

# Photography

ENTER & UPLOAD ONLINE: <https://cmsf.fairwire.com/> BY: TUESDAY, JUNE 2  
\$7 REGISTRATION FEE PER EXHIBITOR  
PER ENTRY FEE \$7.00

EACH EXHIBITOR IS LIMITED TO FOUR (4) ENTRIES PER CLASS

PHYSICAL ENTRIES RELEASED: TUESDAY, JULY 28, 9:00 am TO 6:00 pm

Email Fair Office: [exhibits@midstatefair.com](mailto:exhibits@midstatefair.com) with any questions.

**Exhibitor Credential – See Credential page of this handbook, page 6.**

## Awards

(Awards allocated at Judge's Discretion)

**\*Best of Show Adult**

**Judges Awards • Coordinators Award • Artist Awards Alex Madonna Award (based on his love of Agriculture)  
Theme Awards • Special Awards for Theme Class**

## DEPARTMENT RULES

- 1. NO AI Generated Photos.**
  - All entries must be entered and uploaded electronically by Tuesday, June 2.
  - This contest is open to only residents of San Luis Obispo County, 18 years of age or older.
  - All entries will be judged electronically and award winners will be notified by e-mail to deliver actual entry for display during the annual 12-day event.
  - The following must be on the back of each submitted Print: Name of Entrant, Phone Number and Directional Arrow for top of print.
  - All photos entered must have been taken within the past 12 months and be the work of the exhibitor.**
  - NO photo may be entered more than once, period.**
  - Please look at the thumbnail of your upload before continuing and then press the UPLOAD BUTTON and keep track of what you uploaded utilizing the WEN #s associated if you are submitting multiple entries.
  - Acceptable image formats: jpeg, .gif, .bmp, .png, .tiff only. Less than 8 MB (megabytes)
  - 10. Matting: MUST mat out to 16" X 20", Single Opening**
  - 11. Minimum print size is 4" X 7".  
Maximum print size is 11" X 14".**
  - Photos asked to be brought in for physical display must show to receive premium associated with placing.
  - 13. All submitted prints MUST be matted using clean, not bent, white matboard.** Mat border should cover all four edges of photo. Mat board. Should be of 4-ply thickness and must be glued (not taped) to backing board. **Backing Board MUST be 1/8" white foam board. No double matting allowed.** The purpose of the mat/mount/backing pack- age is to protect your photo from unsightly peeling and damage and to insure uniformity throughout.
  - NO masonite or wood type mount or frames of any kind are allowed.
  - All remaining entries will be showcased through slide shows throughout the Adult Visual Arts area.
  - The Fair Management reserves the right to split the photography show into two showings.
  - No copies of any kind are permitted. Show coordinators or judge panels may re-Class and/or Division at their discretion.
  - No business cards, name plates or signatures allowed.
  - Reasonable precaution will be taken in protection of exhibits.
- The 16th District Agricultural Association (California Mid-State Fair) will not be responsible for loss or damage, whatsoever the cause. The exhibitor must arrange for insurance if it is desired. Furthermore, the California Mid-State Fair will not be responsible for accidents or loss that may occur to any of the exhibitors or exhibits at the show and the exhibitors shall hold the Fair Management harmless and indemnify it against any legal proceedings arising from such accident or loss. Presentation of entry form shall be deemed acceptance of this rule.
- An **Amateur**, is defined as one who cultivates any study of art without pursuing it for financial gain. An **Advanced Amateur** is defined as one whose skills and intensive training approach the level of professional. They may stay in Advanced Amateur as long as they are not pursuing it for financial gain. A **Professional** is defined as a person who engages in art activity as a livelihood or for financial remuneration.
  - All exhibits must remain on the Fairgrounds until 9:00 am on Tuesday, July 28. Exhibits not claimed by 6:00 pm that day will become property of the California Mid-State Fair and only kept 15 days from pickup date.
  - Altered:** Adding or removing objects or people. Heavy color saturation and/or tint adjustments and changing colors. Excessive "texture," "clarity," "punch," "dehaze," and/or similar application sliders and effects. Excessive lighting, darkening and/or contrast for strong effect. Adding textures, blurs, paint brush, and/or other similar photoshop-type styles and effects. Combining or "composite" photos. Stretching or distorting photos. Any photo added to a photo must also be your own work. **NOT Altered:** Adjustments to correct or compensate for lighting, contrast, and/or color. Subtle "presence" adjustments: "texture," "clarity," "punch," "dehaze" and/or similar application sliders and effects. Sharpening, Cropping and resizing. Lens correction adjustments. Converting to Black and White. Changing file types.
  - The Fair reserves the right to refuse any entry or to refuse to display any entry considered not to be in accordance with entry rules or to be considered inappropriate for a family-orientated exhibit with children of all ages.

## OPEN DIVISIONS 303 – 314

American System of Judging

Ribbons 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Premiums Offered per Class – Amateur

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
\$30	\$20	\$10

### Premiums Offered per Class – Advanced

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
\$50	\$40	\$30

### Premiums Offered per Class – Professional

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
\$70	\$60	\$50

**DIVISION 303 - AMATEUR BLACK & WHITE**

**DIVISION 304 - AMATEUR COLOR**

**DIVISION 305 - AMATEUR BLACK & WHITE ALTERED**

**DIVISION 306 - AMATEUR COLOR ALTERED**

**DIVISION 307 - ADVANCED AMATEUR BLACK & WHITE**

**DIVISION 308 - ADVANCED AMATEUR COLOR**

**DIVISION 309 - ADVANCED AMATEUR BLACK & WHITE ALTERED**

**DIVISION 310 - ADVANCED AMATEUR COLOR ALTERED**

**DIVISION 311 - PROFESSIONAL BLACK & WHITE**

**DIVISION 312 - PROFESSIONAL COLOR**

**DIVISION 313 – PROFESSIONAL BLACK & WHITE ALTERED**

**DIVISION 314 – PROFESSIONAL COLOR ALTERED**

Class

1. Agriculture
2. Architecture
3. Bugs & Insects
4. Dogs, Cats & Other Pets
5. Family
6. Floral
7. Food
8. Fun at the Fair
9. Landscape
10. Livestock/Equestrian
11. Seascape
12. Transportation
13. Wild Critters
14. Miscellaneous (Any Other Not Listed)

**SUGGESTED FRAME SHOP FOR FRAMING:**

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