

13th Annual Edgar G. Mueller Photography Contest

Contest Rules
For 2016

The “Edgar G. Mueller Photography Contest” named in honor of Mayville’s world renowned photographer, Edgar G. Mueller, has been created to foster and promote an interest in an appreciation of photography as a medium of expression to enrich the lives of individuals, families and their community. He graphically recorded the history of Mayville and surrounding communities for over sixty-five years. Entries from anyone, age fourteen to adult, with varied skill levels are welcome. Entries from beginners and students are encouraged.

Who can enter?

- **The photo contest is strictly for amateur photographers.** Any person with a business or website presence advertising photographic services will be deemed ineligible. The Mayville Limestone School Museum (MLSM) retains the discretion to determine amateur status of the entrants.
- Anyone under 18 will require a parent or guardian’s signature.
- **Photos may be taken anywhere in the State of Wisconsin with the location identified on the back of the photo.** If the location where the photo was taken cannot be verified, at the discretion of the museum board, it may be disqualified.
- Officers and board members of the MLSM and their immediate family are not eligible to enter the contest. For the purpose of this contest, immediate family is anyone residing in the same household. **Sorry, previous year winners are ineligible the following year.**

What are the photo requirements?

- **Any general interest photo (print) 8”x10” in size must be mounted on an 11”x14” full black mat board, or a black foam core board. Please do not use colored mat board.** Mounting of the photo on other material such as construction paper will disqualify the photo. There will be two photo categories: black and white, and color. You may enter one photo in either category or both.
- Photos can be taken with any kind of camera; however, digital photos must be printed out on either glossy or matte photo paper.
- **Please use only minimum editing techniques including cropping, adjusting levels, and sharpening. Digital cloning, healing and removing entire elements of an image are not allowed.**
- Do not submit a photo taken by someone other than yourself.
- The photo must have been taken during the 2016 calendar year and be submitted by midnight January 31, 2017.

Is there an entry fee?

No, your photo is your entry.

How many photos can be entered?

You may enter one photo in each category, black and white or color.

Are there any restrictions?

Photos must be appropriate for general viewing. Obscene, provocative, or otherwise questionable content will not be considered. The MLSM retains sole discretion as to what constitutes inappropriate content. Photographs earning awards in previous contests or already published are not allowed. Each contestant that submits two photos in a given year is eligible to win on either photo, but not both.

How should entries be labeled?

A completed signed entry form (back of brochure) **should be taped** to the back of the matting **with the arrow pointing to the top of the image. Please print legibly!**

What about getting consent?

Be sure to include the names and addresses, along with phone number of any recognizable people in your photo. Photos may be disqualified if the consent of recognizable people cannot be obtained.

How is judging done?

An independent panel of three judges will select the winning photos. Entries will be judged on composition, photographic quality, originality/uniqueness, and general interest and appeal.

What about Ownership/Use of Rights?

You retain the copyright to your photo. By entering the contest, you agree to allow the museum to display your submitted photo without any fee or other form of compensation. You also agree to allow the museum to display winning photos in a “past winner” photo gallery or to use the photo in future advertising or museum displays. Photos will be credited to the photographer submitting the photo. In the event that ownership of any photo submitted to the MLSM is contested in any manner, the MLSM retains the discretion to disqualify that photo and discontinue use of the photo.

Will the photo be returned to the owner?

- Winning photos become the property of the museum. Please do not submit your only copy of a photo. Non-winning photos can be picked up in October 2017 during museum hours on either Sunday, October 1st or Sunday, October 15th from 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Prizes

The winners will be announced at an open house at the Mayville Limestone School Museum on Sunday, May 21, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

Best of Show / Grand Prize - \$400.00

Cash Award Prizes

Categories

	B&W	Color
1st	\$150.00	\$150.00
2nd	\$125.00	\$125.00
3rd	\$100.00	\$100.00
4th	\$75.00	\$75.00
Honorable Mention	\$50.00	\$50.00

People's Choice Award of **\$40.00**, as voted by museum visitors, will be presented to the winning photographer when the museum closes in October, 2017.



Entry Form



Photos may be taken anywhere in the State of Wisconsin.

Complete the information below and tape this form to the back of the matted photo with the **arrows facing in the direction of the top of the photo**. Drop off the photo at Ben Franklin, 1020 Horicon Street, Mayville or mail to:

Mayville Limestone School Museum, PO Box 102, Mayville, WI 53050-0102.

If there may be a question of orientation of a photo, indicate on the back of the photo which is the top with an arrow facing up.

Please print legibly!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (cell) _____

E-mail Address, if available: _____

Category, check one: (B&W) _____ (Color) _____

Name of photo: _____

Clearly state the location the photo was taken:

Be sure to include the names and addresses, along with phone number of any recognizable people in your photo. See “**What about getting consent?**” in the contest rules. I have read the rules and affirm that this entry is in compliance with them.

(If under 18, a parent or guardian must also sign.)

Signed: _____

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