

Mill Creek MetroParks' Nature Photography Exhibit

March 24 – April 22, 2012

WELLER GALLERY DAVIS EDUCATION & VISITOR CENTER FELLOWS RIVERSIDE GARDENS
Gallery hours: Tuesday - Sunday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. 330.740.7116

Entrants' Information

First, Second, and Third Place awards will be given in each category. The People's Choice award (one for entire show) will be determined by popular vote. Plaques will be given to all winners. This year, our sponsor, the Photo Place Inc, will give a \$25 gift certificate to each First Place winner, and a 16" x 20" canvas gallery wrap (\$100 value) to a new honor: "Best of Show."

In the event that a limited number of photos are entered into a category, the MetroParks reserves the right to eliminate the category or award(s).

A fee must accompany each entry, with a **maximum of seven (7) entries per person**. Please make check payable to Mill Creek MetroParks.

Fees: \$2 Mahoning County Resident; \$3 Non-resident

This exhibit and contest is intended for amateurs only. An amateur is defined here as a person who pursues photography for pleasure instead of financial compensation. Mill Creek MetroParks employees are not permitted to enter the exhibit.

All work must be original. Winning pictures from previous years are ineligible. The decisions of the judges are final.

All entries are subject to a pre-show screening.

Acceptance or rejection of a photograph will be at the discretion of the MetroParks' staff and judges. Only photographs of satisfactory technical quality, presentation, and proper subject matter will be accepted. For example, out-of-focus, over and underexposed photos, and those inappropriate for the category will likely be rejected. The MetroParks reserves the right to change the category of a photo prior to or after acceptance. In order to avoid disappointment, read the category descriptions carefully, and ask for our advice in advance. *In the event of a rejection, entry fees will not be refunded.*

Photographs must be mounted with double-sided framing tape or spray adhesive on a high-quality backing such as illustration board, not under glass or in a frame or box, and must be a **minimum of 5" x 7"**. Photographs must be matted, with overall size of **mount not exceeding 16" x 20"**. Improperly prepared entries face rejection.

Photographs accepted for the exhibit must remain on display at the Weller Gallery through April 22. They may be picked up at the Ford Nature Center beginning April 28. Rejected photos should also be picked up at this time. Mill Creek MetroParks will not be responsible for photographs not picked up within 30 days.

Categories

1) WILD ANIMALS Images of any wild member of the animal kingdom are eligible. By our definition, pets, farm, domestic, and feral animals are not wild.

2) WILD PLANTS All wild plants (such as wildflowers, trees, etc.) are eligible; cultivated plants are not eligible in this category.

3) WILD SCENES Landscapes (not close-ups) containing mountains, forests, plains, shorelines, and the like are eligible.

Note: In the three above categories, absolutely NO evidence of humans can be visible. This includes, but is not limited to, roads, trails, footprints, structures, fences, signs, utility poles, etc. Such items will result in a rejection. Please keep it WILD!

4) CULTIVATED PLANTS Cultivated plants found anywhere: your flower bed, Fellows Riverside Gardens, or on the other side of the globe!

5) MILL CREEK METROPARKS SCENES Your favorite scene taken at one of the Park District's many properties. If the image is not readily identifiable as being located in the MetroParks, make sure the location is mentioned in the title.

6) PEOPLE IN PARKS The human element, young or old, participating in an outdoor recreational activity in a park-like setting. (Children on swings, adults playing golf, softball, people hiking, bicycling, or kayaking, etc.) Non-action portraits are ineligible.

Note: Entries in categories 7 – 9 must include a subject from categories 1 – 6.

7) BLACK & WHITE This creative use in the capturing of subject matter has proven to be timeless.

8) CREATIVE IMAGES This category is for film or digital entries that have been **obviously** altered, enhanced, beautified, etc., either in the darkroom or using a computer and software such as, but not limited to, Adobe Photoshop.

9) YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHERS Specifically designed for those 18 and under. Subject matter must fit one of categories 1- 6, and may be presented in color, B&W, or digitally enhanced.

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Photo Entry Application 2012

Please fill out and return to Ford Nature Center.
Each entrant must use a separate application.

Please double check that your work meets these requirements and initial these boxes:

- My photos are mounted.
- My photos are matted.
- My photos are at least 5" x 7". Their overall size with matting, does not exceed 16" x 20".
- Each of my photos meet the category criteria. (Remember, fees will not be refunded for rejected entries)

Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip code _____

Phone _____ Email _____ No. of Entries _____

- Photos may be rejected and/or categories changed prior to or after acceptance.
- It is understood that the decision of the judges is final.
- Every precaution will be taken to protect all entries.
- Neither Mill Creek MetroParks nor its employees may be held responsible for any loss or damage to photographs. It is suggested that photographers wishing additional protection insure their work independently.
- Photographs accepted for the exhibit must remain on display at the Weller Gallery through April 22, 2012.
- Entries (and any not accepted) may be picked up at the Ford Nature Center beginning April 28.
- Mill Creek MetroParks will not be responsible for photographs not picked up within 30 days (May 28).
- All entries are accepted under these conditions and your signature below implies agreement with them.

Signature _____ Date _____

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Photograph(s) picked up

Signature _____ Date _____