

SECTION Y – PHOTOGRAPHY
Entries Due: Wednesday July 29, 2026- 5 p.m.- 8 p.m.
Thursday, July 30, 2026 - 5p.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday, July 31, 2026 - 3p.m. – 8 p.m.

Entries close at 8:00 p.m. on Friday July 31st

Chairman – Mr. Don Vermillion Co-Chairman – Mr. Howard Smith

- Photography is the art of a photographer capturing an image. Unless specifically noted entries are to be single exposure, manually triggered, and minimally manipulated (e.g. rotate, crop, exposure, dust removal). They cannot be significantly altered from the original image.
 - The focus of a photograph is the primary object/area of interest. Photos should be submitted in a category matching the image’s focus. Judging will take entry category into account.
 - The 2026 Building Theme (Sheep) is defined in the Home Arts Department rules.
 - Entries are displayed using clips which may permanently indent/mark your backing/matting.
- ALL ENTRIES – DO:**
- Entries must be 8” x 10” or 8” x 12” photos printed on photo paper.
 - Entries must be mounted with double-sided tape on stiff 11” x 14” backing such as foam, matte, or hard board.
 - Entries may optionally be matted with at least 7 ¾” x 9 ¾” of the photo exposed.
 - Photographs must have been taken since the start of the photo entries for the 2025 Howard County Fair.
 - There is a maximum of seven (7) entries per entrant.
- DON’T’S:**
- Entrants may not enter more than one photo in any category (i.e. Y01.1-B&W Landscapes).
 - Photos must not be submitted in more than one category – note that modified/special effects versions are not copies and may be entered in an appropriate category.
 - Entry thickness must not exceed ¼”.
 - Backing material must not be flexible.
 - Matting+photos without backing is prohibited.
 - Framed entries are not allowed.

A Champion Ribbon is awarded to one Blue Ribbon (First Premium) winner per section

One (1) Best in Show Ribbon is chosen from the Champion winners from Sections Y01-Y05

One (1) Best in Show Ribbon is chosen from Champion winners from Junior Section Y06-Y07

Y01. LIVE SUBJECT PHOTOGRAPHY	9.00	7.00	5.00	3.00
1. People (Adult – 18 years old or older)				
2. People (Children – less than 18 years old)				
3. Domestic Animals (Pets)				
4. Farm animals (non-pet domesticated animals)				
5. Wildlife (Birds)				
6. Wildlife (non-bird)				
7. Aquatic animals/sea life				
8. Insect(s)				
9. Plants & Flowers (with or without insects)				
Y02. SCENIC & MISC PHOTOGRAPY	9.00	7.00	5.00	3.00
10. Landscapes – water (ocean, sea, lake, rivers, waterfalls etc.)				
11. Landscapes – with structures (buildings, bridges etc.)				
12. Landscapes – winter/snow scenes				
13. Landscapes –sunrises/sunset/celestial bodies.				
14. Landscapes – Other (not in categories10-13)				
15. Historic Places or Antique Machinery				
16. Still Life (Staged objects, includes displayed food)				

17. Special Effects – any subject – multi-exposure, automatic triggers, significantly altered during processing/development i.e. “Photoshopped”, etc.
 18. Open (any non-B&W photography, includes Special Effects)
- Y03. BLACK AND WHITE/MONOCROME PHOTOGRAPHY 9.00 7.00 5.00 3.00**
19. Landscapes
 20. People
 21. Animals – domestic and farm animals (non-people)
 22. Animals – other (not people, not category 21)
 23. Transportation & Machinery (includes non-functional/antique)
 24. Open (any B&W, includes modified)
- Y04. 2025 HOWARD COUNTY FAIR 9.00 7.00 5.00 3.00**
25. Photographs of the 2025 Howard County Fair – Color
 26. Photographs of the 2025 Howard County Fair – B&W
- Y05. THEMED CATEGORIES (SHEEP) 9.00 7.00 5.00 3.00**
27. 2026 Home Arts Building Theme – Color
 28. 2026 Home Arts Building Theme – B&W
 29. Photo Chairman’s Choice - Watercraft
- Y06. JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY – (5-15 Years Old) 9.00 7.00 5.00 3.00 2.00 1.00**
30. People
 31. People (selfies – judged primarily on composition)
 32. Sporting Events
 33. Animals – domestic/pet or farm animal (not people)
 34. Animals – other (not people, not category 32)
 35. Landscapes – with structures (buildings, bridges, etc.)
 36. Landscapes – sunrise/sunset/celestial bodies
 37. Landscapes – other (not in category 35 or 36)
 38. Open (any Including Special Effects)
- Y07. JUNIOR BUILDING THEME (SHEEP)**
39. 2026 Home Arts Building Theme - all

*****SPECIAL AWARD FOR PHOTOGRAPHY*****

Heather Streaker - \$25.00 Best in Class 9 Plants & Flowers w/ without insects.

Heather Streaker - \$25.00 Best in Class 33 Animals, Junior Photography.

Anne Sealing Walters - \$25.00 In Memory of Bill Walters Most interesting sunrise/sunset/celestial body.

Anne Sealing Walters - \$25.00 In Memory of Bill Walters Most interesting seascape/aquatic/lake/waterfall/river.