

2017 Oswego County Municipal Historians Association Photo Contest!

*We want **YOUR photos** Photographers can submit pictures from anywhere in Oswego County. People are encouraged to send in scenic photos, and action shots. As long as the photo was taken in Oswego County it will be considered for publication!*

Official Contest Rules

Photo Eligibility

All photos must be DIGITAL color or black and white shots taken in Oswego County within the last three years. Both horizontal and vertical photos will be considered for the contest. **Entries must be received by August 4, 2017.** Photos will not be returned.

What We Are Looking For

Landscape, nature and people! We want photos of beautiful scenery and people having fun all over the county! We are looking for photos in these categories:

- Agriculture
- Architecture
- Wildlife
- Scenic Photos - Landscapes, sunsets, seasons
- Recreation - Kayaking, hiking, fishing, ect.
- The Arts
- Monuments - Cemeteries and public monuments
- Patriotic - Veterans, flags, Americana
- Historic Ruins or Relics - Including old farm equipment & old vehicles
- Best in Show

We want to see what you love about Oswego County.

Photographer/Copyright

You do not have to be an Oswego County resident to submit photos to the contest. The only people ineligible to submit photos are the members of the photo contest committee. The submitter must be the sole owner of any image submitted. Your submission of the photo and entry form is your guarantee that you are the author and copyright holder of the photo.

***If there are *RECOGNIZABLE* people in your photo**, you must have permission to take their photograph. We have attached a "consent to publicity" form for you and/or the subject to complete. This states that you have permission to photograph all of the people in your photo. **If this form is not completed we will disqualify the photo.**

***Exception** – if the people in your photo are in the background at a public location or event, and are not easily recognized, and/or due to the nature of the location or event there is a reasonable expectation of being publicly recognized – you do not have to receive their permission. If you need further clarification please contact the tourism office at 315-349-8322.

Number of Entries

An individual may submit up to **five** photos.

All businesses that provide accommodations must be current and in compliance with the Oswego County Hotel & Motel Occupancy Tax Law for inclusion in Department publications and promotions.

Ownership/Use Rights

By entering the contest, photographers agree to have their submitted photograph(s) published in publications or online without any fee or other form of compensation. These photos will become property of the Oswego County Office of Promotion & Tourism and may be used for future

publications or media by the tourism office or by local historians. Photos will be credited to the photographer named in the entry form. In the event that ownership of any photograph submitted is contested, the photo will be disqualified.

How to Enter

Digital photos with the entry form information may be submitted to tourism@oswegocounty.com. Digital photos on disk, along with completed entry forms, may be brought to the Tourism Office located on the 3rd floor of the County Building on 46 East Bridge Street in Oswego or mailed to the office at: Oswego County Tourism, 46 E. Bridge St., Oswego, NY 13126 or via Facebook by messaging to www.facebook.com/visitoswegocounty. Each entry must be accompanied by a completed contest entry form. If you are submitting multiple entries, be sure to indicate clearly which description belongs with each photo. Entries must be received by **August 4, 2017**.

Judging

Entries will be judged on the basis of creativity, photographic quality, and effectiveness in conveying the excitement, fun, seasonal beauty and/or unique character Oswego County. The contest organizing committee will judge the photos, and select the best 10 photos from each category. The judges' decisions are final. These photos will then be displayed in the Heritage Building at the Oswego County Fair August 9 - 13, 2017. The public will be invited to vote for their favorite in each category. Entries that fail to comply with the Official Contest Rules will be disqualified.

Winners

Winners will be notified as soon as possible following selection using the information on the entry form. There will be prizes awarded to all of the winning photos as voted on by the public at the 2017 Oswego County Fair. **ALL** submissions will be featured on the Official Oswego County Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/visitoswegocounty.

Image Specifications

Images should be submitted in high-resolution (minimum 300dpi), JPG or PNG format, minimum size 5x7 inches, maximum size 8x10 inches. All photos can be vertical or horizontal. Images must be in natural color or black and white. Submitted images will not be returned.

Image Modifications:

Minor digital enhancement is permitted, but images that have been significantly modified or appear unnatural will be disqualified.

Not Permitted:

- No borders or frames may be added to images.
- No watermarks, signatures, or copyright notices may be added to images. All winning images will be displayed with the photographer's name.
- Adding or replacing elements in an image is not permitted.
- Artistic filters are not permitted.

Permitted Modifications:

- Images may be cropped and rotated as necessary as long as the rectangular format is maintained and the size is within the specifications above.
 - Images may be resized as long as the aspect ratio is maintained
 - One-step enhancement (such as "AutoFix", "QuickFix", "Auto Levels", etc.) is permitted.
 - Use of filters to sharpen, soften, blur, despeckle, or remove noise.
 - Use of corrective functions to improve the natural appearance of the image, such as levels, contrast, brightness, curves, intensity, tone, hue, saturation, lightness, value, color balance, and tint.
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PHOTO SUBMISSION FORM

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

****Include location of photo with every description.***

Photo #1 File Name: _____

Description of Photo #1: _____

Photo #2 File Name: _____

Description of Photo #2: _____

Photo #3 File Name: _____

Description of Photo #3: _____

Photo #4 File Name: _____

Description of Photo #4: _____

Photo #5 File Name: _____

Description of Photo #5: _____

Consent to Publicity

I hereby give permission to the Oswego County Department of Community Development, Tourism and Planning, Division of Promotion and Tourism, to use, publish, or broadcast for purposes of advertising or other such uses as it may determine, all photographic images of myself and/or my child/children, provided to the Promotion and Tourism staff with or without identification of my name.

Any limitations on the use of this material must be made in agreement by the above organization and me. I will make no financial claims for the use of the materials.

Signature

Name (please print)

Date

Address

Relationship to subject (if signed by another person.)