



“Focus on Fannin County” Photography Contest



General Rules and Guidelines

Call Paula Brennecke, 903-583-9508, with any questions

The theme for this contest is: **“Focus on the Gifts of Fannin County”**

There is much in Fannin County that we are either unaware of or take for granted – places that provide pleasure or meaning for us and/or have the potential for tourism. The purpose of this contest is to bring awareness of these gifts to our residents.

1. Competition is open to all amateur photographers.
2. All photographs submitted for competition must be the work of the entrant, and must be taken in Fannin County.
3. Photographs will be judged – by experienced judges – on

A.) How well the subject matter fits with the contest theme

B.) Technical Excellence

- Focus and Clarity. Is subject in focus with acceptable sharpness and clarity?
- Color and Exposure. Does the print have correct exposures as well as color accuracy on color prints. (acceptable contrast on black and white prints).

C.) Photographic and Artistic Eye

- Composition. Is the subject clearly defined through subject placement, depth of field, use of props, etc? Did the photographer achieve the image they desired, does it have impact?
- Artistic Merit. Originality? Is the image pleasing to the eye? Would you hang this print in your living room?

[The photograph must not, in the sole and unfettered discretion of the Judges, contain obscene, provocative, defamatory, sexually explicit or otherwise objectionable or inappropriate content.]

4. The photograph must be at least 8" x 10", framed and wired for hanging. (Judging will not be based on quality of the frame, although the choice of framing may have a subliminal subjective affect on the judges.)

5. Only one photograph will be accepted from each entrant.
6. Entry may be
 - a) mailed to P.O. Box 86, Ravenna, TX 75476 (to be received by August 25th)
 - b) taken to the Creative Arts Center [We have now cleared that with them.
We apologize profusely if you tried to deliver it there and were turned away.]
 - c) delivered to a CORE board member

Deadline is August 25th

7. Photograph must be clearly Identified with a label on the back.

Photographer's Name

Address

Phone

E-mail (optional)

Title for Entry – and location in Fannin County where the photo was taken

8. Accepted entries will be on display in the lodge at Lake Fannin at CORE's "Hit the Trail" event on September 5th. Winners are scheduled to be announced at 5:00pm that day. Entries and prizes may be picked up there, that evening, or arrangements made for pickup at a later time.

9. Prizes:

❖ **Grand Prize** (sponsored by the Creative Arts Center in Bonham, TX)

www.creativeartscenter.us

- The grand-prize-winning photo will be displayed at the Center for a month.
- The winning photographer will receive a one-year membership to the CAC.
- The CAC will schedule a photo-op to formally present the membership and announce the winner in the media.

[We're in the process of coming up with other great prizes for this contest. Check back!]

10. Judges decisions are final.

CORE will submit the winning photos to the local media – with hopes but no guarantees they will be printed or posted.