo as a collaboration. Photos that have been

entered in other photo contest(s) are not eligible. By entering the contest, entrant certifies that he/she is the sole creator (unless photo is the product of a named collaboration) and copyright owner of the submitted photograph. Photos that violate or infringe upon another person's rights, including but not limited to copyright, are not eligible. Any photos of identifiable individuals or groups must have the permission of the individual or group and in the case of a minor, the permission of parent/legal guardian.

Photos that do not meet the exhibit, Neenah Arts Council, City of Neenah, or Neenah Public Library standards or rules, or at the discretion of the Neenah Arts Council or Judges, will not be displayed, whether the photo was initially accepted or not.

The welfare of a subject and its environment must be placed ahead of the desire to obtain a photograph. Upon entering the contest, entrants certify that, in capturing an image, subjects were treated with respect and dignity, no people or wildlife were harmed or harassed, that the environment was not harmed, and that private property and sensitive wildlife and ecosystems were respected. Live baiting of wildlife is not permitted. Upon request, entrants must disclose the circumstances under which an image was captured.

Prints may be made from film or digital images. No composite photos. Photos may be digitally altered for standard optimization only (removal of dust or scratches, cropping, reasonable adjustments to exposure, color, contrast, dodging and burning, sharpening, etc.). If the judges determine that a photo has been altered beyond standard optimization, they reserve the right to disqualify the photo.

Prints may be color, black and white, sepia, etc. Processing and printing may be done commercially or by the exhibitor. Prints may be coated with protective photographic lacquer or spray gloss. Prints must be mounted on *white* mat board or foam core/foam board and must be mounted flat. Mounting surface should be no thicker than ¼" or 6 mm. Spray mount is recommended. No wood, Masonite, or corrugated cardboard will be accepted. No matted, framed, glass covered, or shrink-wrapped entries will be accepted. **Photo with mount should be no larger than 11" x 14"**. Photos may be of any size up to 11" x 14", but mount cannot exceed 11" x 14".

Name, contact information, photo location, and date photo was taken should be noted on the back of the mat. A caption is optional. In photos where it is not otherwise obvious, an arrow should be placed on the back of the mat to indicate the top of the image. No information, text, logos, etc. should be placed on the front of the photo/mat. (Neenah Arts Council will attach an adhesive hanger to the back of the mat for display purposes.)

Each photo must also be submitted as a digital file. Title, watermarks, copyright marks, logos, etc. should not appear on the photo. Upload a digital copy of the photo to <https://neenahlibrary.org/arts-council-photo-contest>. Digital copies must be received by 4:00 p.m., Friday, March 31, 2023.

All accepted entries will be on display in the Library's Shattuck Community Room throughout April 2023. The Exhibit will be open during all regular library hours, however, meetings and events taking place in the Shattuck Community Room may limit access to the exhibit.

Photos will be available for pickup in May 2023. Any photos not picked up by May 31, 2023, become the property of the Neenah Arts Council.

Contest is not open to Neenah Arts Council members, contest judges, or their immediate families. Neenah Arts Council and the Neenah Public Library are not responsible for damaged, stolen, or misplaced photos. The Neenah Arts Council is not responsible for misuse of copyright by an exhibitor. All decisions by the judges are final. The jury reserves the right to reject or reclassify any entry. Photo eligibility is at the discretion of Neenah Arts Council.

For more information, visit www.neenahlibrary.org or contact the Library by phone at 920-886-6315 or by email at library@neenahlibrary.org.

RELEASE

In submitting photo(s) to the Neenah Arts Council and participating in the Neenah Arts Council Photo Contest I hereby warrant and agree to the following:

I have lawful ownership rights to the photo and acknowledge that once submitted, the photo becomes the property of the Neenah Arts Council.

The photo is the result of my sole artistic efforts unless part of a named collaboration.

The photo is unique and original and does not infringe upon any copyright or patent.

By entering this contest, I hereby give the Neenah Arts Council, the City of Neenah, and its successors or assigns, the absolute and irrevocable right and permission, with respect to the photographs submitted to the Neenah Arts Council as part of this contest:

1. To edit, alter, exhibit, publish, and distribute the photo(s) for purposes of highlighting the City of Neenah or for any other lawful purpose. I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product where my photo appears.
2. To use, reuse, publish the same in whole or in part, individually or in conjunction with other photographs or images, in any medium, and for any purpose whatsoever, including but not limited to illustration, promotion, advertising, and publication in all City of Neenah publications and media of any kind or description. Neenah Arts Council may choose to not use my photo at this time but may do so at its discretion at a later date.

Neenah Arts Council will include my name on the document or website where the photo is used.

HOLD HARMLESS

I agree to release City of Neenah, its agents, officials, employees, and volunteers from and against all liability, including copyright or patent infringement claims or causes of action, arising out of this Agreement and claims arising from my participation in Neenah Arts Council Photo Contest.

Photographer's signature

Parent/guardian if photographer is under 18

Child's signature (under 18)

Date